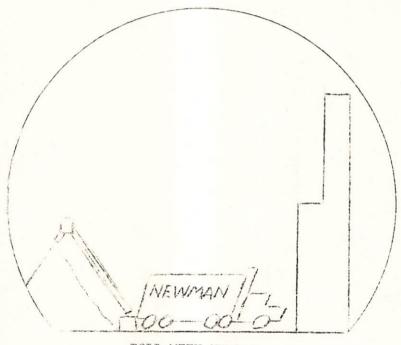
Douglas County



ROLL WITH NEWMAN (Newman, Illinois)

Newman Town Meeting 178

Feb. 2, 1978

### HOME IN NEWMAN

tune: "Home on the Range"

Oh give me a home in a small country town Where the people are nice and so free, We wish other Tribes would come here to stay And all become natives like me.

Home, home in Newman,
The place of contentment and peace,
Where people on't Roam
But willing to stay home,
To build a great home in Newman.

## FUTURE EXPECTATIONS

A new Grab-it Grocery Store

New Businesses

No Empty Busines Stores

Bus Stop In Town

Swimming Pool

Sewage System

Beautified Downtown

Schools Remaining Here

All Residents (in and out of town) Shopping Here

Local Folk Supporting Town

Newman Meeting All Needs

Home-owned Newspaper

Complete Youth Activities

Full Menu Restaurant open in the Evenings

### PAST STRENGTHS

Originated in 1857
A His tory of Good Business
Dr. H. I. Conn Served the town for Many Years
An Ability toiSieze Opportunity (elder home creation)
Farm Service Community
(roads paved comming into town but not paved going out)

#### PRESENT BLOCKS

Need for Capitalization Need for Rural and Village Folks both Identify Newman's Destiny as Common Not Grasping Consequences of Loosing School Highly Mobile Style of Living (draws away support) People not Informed on Issues Need to Bring in Commerce Changing the "Retirement Image" Publicizing "The Dream" Need an Organized Business Club Getting Excitemen t about and coordination of Groups toward Moving Blocks Gaining Awareness of Community Purpose Availability of Land for Development Necessary Sewage for Development Involving Interest of Young People Need for Rental Housing and New Housing Unwillingness to accept new Things

- "In the are na of "Roll or Die" the fact that:
  - 1. this is a retirement town
  - 2. stimulating interest is lacking
  - 3. out of town buying continues indicates the underlying challenge facing Newman Area is:

## Civil Lethargy.

- #2 In the arena of "Fosilization" the fact that:
  - 1. there is resistance to change
  - 2: there is need for cooperation with the media
  - 3. a feeling that most citizens don't want new business
  - 4. there is no need to change the "retirement image"

indicates the underlying challenge facing Newman Area is:

# Firing up Folks Sitting in a Rut.

- #3 In the arena of "Growing With Newman" the fact that:
  - 1. there is a lack of jobs
  - 2. population is decreasing
  - 3. there is a lack of leadership, civic pride & the story "too busy"

indicates the underlying challenge facing Newman Area

Population loss due to Lack of Jobs and Lack of Housing.

- We the citizens of Newman Area intend to Renovate the Newman Downtown by:
  - 1. Beautifying the streets.
  - 2. Attracting new businesses.
  - 3. Creating a theme for the Downtown.
- We the citizens of Newman Area intend to Give our youth help in Determining their Behavior (and creating an example) by:
  - 1. Enforcing stricter punishment for vandalism.
  - 2. Creating a Mini-Theater.
  - 3. Involving the HS art class in creating Downtown Theme and other developments.
- We the citizens of Newman Area intend to Maintain Community Unity
  by:
  - 1. Emphasizing the Newman Summer Festival.
  - 2. Hold regular events (such as an Easter Breakfast).
  - 3. Establish a Community Bulliten Board in Square.
  - 4. Stimulate involvement in the Community Newspaper.

Attendance List

Sylvia Epperson

Mary McGrath

Austin Rutherford

Vern Frazier, Mayor

Geof Luth

Allen & Verna Shireman

George Emmons

Dick Parker

Jayne Hooe

Millie Allen

Rob Bartlett

Catherine Bundy