

# Ice rink, public pool her goals

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There I am, walking down the street, seeing all the wonders around me. I see people greeting strangers, beautiful clean streets and black people working together towards something good with white people. This, this is my ultimate vision of what Kankakee County could be like in the next 10 years.

Kankakee will have established a program to keep juveniles occupied. They will have built a public pool, so that kids can keep busy during the summer and an ice skating rink for the winter. The Kankakee Police Department will have organized a program for all public offenders to work off their crimes by going through Kankakee County cleaning the streets and neighborhoods. These ideas could definitely be put in effect by the next 10 years.

The government of Kankakee County will have established a stricter punishment on such crimes as vandalism and stealing. With the new punishment in effect, the crime rate will have dropped. Also, the government will have established more open scholarships, to encourage more high school students to further their education at a university of their choice.

A third possibility of improvement, is that the people of Kankakee will have gotten together to form a citizen's council. This council will have a representative from every neighborhood from every town in Kankakee County. It's primary goal will be to find a way to improve their community.

All of these ideas and positive changes, will make a drastic improvement in the entire environment of Kankakee County. I have great faith in this county and I can't wait to experience these new changes in the next 10 years.



Les Brown (left) was given an award as "The Master Motivator" Thursday as he spoke to 1,800 people at Olivet Nazarene University's Chalfant Hall. The event was organized by Kankakee County "Can Do," a new motivation group. Jack Charlton (center) from Kankakee, was given the first "Can Do" award for positive thinking. Charles Betterton, one of the event's organizers, as at right.

## Les Brown will return, and offer some free seats

Journal staff report

If you like Les Brown once, you can expect him back again — this time with his wife, Gladys Knight.

Charles Betterton, one of the organizers of the event, says that motivational speaker Les Brown has promised to return to the Kankakee area at a later date. This time, he promises that his wife, the lead singer of the famed Gladys Knight and the Pips will sing as part of the motivational program.

Betterton said that Brown promised to let everyone who attended Thursday's afternoon workshop in for free to the event. Betterton gathered the names for the free tickets by asking for an evaluation sheet. He said participation was 100 percent among the 340 persons there in the afternoon.

Thursday Brown spoke at Olivet Nazarene University's Chalfant Hall. Persons paid either \$150 for an afternoon workshop or \$25 for an evening seminar, but there were also many ways to get a discount.

The event was a fundraiser, with

half the proceeds going to the Community Resource Center, the refurbished armory in downtown Kankakee. The other half of the proceeds were to be set aside as seed money for future motivational programs.