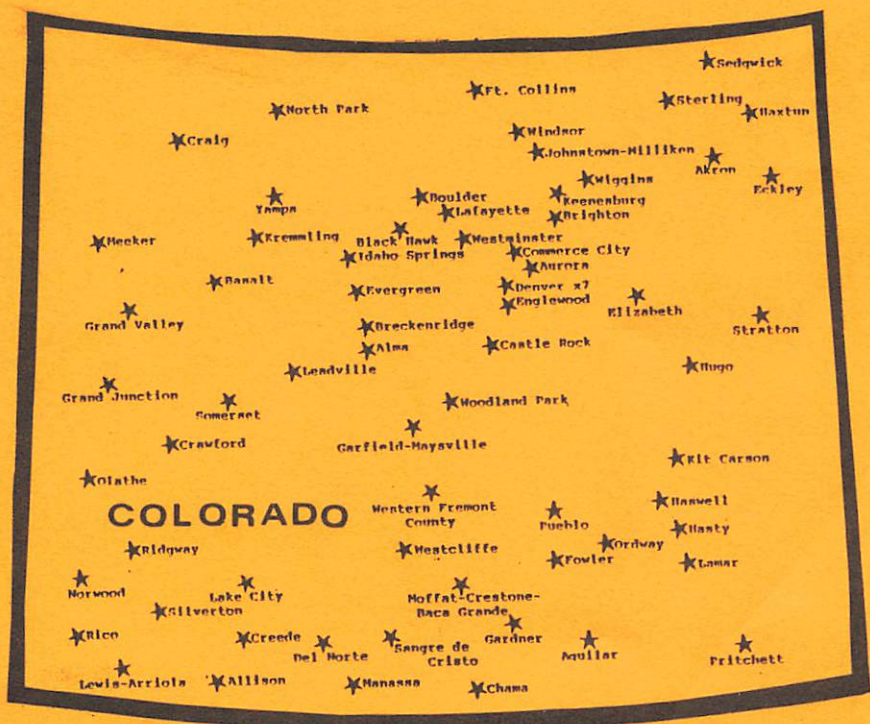


TOWN MEETING: COLORADO

-A TOWN MEETING HELD
IN EVERY COUNTY-



COLORADOANS LIST CONCERNS AND PROPOSALS

The final results are in from the 3,548 people who participated in Town Meetings in Colorado.

From towns, cities and metropolitan communities in the 63 Colorado counties from Rico (pop. 89) to the Mile High City's half million farmers, housewives, students, engineers, tree removers, ministers, extension agents, mayors, speech therapists, teachers, agency people, boards and volunteer committees gathered together to list their concerns and write proposals for their community's future.

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Over 750 challenges were written by Town Meeting participants. In response to these challenges, each community listed ways to begin practically dealing with its future. Proposals frequently called for new efforts at creating community unity, stimulating local business, and finding ways for broad-based decision making.

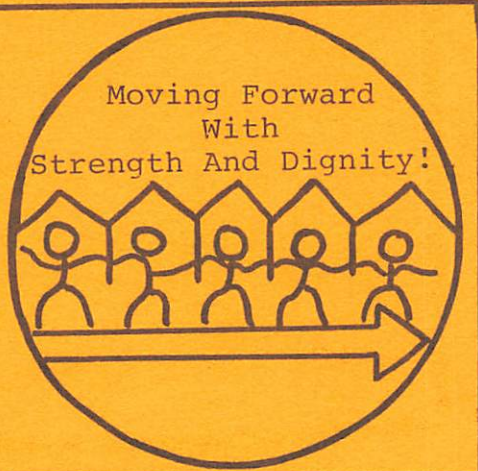
Each Town Meeting created a new community symbol, slogan and song.

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Communities across Colorado are asking for more -- another Town Meeting with more people participating, more Town Meetings in their county or neighborhood, more cooperation between towns in close proximity, through county-wide Town Meetings, more training in Town Meeting methods so Town Meeting can go on and on.

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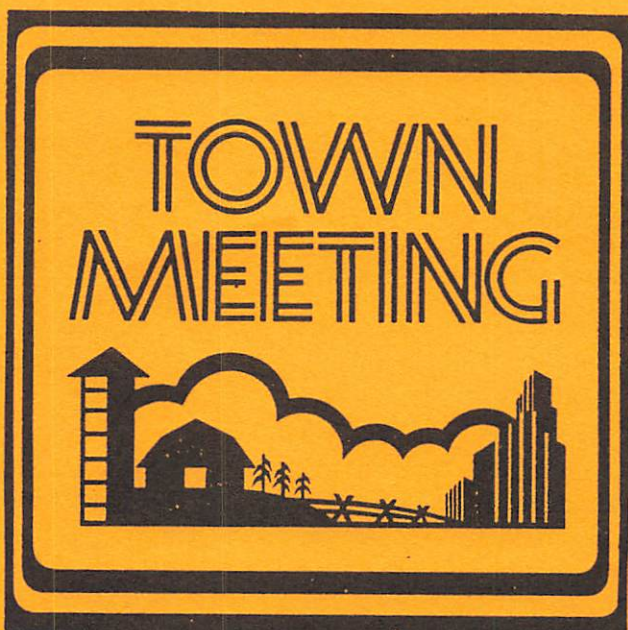
In Colorado during the next few years Town Meeting volunteers will be concentrating efforts in clusters of communities. Throughout the state successful Town Meetings held in one community have led leaders to decide to hold a series of Town Meetings in neighboring communities. Concentrating on particular geographic areas will have several beneficial effects. First, a large percentage of the population will have participated in writing the proposals. Second, methods training will benefit both elected and volunteer leadership.

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Special group forums will be an additional means of involving people. A Community Youth Forum aimed at engaging the young people in the activities of the town will be offered to high schools and youth groups. The Economic Issues Forum will involve business people in a creative direction for the economy of their community. Women's organizations will be offered a Women's Forum, a special session in which women workshop their role in the community.



TOWN MEETING: COLORADO is a contemporary recasting of the town hall and township meetings which were so central to the vitality of American communities. The format was developed to involve American communities in a significant experience of grassroots democracy during the Bicentennial era. It offers local citizens an opportunity to discuss the issues facing their community and write practical proposals for cooperative, effective action in the future.

The Town Meeting program was developed by the Institute of Cultural Affairs, a voluntary service organization. The ICA conducts research, demonstration and training programs concerned with the human factor in world development.

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