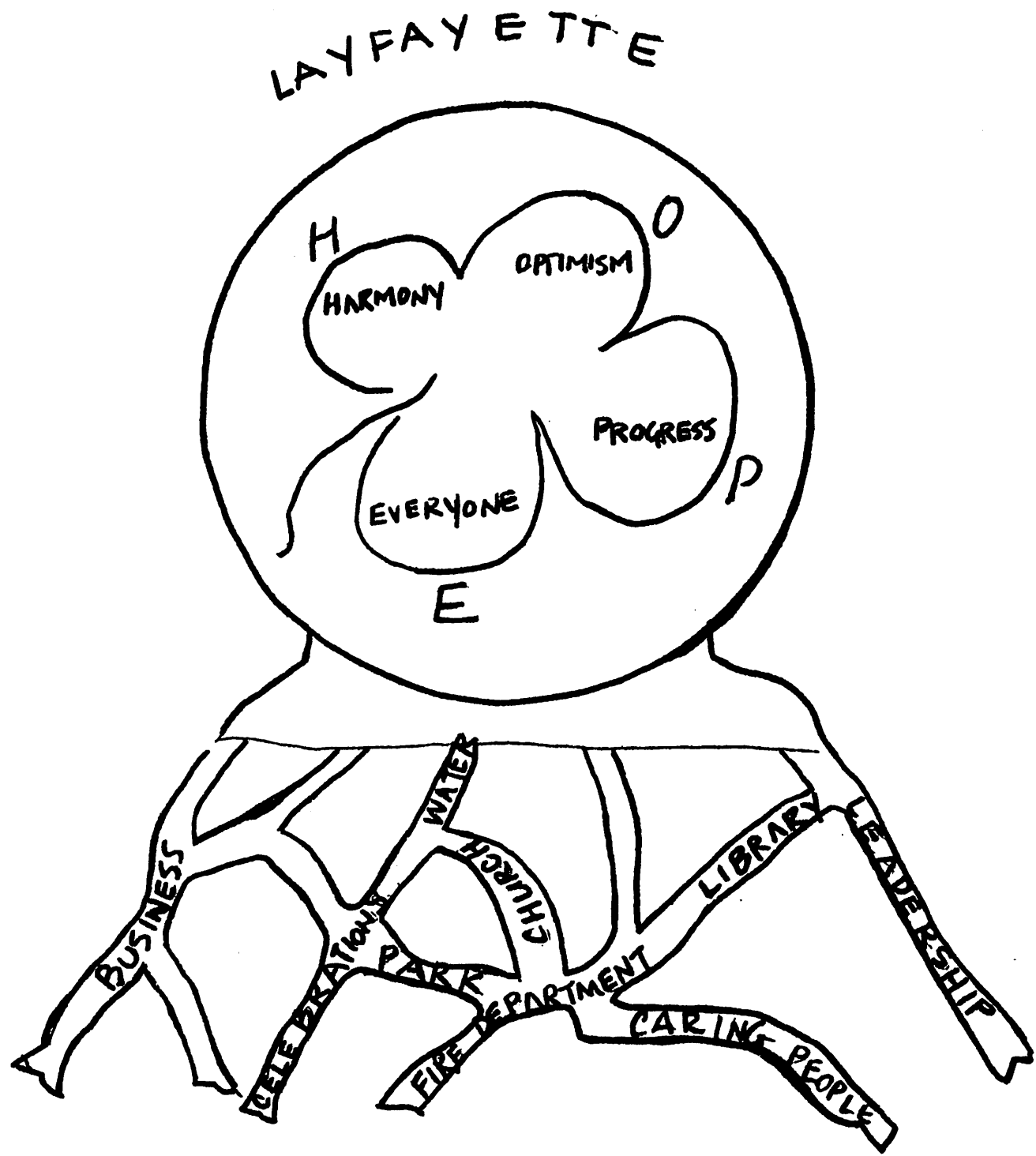


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"Lafayette: We've Only Just Begun"

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We've only just begun -- to build
Better Community;
Celebrations are here, and still:

Our Roots make it that way -- Today
Tomorrow, always;
As residents full of pride, we say:

We've really just begun -- To gaze
Into the crystal ball;
And see the future of better days:

The village LaFayette -- will be
The model all to see;
People working in "Harmony"

Love, Trust & Unity, (special ending)
Love, Trust & Unity...

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Future Dreams

Beautification
More business
Doctor -- medical services
Remain as friendly
Retain Identity
New homes built
Sewage system (desposal)
Decreased out - migration
Continued storing churches
Good school system
Up graded water department
Active community center
Better Law Enforcement
Even better community spirit
Community support

Past Strengths

The church
The school (now gone)
Community Concern
Acceptance of strangers
Good fire department
Building torn down
Park recently improved
FANTASTIC mayor and board
Solid bicentennial celebration
Two annual reunions
 with mile long parade
Great centennial celebration
75th year celebration of the church
Opra House
Good library
Lafayette Fair

Present Concerns

School is closing
Question: What happens to school property?
Installing adequate storm warning system
Growing drug problem
Sub Standard housing
Getting beautification to "click off" other things being done
Incentive for growth
Incentives for folks to move to town
Dealing with negative attitudes
Getting something going for the kids

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CHALLENGES

#1 In the Arena of: Concerned People...

These blocks exist:

1. Peer Pressure
2. Lacking education for adults & youth
3. Lack of direction & coordination
4. Lack of activities for kids
5. Lack of housing
6. Lacking improved public services

Indicating the underlying Contradiction facing Lafayette is:

ORGANIZED COMMUNITY EFFORT.

#2 In the Arena of: Community Concern...

These blocks exist:

1. Not enough study time
2. Legal technicalities in returning property to the town
3. Substandard Exists
4. People living on fixed incomes
5. Inflationary costs
6. Legal aspects such as invasion of privacy

Indicating the underlying contradiction facing LaFayette is:

CONTINUING TO WORK TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY.

#3 In the Arena of: Community Environment...

These blocks exist:

1. People tend to be self-centered
2. A few people doing a lot of the work
3. People getting discouraged when they find no support
4. Many people living on fixed incomes

Indicating the Underlying Contradiction facing LaFayette is:

PEOPLE NOT CONCERNED ENOUGH TO GET ACTIVE.

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PROPOSALS

#1 We the people of LaFayette intend to:

WORK TOGETHER TOWARD ACHIEVEMENT & CREATING NEW IDEAS

- By:
1. Education programs
 2. Regular Town Meetings
 3. Keeping all our organizations imformed
 4. Electing (appointing) a Planning Committee
 5. Setting up a Buliten Board
 6. Organizing a youth center
 7. Getting a full time manager
 8. Increasing festivals
 9. Obtaining our school property
 10. Securing the Link between Town & Country

#2 We the people of LaFayette intend to:

LEAVE NO ONE OUT OF OUR TOTAL EFFORT & ACTIVELY RECRUIT SUPPORT

- By:
1. Stirr 'em up
 2. Run many newspaper reports
 3. Elect (appoint) a Planning Committee
 4. Find out what folks can do well, and get 'em doing it
 5. Give every organization a task to do
 6. Hold fund raising programs

#3 We the people of LaFayette intend to:

LET IT BE KNOWN WE ARE WORKING FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY

- By:
1. Publication of intents
 2. Hiring a promoter
 3. Running LaFayette articles regularly in newspapers
 4. Generally spreading the word

#4 We the people of LaFayette intend to:

IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY IMAGE: "NEAT UP & CLEAN UP"

- By:
1. Clear weeds
 2. Involve cub scouts and girl scouts
 3. Put up "Welcome Signs"
 4. Plant flowers
 5. "Clean up, fix up, shape up -- or Ship out!"
 6. Plant trees.

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ATTENDANCE

Mayor Clyde Ham -- Toulon
Dorthy Ham
Jim Elbert -- Chairman: LaFayette County Board
Helen Rashid
Mayor Bill Andrew -- LaFayette
Henry Pease
Dorothy Clague
Shirley Shambaugh
H. Dean Shambaugh
Marie Todd
Kathryn Rashid
George Taylor
Wayne Martin
John Payne
Lolabel Taylor
Phylis Blake
J. Dale White
Ella Smoke
Aaron Smoke
Bill Andrey
Gerald White
Mae Martin
Walt Bass
Mary Ann Schieier
Marie Sherbeyn
Sandra Bliss
Dorothy Headly
Frank Watson
Marcine Watson
Don Clague
Rev. Reiner
Mrs. Reiner
Glenda Johnson
Rob Bartlett