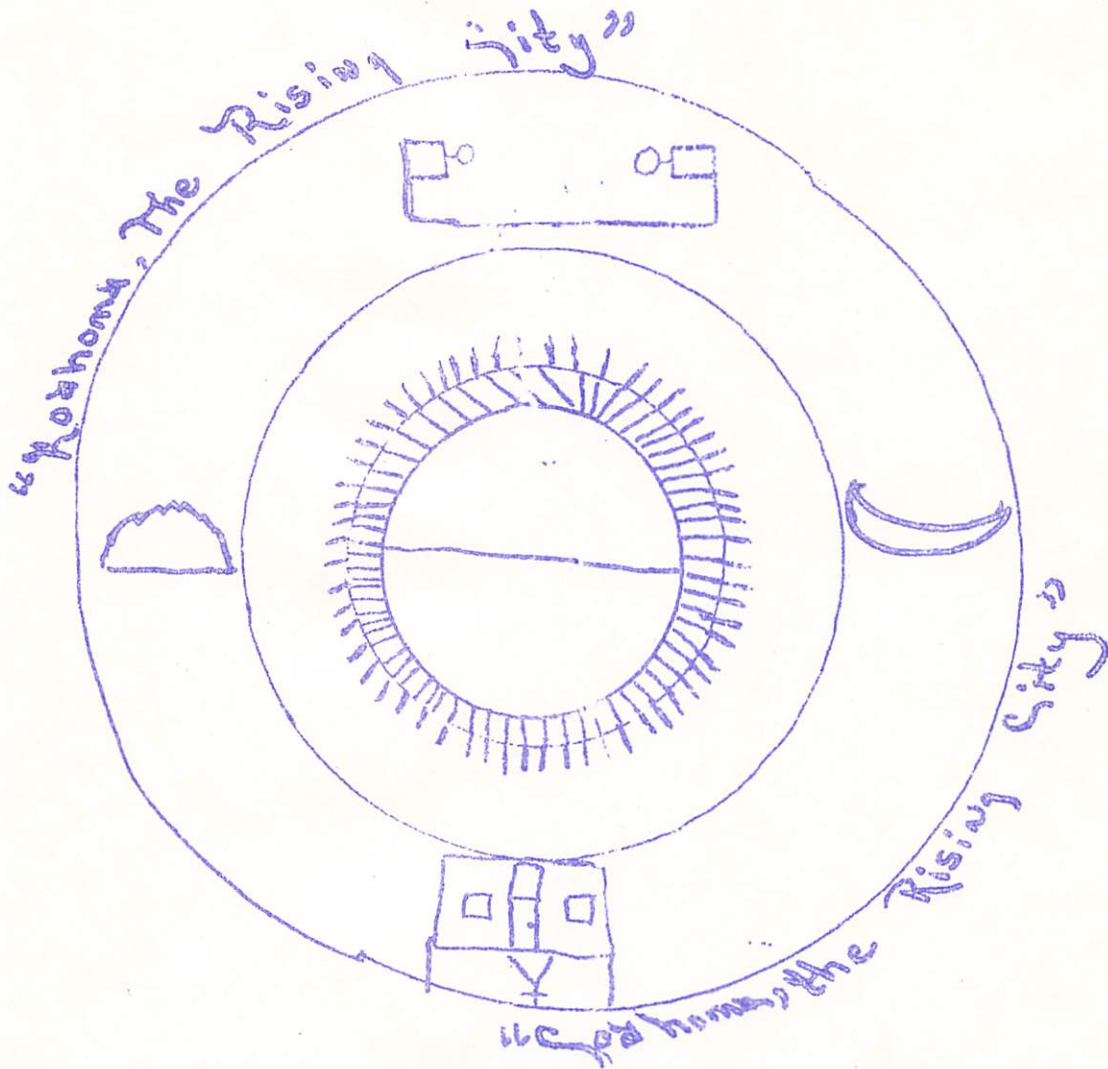


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THE NEW SONG

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TITLE: "COAHOMA IS MY TOWN"

(TO THE TUNE OF "THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND")

Coahoma is my town
Coahoma is your town
From Friars Point to the 61 Highway.

From the Indian Mountain
To Clover Hill City,
Coahoma was made for you and me.

Coahoma is my town,
Coahoma is your town
We may be small in numbers
But we will always remember
That this town was made for
You and me.

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TITLE: Coahoma

Coahoma, founded by Indians, was given the name Coahoma after Mr. Lambell Coahoma. It is probably one of the smallest, unincorporated struggling towns ever to exist. We have come from church school to a water system. The water system is needed so that we won't have to go far to get it, mainly because it is a small town. Because we are a small town, we don't have a fire department and cannot prevent fires. Water had to be transported from stores and to the school, Hull, which got its name from a plantation owner named Mr. Hull. The school has always been an important factor in our town. Because everything that takes place revolves around the school. We, the people of Coahoma, depend on the school for political rallies, meetings, entertainment and everything else that concerns the town. The school is also important because we are not incorporated. Incorporation of the town would mean electing a mayor as well as a city council. These people would, in turn, act as a common bond between Coahoma, the state and national government. Incorporation would mean ~~INDUSTRIES~~ industries and factories which would provide jobs, ~~SEWER~~ sewage systems and all other things that Coahoma is lacking and needs desperately.

COAHOMA'S CHALLENGES

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ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

Housing, Sewage & Jobs

In the arena of community development, the fact that there are no jobs, no industry and we have an agricultural background, indicates that the underlying contradiction is that there is no committee established for the research of community needs. This contradiction is illustrated by the fact that there is no program to update homes, no job possibilities in Coahoma, and no housing or sewage project.

Community Funds

In the arena of community services, the fact that there are no activities for recreation, no facilities and no organizations in town, indicates that the underlying contradiction is that there are no funds available for unincorporated towns. This contradiction is illustrated by lack of activities for youth & senior citizens, no recreation organization and a possible loss of an assembly location. (school)

POLITICAL CHALLENGES

Organization of Groups

In the arena of executive authority, the fact that there has been a cultural heritage of listening to others tell us what to do, that people can't read well enough to vote, indicates that the underlying contradiction is that Coahoma people aren't organized. This contradiction is best illustrated by the fact that the town is not incorporated, there are no Blacks on the county school board or board of supervisors from this beat, there is no law enforcement authority, and the Hull Elementary School is closing.

Town Incorporation

In the arena of city government, the fact that we are dependant on the county for services indicates that the underlying contradiction is that we are not incorporated. This contradiction is illustrated by the fact that there is no fire department here, and that people have to travel far for health care.

CULTURAL CHALLENGES

Building Leadership

In the arena of community relations, the fact that there is a lack of interest in working together, we have not realized the benefits of working together, there are no ongoing organized clean-up days, indicates that the underlying contradiction is emerging leadership has not been established and built. This contradiction is best illustrated by no ongoing meetings to plan for community events, no clean-up, fix-up days, no organized clubs.

PROPOSALS FOR
COAHOMA'S FUTURE

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We the citizens of Coahoma, in order to better the future of our community, propose to incorporate the town through advertising the benefits and needs.

We the citizens of Coahoma, in order to better the future of our community propose to incorporate the town through consulting a lawyer, calling legal aid society and contacting people about beautification and trash pick-up.

We the citizens of Coahoma, in order to organize the town, propose to become an independent town through appointing a temporary committee, setting goals, setting qualities for our leaders, fund raising projects, community donations and choosing a leader.

We the people of Coahoma, in order to get a community fund with finances, propose to build a new Coahoma through advertising the benefits and needs, having a tenants patrol and putting on programs to raise funds.

We the citizens of Coahoma, in order to stay together with the ideas the community has decided upon, propose to organize the community to do something new to benefit Coahoma through holding a student & parents day with a program, and activity (that would benefit Coahoma) and holding a feast.

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PROBLEMS FACING OUR COMMUNITY

Stealing
Killing
Fighting
Cursing
School closing
Splittigg up children

NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Hospital
Bus Station
Laundromat
restaurant
fire dept.
Police dept.
Movie theater
Shopping center
Better homes
museum
bank
better jobs
school
public library
recreation center
mechanic
sanitation dept.
better streets

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