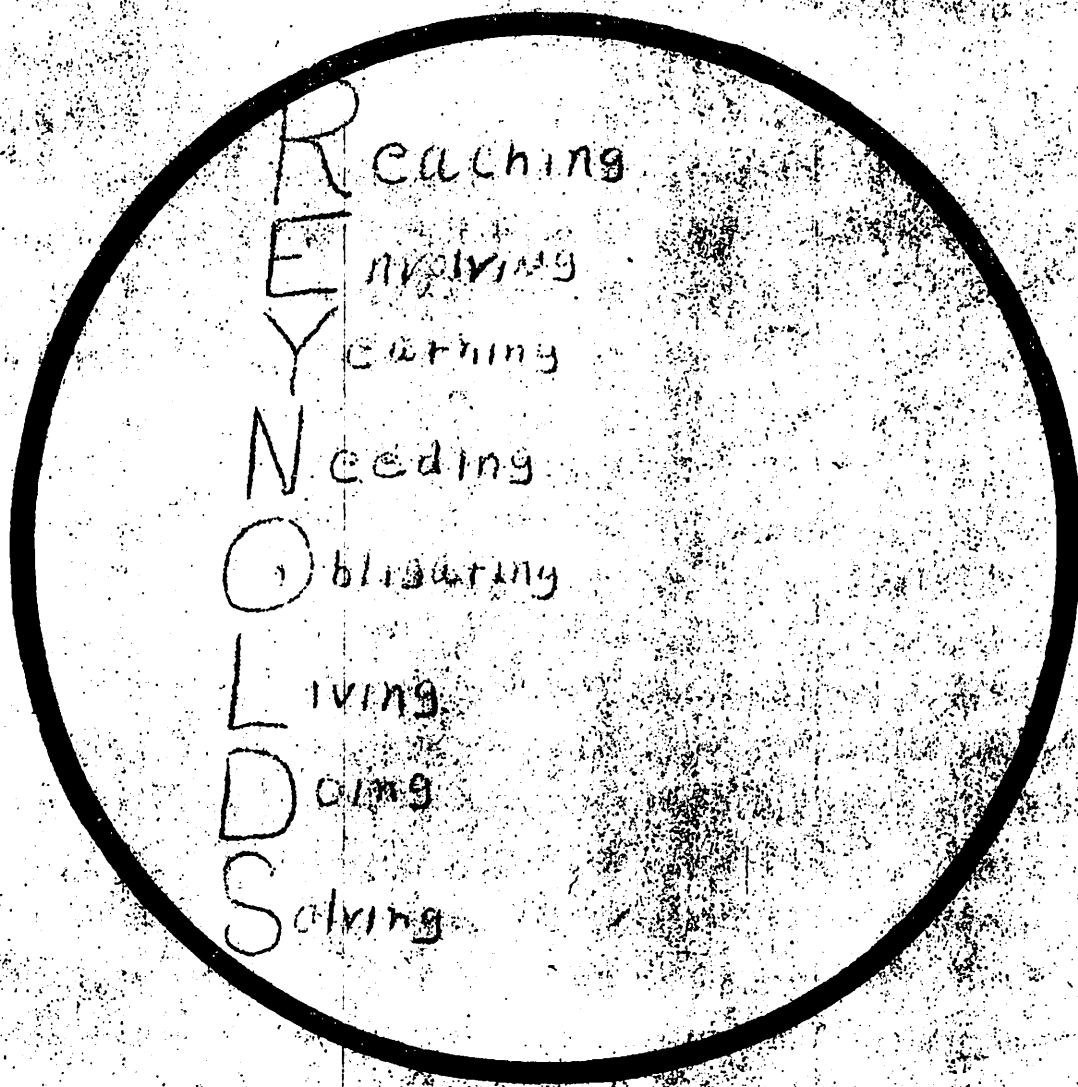


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Town Meeting: Illinois

Town Meeting
For olds

Past-Present-Future

March 15, 1978

Past Accomplishments-

Railroad and Newspaper held town together
High School
Coal Mines
Livestock and Grain went to Chicago
Farming
4 and 5 hundred pound hogs
Homecoming that women club sponsored in 1923
Opera House with Reynolds village players with 150 people to put together
Had two churches which helped attract people and they were community centers

Lycium Rt. 94 repaired
Chattaquas
Bandstand

Future Hopes and Dreams

To have a park for the community
New big library
More old people using library
Annex to make town a oh larger-feel what in
Professional People: doctors, dentist, pharmacist
Swimming pool
Day care center
Legion cost to continue as active part of community
Activities for younger people to participate in.
Annual type celebration
Hope baseball league matures

Present Issues:

Lack of facility for youth
Lack of recreational activities and facilities especially in winter
Lack of inertia
Many people live on fixed incomes
Animosity toward town
Too many people live here who don't become involved.
It's a cold time.
No plan or goal
Future leadership-who? Rt. 94 breaking up and needs repair
Youth don't seem to want to work these days
New small businesses
More professional people needed How to involve people in community

Song

WE CAN START TODAY

Tune: Cootie Stark

The Railroad came in '76

do-da

do-da

We celebrated in '76

oh-do-da-day

Born to try again

Born to show the way

The way to build a better tomorrow

And we can start today

CHANGE OF ATTITUDES NEW FOUNDATIONS

In the arena of No Future these conditions exist: inertia, people don't feel they belong, elderly on fixed incomes, there is boredom, children are not brought up to be involved, there is a need to work and a need for dirt. The underlying contradiction for Reynolds lacking the center of interest to bring the people together as a working body. This is illustrated by Legion post dying and no firm foundation.

CHANGE OF ATTITUDES

In the arena of needing land. These conditions exist: people to be set in their ways, people don't patronize stores that we have, we don't make ourselves known-get to get name, radio cost is outstanding and prohibits use, no one person is behind recreational facility, even though they have deep roots and they are self-centered, nobody to push bringing professionals to town. This indicates that the underlying contradiction in Reynolds is Everyone has attitude that nothing will work so nothing gets started. This is illustrated by the fact that in the beginning of the centennial meeting there was a big turn out, but it petered out.

IT'S YOUR COMMUNITY

In the arena of people lacking stimulus, these conditions exist: Leadership is weak, no one wants to assert his ideas, lacking goals, inability to recognize needs, need to develop community pride, no demands from the people, lack of revenue, no political clout, no economic pressure, long range planning in other areas a hindrance. This indicates that the underlying contradiction in Reynolds is lacking leadership and realizing our assets and utilizing it. This is illustrated by no plans for the future.

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Proposals

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BUILDING TOMORROW

We the citizens of Reynolds intend to demonstrate that things can happen and that there are goals and assets here, by creating an event called "Reynolds now, building a tomorrow, through make a questionnaire with name, PR expertise, distribute and compile in three weeks; work up recognition presentation; coordination of several task forces with designating leadership, building the vision, coming from the questionnaire, selling them on their goals - "IT has been done, it can be done", and then "ARE YOU WILLING TO DO IT".

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