



Glenn Gottlob, County Extension Director, right, and Steve Bittel, Area Extension Specialist, 2nd from right, pose with hats worn at Pittsburg leadership workshop to demonstrate effective roles. Eileen Keller, 3rd from right, PRIDE chairperson presided during the session. Judy Riches, Chamber of Commerce manager is shown 2nd from left. Juanita Johnson, County Extension Home Economist, and Ruth Lemon, Mayor, participated.

PITTSBURG CONSIDERS PROJECTS

Sixty-eight projects were suggested for community improvement at the first session of the Pittsburg leadership skills workshop. Those listed were screened for feasibility and presented to the Steering Committee. They are considering work on the following: PRIDE blue ribbons in agriculture, industrial development, tourism, housing, transportation, recreation, beautification, and library; community planning; update building codes; city-county cooperation; doctor recruitment; health; career promotion; better ambulance communication; home health care; better law enforcement, assisting with child abuse prevention; land fill; beautification; transportation for elderly; school construction; town and gown relations; library service to handicapped; restoration or removal of old buildings; signs at city entrances; improve vacant lots; tree planting; bicycle paths; nature trail; recognition and youth involvement.

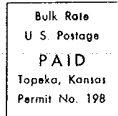
Task force members were suggested for the projects.

PRIDE sponsored the leadership skills workshop dinner and program. There were 45 in attendance at the first of two sessions.

LOCAL PRIDE ACTIVITIES (Continued)

After the banquet, the PRIDE Committee explained the purpose and ideas of the PRIDE organization. Then an effort was made to solicit ideas from leaders on ways to improve the Buhler Frolic and banquet.

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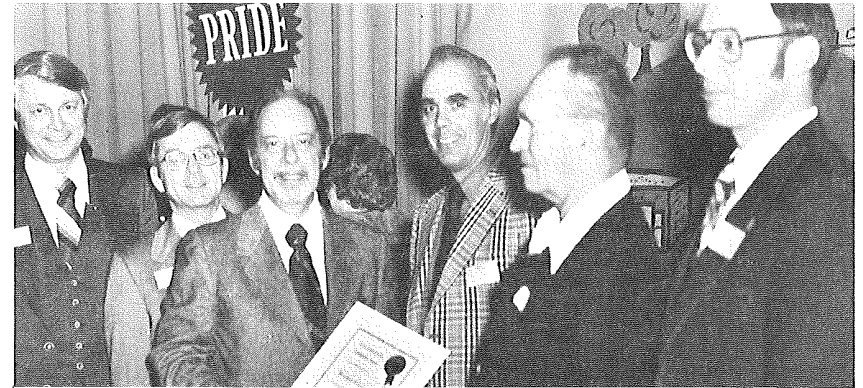


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Governor Robert Bennett hands Sixth PRIDE Pacemaker Certificate to Wakefield PRIDE chairman, Melvin Jones. Left to right--Representative James Braden; Dr. Duane Acker, President, Kansas State University; Governor Bennett; Ross Doyan, Senate President; Melvin Jones; and Tom Kline, State PRIDE Committee Chairman.

PACEMAKER TO WAKEFIELD

Governor Robert Bennett presented the Pacemaker Certificate to Wakefield at a banquet and program on January 31. Three hundred seventy persons from twenty-three communities were present. Speakers were Tom Kline, Dr. Duane Acker, Byron Wood, Kansas Department of Economic Development and Governor Bennett. Other communities that have qualified for Pacemaker are Newton, McPherson, Hesston, Oberlin, and Russell.

In order to get the coveted status, citizens evaluated 23 categories and sub-

categories in their community and then were approved by outside evaluators and the State PRIDE Committee. Sixty-three communities have participated in the blue ribbon program.

Dev Nelson, Kansas State University, narrated a slide presentation about Wakefield's accomplishments.

Any community in Kansas can enter and participate in the PRIDE Program.



Darrel Hager, Ness County Agent, looks at list of PRIDE projects being adopted by Bazine Steering Committee. Bernice Moore, 3rd from right, is chairperson.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Bazine PRIDE sponsored a leadership skills workshop for 55 community leaders. In the first of two evening meetings, participants were involved in discussion, exercises, play writing and demonstrations to develop leadership skills.

Bazine citizens were identified for involvement in projects and 39 community projects were suggested.

The steering committee adopted the following 17 projects and appointed task force members: skating rink feasibility study, study of need for more fire equipment, physical fitness classes, obtaining grants and aids, renovation of buildings, paint parking lanes, swimming pool study, city band, rodent control, city park improvement, street names and house numbers, better street lighting, mini-park, youth recreation center study, adult classes in education, urban forestry, and a fix-up - clean-up campaign.

Other PRIDE committees interested in sponsoring a PRIDE leadership workshop may contact the Community Development Department, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, or County Extension Agents.

WORKSHOP AND AWARDS ON OCTOBER 22

The State PRIDE Committee set October 22, 1977, for the Awards Banquet and workshops at the Ramada Inn in Topeka.

Tom Kline, chairman, appointed Vicki Schmidt, Harriet McCue, and Les Frazier to be in charge of the workshops and Ed Bruske, Ernie Mosher, Joe Clark and George Billings to work on the evening programs.

The State Committee voted to appoint a sub-committee to determine how to incorporate energy conservation into the PRIDE Program. Floyd Neyman was asked to work with the Kansas Energy office in this area.

STATE RURAL CONFERENCE

The University for Man is sponsoring a Kansas Rural Conference at Manhattan, March 11 and 12. It is free and open to the public. You may make reservations or request programs from University for Man, 615 Fairchild Terrace, Manhattan, Kansas.

Highlights include topics on rural health care, community development, rural youth--problems and promises, housing, and aging. Some of the speakers are former Oklahoma Senator, Fred Harris; Tom Hickey, Arkansas Institute for Social Justice; and Larry Levine, Missouri Delta Ecumenical Ministries.



WICHITA WORKSHOP

Almost 300 people from 62 communities attended nine workshops in November and January.

Ted Zollinger, Derby PRIDE chairman last year, suggested that communities would be better able to decide on the schedule and presentation for the judges who visit the cities for cash award judging before the project record books are sent to KDED in August.

Some of the workshop speakers and participants at the Wichita Regional PRIDE Workshop in January, left to right, front row-- Steve Lindsey, Kansas State University; Ken Albright, KSU, Harold Gottsch, Reno County Extension Agent; George Billings, Kansas Gas and Electric Company; back row-- Steve Townsend, South Central Kansas Economic Development District; Bill Cox, Sedgwick County Extension Agent; Kirk Baker, KSU; and Byron Wood, Kansas Department of Economic Development.



Local Pride Activities

BUHLER - (Avenll Mayfield, chairperson) "Community leaders in the Buhler area were guests at a banquet hosted by the Buhler PRIDE Committee. Representatives from the Kiwanis, Jaycees, E.H.U. groups, senior citizens, church groups, 4-H, Buhler High School German and Spanish Clubs, Pep Club, B-Club, F.H.A., F.F.A., Student Council, and others attended. These unsung heroes who spend many long hours in preparation and service for others deserve praise for their efforts."

16 APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Sixteen blue ribbon categories or sub-categories were approved at the last State PRIDE Committee Meeting: Belleville - Planning; Canton - Airport, Culture, Highways, and Streets; Derby - Ambulance, Health; Goodland - Ambulance; Horton - Beautification; Jetmore - Ambulance, Beautification; Mt. Hope - Ambulance, Education; Pittsburg - Library; Sedgwick - Ambulance, Recreation and Parks.

Not approved were ten communities for Recreation and Parks, Ambulance, Beautification, Industrial Development, and Housing.

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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