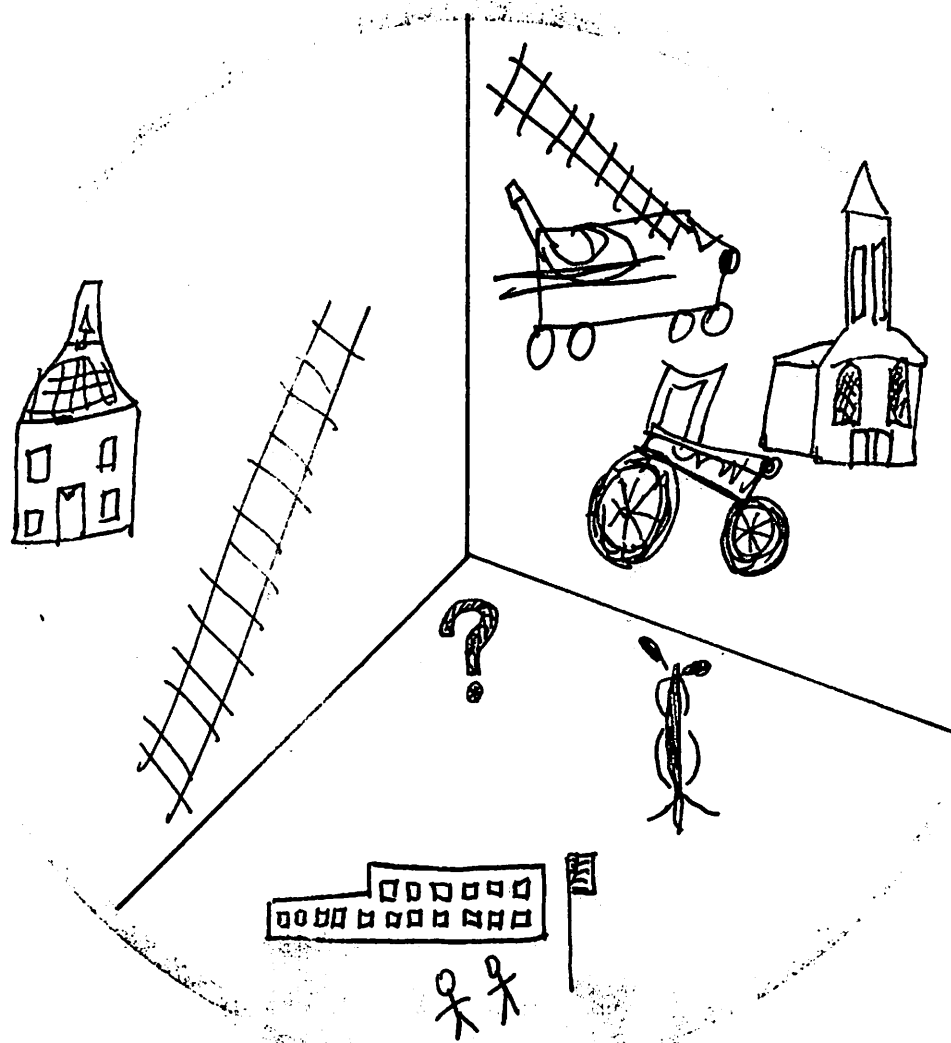


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"PROGRESSING THRU COOPERATION"

STRONGHURST TOWN MEETING

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BRAINSTORMS

PAST STRENGTHS

1. 4 good churches
2. community spirit
3. works for common goals
4. good schools
5. park--recent work
6. Fire Dept.
7. wide well laid-out street
8. active Boosters
9. good going businesses
10. opportunity to meet new people continually
11. many nice young people
12. jobs
13. opportunity for youth
14. apperance of town
15. friendly place to live
16. recently started Lions
17. 1885--railroad town
18. named fro two railroad contractors--Strong and Hurst
19. "6 mile town"
20. fires: churchburned
locker plant twice
school burned
21. part of 6 townships to raise 35,000 for ambulence

FUTURE DREAMS

1. still here
2. medical center
3. sewage system
4. better schools
5. average age of citizens
6. expanded shopping outlets
7. better recreational facilities
8. young peoples center
9. dealing with drug problems

PRESENT CONCERNS

1. youth hard to reach
2. drug problem
3. number of businesses decreasing
4. schools--getting money for running it; curriculum
5. sewage system
6. lack of health facilities
7. Senior Citizens Housing
8. Young people idle
9. lack knowing where to go for help on projects
10. need a doctor
11. lack of communiciation
12. lack of interest--people don't take part
13. taxes incorrectly used
14. how to deal with inflation
15. maintaining basic services at a reasonable price
16. community supprt in crisis only
17. people won't attend meetings or run for affice

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Fast the Future

(tune: School Days)

Stronghurst, Stronghurst

the train once stopped in Stronghurst

we have fine people in our town

and fast the future is coming round

Stronghurst, Stronghurst

we all like living right here.

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CHALLENGES

- I. In the arena of Community Participation,
the fact that most people do not participate together
and many have full schedules
indicates that the underlying contradiction is that
THE DOERS ARE OVERWORKED AND THE OTHERS ARE INDIFFERENT.
This contradiction is illustrated by only a few go to meetings
and they go to several a night sometimes.
- II. In the arena of the Future Wellbeing of the Youth of the
Community, the fact that people do not display concerned
interest indicates that the underlying contradiction is a
SOCIAL CLIMATE IN WHICH PEOPLE WOULD RATHER CRITICIZE THAN
BECOME INVOLVED. This is illustrated by conflict in the local
school situation.
- III. In the arena of An Inflationary Period,
the fact that a small population, lack of funds on state and
local levels, apathy among the town people, and "small circle"
pride indicate that the underlying contradiction is the
INABILITY FOR THE GRASSROOTS TO COMMUNICATE LOCALLY AND WITH
THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS. This contradiction is illustrated
by comparison of La Harpe and Stronghurst.
- IV. In the arena of Political Commonality,
the fact that people lack cooperation with each other
indicates that the underlying contradiction is that PEOPLE ARE
UNWILLING TO BE INVOLVED FINANCIALLY OR PHYSICALLY. This
contradiction is illustrated by poor attendance at this meeting.

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PROPOSALS

- I. We the citizens of Stronghurst, in order to keep the community informed, propose a WEEKLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE NEWSPAPER through solicitation of various organizations to submit information of their activities to Quill.
- II. We the citizens of Stronghurst, in order to involve people, propose a CLEANUP DAY THROUGH INVOLVING YOUTH AND CITIZENS.
- III. We the citizens of Stronghurst, in order raise funds for improvements, propose to INVESTIGATE GOVERNMENT FUNDING, THROUGH INVITING PEOPLE to a discussion with a RC&D representative.
- IV. We the citizens of Stronghurst, in order to provide more youth and adult activity, propose REGULAR ADULT_YOUTH DANCES AND ENTERTAINMENT, THROUGH A COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF YOUTH, ADULTS AND SENIOR CITIZENS to investigate best times, funding, local talent, publicity, evaluation of each one held for betterment of next one.
- V. We the citizens of Stronghurst in order to provide constructive use of human energy, propose campaign to acquire additional playground equipment for the park, through cooperation of all community clubs--Boosters, Lions, Jaycees, Senior Citizens churches, school, Legion.

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PARTICIPANTS

1. Doris Grigsby
2. Richard Knutstrom
3. Carl J. Jacobson
4. Curt Eisevneceyz (?)
5. Imogene Jacobson
6. Jesse L. Reboor
7. Ivan Jacobs
8. Mike Stenger
9. Ken Jarvis
10. Sandy Jarvis
11. Mary Stenger
12. Joanne Baxter
13. Ida Mae Rose
14. Dr. Gary G. Graves
15. Tedi Maves
16. Grace Mc Fall
17. Bob Mc Fall
18. John L. Richey
19. David L. Vancil
20. Mayor Howard Grigsby
21. Catherine Bundy--Town Meeting:Illinois



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