

AREA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST AND COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS met with Bazine, Kansas PRIDE steering committee to discuss methods for community development. L to R (front row) are Gary Kay; Betty Brintz; Peggy Kay; Steve Fisher, county extension director; (back row) Alvera Davison, county extension home economist; E. J. Sisk, area specialist, Leo Brenner; Donna McCune, and Lloyd Rages.



LOCAL PRIDE ACTIVITIES (Cont.)

The PRIDE Executive Committee also discussed having a meeting to acquaint the public with the need for concern about the trees of Chanute. Bratton offered to present a program at the meeting.

INDEPENDENCE - Local Army Reservists, members of the 1011th Service and Supply Company assisted in the Ralph Mitchell Zoo of Riverside Park by helping park supt. Francis Wells remove much of the old bear pens from the unoccupied sunken area.

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The activity was coordinated by the Independence PRIDE Committee and was undertaken by the reservists as a community betterment project.

Cutting torches were used to separate the sections of the pens so they could be hauled out. The Army boys not only provided manpower but trucks and a fork lift to help in the job.

KANSAS PRIDE COMMITTEE

Chairman - Lou Atherton, Kansas City Power and Light
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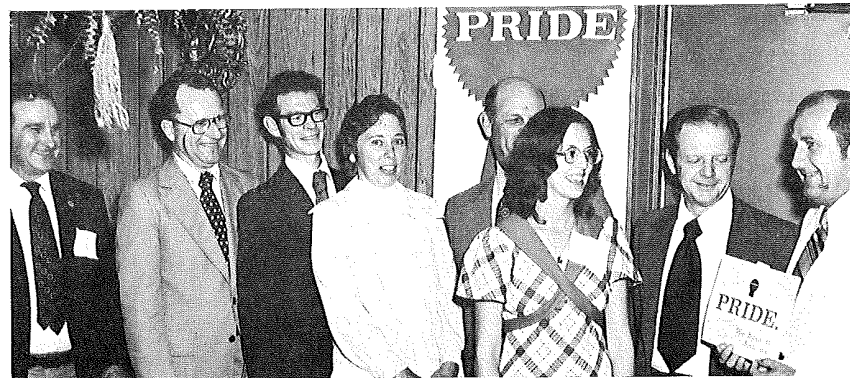


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SPEAKERS AND PARTICIPANTS at the Manhattan Regional Community Development meeting: L to R, Darold Marlow, county agent, Alma; Kenneth Fromm, county agent, Beloit; Jerry Patterson, Wakefield PRIDE chairperson; Connie Essington, Council Grove PRIDE chairperson; Dr. Oscar Norby, assistant director, Cooperative Extension Service; Carolyn Loyd, county Extension home economist, Beloit; Byron Wood, Division of Planning and Community Development, Kansas Department of Economic Development; and Ralph Utermoehlen, area specialist, Cooperative Extension Service.

Two hundred fifty persons from 59 communities attended seven regional meetings this year. Representatives from many communities that had not enrolled in PRIDE were on hand. Purpose of the meetings was to present information and exchange ideas that would be helpful to leaders in PRIDE.

The regional meetings were sponsored by Kansas Department of Economic Development, Cooperative Extension Service and Kansas Gas and Electric Company.

Plans are underway for similar meetings to be held in more areas of Kansas next November.

YOUTH AWARD PROGRAM

The State PRIDE Committee voted to adopt a youth involvement award program for 1976.

The purpose of the Youth Involvement Award is to recognize communities which have achieved an outstanding degree of meaningful youth participation in the planning and decision-making levels of community-wide improvement efforts, as well as in the actual implementation of improvement projects.

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YOUTH AWARD PROGRAM (Continued)

A well-balanced community PRIDE program is one that recognizes and demonstrates the importance of the contribution and involvement of youth in the total community effort. Youth participation may take several forms and include, for example, representation on community governing boards, school boards, PRIDE steering committees and parks and recreation boards. Equally important are the contributions of youth in the form of youth-generated community improvement projects and activities such as those undertaken or initiated by councils or a task force of youth, church youth and youth service groups, 4-H, FFA and school classes.

All communities which enter the PRIDE program cash awards competition are automatically considered for this award. No special section on youth involvement in the project book is necessary.

ERNIE MOSHER (center) shows PRIDE material to speakers at the Third Multi-State Conference on Community Development held in Manhattan, December 9-10. L to R. Lou Atherton, State PRIDE Chairman; Dr. Roger Mitchell, Vice President for Agriculture, KSU; Mosher, Executive Director, League of Kansas Municipalities; Carl Nordstrom, Executive Vice President, Kansas Association of Commerce and Industry; and Edward Bruske, Secretary, Kansas Department of Economic Development.

Fifty-five persons from eight states attended the conference. Topics for discussion were presented on organizing for community development, judging, presenting awards, financing programs, giving recogni-

tion, and methods for total community development.

However, the community should highlight the degree of youth participation in the goals, awareness, involvement, and accomplishment sections of the project book. The project book information sheet should also briefly outline the measure of youth participation in the organization, planning, decision-making and implementation of the year's efforts.

Recognition will consist of an award certificate presented at the Annual Awards Banquet to one community in each population category, providing there is a community deserving that award.



A recommendation was made at the State PRIDE Committee meeting to send a copy of the "Youth Involvement Awards Program" notice to the schools in Kansas for posting on bulletin boards in an effort to get the youth active in the program.

Those attending decided to hold another meeting in early 1978.

LOCAL PRIDE ACTIVITIES

NEWTON - Members of the Newton PRIDE beautification committee told the city commission that they were happy that the community won the state Pacemaker award, but there are still some things that must be corrected. County Agricultural Agent, Jack Barnes, was the spokesman for the group.

They showed slides of some of the well-kept, and some of the deteriorating areas in Newton.

They said the non-tax resources should be used to solve the problems.

The group suggested these priorities for city beautification: (1) work on Sand Creek, (2) public restrooms in the downtown area, (3) sidewalk repairs, and (4) enforcement of ordinances having to do with mowing and with deteriorating property.

They said that enforcement of the codes should apply not only to private property, but also to public property. In the latter category they listed park and recreation facilities maintenance and improvement in the "tree environment."



LOOKING AT MCPHERSON PRIDE RECORD BOOK are participants at the Hutchinson Regional Community Development meeting held in November. L to R, seated - Harold Gottsch, county agent, Hutchinson; Jack Groves, chamber of commerce manager, McPherson; Beverly Stagg, county agent, McPherson; standing - Ken Moore, chamber of commerce manager, Arkansas City; Ken Albright, area specialist, community development; Ken Glover, director, Regional Planning Commission, McPherson; and Jim Russell, public management specialist, Regional Planning Commission, Pratt. Fifty-three persons from 15 communities attended.

LOCAL PRIDE ACTIVITIES

HORTON - The Horton PRIDE Committee was named a bicentennial committee. It worked on plans to present the bicentennial play at flag raising ceremonies at the Brown County fair.

The community PRIDE committee was incorporated and achieved non-profit organization status. This allows them to do bulk mailing (surveys, questionnaires) at reduced rates. Betsy Kampfe reports, "It was a lengthy process but worth the effort." The steering committee said it will be happy to share suggestions on the procedure for getting incorporated.

SEDGWICK - The city council voted to approve a request from the PRIDE committee for \$500 of federal revenue sharing funds. The request was made by Vernon Fields, who stressed that the money would be used for repairs to the Dr. Buley building. It is presently being renovated for use as an historical site and museum.

The committee had already received \$1,300 in donations from private citizens. They hope to raise \$200 more. They have applied for \$2,000 in matching federal funds.

Sedgwick was chosen for a bicentennial city on the basis of the PRIDE museum project.

CHANUTE - The Executive Committee of PRIDE discussed adopting a Bicentennial Tree project as its bicentennial project for 1976. The committee met with Jerry Bratton, area extension forester.

Among areas mentioned for planting the bicentennial trees were the library, cemeteries, grade schools and Neosho County Community Junior College.

Bratton said that in addition to the bicentennial project, the city of Chanute needs to establish a Tree Board and pass a city tree ordinance which would govern the planting of trees on public owned land.

Bratton said there was no practical hope for saving the elm trees which are on public property. There is a new chemical treatment available, he said, but the cost is about \$70 per year for a 21 inch diameter tree.

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