

Flat Rock - 78
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Flat Rock, Ill.

April 11, 1978



Town Meeting: Illinois

Flat Rock, Illinois

Flat Rock is a little town , little town, little town
Flat Rock is a little town, it is sure to grow

Flat Rock is a little town, little town, little town
Everywhere industry went, the people were sure to go

They followed it to Flat Rock one day, Flat Rock one day, Flat Rock one day
They followed it to Flat Rock one day, so Flat Rock is sure to grow.

(Tune: Mary had a little Lamb)

Story:

LEVEL PEBBLE

Flat Rock was foundid in beautiful hills of Southern Crawford County Ill.on a flat level rocky area from which its name originated. The little community developed into a thriving- booming oil town until the depression of the 30's whan it settled down to a tranquil quiet settlement facing the challenges of the now and the future. We hope to keep what we have and grow into a greater community.

Past Accomplishments: 1875 Town Formed A TOWN THAT BUILT BACK UP
 T Oil Boom
 Railroad was here
 Moved from 2-3 miles west when RR came
 Pony express changed horses at the rock
 Burned in 1912 - whole business square
 Brick buildings
 2 banks 1905-33 and 1907 -36
 Newspaper
 Blacksmith
 2 doctors and dentist
 Drug store
 Bakery
 Furniture store
 Funeral Home
 Hardware store
 Oil supply
 Own water sewer, telephone, gas systems - one of the first

Future Hopes and Dreams:

Keep the school
 Keep gas, sewer and fed. regulations
 More business
 City spreadout
 Develop coal industry
 Keep it small
 Community building
 Draw people into the community
 Keep the RR.
 Good businesses
 Nice, Clean Open Towns

Present Issues

Delapidated Buildings	Lack of enthusiams for community issues
Young people need something to do	
Recreation	
Place to serve hot meals	Both Parents working
Youth leave to find work	No way for children to identify with town.
People who work against progress	Nothing to do
Inadequate law enforcement	Get backing for recreation
Vandalism	
Parents not paying attention to their kids	Fixed income
No money	
Sewer problems	
No local business so money goes out of town	
Gas problems	

Community Rejuvenation

In the arena of community problems, these blocks exist: gov't regulations
Town can't afford police, not enough businesses for adequate tax base, low
assessed evaluation attracts low income people, kids are bored. This indicates
that the underlying contradiction is the town really never recovered from the
depression after the oil boom because they could get out to other towns with
better facilities and there is nothing here to draw them back

Lack of concern

In the arena of complacency these blocks exist lack of money, lack of concern
conflict between young and old, no one wants to take a stand. This indicates
that the underlying contradiction is lack of cooperation. This is illustrated
by buildings still standing, children standing in streets doing what they
want to.

Down Town Town Meeting

In the arena of lack of funds. These blocks exist lack of funds and people.
This indicates that the underlying contradiction is lack of cooperation. This is
illustrated by low attendance at meetings.

REINBOLD BEAN PROCESSING

To the citizens of Flat Rock, in order to increase the town's revenue and build up the community, propose to build a soy bean processing plant, through

1. Telling the story of the need and possibility, resources spelled out (in brochure
2. Approach local banks to get to federal gov't for small business loan.
3. Contract and get plant built
4. Begin hiring
5. Get whole community backing.

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Participants

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Wilfred Maxwell

James R. Rich

Roxie Fotters

Camille Parker

Glenns Camden

Fay Reinhold

Elaine Parker

Clare Inboden

Norton Hawkins

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Fred D. Beavill

James Love

Sharon Vampler

Merv Rich

Mildred Love

Box 101, Flat Rock

Box 6, Flat Rock

Box 122, Flat Rock

P.R. #2, Flat Rock

Flat Rock

PO. Box 188, Flat Rock

Rt. #2 Flat Rock

Box 24 Flat Rock

Flat Rock

Box #1, Flat Rock

Box 216

Box 263

Box 41

Box 216

Mechanic

Retired

Retired

Housewife

Laundry

Feed, Grain, and Elevator

College Student

Operator

None

State of Illinois

Marathon Refinery

Housewife



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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

two year community development efforts

COMMUNITY FORUMS

one day "town meetings"

one day "global women's forums"

one day "community youth forums"

LENS (Living Effectively in the New Society)

week-end seminar on management planning

PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

of any time design or orientation -- to be arranged

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