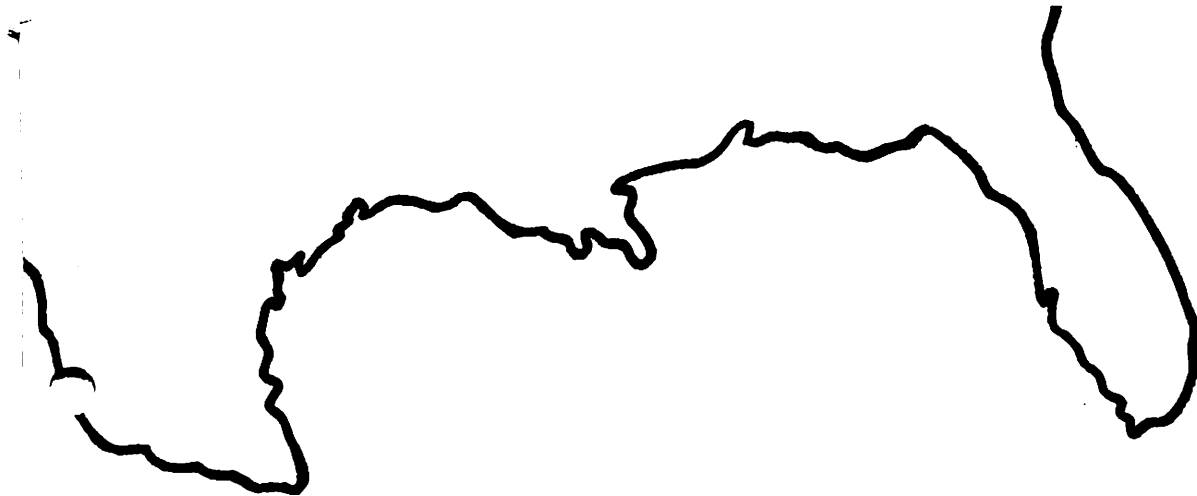


TOWN MEETING 7/6



OKLAHOMA REPORT



Wherever public spirit prevails, liberty is secure.
Noah Webster, 1764

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WELCOME



This radical change in the principles, opinions, sentiments and affections of the people was the real American Revolution.

John Adams, 1818

TO TOWN MEETING 76

Communities in Oklahoma have been experiencing, along with hundreds of other American communities, a recovery of the 'town meeting' -- Twentieth Century style. Since June of 1974 Town Meetings have been held in eighteen Oklahoma communities, ranging in size from Walters with a population of less than three thousand to Oklahoma City with a population of one-half million. Attendance has ranged from 35 to 490 participants.

In every case the Town Meeting has been a day of hard work, serious planning, great fun and creativity.

WHAT IS TOWN MEETING 76 ALL ABOUT?

In the morning the Town Meeting participants suggest the fundamental challenges facing their community.

In the afternoon they work in teams to write up proposals which would effectively deal with the challenges.

Finally, the people create a story, song, and symbol to represent their community's heritage and to proclaim their new decisions for the future.

This booklet is a report on the 25 initial Town Meetings in Oklahoma, and it serves as your invitation to participate in a great day of visioning and authentic celebration in your own community.

HARD WORK

WELCOMING

The Town Meeting participants meet at 9:00 a.m. over coffee and doughnuts. The Welcoming begins the day's activities with a brief presentation on The New World of America's Third Century.



CHALLENGES

In the morning workshops, citizens identify the basic challenges to their community's future. They begin by analyzing the economic, political and cultural issues they see in their community, using their Town Meeting Workbooks.



INTERLUDE

Following the morning's group work, the people gather for a festive luncheon interlude featuring local entertainment, group singing and special guests. The afternoon begins with a brief presentation on the New Human, his opportunities and responsibilities.

INVOLVES EVERYONE

PROPOSALS

Three of the workshop groups plunge into an exciting afternoon session to develop practical proposals for meeting the challenges in their community.

NEW STORY

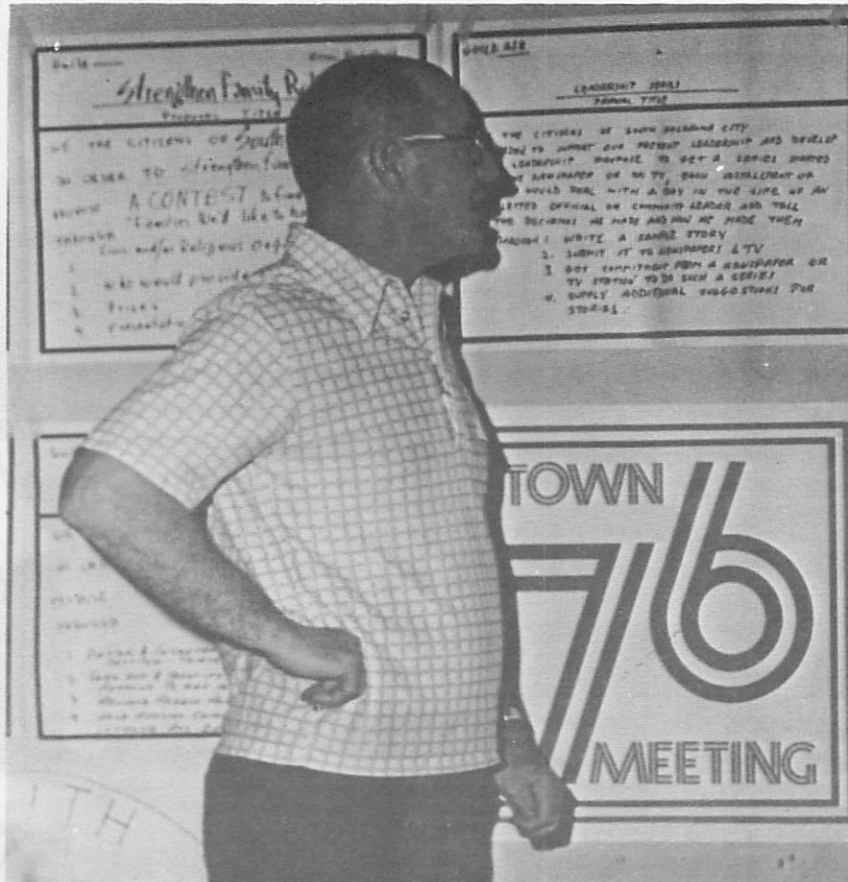
The fourth workshop group creates a new story, song and symbol of the community's heritage and destiny.

PLENARY

At 4:00 p.m. the 4 workshop groups gather at the Plenary session and hear the workshop reports. The day's accomplishments are celebrated by singing the newly-written song. At 5:00 p.m. each participant receives a copy of the Town Meeting Report, containing their community's challenges, proposals, story, song and symbol. The Town Meeting Day is ended - - the community leaves with a renewed sense of the American Revolutionary spirit.



SERIOUS PLANNING

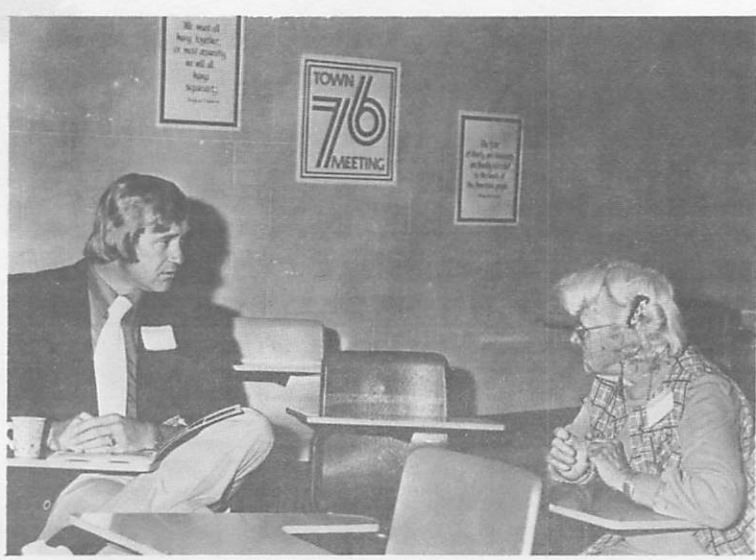


THE STRUGGLES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND DREAMS OF OUR FUTURE

THIS STORY BEGINS WITH A MISERY OF STRONG, HARD PEOPLE THAT FAGED THE HARDSHIPS OF ANY HARD WORKING PIONEER. THESE PEOPLE MADE OUR COUNTRY WHAT IT IS TODAY. YOU CAN SEE THIS STORY IN ANY PART OF AMERICA. BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE WERE WHAT THEY WERE, THEY BUILT A PRIDE THAT CAME FROM DOING THINGS FOR THEMSELVES, ASKING FOR NO FAVORS, BUT SETTING THEMSELVES APART AS BEING BUILDERS. THEY ESTABLISHED A COMMUNITY THAT BROUGHT RECOGNITION TO THE CITY THEY WERE A PART OF, BUT STILL MAINTAINING THE INDEPENDENCE OF BEING A SMALL CITY WITHIN A CITY.

AS THE GREAT CHALLENGE BEGAN TO FIGHT THROUGH THE YEARS, MANY STRUGGLES WERE FACED. PEOPLE COULD SEE THAT MODERN GROWTH COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED UNLESS THEY GREW TOGETHER IN AN EFFORT TO BECOME A PART OF THE BIG CITY WITH THE FIBER AND THE SPIRIT OF A PIONEER. THEY JOINED TO THE CITY TO ACHIEVE GREATER THINGS THROUGH COOPERATION OF A BIG CITY EFFORT. IN THIS EFFORT THE PEOPLE NEVER LOST THE PIONEERING ATTITUDE TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR GOALS.

AS OUR DREAM INTO THE FUTURE WE SEE OURSELVES AS A FUTURE OF GROWING TO THE LARGE CITY. WE HAVE THE SPACE WE HAVE THE RESOURCES, AND WE STILL HAVE THE PIONEERING SPIRIT THAT BROUGHT US FROM THE BEGINNING OF THIS STORY TO THE END. WE WILL NEVER LOSE OUR PRIDE BUILT THROUGH THE PIONEERING SPIRIT OF THE SMALL COMMUNITY THAT WAS BUILT CAPITAL HILL. WE WILL SIMPLY WATCH THIS PRIDE GROW TO THE LARGE CITY. THIS WILL PRESERVE AND SECURE THE SAME STORY THAT MADE AMERICA WHAT IT IS TODAY. A COUNTRY BUILT FROM SMALL COMMUNITIES TO A GREAT INDEPENDENT COUNTRY.



"I feel that the process utilized in our meeting is essential to the proper involvement of all the citizenry in the problem-solving dynamics."
 --Ada Town Meeting 76 Participant.

"All the problems we face were not covered, all the solutions won't work. But someone cared. That's the first step."
 --Anadarko Town Meeting 76 Participant.

FOCUSES THE FUTURE

"We see Kingfisher and its citizens all as 'Kings of the West' -- every person taking responsibility for the community as would its Chief of State; excusing no circumstance, but loving the land and our situation, pioneering out a great human community in which to live!"

--Kingfisher Town Meeting 76, March 6, 1976

"All of us need to realize that though we cannot be our 'brother's keeper,' we must be our brother's brother.' The city needs to mobilize all of its resources to improve citizen awareness of our problems and to encourage greater participation by families, churches, neighborhood groups, private industry and community leaders to work together in finding solutions."

--Oklahoma City Town Meeting, May 8, 1976

"Ultimately, our citizenry hopes to create a cohesive, vital community which provides opportunities for everyone to participate in his present and have a voice in his future."

--Shawnee Town Meeting 76, April 24, 1976

"We are re-deciding about our life together, A community that does not need to be afraid...Hands linked together, minds open to the forms that shore each other up...those serving and those served by judicial forms. People with pride in themselves, pride in their town, pride in the forms of law that enable us to live, laugh and work together in joy, pride in ways we've built to help people in the struggle and pain in growing past their need to fight, tear down, or cry helplessly.

"Lawton, we are that 'someone come to care.' We plan to love you with our life."

-- Lawton Town Meeting, April 24, 1976

THE COMMUNITY CELE



GUTHRIE, LEADER OF THE WEST (Tune: HARVEST MOON)

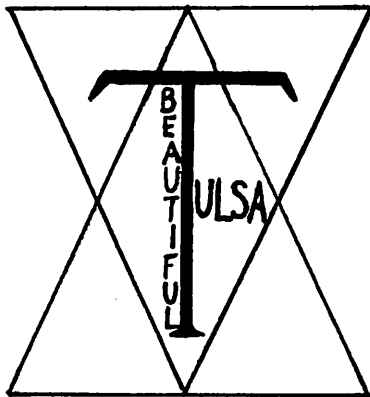
Red Man drew his water from the Cimarron
89'ers came in and built a town and
settled down, turned prairies to lawn.

CHORUS:
Guthrie, Oklahoma, leader of the West.
Together we'll continue to strive--
We pledge you our best.

We have raised our children now to carry on
Visions of tomorrow when red and white and black
and brown will all get along.

CHORUS:
Guthrie, Oklahoma, leader of the West.
Together we'll continue to strive--
We pledge you our best.

(Guthrie Town Meeting, December 6, 1975)



"CORPORATE COMMUNITY" (Tune: Zippity-Doo-Dah)

Corporate community emerging today
We're bravely risking so all can have their say,
Gladly deciding a better way
Corporate community emerging today.

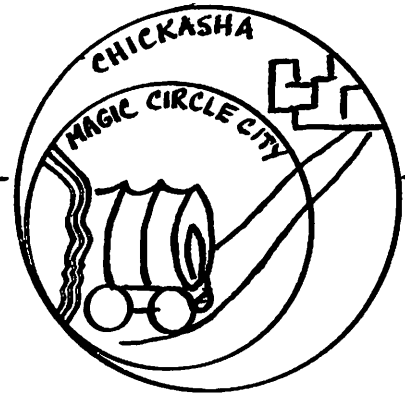
In the past we farmed our wheatfields,
But today we care for all the people of the world.

Corporate community emerging today
Responsible people create a new day.

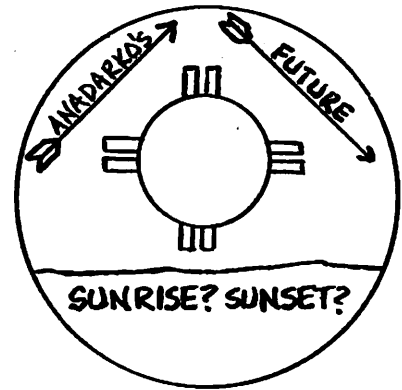
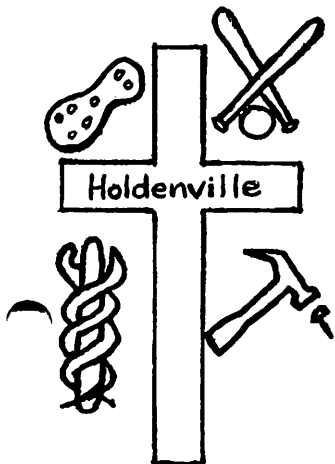
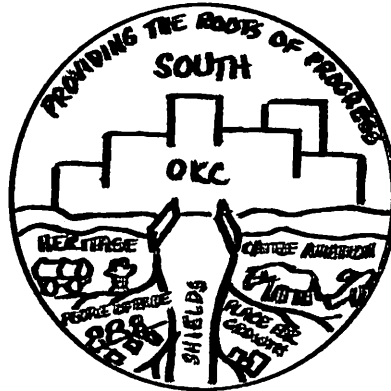
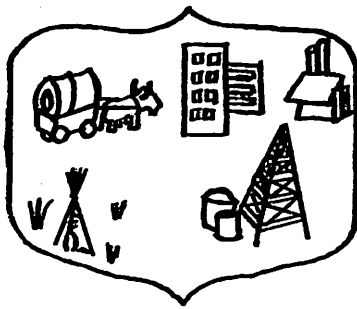
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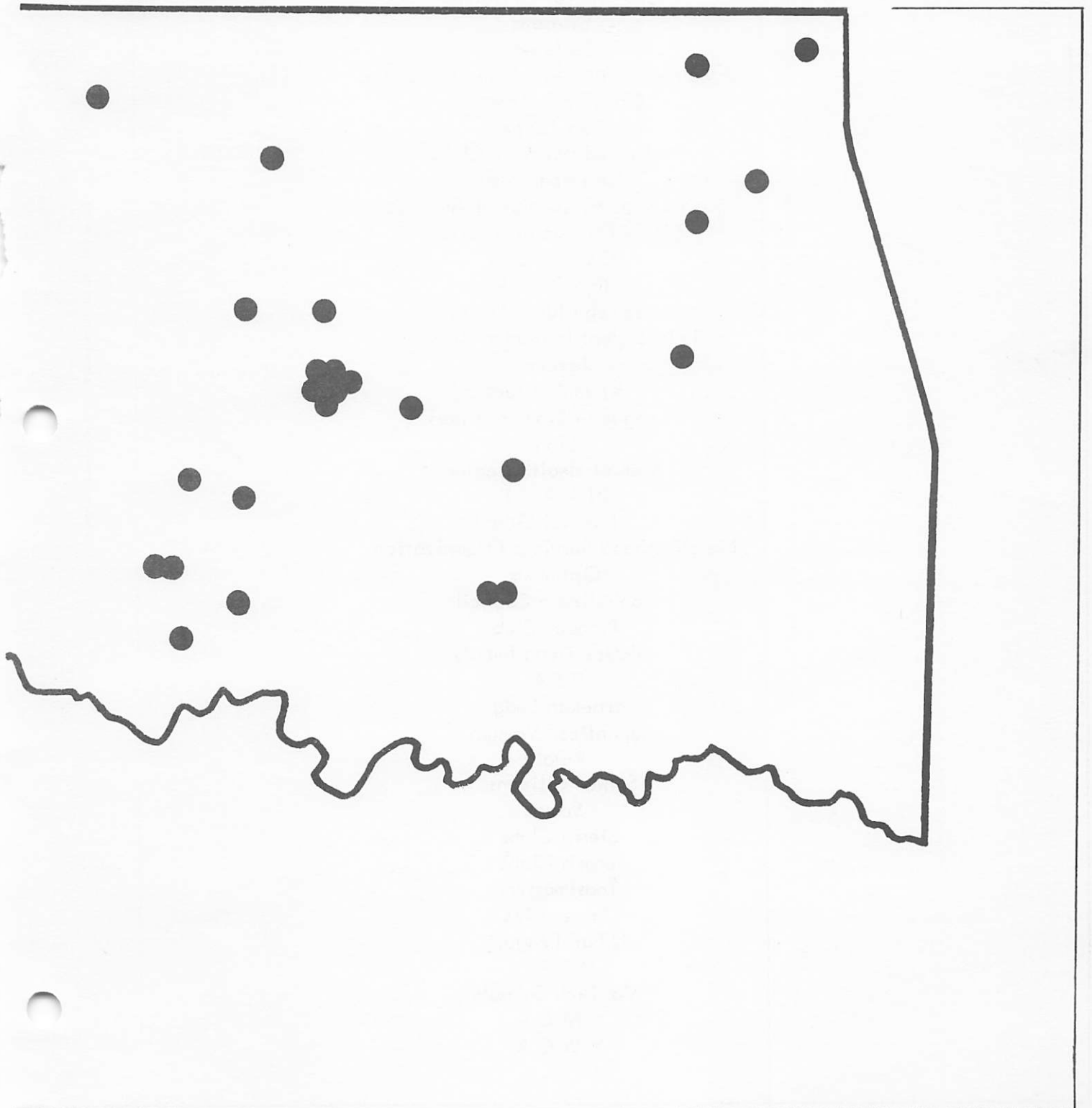
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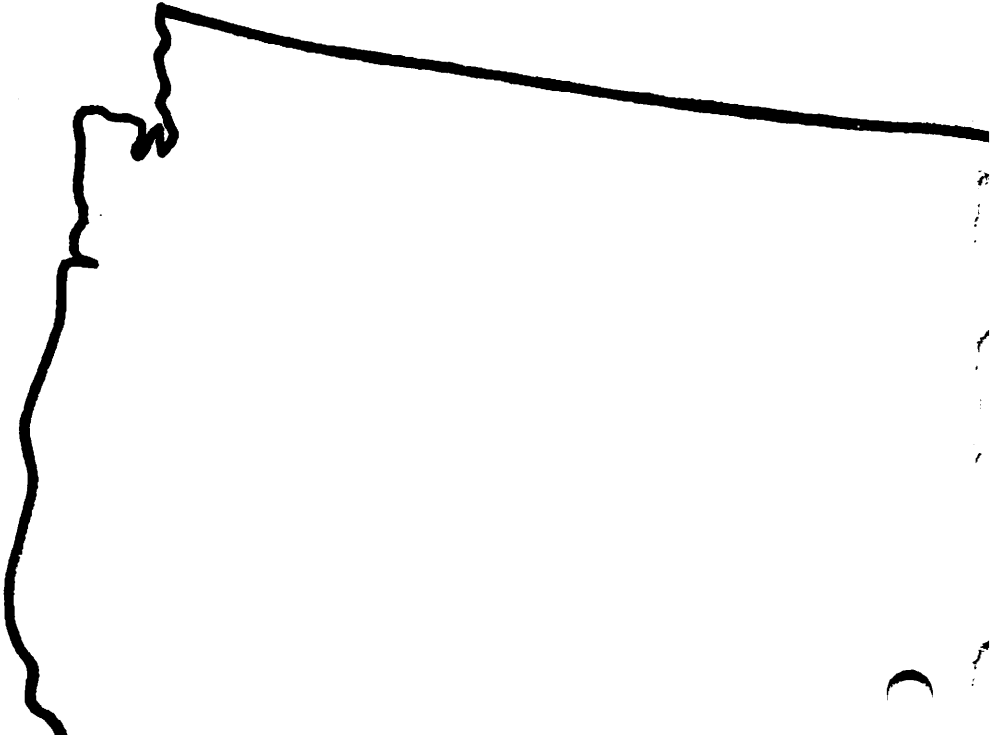
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