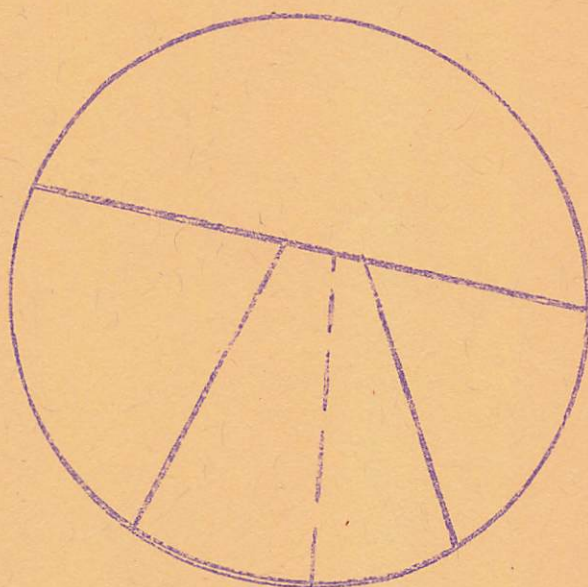


Boone County



POPLAR GROVE TOWN MEETING

Oct. 27, 1977.

Poplar Grove Song
(tune-Jingle Bells)

Woodpeckers, County Fairs,
Friendly people all;
Good apples and good hogs
Will always make you fall.

Poplar Grove, Poplar Grove,
Poplar Grove is home,
And we know that some day
Hogan's Road will grow!

COMMUNITY STRENGTHS

- Ample Farm Land
- Access to Services
- Access to Cities
- Community Personality
- Conservative Leadership
- Community Fellowship (Neighbor's Night)

COMMUNITY ISSUES

- Orderly Growth
- Preserving Farmland
- Large Enough Schools
- School Revenue
- Rural Roads Upkeep
- Sustained Services without Tax Skyrocket
- Youth Unemployment
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Local Industry
- Government Interference
- Curbing Inflation

CONTRADICTION #1

In the Economic Arena, the fact that the community is growing, people are looking for solutions, and cannot agree on issues like the condition of the tax base and care for rural roads indicates that challenge #1 is:

Inability of community to agree on priorities.

CONTRADICTION #2

In the Economic Arena, the fact that the tax base is low and is not growing as fast as the population, school funds are uncertain, and inflation does not seem to cease indicates that challenge # 2 is:

Tax Base depends on Land Taxes and are not supported by other tax sources such as light industry.

CONTRADICTION #3

In the Political and Cultural Arenas the fact that youth unemployment and juvenile delinquency exist, folks don't take opportunities that are available, and communities issues are not faced indicates that challenge #3 is:

Difficulty in motivating folks to do what's needed.

THE FIRST PROPOSAL

In order to broaden the tax base and make jobs available, we propose:

To start up a light industry by doing these steps:

1. Choose a site.
2. Promote this community to prospective owners.
3. Do PR within the community.
4. Locate the owner.
5. Get the permits and zoning O.K.
6. Hire the workers.