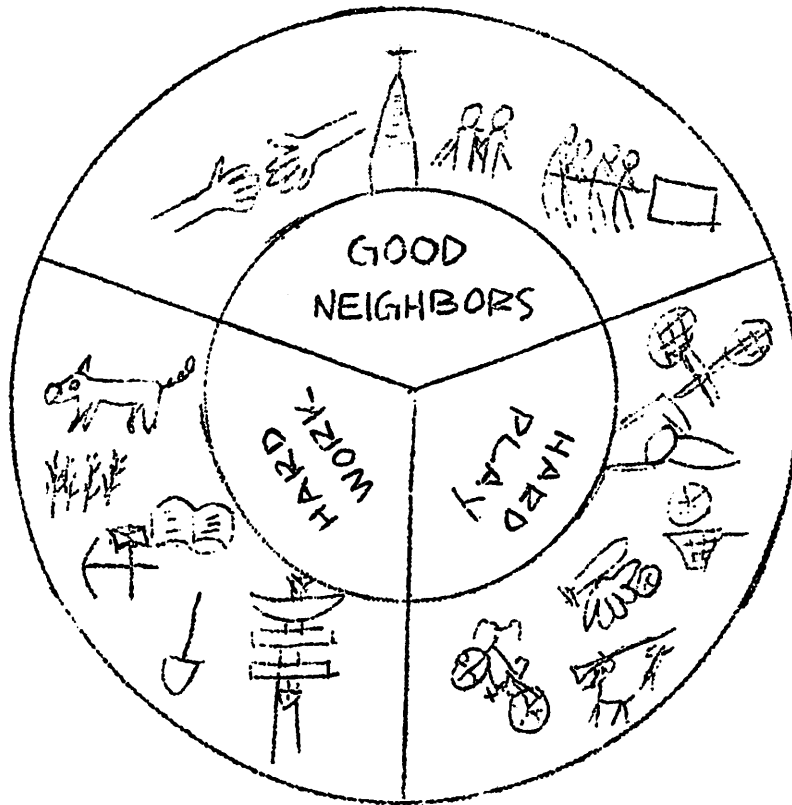


Band County



POCAHONTAS TOWN MEETING

December 5,
1977

PAST

The past of Pokey is marked by building a community up from the beginning around a coal mine. We saw that there are street signs, a water system, sewers, paved streets, and we've seen a strong sense of neighborliness among the people in Pokey--especially in times of need.

PRESENT

Now we're experiencing growth. With the arrival of the interstate there is mixed feelings about how to handle the growth we foresee.

FUTURE

As we look to the future we need to continue a search for water, improve on our recreation facilities, continue to help our neighbors in time of need. Work for an ever stronger civic pride and support our young. We need to support new business and look for growth which will create jobs for our people.

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Come, Fall in Love with Pokey

Tune: If I had a Hammer

Come, fall in love with Pokey,
We like our small town life,
We've got the big city not far from us too;
We do without danger,
We do without comotion,
And we've got neighbors you can call on
All over this town.

We came from a coal Town,
We settled into farming life,
We built on the early pride
Right up to this day;
And we will say it now,
We like our small town life,
And we know that some will go,
But most will stay.

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Challenge Arenas:

1. Improvements and Expansion
2. More jobs
3. Senior Citizens' Services
4. Recreation

Challenge Statements:

GOVERNMENT GRANTS

In the arena of improvements and expansion of Pocahontas, the fact that there is a lack of money for improvements in the water system, indicates that the underlying contradiction is the supply and source of federal grants for improvements. This contradiction is illustrated by lack of cooperation from other towns from which source would be derived, and the time and material stipulations of federal government.

CIVIC-MINDED PEOPLE NEEDED

In the arena of transportation for senior citizens, the fact that there is a lack of knowledge of the peoples' needs, indicates that the underlying contradiction is a lack of civic-minded people. This contradiction is illustrated by a lack of transportation and the nearest doctor being ten miles away.

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COMMUNITY WORK DAY AND CELEBRATION

We the citizens of Pokahontas, in order to organize existing groups to work together on one community effort, propose a clean-up week for all ages to be held during the summer followed by a community celebration, through 1) Notifying all existing groups and laying out a plan, 2) Using posters, radio, local newspaper, and word-of-mouth 3) Focusing on cleaning up your own property and then looking for older folks and others who need help.

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