



CARTHAGE TOWN MEETING
LEAKE COUNTY
SEPTEMBER 20, 1979, THURSDAY

In the arena of Recreational and Cultural needs, the following blocks exist:

(1) Lack of concerned leaders, (2) Lack of minority participation in planning, (3) a need for establishing of appreciation. This indicates that the underlying challenge facing us is resource persons should inform all residents, through committing the availability of monies available. Local examples which illustrate this challenge arena are: (1) Students ride bikes in the streets and skate board, (2) Play ball in the streets, presenting driving problems, and (3) everybody does not enjoy the rodeo or need more.

In the arena of Supporting our Town, the following blocks exist: (1) Lack of concern for our fellowman, (2) Lack of community pride, (3) Negative attitudes. This indicates that the underlying challenge facing us is getting people to work together on one common cause. Local examples which illustrate this challenge arena are, (1) complacency, and (2) people waiting - for elections to be held.

In the arena of Leadership and Cooperation, the following blocks exist: (1) Lack of good jobs, (2) Lack of Industrial development expertise. This indicates that the underlying challenge facing us is getting "new blood" and enthusiasm on the Industrial Board. Local examples which illustrate this challenge arena are: (1) Lack of young blood on Industrial Board.

In the arena of Beautification and Safety, the following blocks exist: (1) Lack of money, (2) Not enough push by concerned groups, (3) Negative attitude cancels existing efforts, (4) Lack of organization. This indicates that the underlying challenge facing us is getting people to work together to initiate projects and motivate others. Local examples which illustrate this challenge arena are: (1) Vacant lots uncared for, (2) No place for bike riders, (3) Poor sidewalks, (4) Need beautification, and (5) Need traffic lights at many intersections.

We, the citizens of Carthage, in order to create jobs, propose to start a Carthage owned Industry, through (1) determining type of industry through research, (2) Investment drive throughout county to obtain funds, and (3) work thru existing Industrial Board, if possible.

We, the citizens of Carthage, in order to develop and motivate our youth to be better citizens, propose to start a well rounded youth participation program, through: (1) Schools and Churches motivate youth to become involved in programs, (2) Work with elected officials to establish a supervised youth center, perhaps in the Coliseum including disco, recreation, (3) Work with City and County Officials and school officials along with Chamber to set up a youth participation program, such as boys and girls (State) (County) including elections, being elected officials for day, and (4) Free Enterprise system program in school.

We, the Citizens of Carthage, in order to unite the people, propose to organize a Volunteer Action Club, through: (1) Drawing up Club Guidelines, (2) Obtaining paper, typewriter, and typist, (3) Getting volunteers, (4) Deciding on jobs that need to be done and (5) Motivating Leadership.

We, the citizens of Carthage, in order to get more Industry, propose to get the Chamber to make appointments to the Industrial Board and Organize Welcome Wagon, through (1) Contact President of Chamber of Commerce and urge him to take action, (2) Present the idea of Welcome Wagon to Chamber Board of Directors.

We, the citizens of Carthage, in order to attract tourists, propose to organize a Planning Committee - to beautify - Plant Dogwood or Crepe Myrtle trees to Carthage, through: (1) Obtain permission from Highway Department, (2) To locate an architect, (3) Secure volunteers for the project, and (4) Offer prizes or rewards to those who make the greatest contributions.

CARTHAGE - MOVING ON

Tune: I've Been Working on the Railroad.

To the land of Choctaw Indians,
New Settlers came,
From the land of Andrew Jackson,
They brought the Carthage name.
Can't you see the cotton growing,
As you rise up so early in the morn,
Can't you hear the roosters crowing,
Carthage Moving On.

People won't ya' join, people won't ya' join,
Make this a better land,
People won't ya' join, people won't ya' join,
Lets all lend a helping hand.

Let's beautify, let's beautify,
Let's clean up our town,
Things for the youth, work for the men,
Carthage Moving On.

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