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MAN POWER IN CHARITON BASIN

Planning Program Presents Illuminating Example of Mass Cooperation Among People of a Fegion in Solving Their Own Problems

Chairman S.V. Carpenter of the Chariton Basin Planning Board has announced the personnel of ten of twelve committees, together with technical advisers selected to work with the committees on various projects to be studied and developed in the Chariton Basin demonstration.

It is important as well as interesting to note that all these people live within the six counties of the Chariton Basin, and that none of them draws any compensation whatever for services in connection with this program.

It is infact a demonstration of cooperation among the people of a region in a program which looks forward to the betterment of the region, overcoming existing conditions which are commonly understood to be detrimental, and planning for conservation of natural and human resources, their proper use and enjoyment in the future.

Basis of Program

"The Chariton Basin Planning Board organization was set up with the idea of establishing an area under federal, state and local auspices for restoration from the effects of soil erosion, deforestation and unwise agricultural methods, " Mr. Carpenter stated.

"The demonstration contemplates unified rehabilitation for agriculture, changes that result from the program in order to determine the effectiveness of the cooperation of all agencies."

The twelve permanent committees to be established are: Forestation, water conservation, soil conservation, employment, highways, industry, public works, Government and finance, rural electrification, education, health and recreation.

Seventeen Proposals

Seventeen proposals have thus far been advanced by the Basin Planning Board, and are being studied by the agencies concerned.

A great deal of work is being done by way of gathering information for the submission of additional projects. Because of the time involved in obtaining data, development of the projects must necessarily be slow, Mr. Carpenter said.

The Basin Planning Board in cooperation with the Wayne County Fair has invited various agencies interested to present exhibits at the forthcoming Fair, August 23 to 25.

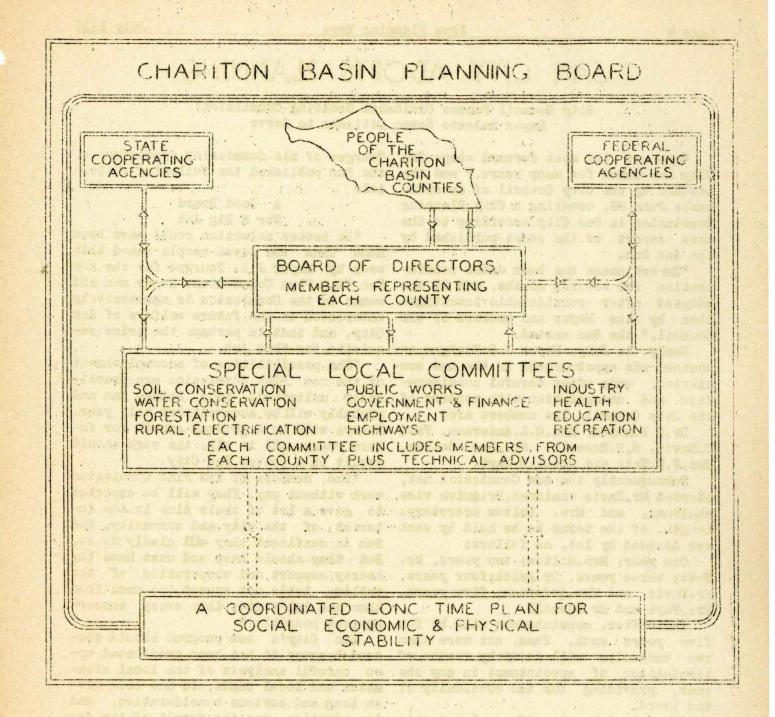
Six-County Organization

From the following list of the personnel of the Basin Planning Board and of the ten committees thus far named, it will be seen that each of the six counties in the region are represented without regard to the extent to which each industry and society. It will observe county is touched by the Chariton Basin.

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This chart illustrates the organization and operation of the Chariton Basin Planning Board and the demonstration project which has been undertaken in the six counties affected by this basin area. Working with the Board of Directors will be twelve committees, each concerned primarily with a single phase of the planning program. The chart shows the coordination between these committees and the Board of Directors, and also with the state and federal agencies working with the board infurthering the aims and objectives of the demonstration.

SAC CITY ADORTS PLANNING

City Council Passes Ordinance Creating Commission; Mayor Selects Seven Citizens to Serve

City has taken for many years," was the the Sun published the following editorpassage by the City Council of an ordi- ial: nance, June 28, creating a City Planning Commission in Sac City, according to the news report of the event published by the Sac Sun.

. "The ordinance has been under consideration for several months, and it was adopted after considerable investiga- woman on the Commission is aggressively tion by the Mayor and members of the Council," the Sun stated.

Early in July, Mayor J.B. Tourgee an- quisite for this job. nounced his appointments to the new commission, made after careful consideration and consultation with members of the City Council. The members are:

Dr.L.B.Amick, Mrs.C.L.Anderson, Fred C. Davis, H. E. Russell, Mrs. Lee Soltow, Mrs.W.W. Watt and Mrs.L.R. Wayt.

Subsequently the new Commission met, elected Mr. Davis chairman, Dr. Amick vice chairman, and Mrs. Soltow secretary. Length of the terms to be held by each was decided by lot, as follows:

One year, Mrs. Soltow; two years, Mr. Watt; three years, Dr. Amick; four years, Mr. Davis and Mrs. Anderson; five years, Mrs. Wayt and Mr. Russell.

Thereafter, appointments will be for five years each. Thus, not more than two vacancies will occur by reason of termination of appointment in any one year, providing for the continuity of the board.

sion in Sac City is in harmony with the general idea of planning in Iowa and throughout the nation," the Sun reported. "The State Planning Board is now an official body, and the city will now also have an official body for the development of the city along the lines suggested in the new ordinance."

Following announcement by Mayor

"One of the most forward steps Sac Tourgee of his Commission appointments.

A Good Board For a Big Job

"No better selection could have been made than the seven people named this week by Mayor J.B. Tourgee for the new Sac City Plan Commission. Every man and interested in the future welfare of Sac City, and that is perhaps the prime re-

"The possibilities of accomplishment of the new Plan Commission are practically unlimited. Some things can and probably will be accomplished this year. Others will be a gradual growth for future years. All in all, the work should result in a better Sac City.

"The members of the Plan Commission work without pay. They will be expected to give a lot of their time in the interest of the city and community. The Sun is confident they will gladly do so. But they should have and must have the hearty support and cooperation of the public. Let's not expect too much from them and let's give them every encouragement possible."

Sac City's new program should succeed because it has been predicated upon careful analysis of the local situation and local needs, it has been given long and serious consideration, and "The appointment of a plan commis- its adoption was the result of the decision that planning actually is needed and will be of great value to Sac City.

Sac City's planning program already has a most valuable friend and ally in the Sac Sun which has used its influence and facilities to help "sell" the people of Sac City on the necessity and desirability of planning.

CROP OUTLOOK BOOSTS STATE FAIR

Iowa Plans to Celebrate Bumper Production Year at Annual Agricultural Exposition, Aug. 27 to Sept. 3

for farm products, coupled with the biggest entertainment and educational program we ever have presented promise a. record-breaking attendance this year," Secretary A.R. Corey stated in reviewing the outlook for the 1937 Iowa State Fair.

"We are preparing for more than 350,000 visitors and will leave no stone unturned to make it the best State Fair Iowa has ever held," he said.

The fair opens officially on Friday, August 27, and will continue through Friday, September 3.

Exceed Records

Early entries indicate a gigantic exposition of I wa's farm products. 4-H club and industrial departments already exceeding all records for recent years, the fair management has announced.

Increased premium offerings and a position. notably greater number of advance entries for virtually all breeds of livestock are cited in support of the forecast for the biggest show in the history of the fair. Approximately 5,500 animals were entered in last year's livestock events. The 1937 total is expected to exceed 6,000 animals in addition to 3,000 birds in the poultry show.

The fair management is anticipating close to 2,000 animals entered by 4-H club members, with nearly that many entrants in 4-H demonstration contests, judging contests and exhibits.

Excellent crop forecasts have built

"Bumper crops in Iowa and good prices up high prospects for the general farm show, which will feature the following sections:

Iowa corn and small grain show.

Farm Bureau project exhibits by seven County Farm Bureaus and by 25 women's county groups.

> Orchard and garden produce show.

> > Apiary show.

Series of displays devoted to soil conservation, erosion control and similar government projects.

Flower show.

State creamery butter contest.

The farm equipment show will also be the largest in recent years, with upwards of 50 acres to be devoted to the ladevelopments in farm machinery and labor-saving devices.

Other educational features for the 1937 fair will include:

Statewide women's ex-

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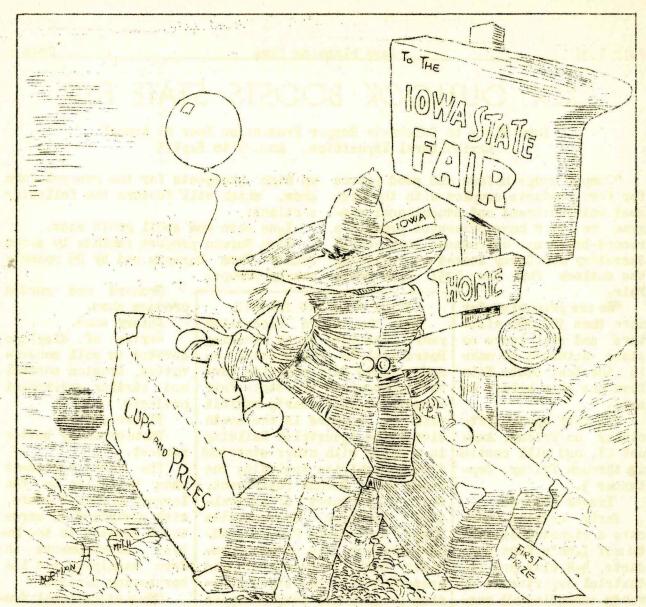
For the third successive year, the Iowa State Planning Board will be represented among State Fair exhibits thru the courtesy of the State Fair management. This year's exhibit will be located in the south tier in the Industrial Building in a group with other state and federal exhibits including the State Motor Vehicle Department. State Department of Agriculture. Civilian Conservation Corps and Works Progress Administration. The planning exhibit will include a graphic presentation of the state planning program and sample copies from the planning board's library of reports.

. Home equipment show. Mid-season motor show. First annual midwest trailer show. State 4-H club exhibits. Iowa fish and game exhibit. Public schools exposition. Annual women's hobby exhibit. Statewide art show. Second annual State Fair photographic

contest. Contests and Tournaments

Numerous contests and tournaments will be in progress daily throughout the fair, including:

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Old fiddlers contest (Aug. 27-28).

Midwest horseshoe pitching tournament Will be with the (Aug. 28-31).

Annual Iowa team pulling contest THE PROPERTY OF (Sept.1-2).

State Fair checker tournament (Aug. William Bridge, States a Control 30-31).

Iowa baby health contest.

Boys and Girls 4-H health contests. Boys 4-H livestock and crop judging contests.

Special Days

The following special days will be the state of the s featured:

Children's Day. All boys and girls under 16 years of age will be admitted according to the management. Highlights free of charge on Friday, August 27, the

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opening day of the fair. They will be guests of the fair at a huge statewide children's party in the morning, with circus acts, roder performers, boys dog training contest, clowns, daylight fireworks and music.

Farm Bureau Day. A statewide gathering of Farm Bureau members will take place on Monday, August 30. There will be speakers of national prominence in the agricultural world.

Entertainment Program

The eight-day entertainment program will be the most complete and diversified of any the fair has ever presented, (Cont'd on Page 8)

COUNTY ENGINEER VIEWS PLANNING

Excerpt from Address by Robert E. Robertson, Cerro Gordo County Engineer, at Northeast Iowa Planning Conference

new; it's as old as man. Man was created with the power to think, so that he could plan. The individual starts laying out routes; he has some objective and goal. If he hasn't, he doesn't accomplish much.

If two people join together to make a family, early in life they combine their plans. They have one objective that carries clear through life and beyond, to rear their family well.

Let's put more people together, in companies. They might occasionally have their differences as to how to lay their point. What are we doing to keep polluplans, but in the majority of cases they will be successful. They will choose one goal and drive ahead in that direction, and they are all as vitally interested in reaching that goal as the single individual, or as the man and wife in planning their activities through life.

Why Planning?

Well, now, if an individual, a man and wife, a group or a company can lay plans, why all this talk about planning? It has been proved so far that we do plan. Why worry about city planning, county planning and state planning?

Let's go to our county. We don't do things as a planning board would have us do them, because of our prejudices. Members of boards of supervisors are elected for three years. When elected, they don't know whether they will serve more than three years or not. Some do not want to serve longer. Others want to go on and on. Most of them do, but they have no assurance that they're going to stay.

The supervisors lay out a plan. But what happens? Next year's election!

In a planning board, there will be few changes at any one time, and if properly chosen, its members would be se- gather in this information and make it lected because of their business and available to whoever comes along and personal interest and not for political needs it. It's worth thousands of dol-

This matter of planning is nothing reasons. And there is no compensation other than the feeling that one has done something for his community. Because it is a continuing organization, the planning board doesn't make abrupt changes in policy or in plan.

Must "Sell" Program

A planning board won't be worth a snap of the fingers unless and until it has sold itself and its plan to the community it represents. The whole program, it seems to me, lies on that one cornerstone. -

Let's take it from the health standtion from getting into our underground reservoirs? Are all the wells that are punched down through and into that subterranean reservoir always protected? What plans have we along that line? We have a lot of small communities springing up around Mason City. They get their water directly out of the ground, What's going to prevent contamination of the drinking water? Go out now and sniff around a bit.

Geological Problems

Geologically, what planning is required in a county? For 23 years, I have been trying to find out how far above sea level we are here in Cerro Gordo county. But who cares about that? It is, however, an important thing to know when it comes to building roads and running . our levels.

We were going to put down a well out there at the county home. How far should we go and what kind of water were we going to get? Who knew? When we got down there, the water was full of iron. If we had gone another 50 feet, we might have gotten into something better. We don't know, because we quit when we got the well dug.

It is the function of planning to

lars. 'It is information that already exists, but needs to be put together.

Natural Resources

What can a planning board do to show the outside world what we have here in our rocks and clay?

And our gravel -- how shall we conserve our gravel for our roads? The planning board should look ahead for many miles. Then we won't be starting off down a blind road.

Where are we going with our automobiles? Out west and down south, they are trying to preserve those beauties of nature which we go to see. Why don't we stay at home and take care of what we have got? If anything can be done to preserve some of these narrow strips along our lakes and out in the hills which are not very valuable from an agricultural standpoint, let's get it done:

On Road Planning

There was a time when the roads were being laid out in this community. If we hadn't become so enthusiastic over getting roads everywhere and had a planning board to develop a system of roads, we would be getting along today with about two-thirds the mileage and two-thirds the expense. But it's too late. The country has developed along those roads that were laid out, and are going to carry on with the burden generation after generation because of poor planning yesterday.

We started out seven years ago building our gravel roads, our local roads, sometimes called farm-to-market roads. We laid out a road every two miles. Then everybody wanted their road improved. It came on just like a fever. We weren't getting gravel put on fast enough. We thought we would be satisfied just to have gravel, not to have the roads graded. The next winter it snowed and you couldn't get the snow off. Now we want them graded and graveled all over again. A planning board could improve upon such practices.

Our plan has been to reach every farm home with a gravel-surfaced road, and Fair, Des Moines. far in the distance, nobody knows how

far, a better type of gravel road may be placed on some of these roads.

There's plenty to be done, and you can't talk very well to the people in general about economy of public improvements. If they want them, they don't care how much they cost. It's a matter of selling the people on what they should have, and that's the job of the planning board. That's the biggest job it has.

STATE FAIR

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will include:

National circuit auto races, Aug. 27, 28 and Sept.3.

Harness races, Aug. 30 to Sept. 2.

Annual State Fair rodeo, evenings, Aug. 27 to 29; afternoons, Aug. 30 to Sept. 2.

"Parade of Stars," America's largest musical extravaganza, evenings, Aug. 30 to Sept.2.

Huge fireworks display and "Festival of Light," every night except Sept. 3.

Twenty-act circus, with 10 acts each week and complete change of program the second week.

"Thrill Day," Sunday afternoon, August 29, featuring an airplane crashing into a house, and a dozen other spectacular "thrill" events.

State Fair horse show, evenings, Aug. 30 to Sept. 2, and matinee Sunday, Aug.

New Trailer Camp

New facilities will appear this year in the opening of the midwest trailer camp in the 120-acre free camp ground. The trailer camp will have electrical connections at reasonable cost, also the same type of city water, service showers, sanitary facilities, police and fire protection which are available to other campers in the park.

Folders describing State Fair camp facilities may be obtained by writing to A. R. Corey, Secretary, Iowa State

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Hollis Duncan Allerton	L.W.Burns LeRoy
PUBLIC WORKS	Dr.E.D. Hines Grand River
	C.R. Shelton Chariton
J.M.Beck Centerville	John Norman Lucas
W.R.Krapfel Centerville	C.E.Miller Albia
Rolla R.Glenn Osceola	Hugh W.Lundy Albia
S.E. Hootman, Jr Woodburn	Hugh W.Lundy Albia Mrs.L.G.Kyner Humeston
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George Tucker Albia	Lillian Hays Centerville
Hiram K. Evans Corydon	William Foster Woodburn
Roland Green Promise City	J.A. Glover Osceola
M.G.Hall Centerville	L.W.Burns LeRoy
	Leo Hoffman Leon
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