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EDEN VALLEY

JULY 17, 1970

Eden Valley Band
"Hill Billies"

① Sears Award for Excellence
Mr. J. F. Waddle

We have seen in recent years that rural areas and small towns have been losing population.

The only times this pattern has been reversed is when local leadership has worked hard, on its own, to breathe vitality into an economy injured by a population exodus.

This is what you have done here in Eden Valley. 150 jobs coming in with "Animal Fair".

IV. But there is a larger question: why don't small towns get real help to help themselves --- from the federal government?

V. The U. S. always did have a population policy. Go West Young Man. Railroads, land grant colleges, homestead act, RFD.

VI. But now they say "we must make plans for a new 75 to 100 million people --- living in large metro-politan areas."

Guy Schenker - Pres. Premier Incubator - Eden Valley

VII. Wrong, I say. We must encourage growth in rural areas. Jobs, transportation, schools, doctors (from the state university), hospitals.

② Turkey Growers Assoc
Lunch

Eden Valley Chamber of Commerce

Pat O'Connor
Honorary
Engineer McCort
Wetkins

Paysonville

Eden Valley
Honorary

Animal Fairs
2nd Plant
New Plant
employ 150
People

③
 ✓ Judge Ronald Hachey
 ✓ Mayor John Haag
 ✓ Congressman John Zwach
 ✓ State Senator Stanley Holmquist
 ✓ Cong. McMiss
 | Terry Montgomery

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VIII. And federal government must do research to help small towns. For example, we know something very interesting about why people move to certain towns. Interviewing studies show a very simple fact: that people migrate because they know someone in the town. Is this a fact that is of value to small towns? I think it is. it is a fact upon which a civic program can be built --- encouraging friends from big cities or metropolitan areas to investigate the advantages of small town life.

IX. Working together --- local initiative plus federal help --- will build better towns in America.

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Des Groves
3 Horsemen
3 Queens 000096

Eden Valley

Population

Approximately 900
Losing young population

Businesses

Lost a few businesses in past years.
A few empty buildings.

Animal Fair - new hope for the area. (The town raised \$82,000 locally to bring the company into the locale; didn't qualify for SBA loan.)

Most of the town's population own their own small business.
Animal Fair produces stuffed animals.

Crops

Corn, soy beans, feed grains.

Growth and Development

School district: consolidated with Watkins.
Established own sewer system before the era of federal aid.

Notes

- Pat O'Connor's home town. - Eden Valley
- Eugene McCarthy's home town is nearby. - Watkins
- Guy Schneker's home town - mother is partner with uncle and owns and operates Schnekers' Hardware.

Adjacent towns: Paynesville - Watkins

Pres. Business incentives.

- Derrick Jensen - dentist -
son of Elmer Jensen
Horse City

- Terry Montgomery

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Self Help

Judge Hachey
Washey

100 Stuffed
toys
to Bremer
State Hosp. etc

Mayor Haag
Guy Scheneker
Mr Waddle

Des. Groves

Guy Scheneker



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