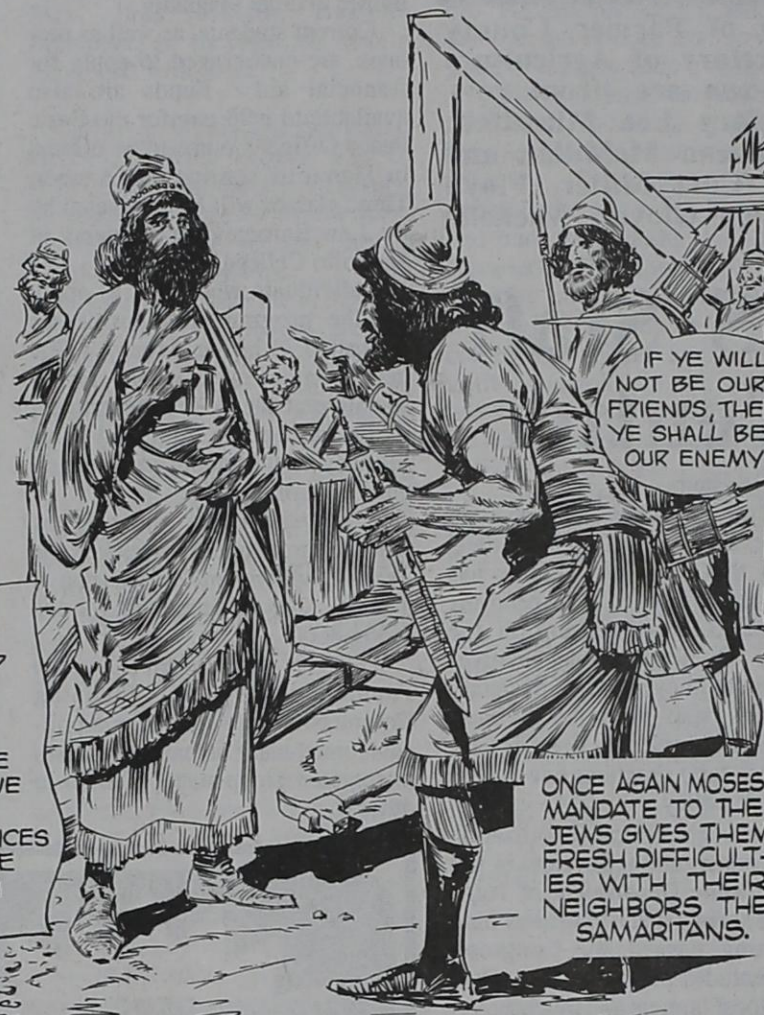


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Facts About The **BIBLE** BY JOHN LEHTI

ENEMIES, NOT FRIENDS!
 MOSES' ADMONITION TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL TO STAND SEPARATE FROM HEATHEN WAYS REMAINED A PART OF THEIR HERITAGE DOWN THE AGES. EVER SINCE THEIR DEPARTURE FROM EGYPT TRADITION DEMANDED THE HEBREWS AVOID FRATERNIZATION WITH PAGAN WORSHIPERS, STAYING WITHIN THEIR OWN FAITH. IT WAS THOUGHT THAT ONLY BY THIS MEANS COULD A TRUE WORSHIP OF GOD REMAIN SACRED AND PURE, BUT THE STRINGENCY OF THEIR TEACHINGS CAUSED MUCH TROUBLE AND MISUNDERSTANDING WITH THE PEOPLE WITH WHOM THEY CAME IN CONTACT. IN THEIR WANDERINGS THEY MET MANY PEOPLE AND THE TEMPTATION TO DEVIATE FROM THE STRICTNESS OF THEIR LAWS WAS ALWAYS PRESENT. ALMOST A THOUSAND YEARS LATER MOSES' STERN INSTRUCTION WAS FRESH IN THEIR MEMORY. AS IN THE CASE OF ZERUBBABEL, LEADING THE JEWS IN THE REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE AT JERUSALEM, A DELEGATION OF SAMARITANS ARRIVES OFFERING HELP.....



IF YE WILL NOT BE OUR FRIENDS, THEN YE SHALL BE OUR ENEMY!

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...THE SAMARITANS SUGGEST THAT THEY HELP THE JEWS TO BUILD THE TEMPLE FOR, THEY SAY, "WE WORSHIP THE SAME GOD." ZERUBBABEL, THE LEADER OF THE JEWS, KNOWS THAT A GREAT DANGER LIES IN THIS CRAFTY SUGGESTION, FOR IF HE ACCEPTS THE HELP, THE SAMARITANS WILL ALSO HAVE ACCESS TO THE TEMPLE AFTER IT IS BUILT AND SOON WICKED, PAGAN PRACTICES WILL CREEP INTO THE DAILY LIFE OF THE JEWS—HE ANGERS THE DELEGATION BY COLDLY REFUSING THEIR OFFER!

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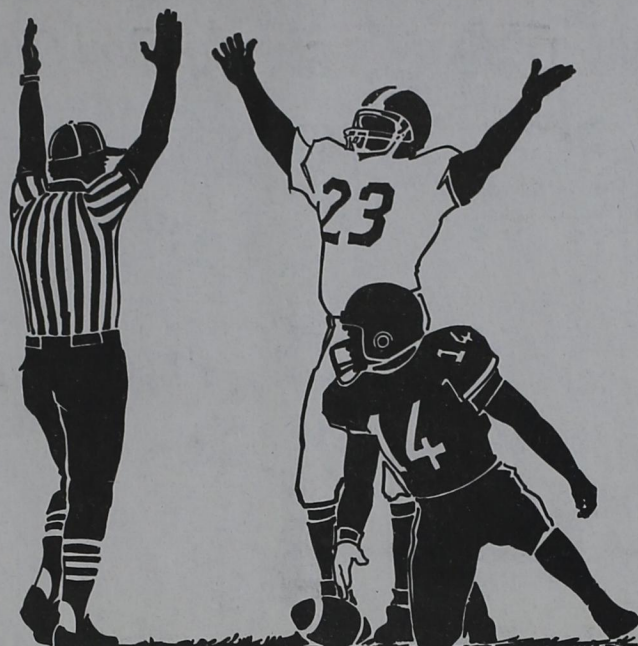
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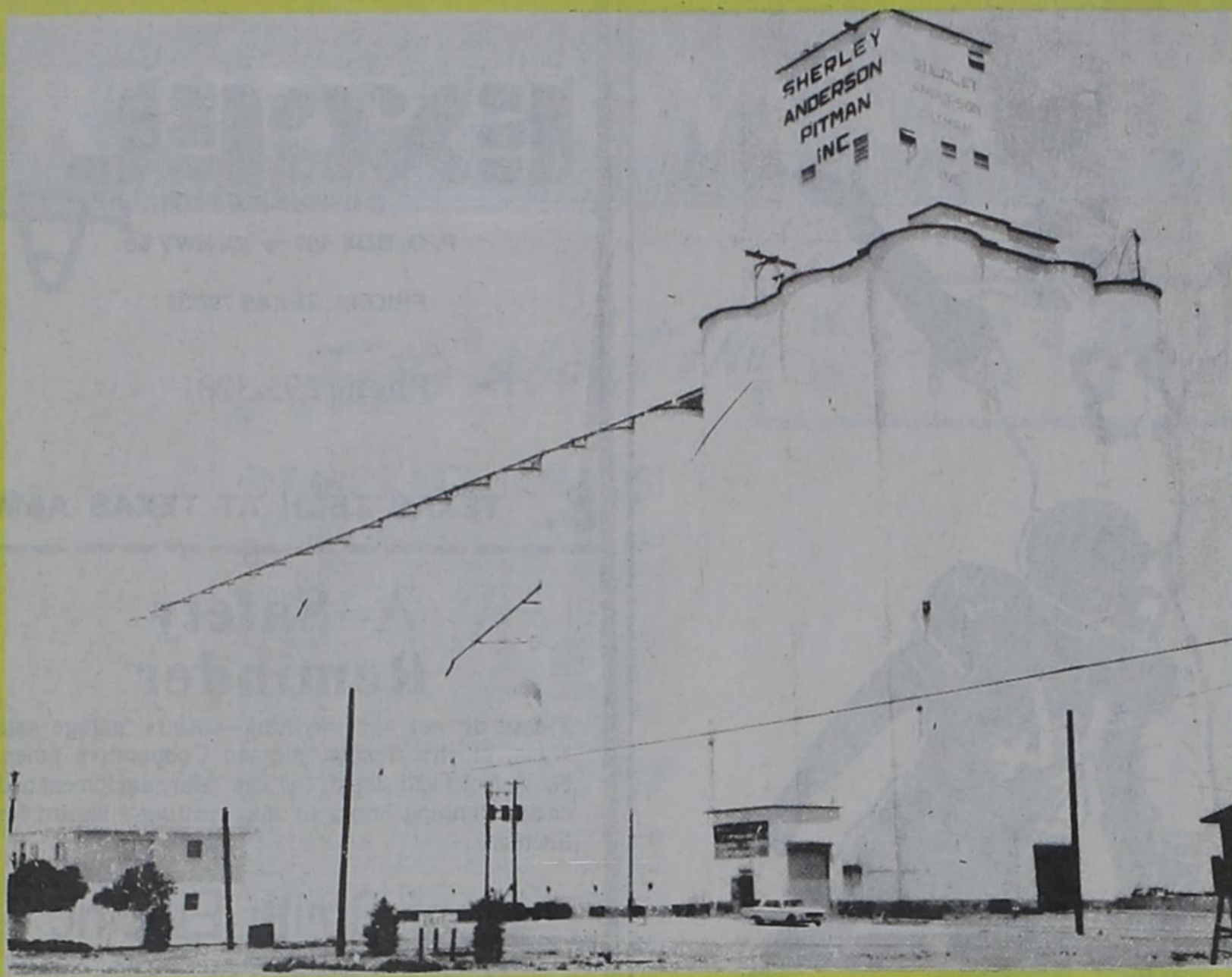
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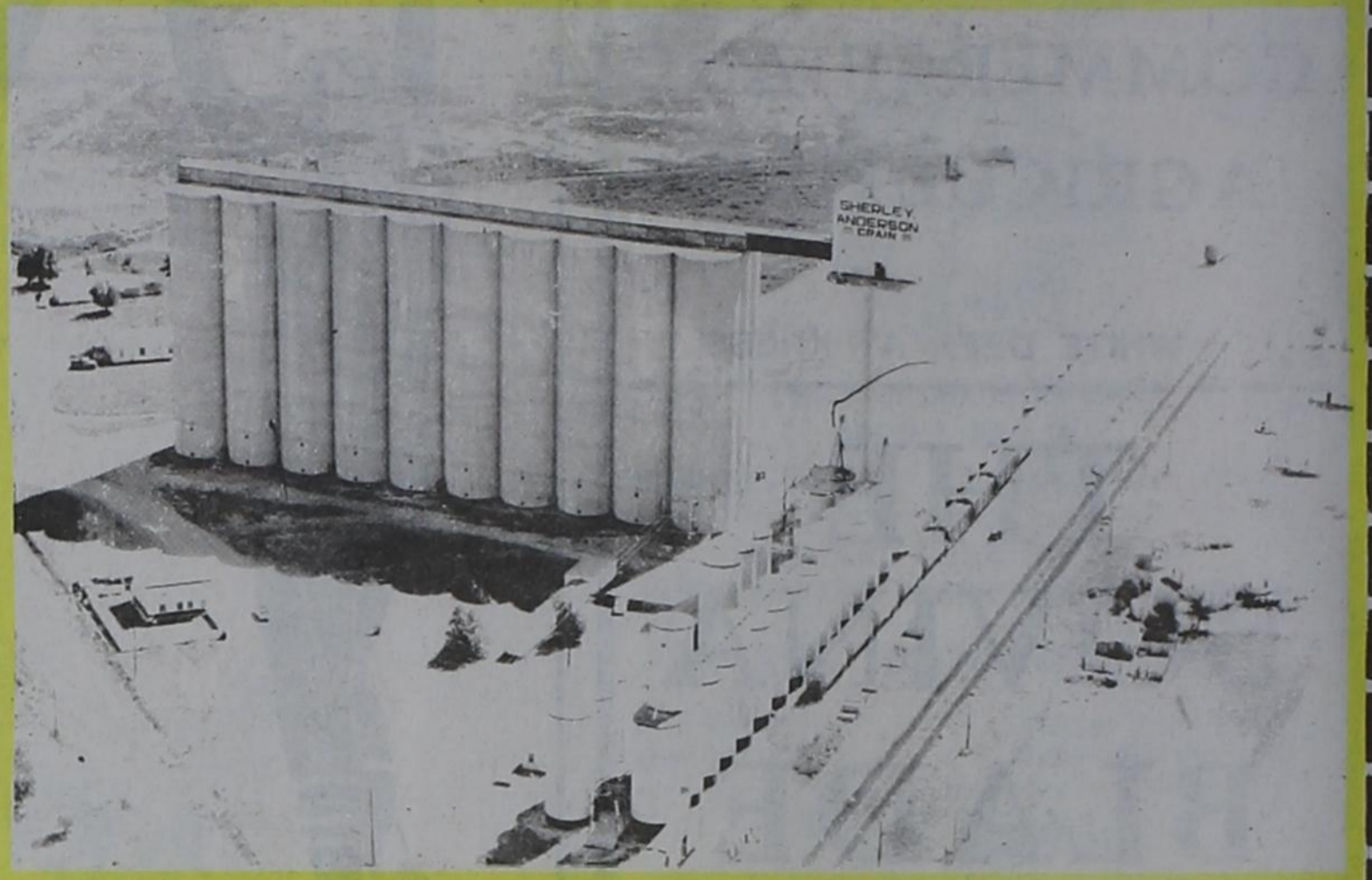
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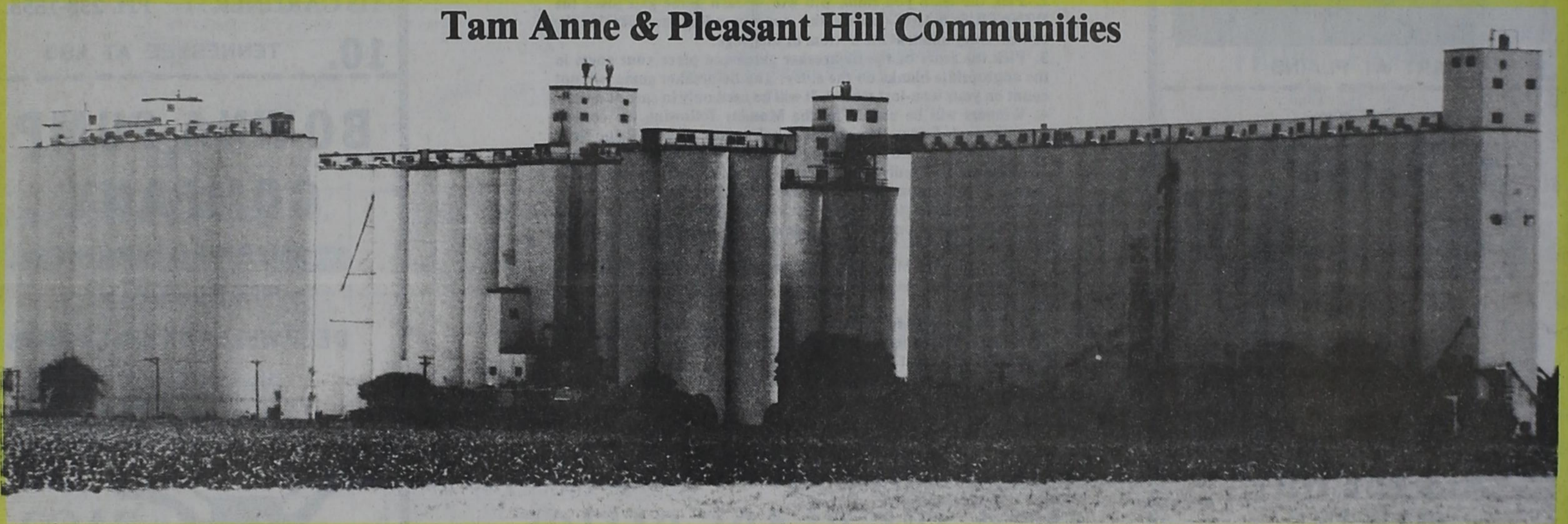
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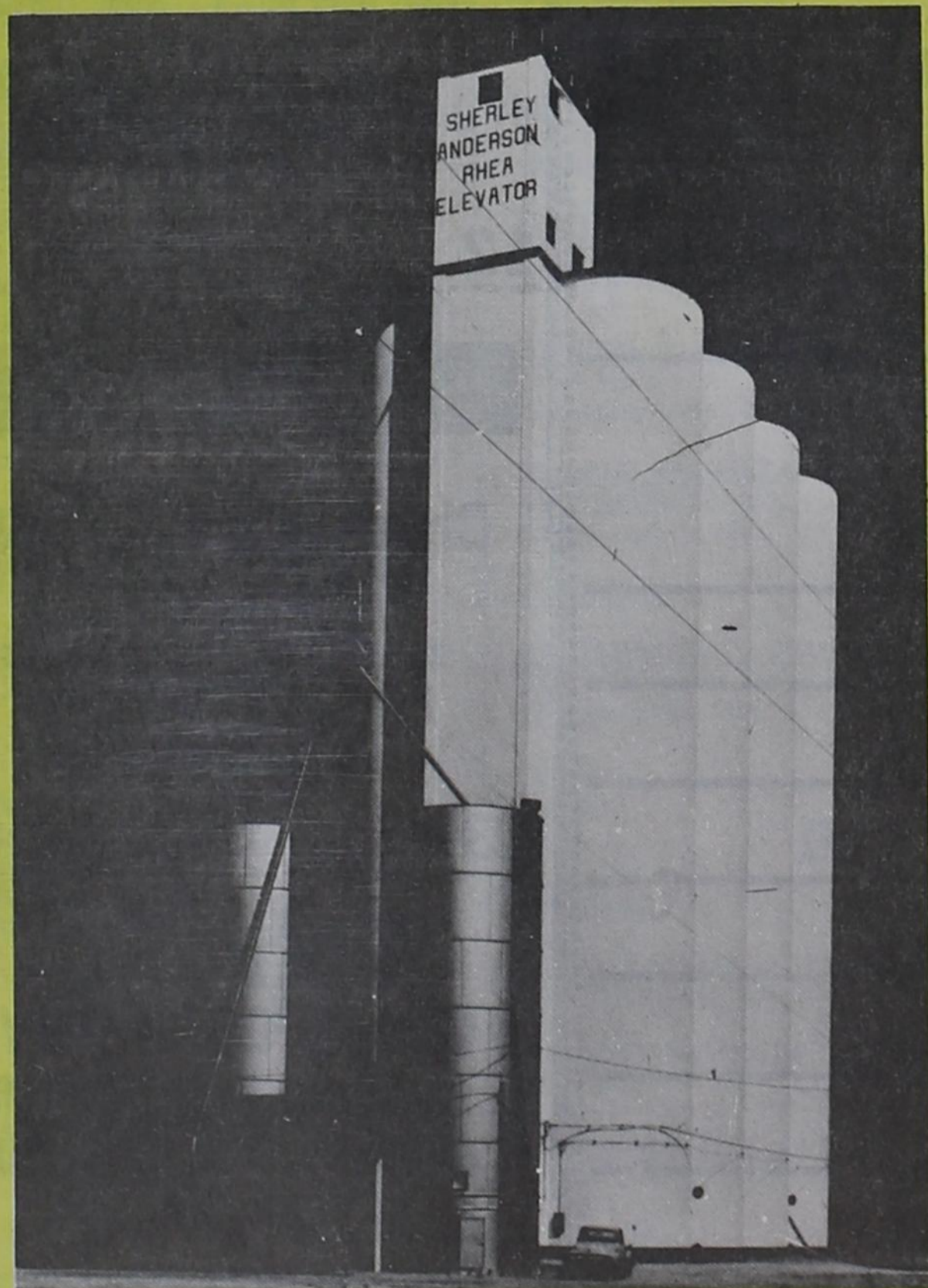
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