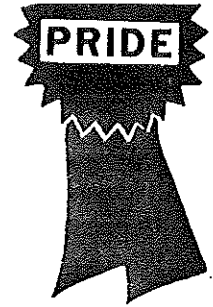
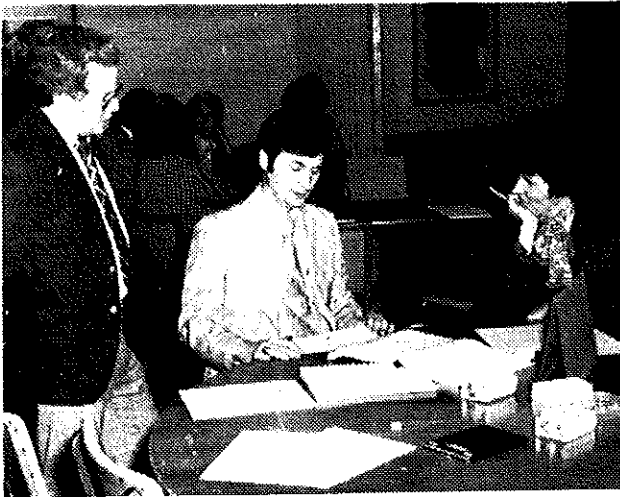


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STAN MCADOO, left, Planner at Kansas Department of Economic Development, Don Brazael, editor of Pittsburg Morning Sun, and Judy Riches, Manager of Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce, look at the city's comprehensive plan at the second meeting at the PRIDE and Pittsburg State College sponsored workshop on leadership. Thirty persons attended to discuss project goals and plans and hear progress on project reports. Mayor Ruth Lemon talked on the city's plans and achievements. A total of 75 people attended the two sessions.

Westmoreland PRIDE community beautification work.

Over 5,000 PRIDE Enrollment

In addition to the 60 communities listed in the last newsletter, fifteen communities enrolled in the "Over 5,000 Population" category. They are:

Arkansas City	Ft. Scott	Newton
Baxter Springs	Goodland	Pittsburg
Concordia	Independence	Pratt
Derby	McPherson	Roeland Park
El Dorado	Manhattan	Russell

WELCOME TO PRIDE



Seven communities enrolled in PRIDE this year for the first time. They were: Galva, Manhattan, McCracken, Osawatomie, Overbrook, Phillipsburg and Roeland Park.

honored for being the "Superman" of the PRIDE work forces. He helped on many of the various PRIDE projects throughout the year. John Lauer and Rom McConaughy, representing the Jaycees, got recognition for "Best Transformation of the Year" for work they had done in remaking former auto repair garage into an attractive club building.

INDEPENDENCE - Phil Atkisson, Chairperson. Sixteen goals and projects were adopted by the PRIDE Committee: long range--tourism promotion, Riverside Park improvement, housing, improve downtown appearance, and blue ribbon awards; short term--new seating in Riverside Bowl, tree planting, clean-up week campaign, community Christmas party, downtown window display, returning bicentennial flag, display for revolutionary flags, "A Beautiful Independence Begins With PRIDE" plaque, complete picnic shelter, donate \$2,000 for park and zoo improvement, permanent Christmas tree, and a speaker's bureau to contact clubs about PRIDE.

CHERRYVALE - Mrs. Norman Fink, Chairperson of PRIDE Enrichment and Beautification,

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VICTORY PARTY

Almost 150 people were welcomed to the Eureka PRIDE Victory celebration, Awards Program, and chili supper to the rousing music of the Eureka High School Band.

In baloon filled rooms, they celebrated winning the 1976 Sunflower Sweepstakes Award. A special slide presentation "Together as One For Eureka" showed improvements in the community which helped Eureka earn the top state award. "Crossroads USA" was shown by Byron Wood, Kansas

Department of Economic Development. The high school chorus provided entertainment.

There were 33 appreciation awards given to businesses, schools, families, organizations, and individuals. These included the city, Chamber of Commerce, and the National Guard. Mrs. Harriet McCue received an award for serving three years as PRIDE Chairperson and Harley Brenton, Manager, Chamber of Commerce for serving three years on the PRIDE Committee.

GLEN DAVIS, front row, second from left, Chairperson of the Manhattan PRIDE Steering Committee looks at PRIDE materials with other members of the steering committee. Kirk Baughan, front row, left, is Administrative Assistant for the Manhattan Chamber



ARTS EVALUATORS

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Local PRIDE Activities

(Cherryvale Continued)

enlisted the aid of Joe Clark, member of the State PRIDE Committee with the Santa Fe Railroad, to rearrange and install equipment necessary to operate and light a fountain pump in the downtown Santa Fe Park. The hookup was made directly from the depot. Local people and the Kansas Gas and Electric Company gave assistance. Mrs. Fink said the project had been stalled until help was obtained. Mrs. Fink stated, "The PRIDE Committee of Cherryvale salutes the Santa Fe Railway Company."

MCPHERSON - Lottie Lou Peel, Chairperson. PRIDE volunteers spent 3,000 hours taking and compiling the city census to get an official count. They were requested to do the job by the city council. Other pro-

jects include: Raising \$5,200 to purchase jaws of life vehicle extraction equipment for McPherson; Home Improvement Month to teach homeowners "Ways of Upgrading Living Conditions"; promote home improvement materials; eliminate old signs and inoperative car bodies and remove old sheds in alleys.

"Ideals are like stars. You will never succeed in touching them with your hands, but like the sea-faring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guide, and following them, reach your destination."

- - - Karl Schurz

RECOGNITION NIGHT

There were 160 citizens in attendance to kick off the new season for the Westmoreland PRIDE Program. Oliver "Doc" Maskil, editor stated, "There may have been someone there who didn't have a part, in at least a small way, in making PRIDE the success that it was, but we didn't see them. Everyone we saw had carried an active part; and had awards and recognition been given to all who deserved them, the program would have lasted well into the night."

More than thirty individuals, organizations and businesses were given awards. Gary Conklin, Co-chairperson of PRIDE acted as Master of Ceremonies. The program was built around an "Academy Awards" type of presentation with a light hearted approach. Costumes were worn and famous actors and actresses were impersonated.

The editor was presented an ink well complete with goose quill. The well was turned out of hedge post and mounted on a piece of cherry wood. It was engraved "For Outstanding News Coverage".

In cooperation with PRIDE, the county commissioners landscaped and added two blocks of sidewalk around the courthouse, restored a stone wall and band shell, purchased bus for senior citizens and provided picnic tables and benches for courthouse grounds.

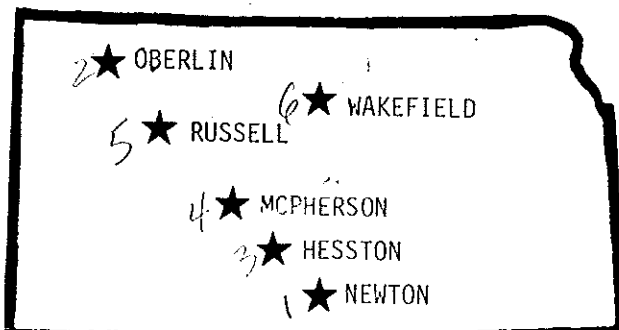
Workhorse Awards were given to the men who spearheaded the building of three blocks of curbs and sidewalks for downtown with volunteer labor. Erwin Scott was



GERALD PINICK, Chairman of Board of Pottawatomie County Commissioners, shows plaque awarded to him at the PRIDE Recognition Night and soup supper. On the left is Dorothy Siegel shown with a giant package of seeds she was presented for her Westmoreland PRIDE community beautification work.

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PACEMAKER COMMUNITIES



KANSAS PRIDE COMMITTEE

Chairman - Tom Kline, Northern Natural Gas Company
 Vice-Chairman - Dr. John Dunbar, Cooperative Extension Service, K.S.U.
 Vice-Chairman - Edward Bruske, Kansas Department of Economic Development.
 Treasurer - Evelyn Fink, Kansas Federated Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

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ZOE SLINKMAN, left, Extension Specialist in cultural arts at Kansas State University and Romalyn Tilghman, Executive Director of the Association of Community Arts Councils of Kansas, Kansas Arts Commission, are the PRIDE evaluators in culture.

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PRIDE communities wanting assistance in planning or evaluating their arts program may contact these specialists.

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OBERLIN



FRANK BENNETT, 1976 PRIDE Chairman, and Floyd Lotker, PRIDE Steering Committee member, pose by PRIDE sign and new Oberlin Pacemaker sign.

Oberlin received the Pacemaker Award in 1975 and was the second in the state. When they attained Pacemaker status they were praised for: their outstanding downtown improvement of storefront remodeling, sidewalk canopies, and distinctive street lighting; diversified housing; quality ambulances; fire station and equipment; long-term skilled nursing care, industrial development; recreation; adult education available in the area; and Last Indian Raid Museum.

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