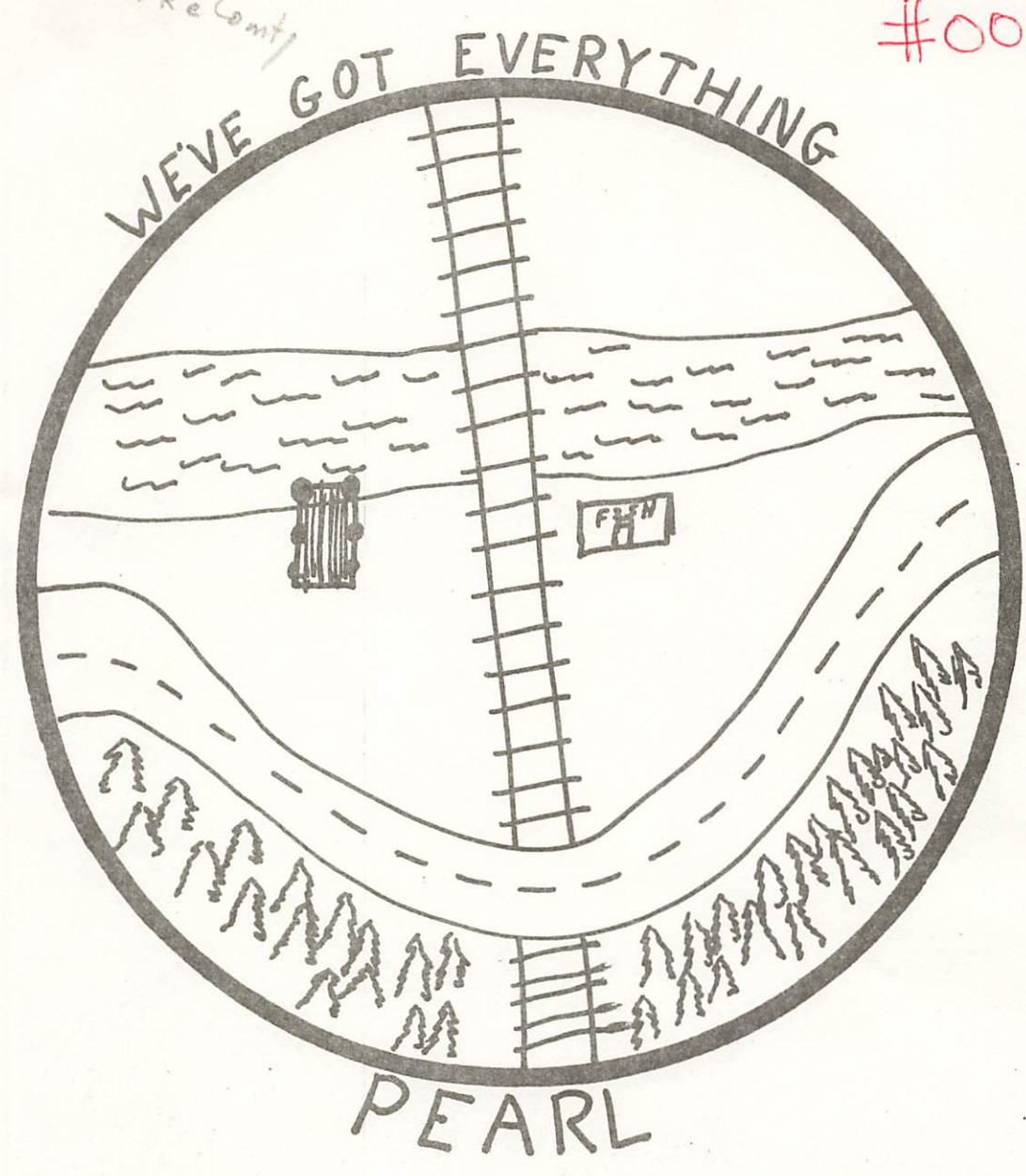


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Town Meeting: Illinois

April 22, 1978

THE NEW SONG

NEW LIFE IN PEARL

Here in Pearl we have a railroad  
Right in the center of town.  
If we learn to work together  
We can bring this town around

It takes community involvement  
It takes new industry and clout  
And we're going to move together  
To bring this all about.

tune: I've been working on the railroad

## THE BRAINSTORMS

-The Past

Incorporated in 1880's  
Along the Illinois River  
Hunting  
Fishing  
Scenery  
Good Neighbors

Quarry  
Button Factory  
Power Plant  
Pulp Mill  
Fish Market  
Locker Plant  
Poultry Plant

The Future

Better Employment in Town  
Firm Tax Base  
Recreation for Children  
Town Recognition  
Sewer INstalled

New Industry  
New Housing  
New Image  
Tear down and Build

Present Issues

Securing loan for Sewer  
Below standard Housing  
Town looked down upon  
Few local bussinesses  
so money goes out  
Fixed incomes limits Growth  
Lack of Citizen Interest  
Untapped resources- lack of  
know how for making best use

State makes plans without  
consulting local areas  
Road upkeep and improvements  
Population Declining  
Economy has to move from agriculture  
predomenence to another base  
Revenues get spent where voters live  
Young people have to go elsewhere  
to find jobs

## THE CHALLENGES

In the arena of economics; these blocks exist: lack of concern, cooperation, knowledge, and follow-thru. This indicates that the underlying contradiction is not knowing where or to who we can sell what we can offer for an industry. This is illustrated by no new industry.

In the arena of civic pride, these blocks exist: lack of cooperation, and knowledge of tapping resources, people are reluctant to assume leadership, and the cost of new ventures. This indicates that the underlying contradiction is that we haven't found a way to get the whole town moving in one direction.

In the arena of political cooperation, these blocks exist; limited political voice in state and county matters, and an unresponsive bureaucracy. This indicates that the underlying contradiction is not knowing how to deal with state/county bureaucracy, and not bannng together with other small towns with same problems. This is illustrated by not learning about plans until they're in action.

RESPONSE BRAINSTORM

Economic Knowhow

Know our state representative  
Invite the state representative to town  
Social hour with state rep.  
Use state agency/dept. referral phone number  
Trade magazine information on small industry  
Find industry

Civic Pride

Clean up the town  
Shape challenge  
Recreation center  
Supervised summer program for young  
Village meeting center  
Get people together to build community center  
Group to recruit volunteer leadership

Political Clout

Volunteers for new board members  
Call meeting together with other mayors in area  
Appoint planning committee  
Make brochure that shows community's assets and advantages

THE PROPOSALS

Take Pride In Our Town

We the citizens of Pearl, in order to draw the town together, propose to CLEAN UP THE TOWN, AND START A RECREATION PROGRAM. Through informing citizens, inviting their participation, laying out the plan, and drawing up a schedule; working thru the Ag boys, FHA PTA, and churches.

New Life For Pearl

We the citizens of Pearl, in order to promote new industry, propose a WORKING MEETING WITH STATE REPRESENTATIVE where we present our assets and questions. Through pulling together a committee to determine our assets, get out our questions, send a letter to state rep. explaining the situation and inviting him, schedule meeting, then meet with him and discuss possibilities.

Branch Out

We the citizens of Pearl, in order to cooperate with towns, and activate more leadership, propose to WORK WITH OTHER TOWNS on similar concerns. Through the town board contacting other boards regarding similar concerns and sharing ideas on what can work.

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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

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