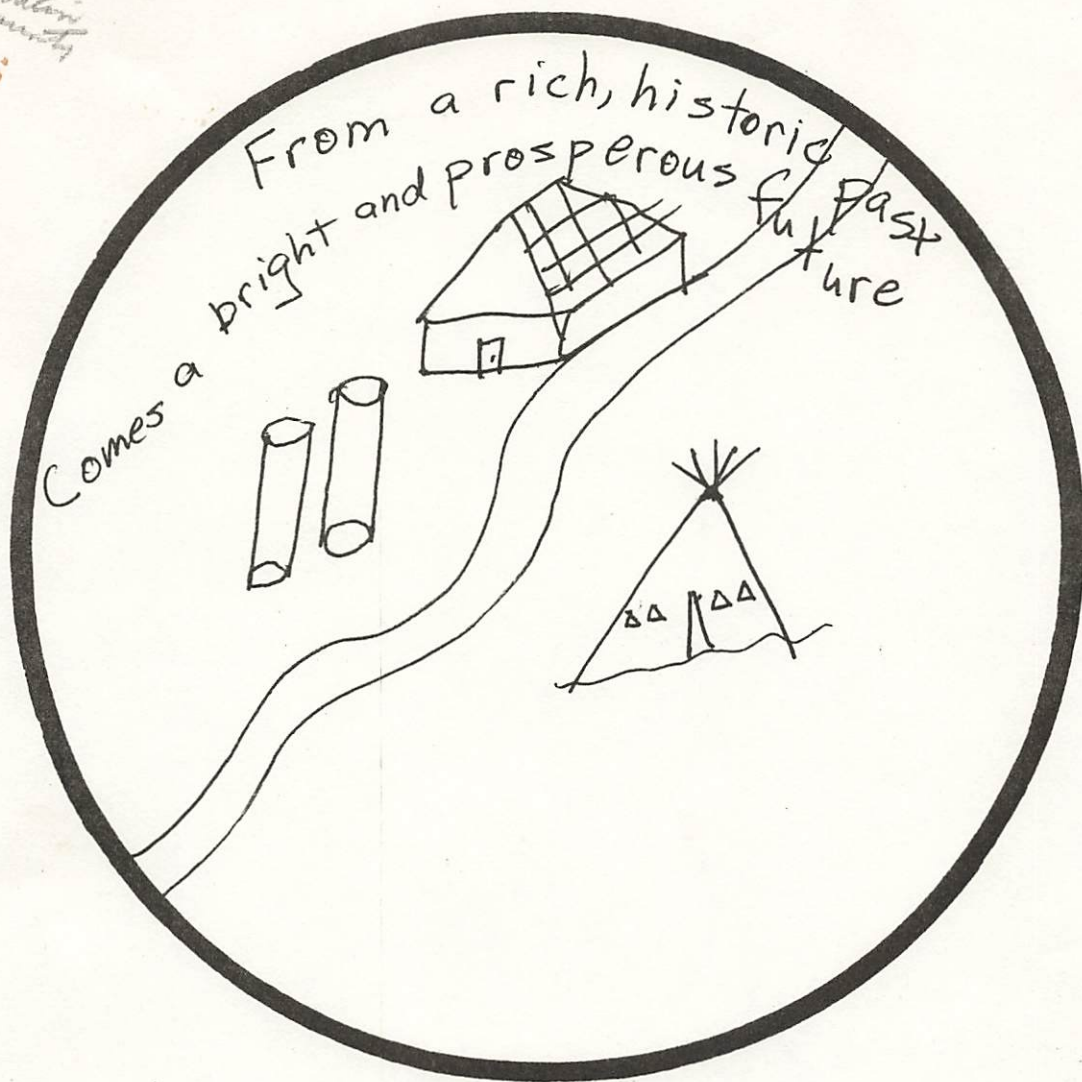


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County

Old Shawneetown

ILLINOIS

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Town Meeting: Illinois

THE SONG

THEME SONG

(tune: Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight)

When you hear the calliope a-playin'
People gather 'round
and you know what they are saying:

OLD SHAWNEETOWN NEEDS YOUR ACTION AND YOUR PRAYER

They'll be a TOWN MEETING in the Old Town tonight.

THE STORY

A great thriving town devastated by extreme flooding
was moved and divided .

In its desperate return to greatness, it has had no
co-operation from the firms it has helped built.

Our aim is to bring togetherness and trust among the
citizens.

PAST EVENTS

Oldest incorporated town in Illinois
Founded in 1810
Ohio River- A force in the community
 -commerce
 -floods, the whole town had to move
Built on an Indian mound
In 1820's town was the financial center for the state
First continuous post office in the state
 elevator
Coal Company
Water System
Newest village in the state- 1957

FUTURE HOPES AND DREAMS

Old Shawnee Town as historical district
Repair Levee
New roads
Sewers
Enlarged port authority
Take some taverns down
Clean up community
More industry and jobs
Water drains
Make the town another Williamsburg
State park cleaned up
Move salvage yard outside town

PRESENT CONCERNS

Better law enforcement
Nothing happened on river bank project
No one repairing the roads
Drug problem
Port Authority just left--bad management
Old Shawneetown isn't getting the money
Community building application
Bug Control
Need bus shelters for children
Move Port Authority office from New to Old Shawneetown
New Fire Dept.
Overhaul Drainage system
Swamp created by the State
People won't move in until water is taken care of
Town Government
Hard to get grants
Large businesses won't hire local people
Unfair hiring practices
Youth recreation
Need community building
Unemployment Village Board and Clerk assigned

I. WAITIN' FOR THE WAGON

In the arena of how to use local resources, these blocks exist: lack of know-how, lack of citizen initiative, cooperation of city government, getting the run-around at the State level. This indicates that the underlying contradiction is a distrust locally that is due to a cycle of citizen depression and lack of adequate leadership. This is illustrated by suggestions made to the town Board that don't get done, publicity on the town is always negative, junk stays in yards, the negative attitude of New Shawneetown toward Old Shawneetown is given ammunition.

II. WE TAKE "NO" FOR AN ANSWER

In the arena of community inaction, these blocks exist: fear, lack of leadership, ignoring things seen, lack of skills, no followthrough with plans of new and improved roads, grants, and the Port Authority situation. This indicates that the underlying contradiction is that a "we can't" attitude stops people from cooperating and getting things done; they talk about things at home but do nothing more. This is illustrated by no two people in this meeting have talked to or written to their State Representatives.

III. THE STRAW THAT BROKE THE CAMEL'S BACK or
THE ANT AND THE ELEPHANT

In the arena of community action and leadership, these blocks exist: no State responsibility, lack of communication, lack of cooperation, inadequate facilities for Port Authority office, no training programs, lack of know-how, big business isn't cooperating with the town. This indicates that the underlying contradiction is that large businesses and institutions present in the community have no interest in the town's welfare and the town has no influence with the businesses and institutions. This is illustrated by companies wining and dining out of town and the streets not being kept up by the companies that use them.

I. Make Shawneetown Shinytown

We the citizens of Old Shawneetown, in order to bring people together, propose a town clean-up campaign through

1. Determine goal and plan for the clean-up day.
2. Publicity through newspaper, radio, and posters.
3. Recruiting volunteers.
4. Refreshments during clean-up day.
5. Party at conclusion.

II. Old Shawneetown Chamber of Commerce

We the citizens of Old Shawneetown in order to demonstrate that the people are the government propose forming a Chamber of Commerce through

1. Get by-laws.
2. Form a committee.
3. Do work projects through the Chamber.
4. Go to big business to get help for the city.

III. Village Meeting

We the citizens of Old Shawneetown, in order to get leadership and organization for getting things done, propose to have another Town Meeting through

1. Call the meeting.
2. Set a date.
3. Appoint a speaker.
4. Publicity.
5. Select the meeting place.
6. Decide a purpose.

WORK PROJECTS

- Get ideas for Chipola Day
- Clean up project
- Upgrade Fire Dept.
- Fund raising events for Fire Dept.
- Mowing and keeping the levee clean - publicity

FORMING CITIZEN COMMITTEES

- Committees to work on town projects
- Citizens presenting proposals to the Town Board
- Form citizen committee to talk to big business
- Get support for committees from local govt.
- Send citizen representative to be on Port Auth. Bd.

HAVE ANOTHER TOWN MEETING

- Have another Town Meeting
- Demonstrate support for leaders
- Get leadership to participate in organization
for getting things done

OLD SHAWNEETOWN
TOWN MEETING

March 31, 1978

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