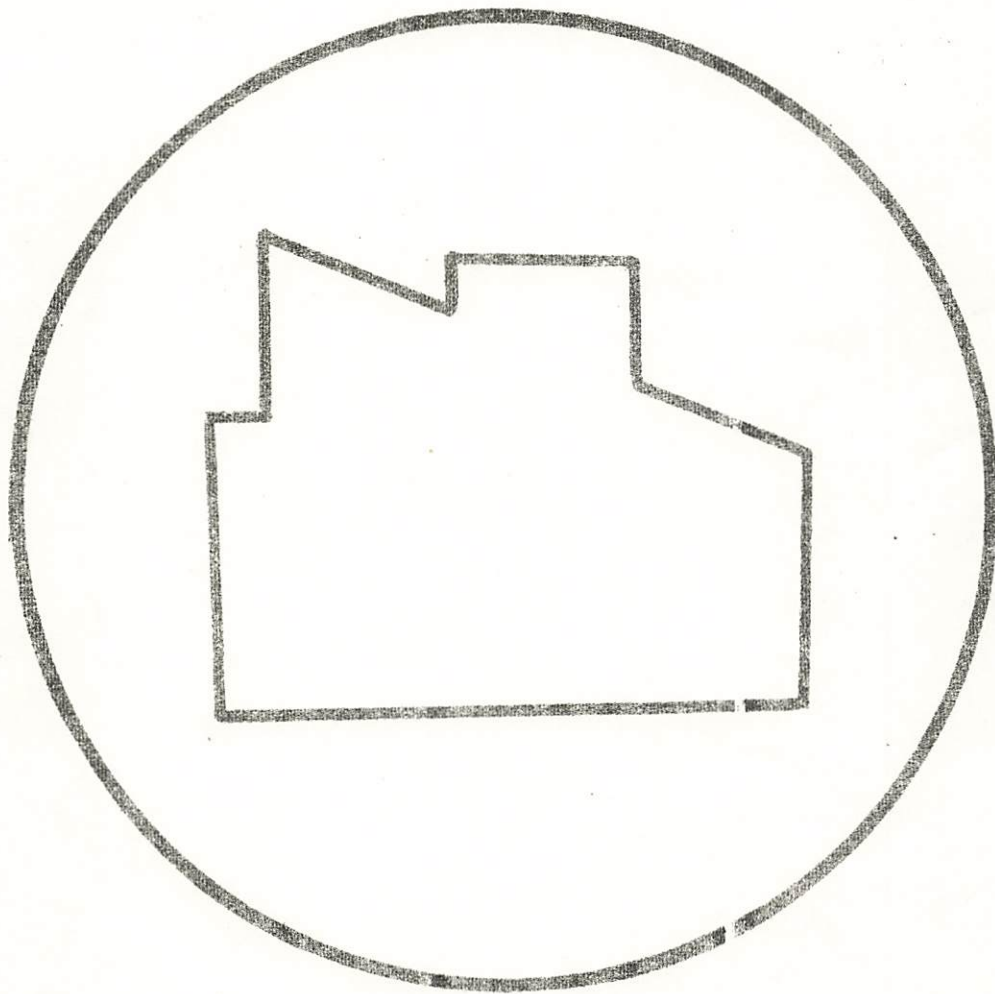
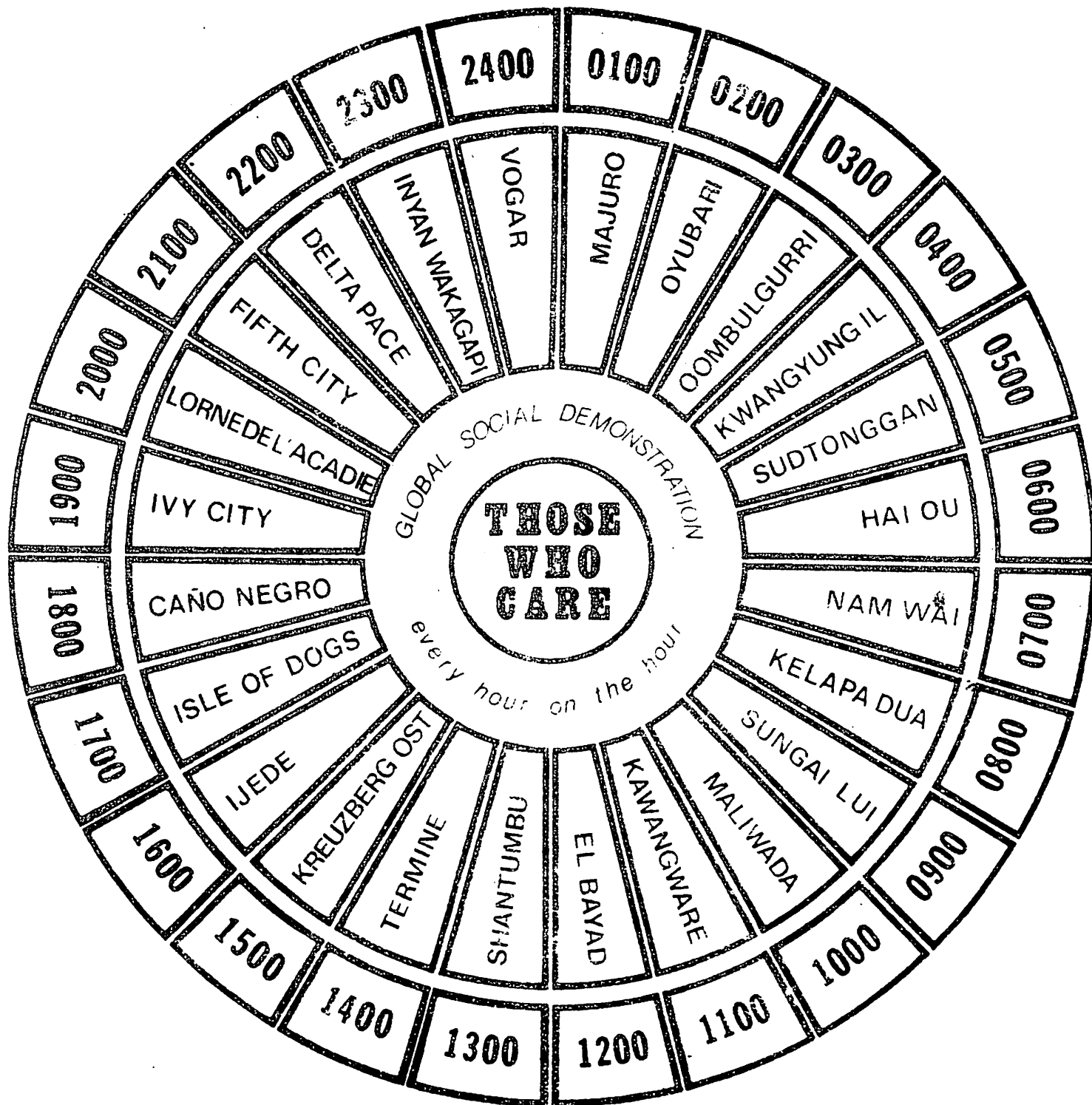


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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



JUNE 18-24, 1978



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TO SYNDER

RT. 62

ORIGINAL RT. 62

Thorne Cattle Co.

TO LAWTON

TO HOLSEY ACRES

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Mission School

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MENNONITE CHURCH

STORE

OLD RT. 62

Gas & Grocery

New Cafe

Project Office

Lumber Co

Grain Elevator

Ball Park

Ag. Barn (F.F.A.)

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Frazier Meat Co.

Car Wash

Public School

Bus Barn
Ag Shop

Baptist Church

old Grocery
Laundry
Post office

City Office

HARRELL ADDITION

Church of Christ

Methodist Church

Beauty Shop

Trailer Park

Project House

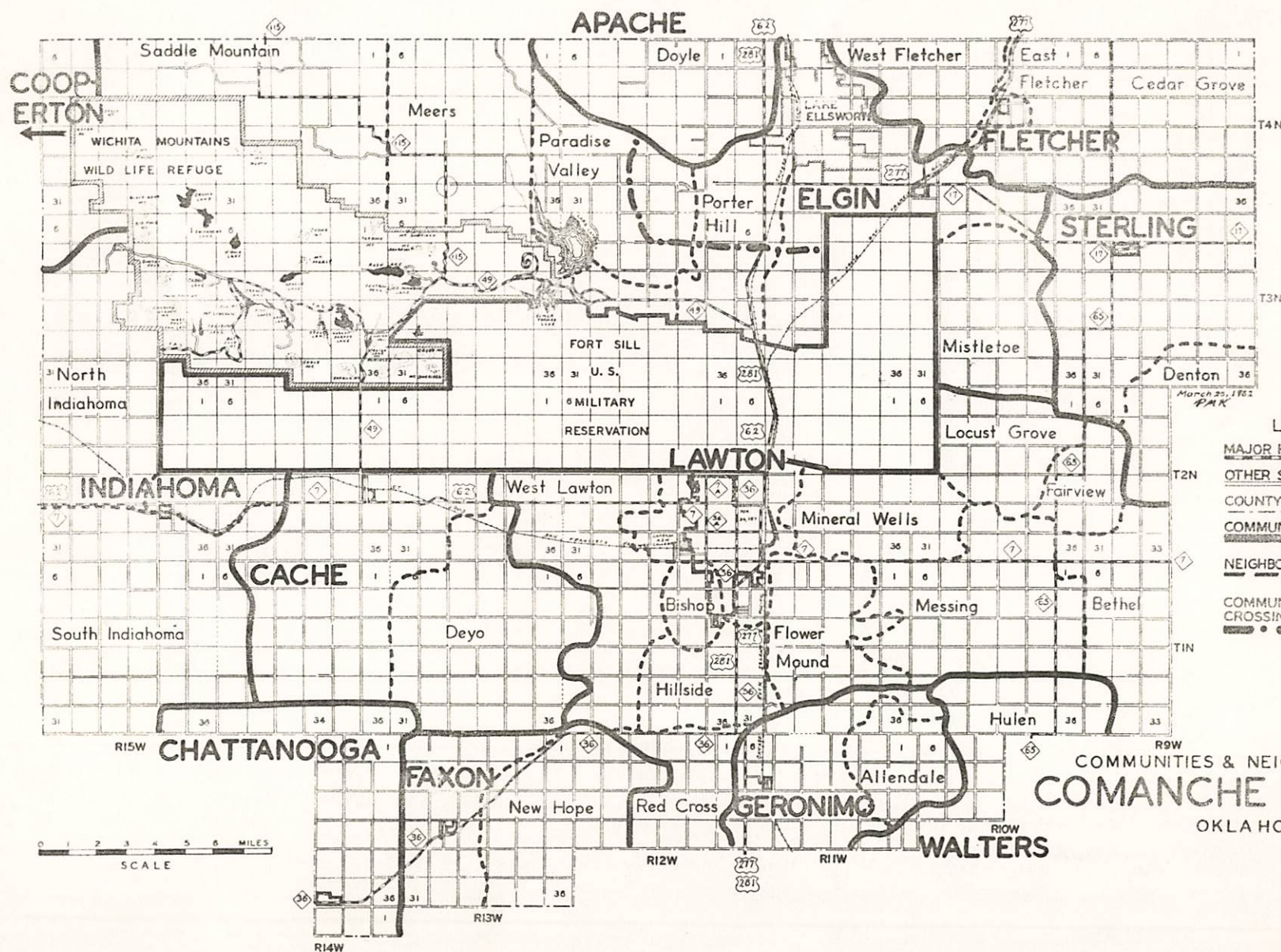
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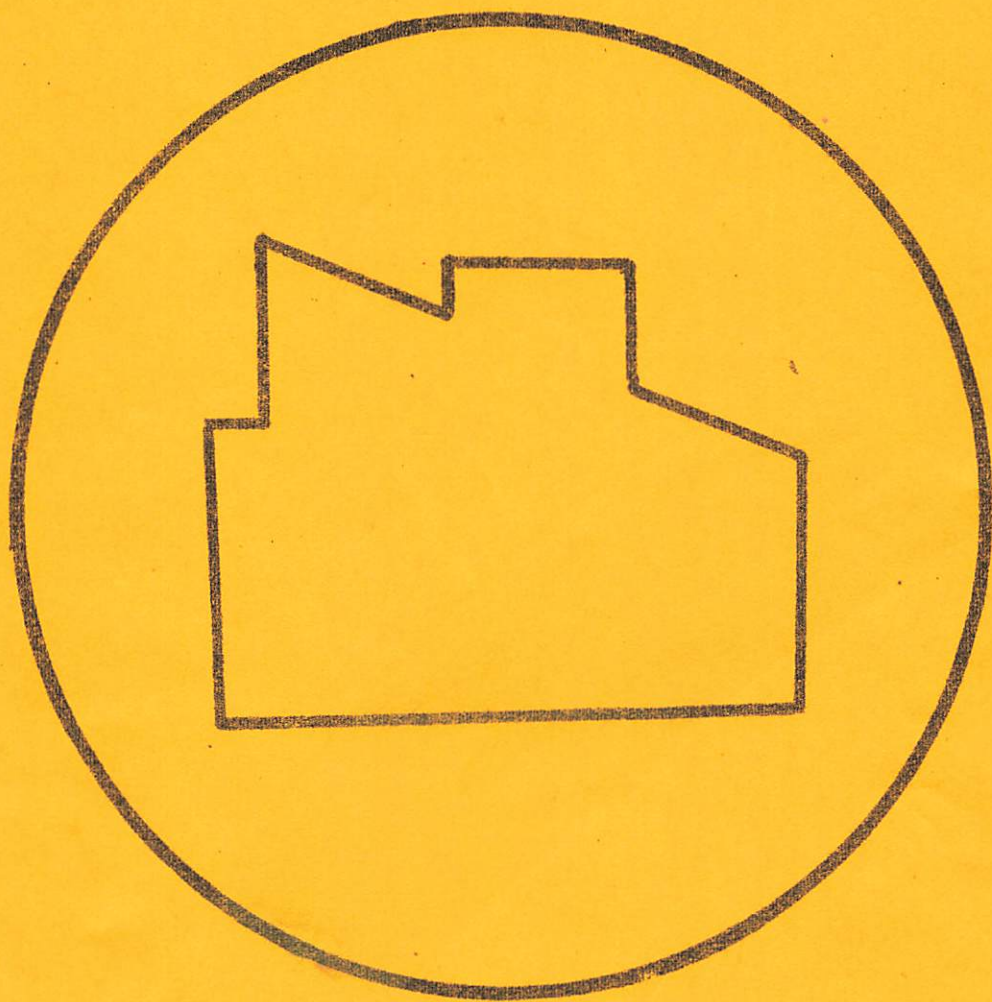
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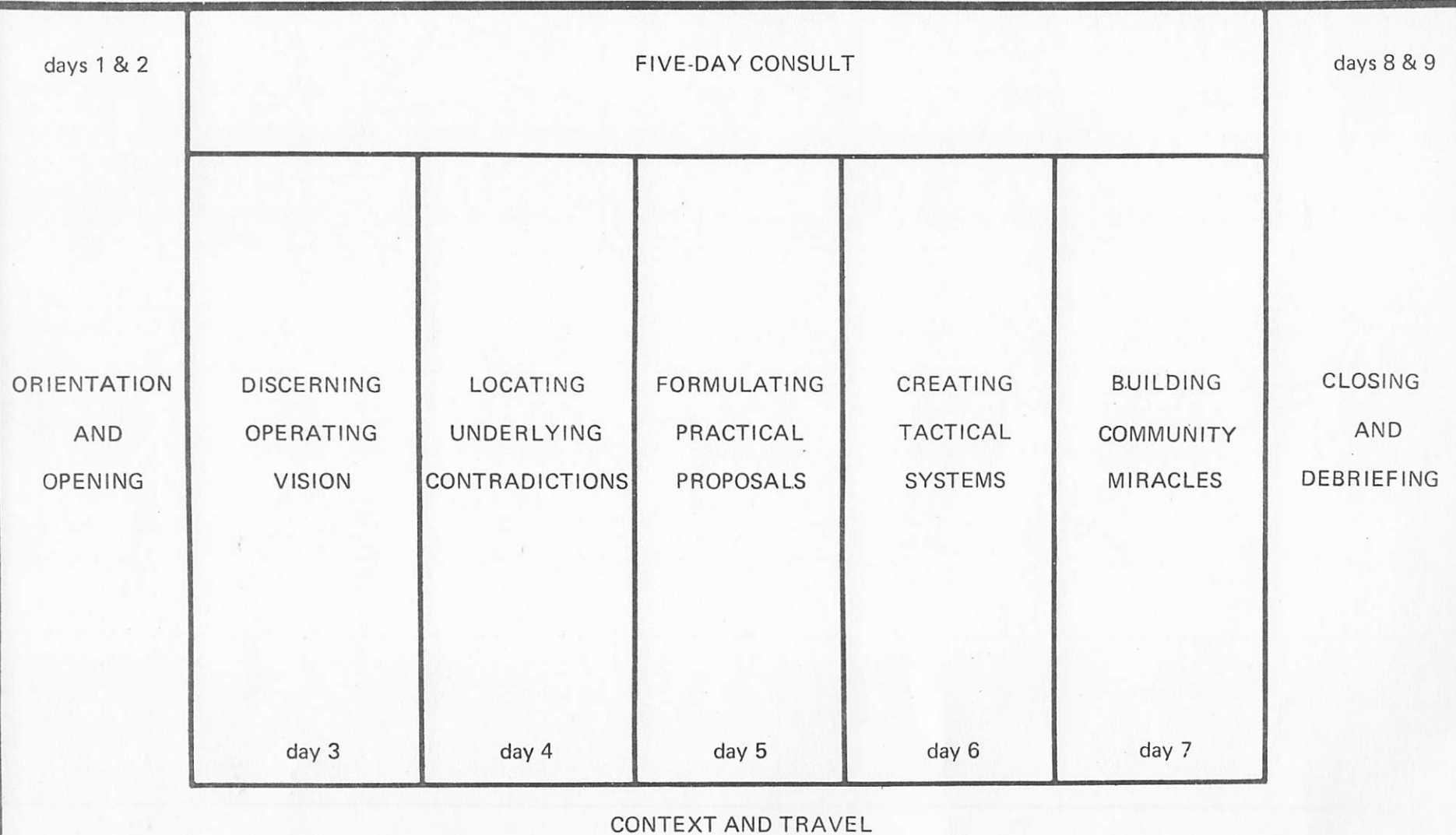
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OPENING FEAST

THE GLOBAL SOCIAL DEMONSTRATION CONSULT DESIGN

nine days: one work week plus two weekends

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Indiahoma School Auditorium

Singing.....Phyllis Slicker
Welcome.....Bill Slicker
Invocation.....John Heidebrecht
Pledge of Allegiance.....Barbara Bailey
 "America the Beautiful"
Introduction of Guests

Feast

Greetings from the Indiahoma Community

Mayor.....P.J. Stoll
Community Representatives.....Pete Coffey
 Don Dale

Greetings from the state of Oklahoma

State Representative.....Bob Harper
State Senator.....Al Terrill

Address.....Robert Booher

Gifts to the Community

Team Leader Introductions.....Sandra Rafos

Announcements and Send Out.....Phyllis Slicker
 Team Gatherings

SONGS FOR THE COMMUNITY

INDIAHOMA-- THE PLACE TO BE

Tune: 16 Tons

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Chorus:

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HELLO INDIAHOMA

Tune: Halo Bandung

Hello, Indiahoma,
Are you standing tall this day?
Hello, Indiahoma,
Are you moving in every way?
The world is all waiting
To see just what you'll do
right now.
So, stand tall for all of America
to see,
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---Repeat Again---

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Many events have colored the historical background of Indiahoma. For example, Indiahoma has intrigued many fortune hunters due to the close access of the Treasure Lake Area where the "Iron Door" is believed to be securely hidden from mankind. Behind the iron door is believed to be gold bars stacked against the walls like cordwood and baskets on the floor of the cave overflowing with gold coins. Some say that some of the loot is from the Jesse James gang, and others say that it is Belle Starr's. Several persons reportedly have seen the "Iron Door", but after going to get tools to open the door are never able to return to the exact same position. The door seems to be swallowed up by the vastness of the Wichitas.

Indiahoma at one time, was well-known for its nortoriousness. The First

SONGS FOR COMMUNITY

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of
grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited
plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the
years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human
tears!
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THE NEXT 200 YEARS

Tune: When the Saints Go Marching In

Into this land so vast and green
Our fathers came to build a dream
Through war and peace they worked together
It was a great 200 years.

Oh, we are now in times of strife
We're at the crossroads of our life.
It's time to make that great decision
To shape the next 200 years.

Oh, we are one, we share the earth,
We give our lives for its rebirth
We'll be a sign to all the nations
For the next 200 years.

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State Bank was robbed on several accounts. One morning in 1918, Ike Prince had ridden to town on his blaze-faced sorrel "Mac" as he often did. He had gone into the merchantile and soon heard a commotion outside. The bank had been robbed and Ike raced out to assist in the chase after the banditos only to discover they had stolen "Mac"! Now how can a fellow be an efficient pursuer if the pursuee steals the transportation. Ike was quickly furnished a substitute horse, and the posse followed closely behind the robbers. Ike later found his horse "Mac" at the edge of the Wichita Mountains. Mac had nearly been ridden to death. However, Mac, after a time, recuperated.

The bank was robbed again in 1933. This time Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Moore were held hostage overnight awaiting the time the vault opened. These desperadoes who caused anguish to the Moores were apprehended and sent to prison. Although this was a dangerous, dark time for law enforcement, it was not without some light moments. Another robbery later occurred using more modern equipment -- the automobile. Again, Mr. Moore, the bank president was taken hostage along with Archie Hagle, a bank employee. Archie Hagle managed to roll out of the car and a merchant Mr. Altizer came to the rescue. He had his gun cocked and ready to fire when Archie Hagle hysterically yelled, "Don't shoot! A. B. is in the back seat!"

Mr. Moore was returned safely and those robbers, too, were caught and punished, -- proving again -- Crime doesn't pay...

During the early establishment of Indianahoma, there were not only bank robbers to contend with, but claim jumpers as well. One event in 1910 was related concerning an incident in one of the town saloons which was housed in a tent. This saloon was owned by Mac McCarthy. There was a fight in the saloon concerning a certain property. A man named Harthshorn was killed by the claim jumper "No Nose" Edwards. F. C. Jones was the Justice of Peace at this time, and Judge File presided. "No Nose" (given this name due to a fall off his horse in which he was dragged and maimed) was sent to prison. In order for

Hartshorn's family to claim the homestead in question, Hartshorn had to be buried on the property. This property is one mile South of Indiahoma and is currently owned by Ada Harrell Stewart.

Another colorful, historical, past citizen of Indiahoma was Herman Lehmann. Lehmann was born to a German immigrant family and at the age of eleven years, in 1870, was captured by a marauding band of Indians and spent nine years with the Apache and Comanche Indians. Lehmann and the famous Chief, Quanah Parker were very good friends and Lehmann in 1877, was adopted into Quanah Parker's family. They remained friends until death. Lehmann published a book relating the details of his life during this period.

Indiahoma, which at one time, only had a wagon trail marking the route from Lawton to Indiahoma grew rapidly. In 1902, there were only two framed buildings - H.A. Potter's and McBrides', but according to an issue of The Lawton Daily Star dated May 21, 1911, Indiahoma, at this time, was a modern little city of 1,000 people. The old buildings had been demolished and now stone and brick structures were standing in their place. The paper further stated that every man in Indiahoma was a booster and that some of the most progressive business men in the state were to be found in Indiahoma. Indiahoma, the paper stated, was a well-favored trading point by both farmers and Indians. Approximately eighty percent of the buildings in Indiahoma were erected in a three year period. The paper listed the businesses at this time as follow: 6 grocery stores, 4 dry goods stores, 2 department stores, 2 meat markets, 1 hardware and implement co., 1 racket store, 2 drug stores, 1 State Bank, 1 weekly newspaper, 1 tailor shop, 1 doctor, 1 furniture store, 1 jewelry, 1 bakery, 2 restaurants, 1 hotel, 1 mill, 1 lumber yard, 2 Cotton gins, 1 brass bank, 1 cement block mfg. co., 1 livery barn, 2 churches, 1 good public school, 1 barber shop, 2 pool halls, 1 real estate and Ins. firm, 2 machine and blacksmith shops, 6 building and cement contractors, 4 lodges.

Some of the first houses erected were built by Hearndon and Bingham. One of these originals is still standing and is owned by Jean Simmons.

The first Indian student to attend school in Indianoma was Jim Chebahtah in 1903. Jim was well-known and loved in this area. Other firsts in Indianoma were the first doctor - Doctor Stewart, and the first car which was believed to have been owned by Bob Sydnor. Perchance the first garage was established by "of course" Bob Sydnor. The original Indianoma newspaper was the Indianoma Champion. One of the most recent "firsts of Indianoma was the State's first Lady Mayor - Mrs. Virginia Derrisaw. Mrs. Derrisaw's death in 1971, was felt deeply by all who knew and loved her. She envisioned a goal for Indianoma. Her dream consisted of seeing Indianoma become a growing, caring, successful community. The park in Indianoma was dedicated and named Derrisaw Park in memory of Virginia Derrisaw on July 4, 1971.

Much appreciation is extended to all of those who both currently and in past years assisted in historical accounts of the past. Some of those are listed below:

Virgie Harris

Leileau Lee Smith

Arthur and Nita Prince

Lloyd McLinn

Bus and Willie Brenton

Minnie Sue Bussanmas and previous history class

Frank Edwards

Two Dogs Saupitty

Bill Jones

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B I B L I O G R A P H Y

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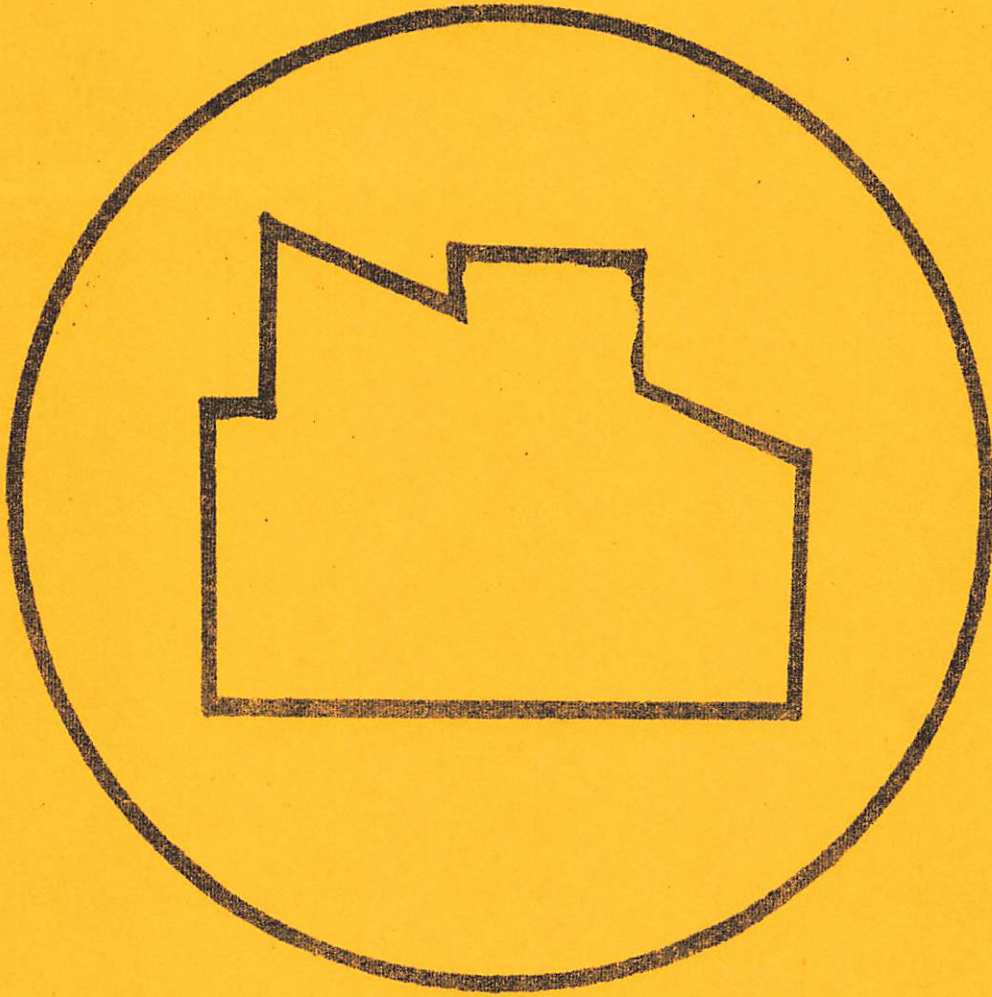
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Reports from the Teams

Education. Kim Won Ho
Community Life Lynn Young
Basic Services LaVone Bland
Business-Industry Roger Alexander
Environment Collene Jones

Staff Report. Sandra Rafos

Guardian Report. Charlotte Graham

The Community Reports

Council Rhonda Sims
Community Resident. Parbara Bailey

Special Greetings Maude Foley
Ben Moore

The Closing Address Bob Booher

Announcements

Send Out Phyllis Slicker

INDIAHOMA - SHOWPLACE OF THE SOUTHWEST

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OPERATING VISION CHART

Rebuilding Economic Foundations		Enlivening Community Life			Intentionalizing Citizen Care	
Commercial Enterprises	Business Ventures	Civic Facilities	Citizen Engagement	Community Space	Expanding Education	Basic Services
Realising General Store	Enlarging Laundry Facilities	Inaugurating Community Center	Focusing Indianoma Celebrations	Stimulating Town Beautification	Promoting Learning Opportunities	Improving Security Systems
Establishing Auto Center			Strengthening Youth Activities			Initiating Health Services
Opening Community Cafe	Supplying Repair Services	Expanding Recreational Areas	Introducing Elders Program	Identifying Community Locale	Broadening Formal Education	Upgrading Local Roadways
Procuring Financial Services		Constructing Public Pool	Activating Information Flow	Developing Public Parks		Ensuring Public Utilities
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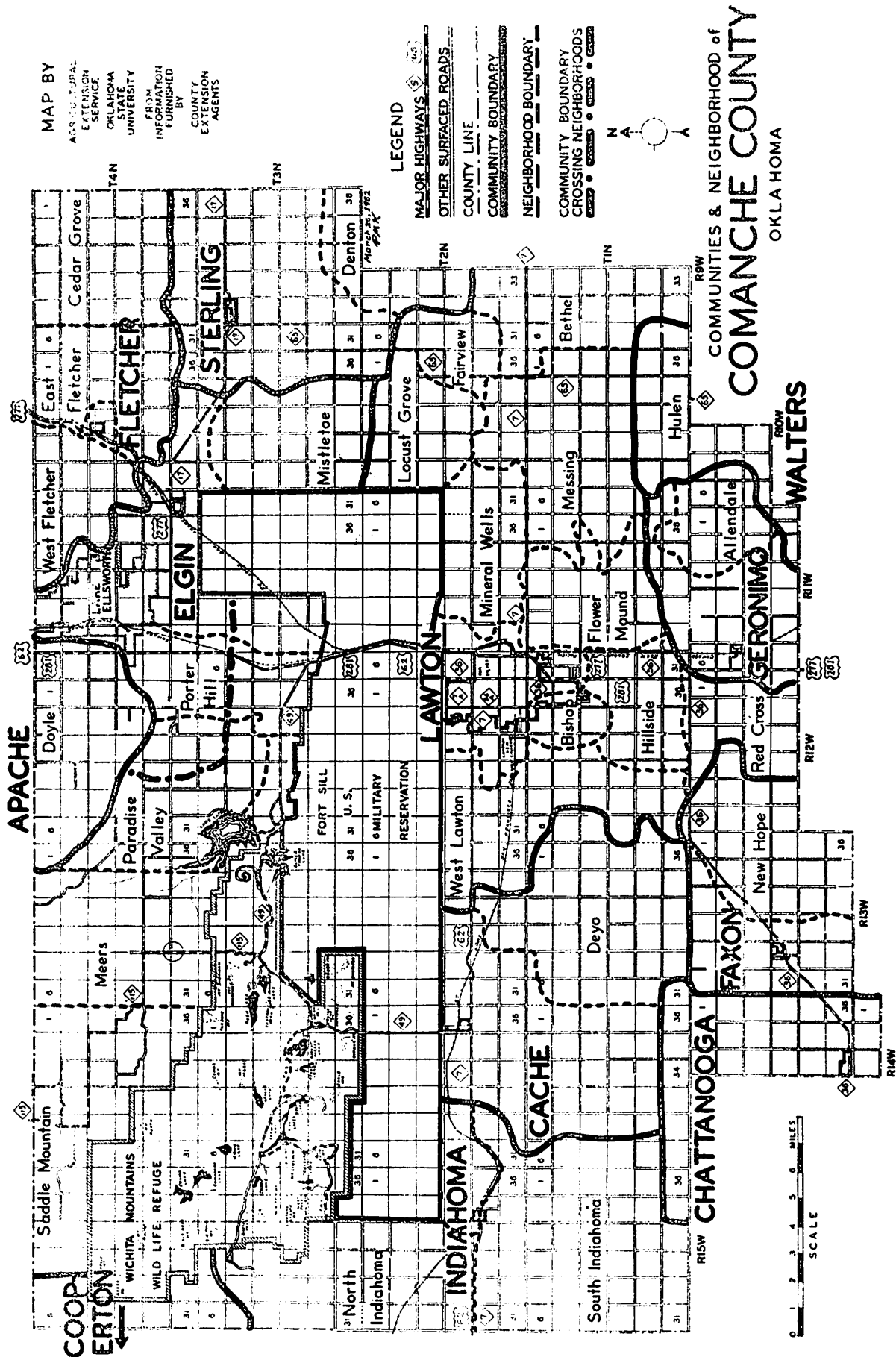
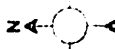
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1 Community Mini-Mall Project	4 Development Corporation Project	8 Identifying Systems Project	11 Community Celebration Project	16 Multi-Purpose Center Project	19 Health Delivery Project	23 Expanded Learning Project
	5 Technical Assistance Project		12 Leadership Development Project		20 Utilities Expansion Project	
2 Business Expansion Project	6 Capital Resources Project	9 Information Network Project	13 Civic Forums Projects	17 Town Plan Project	21 Street Improvement Project	24 Business Skills Project
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3 Light Industry Project		10 External Relations Project	15 Community Organization Project	18 Community Beautification Project		25 Community Pre-School Project

UTILIZING BASIC LOCAL RESOURCES						
A	B PROVIDING VITAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS					
	C FOSTERING EFFECTIVE SOCIAL COHESION					
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2 Beginning New Contracting Industries	6 Systematizing Regular Community-wide Maintenance	10 Focusing Community Celebrational Events	14 Completing Recreational Park System	19 Instituting Consensus Building Meetings	22 Forming Local Development Association	26 Accelerating Vocational Skills Training
3 Developing Local Service Industry	7 Upgrading Existing Utility System	11 Establishing Comprehensive Information Structures	15 Accelerating Fousing Development Scheme 16 Landscaping Upgraded Roadway System	20 Stimulating Community Organization Participation	23 Acquiring Necessary Financial Base	27 Expanding Relevant Educational Opportunities
4 Supporting Mini-Mart Shopping Expansion	8 Extending Health Care Delivery		17 Designing Land Use Plan		24 Intensifying Indian Promotion Campaign Campaign	28 Initiating Early Learning Center

MAP BY
 AGRICULTURAL
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 OKLAHOMA
 STATE
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 FROM
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LEGEND

- MAJOR HIGHWAYS
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COMMUNITIES & NEIGHBORHOOD of
COMANCHE COUNTY
 OKLAHOMA



I love Cache and I love Snyder,
Altus, Lantieri, Frederick, too,
But my roots are Indianan,
Ought I not to her be true?

Someday she will be a showplace,
Give her just a year or so,
Folks out here are gettin' with it,
But we've got a ways to go.

Has our city been forgotten,
Do we care for it no more?
While Cache claims to be a gateway,
Surely we can be a deer!

Let us as a deer be open,
To the benefits at hand,
Then in turn we'll be a blessing
To some others in the land.

Is our city faring better
Since I've been its resident,
Could I say to Mr. Carter,
"Come and visit, President."

Could we have him tour our city,
Should each street with plenty pride,
Or would it be somewhat tempting
Just to find a place to hide?

I don't like to ask these questions,
And to answer them I faint,
For my back yard seems so hopeless,
Needing cleanup, care, and paint.

But there's hope and help a comin',
It's a group that really cares,
They're an Institute of workers,
Sharing cultural affairs.

Don't let people think we're lazy,
That our feet are full of lead,
There's no use of some a sayin',
There ain't nothin' in our head.

We are sound of mind, well balanced,
Let's get started, we can't wait,
And when once this town gets movin',
We'll be best in all the state.

Now it's time to quit the braggin',
'Bout our up and comin' city,
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Indiahoma was in the midst of history as a direct result of the railroad coming through. The railroad was one of the most important life lines to Indiahoma. The first depot agent was a fellow named Allen. He and his family lived in one of the waiting rooms until the completion of the section house. During WWI, there were three agents, and because troops were filing in, six trains traversed through Indiahoma daily — three traveling East and three West.

Like the railroad, the post office was an integral part of Indiahoma. The mail was brought to the post office from the depot in Dray Wagons pulled by horses. These Dray Wagons also doubled as milk wagons and were driven at one time by Ran Christian and Judge File.

Many events have colored the historical background of Indiahoma. For example, Indiahoma has intrigued many fortune hunters due to the close access of the Treasure Lake Area where the "Iron Door" is believed to be securely hidden from mankind. Behind the iron door is believed to be gold bars stacked against the walls like cordwood and baskets on the floor of the cave overflowing with gold coins. Some say that some of the loot is from the Jesse James gang, and others say that it is Belle Starr's. Several persons reportedly have seen the "Iron Door", but after going to get tools to open the door are never able to return to the exact same position. The door seems to be swallowed up by the vastness of the Wichitas.

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State Bank was robbed on several accounts. One morning in 1918, Ike Prince had ridden to town on his blaze-faced sorrel "Mac" as he often did. He had gone into the merchantile and soon heard a commotion outside. The bank had been robbed and Ike raced out to assist in the chase after the banditos only to discover they had stolen "Mac"! Now how can a fellow be an efficient pursuer if the pursuee steals the transportation. Ike was quickly furnished a substitute horse, and the posse followed closely behind the robbers. Ike later found his horse "Mac" at the edge of the Wichita Mountains. Mac had nearly been ridden to death. However, Mac, after a time, recuperated.

The bank was robbed again in 1933. This time Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Moore were held hostage overnight awaiting the time the vault opened. These desperadoes who caused anguish to the Moores were apprehended and sent to prison. Although this was a dangerous, dark time for law enforcement, it was not without some light moments. Another robbery later occurred using more modern equipment -- the automobile. Again, Mr. Moore, the bank president was taken hostage along with Archie Hagle, a bank employee. Archie Hagle managed to roll out of the car and a merchant Mr. Altizer came to the rescue. He had his gun cocked and ready to fire when Archie Hagle hysterically yelled, "Don't shoot! A. B. is in the back seat!"

Mr. Moore was returned safely and those robbers, too, were caught and punished, -- proving again -- Crime doesn't pay...

During the early establishment of Indianahoma, there were not only bank robbers to contend with, but claim jumpers as well. One event in 1910 was related concerning an incident in one of the town saloons which was housed in a tent. This saloon was owned by Mac McCarthy. There was a fight in the saloon concerning a certain property. A man named Harthshorn was killed by the claim jumper "No Nose" Edwards. F. C. Jones was the Justice of Peace at this time, and Judge File presided. "No Nose" (given this name due to a fall off his horse in which he was dragged and maimed) was sent to prison. In order for

Hartshorn's family to claim the homestead in question, Hartshorn had to be buried on the property. This property is one mile South of Indiahoma and is currently owned by Ada Harrell Stewart.

Another colorful, historical, past citizen of Indiahoma was Herman Lehmann. Lehmann was born to a German immigrant family and at the age of eleven years, in 1870, was captured by a marauding band of Indians and spent nine years with the Apache and Comanche Indians. Lehmann and the famous Chief, Quanah Parker were very good friends and Lehmann in 1877, was adopted into Quanah Parker's family. They remained friends until death. Lehmann published a book relating the details of his life during this period.

Indiahoma, which at one time, only had a wagon trail marking the route from Lawton to Indiahoma grew rapidly. In 1902, there were only two framed buildings - H.A. Potter's and McBrides', but according to an issue of The Lawton Daily Star dated May 21, 1911, Indiahoma, at this time, was a modern little city of 1,000 people. The old buildings had been demolished and now stone and brick structures were standing in their place. The paper further stated that every man in Indiahoma was a booster and that some of the most progressive business men in the state were to be found in Indiahoma. Indiahoma, the paper stated, was a well-favored trading point by both farmers and Indians. Approximately eighty percent of the buildings in Indiahoma were erected in a three year period. The paper listed the businesses at this time as follow: 6 grocery stores, 4 dry goods stores, 2 department stores, 2 meat markets, 1 hardware and implement co., 1 racket store, 2 drug stores, 1 State Bank, 1 weekly newspaper, 1 tailor shop, 1 doctor, 1 furniture store, 1 jewelry, 1 bakery, 2 restaurants, 1 hotel, 1 mill, 1 lumber yard, 2 cotton gins, 1 brass bank, 1 cement block mfg. co., 1 livery barn, 2 churches, 1 good public school, 1 barber shop, 2 pool halls, 1 real estate and Ins. firm, 2 machine and blksmith shops, 6 building and cement contractors, 4 lodges.

Some of the first houses erected were built by Hearndon and Bingham. One of these originals is still standing and is owned by Jean Simmons.

The first Indian student to attend school in Indiahoma was Jim Chebahtah in 1903. Jim was well-known and loved in this area. Other firsts in Indiahoma were the first doctor - Doctor Stewart, and the first car which was believed to have been owned by Bob Sydner. Perchance the first garage was established by "of course" Bob Sydner. The original Indiahoma newspaper was the Indiahoma Champion. One of the most recent "firsts of Indiahoma was the State's first Lady Mayor - Mrs. Virginia Derrisaw. Mrs. Derrisaw's death in 1971, was felt deeply by all who knew and loved her. She envisioned a goal for Indiahoma. Her dream consisted of seeing Indiahoma become a growing, caring, successful community. The park in Indiahoma was dedicated and named Derrisaw Park in memory of Virginia Derrisaw on July 4, 1971.

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