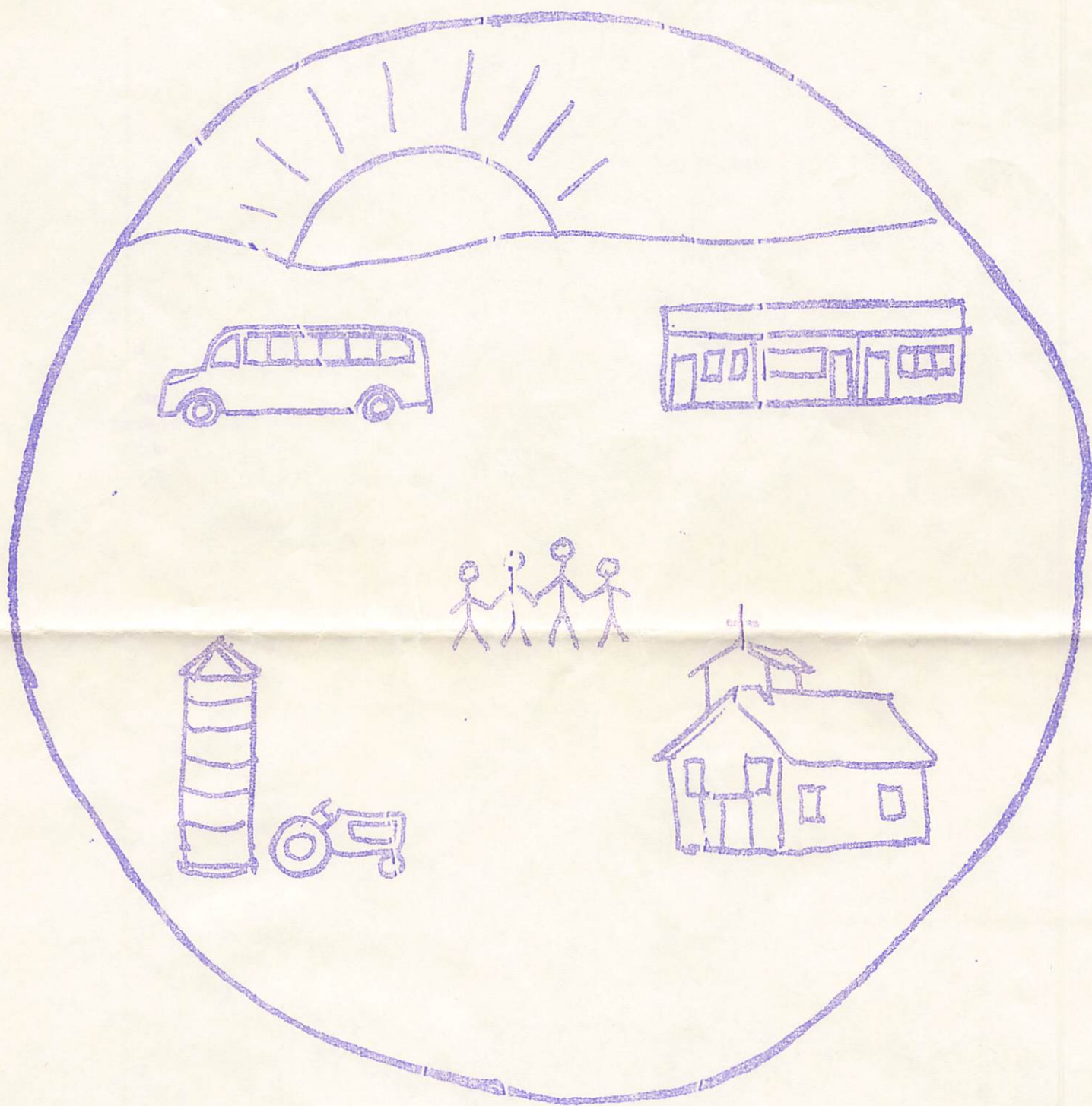


THE SUN IS RISING....



.... ON MELVIN!

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VENTURE FORTH MELVIN

(tune: Take me out to the ball game)

Families came to a swampland
Seeing what it could be
Saw that when drained it was rich land
Sure to explode with vitality.

Soon came churches, schools
and a county fair
our pride for 51 years
We have grown, served
gave our country our best
To our town 3 cheers!

Now we've seen a Centennial
The past was great and now
With youth in search of tomorrow
Valid questions from all we'll allow.

Now our future lies in our own hands
together we can win
So come young, old, and all in between
Venture forth Melvin!

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FUTURE DREAMS

Clean up and Beautification
Community Center
Bein' Busy and Prospering
Family Recreation
New Homes Built
Maintain our Schools
New Medical Facilities -- Doctor & Dentist
Curbs on the Streets
Animal Control
New Industry
Programs for Vitalization -- Keeping People Interested
Constructive & Productive Activities for Youth, elders & all in the middle
Expanded Business Community
Cooperation

PAST STRENGTHS

Successful Centennial
Held County Fair for 51 years
Congressmen from Melvin for 40 years
Strong Women's Club
Strong Veteran's Club
Hometown Paper for 60 years
Fertile Soil
Citizens with Foresight
Four Strong Churches
The Elevator Fire of 1961
First Airmail Service out of Melvin (many, many years ago)
Good Fire Department
3 Presidents visited here: Ford - Nixon - McKinley

PRESENT CONCERNS

Cleaning up the junk in town
Need good drinking water
Animal Control
Sewage Disposal
Young Folks leaving town
Taxes
Drug Problems
Getting "Good Old Religion"
Vandalism & Petty Theft
Need Park Facility -- Lack recreation opportunities
Cooperation
Revitalization of Businesses (old buildings)
Getting workers for projects
Leadership
Getting Doctor & Dentist
Getting Drug Store
Starting new Small Businesses & Industries
Recruit more Handimen
ERA amendment

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CONTRADICTIONS

I. In the arena of **NEEDED ENFORCEMENT** these conditions exist:

1. Processes get bogged down with mechanics
2. People on fixed incomes can't afford sewage systems
3. Animal control gets out of hand
4. Vandalism and petty theft

This indicates that the underlying contradiction facing Melvin has to do with:

NEED FOR ALL TO COOPERATE TO MAKE THE SYSTEMS EFFECTIVE

II. In the arena of **COOPERATION AND CARING** These conditions exist:

1. People are afraid of causing hard feelings
2. Poor law enforcement
3. Very few employment opportunities for young people
4. People don't want to get involved

This indicates that the underlying contradiction facing Melvin has to do with:

LACK OF COMMUNITY CONCERN

III. In the arena of **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT** these conditions exist:

1. Projects such as a fulltime doctor, dentist, or drugstore are not economically feasible
2. Low population
3. Population makeup doesn't support fulltime services such as these
4. Cost of such projects is too high for a community of this size and makeup

Families

This indicates that the underlying contradiction facing Melvin has to do with:

NEED MORE CARING PEOPLE

Families

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PROPOSALS

- I. We the citizens of Melvin intend to:
COLLECT, ORGANIZE, AND PUBLICIZE THE IDEAS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITY
for the betterment of the community

- BY: 1. Discussion and collection of everyone's ideas
2. Overcoming personal barriers (\$)
3. Ask for opinions

- II. We the citizens of Melvin intend to:
BECOME AWARE OF AND RESPOND TO ALL THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

- BY: 1. Openmindedness to new ideas
2. Determine Senior Citizen needs (housing, etc.)
3. Survey town for Business needs
4. Survey town for possible business starters
5. Supporting businesses we have
6. Make opportunity available for doctor/dentist
7. Assist medical student with scholarship and place to work

- III. We the citizens of Melvin intend to:
DIRECT OUR CITIZENS, ESPECIALLY YOUTH, AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY THAT
THEY MIGHT FIND FULFILLMENT IN THIS COMMUNITY

- BY: 1. Establish proper penalties for infractions
2. Constructive penalties, not punishment
3. Aid young people to use talents in starting business
4. Sharing knowledge by elders to youth

- IV. We the citizens of Melvin intend to:
DEVELOPE PRIDE AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY THRU FELLOWSHIP

- BY: 1. Telephone Happiness Chain
2. Parents involvement with children
3. Get more folks involved
4. Development of Small project as example
5. Involve youth in good deed work as well as payment work
6. Unsightly areas: -everybody pitch in
-spring cleanup day
-pride development
-"coat of arms"
-T-shirts
-Special Recognition
-Beautification

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PARTICIPANTS

1. Mrs. Miriam Stilwell
2. Mrs. Shirley Painter
3. Mrs. Dorothy Jensen
4. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hand
5. Mrs. Fred Thackeray
6. Myrtle Schneider
7. Aldene Thackeray
8. Jendell Thackeray
9. Jeanne Craft
10. Gene Froidcoeur
11. Dan Froidcoeur
12. Albert Froidcoeur
13. Edna Froidcoeur
14. C. Glen Miller
15. Clifford Waller
16. John Clark
17. Ken Gravin
18. Vern Shapland
19. Frank and Dorothy Rands
20. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Sweeringen
21. Ken Muelenphert
22. David Stogdill
23. Gerald D. Lackey
24. Lynn Broughton
25. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kietzman
26. Glenn Clauss
27. Mr. and Mrs. Ca Weber
28. Mr. and Mrs. El Spellmeyer
29. Pauline Lippincott
30. Mr. and Mrs. Vic Haasnauer
31. Catherine Bundy
32. Bob Bartlett