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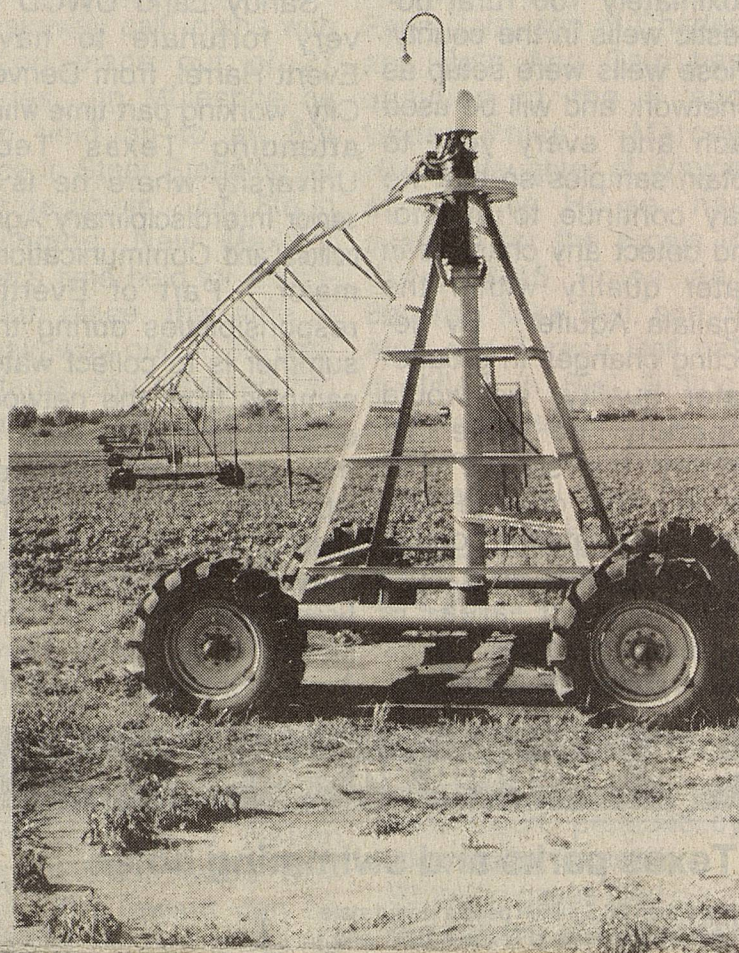
REINKE ADDS NEW WRINKLE TO SYSTEMS

Reinke Irrigation Systems and Jack Spears Drilling Company, area dealership, announced recently the installation of the first of its kind aluminum main pipe pivot irrigation system, supported by steel foundation bracing, currently in place and watering the Kenneth McGinty farm just north of town.

The 823 foot system, towable from both ends, is currently watering cotton, milo and alfalfa on the farm, utilizing the City's effluent water from the community water treatment facility. A total of some 75 acres of crop land is being covered by the innovative watering system.

According to Jim Warren and Lynwood Payne, with Jack Spears Drilling Co. the system was custom engineered for the small plot, using aluminum piping because of the extreme corrosive qualities of the water from the treatment plant. The galvanized main structure, subject to only a very minor exposure to the water, was necessary for strength purposes.

The A 60-G model system has other new and innovative features, and Reinke people will be here



next week to video the aluminum pipe, reverse system in use, using the towing and other high tech material for further research features will benefit in developing other aluminum irrigating producers. The constructed systems, and highly corrosive qualities of liquid fertilizer in pivot programs touting the new with more aluminum Spears Drilling personnel systems. feel confident the use of

FIRST ATOMIC BOMB ANNIVERSARY

Many historical dates in the nations' past are firmly implanted in our minds: Independence Day, July 4, 1776; Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941; D-Day, France, June 6, 1943; Victory over Japan, August 14, 1945.

Far fewer of us recall the event which radically changed the future of the planet - the first atomic bomb explosion in the desert expanse of Alamogordo Army Air Base at 5:29 a.m., July 16, 1945. One reason for our faulty memories is the strict secrecy surrounding the historic explosion. It was weeks after the event before the Government admitted their "Ammunition Dump Explodes in Desert" cover-up story, and revealed the truth about the successful test.

The bomb had the explosive force of about 22,000 tons of TNT - a very puny little thing when compared to our present day nuclear weapons. Nevertheless, it completely vaporized the steel tower the bomb perched on, raised the first 'mushroom' cloud 40,000 feet, and fused desert sand to glass within an 800 yard radius. The creation of the



Manhattan Project in 1942 led to the first test bomb blast, followed some four weeks later by atomic bombs being dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, explosions which quickly brought about the unconditional surrender of Japan on August 14, 1945.

By that date, the Manhattan project had spent some \$1.7 billion developing the atomic weapons. The same program today

would cost taxpayers over \$20 billion. Over 150,000 people worked in the project the first three years.

Three explosions in 1945 ushered mankind into the nuclear age, ready or not. The July 16, 1945 test bomb would initiate a United States nuclear weapons program, which to date, has cost almost \$4 Trillion dollars.



RODEO QUEEN CANDIDATES IN SELLING CAMPAIGN

The three Rodeo Queen Candidates are busy young ladies, selling tickets for the annual Rodeo starting August 3, and running thru August 5.

Representing the local Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce and Plains Roping Club, the candidates selling efforts will benefit the sponsoring organizations, raising funds to help defray costs of the Rodeo and Old Settlers Reunion.

The Queen Candidates are, in alphabetical order, Stacey Jones, 18, the daughter of Toni and Gary Jones. She is a recent graduate of Plains High School, where she was active in many activities. She played volleyball and basketball four years with the Cowgirls. She ran track three years, participated in the One Act Play four years, and was a member of the National Honor Society. She plans to enter Angelo State University this fall.

Jennifer Lollar, 14, is the daughter of Jerri and David Lollar. She is a Freshman at PHS. She is a member of First Baptist Church and is active in all youth activities there. She is 3rd Vice President of the Plains 4-h Club, and also belongs to the FFA club.

She rides her horse 'Lightning' in 4-H playdays, and is a Cadet Girl Scout in Troop #74. She is a member of the Cowboy Band, playing the flute. She has played volleyball in Jr. High two years, and also ran track the past two years. She represents the Plains Chamber of Commerce.

Becky St. Romain, 17, is the daughter of Elouise and Joe St. Romain. She is representing the Lions Club, and is a Senior at PHS. She served as Editor of the School Annual, and looks forward to the job again this year. She has been active in volleyball, and Cross Country running. She plays the piano, and the flute in the Cowboy Band. She says she is looking forward to the start of school and her senior years.

If you are approached by any or all of the Queen Candidates, we urge you to purchase rodeo Tickets. You could win the custom made saddle to be given away at the Saturday night performance, and you will be helping the three organizations, and these girls, as well. They will receive a percent of the money from ticket sales, which will assist them in their coming school days.



Stacey Jones



Jennifer Lollar



Becky St. Romain

COUNTY COURT MEETS

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met Monday morning, July 17, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. The four commissioners were present, along with Ruby Bruton, County Clerk, Toni Jones, Treasurer, and Hazel Lowrey, Auditor.

A number of line item transfers from the general fund to various departments were approved. Commissioner John Avara reported on a request by the Yoakum County Golf Club Board of Directors for funding assistance in renovating and repairing the Club House and Pro Shop. The Club has funds which will be used in the project, but needs approximately \$14,000 to complete it. The Court approved the request, provided surplus funds are available.

The Court approved promoting Opal Roberts to Head Librarian at the Cecil Bickley Library in Denver City, upon the retirement of

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'WELCOME SIGN' DONORS CONTINUE GIVING

The Chamber of Commerce's project to erect 'welcome' signs just out of the city has resulted in signs in place on the Roswell and Brownfield highways, and contributions are still being received for the third and final sign planned for the Lovington highway west of town.

The following is a list of recent donors to the fund raising event since the last publication listing contributors; Edna Chambliss, HW & Inez Culwell, Dan & Linda Wall, Jack & Martha Palmer, Yoakum County Abstract, T.J. & Lois Miller, Isaac Doyle, Jim & Lela Warren, Yoakum Co. Farm Bureau, Garland & Marylee Swann, Plains Volunteer Fire Dept., Tokio Co-Op Gin, Little Bob & Lattrell McDonnell, Mr & Mrs. T.A. Elmore, memorial to A.G. Brantley, and Mr & Mrs Alfred Bearden, Nita Williams, Tim Bowers family, Mr & Mrs T.J. Miller, Pierre & Mary Jo St.

Romain, memorials to Clyde Trout, and Jack Spears Drilling Company. If you have made donations after our publishing date, we will update our lists next week.

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT

In County Court Thursday, July 13, Judge Dallas Brewer heard Cause # 7575, William Matta, jr. 23, charged with DWI on Highway 82 June 4. The State was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

He pleaded guilty to the charge, received a 12 month probated jail sentence, was fined \$600, and sentenced to 72 continuous hours in the County Jail. He was also ordered to pay \$235 in Court costs.

Let's Rodeo!
Aug. 3-5

BIRTH IN DUGOUT FIRST IN AREA (Maybe Entire County, Too)



L-R; Leonora Layman Wister and Niece Elsie Charlose Spencer

There was a bit more activity than normal in the County Clerk's office Monday morning. Several of the employees, and Ruby Bruton, the County Clerk, were shuffling furiously thru records, attempting to find a birth certificate recording for Mrs. Leonora Layman Wister, now from Phoenix Arizona.

She reported she was born in 1907, which should have made tracing the document a bit easier. The only problem was, there was no County Courthouse here until 1909.

Here is the charming Leonora's story. Her parents, Charles and Lula Layman, moved to Plains sometime prior to 1907, where he was employed as a ranch hand by W.J. Luna. They lived in a half dugout, half house on Luna property in the side of Sulphur Springs draw. Prior to this, Layman had hauled freight for the XIT, Slaughter, and Pitch Fork ranches north of here.

On July 24, 1907, Leonora was born in the humble

quarters. Years later she would learn Mr. Luna had proudly stated she was the first baby born in the vicinity. Eighteen months later, a baby brother, Talbot was born in the dugout.

In 1912, her family moved to a ranch four miles west of Bronco. She said she well remembers the trips to Plains, a busy little hamlet then which held lots of exciting things for youngsters, but the long, very rough wagon ride was "a pain".

Asked if she recalled anyone from those early days, she said, "I was so young, I can only remember a family named Hudson (probably Lum Hudson, the first County Sheriff-Ed.), a banker named Mr. Light, and some Pattersons and Hubbards".

Her family would later move to another ranch near Glorioso, N.M. Now in grade school, she recalled playing "a corn stalk in some sort of school pageant. There I stood, tassels waving, when somehow my skirt feel to the floor. I

was just horrified!", she said with a chuckle.

Once again the family would move, this time to Piru, California, where her father met his death in 1928, killed in a railroad accident.

She would later marry, and she and husband Nevin Wister would raise three children, two daughters and a son.

In 1951, Leonora received a letter from Lillian Luna, Wilma Powell and Mary Jo St. Romain's mother, telling her the court house now had her birth certificate on file, prompting the trip here. She was accompanied to town by a niece, her mother's sister's daughter, Elsie Charlose Spencer, who has an interesting tale or two in her background also. Among other pursuits, she was a Missionary sponsored by the Assembly of God Churches in west Africa over 25 years. She is currently writing a book on her experiences there and in New Mexico.

While in the Courthouse, prompted by calls from Clerk Julia Lemley, Wilma Powell came by and met Leonora, and they happily compared old timer tales while waiting for the paper search.

At last, triumphantly, Ruby Bruton and Julia Lemley proudly announced, "We've found it, here it is!" Leonora and her niece were overjoyed. It seems Lillian Luna had probably known of the certificate problem, and in 1951, had managed to get a delayed certificate for her parents former tenants in the draw.

This entertaining lady with a happy smile said she was Executive Secretary to Herbert Askins, former Assistant US Navy Department Secretary, and had written numerous articles for the Phoenix Gazette.

We searched the 1986 County History Book, and found nothing indicating an earlier birth in the Plains area, or the entire County, for that matter. If you can prove otherwise, we would like to hear from you.

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY STUDY

The Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District is in the process of completing its 6th annual water quality study for Yoakum County. Prior to the creation of the Water District in 1989, those choosing to have their water tested for impurities had to take samples to labs located in the larger cities; such as Lubbock or Midland. Your city neighbors on the other hand have their water tested on a regular basis due to rules and regulations set forth by the Texas Department of Health.

During the summer months, the Water District collects samples from approximately 100 rural domestic wells in the county. Those wells were setup as a network and will be used each and every year to obtain samples so that we may continue to monitor and detect any changes in water quality within the Ogallala Aquifer. By detecting changes in groundwater quality, we would hopefully be able to identify the source that caused the change and work to eliminate the source.

This function in a non-water district area is handled by the Texas Water Development Board,



but not on an annual basis. Previous to the District's creation, water quality data was available for only 39 wells in Yoakum County covering a 34 year span.

Sandy Land UWCD is very fortunate to have Evertt Harrel, from Denver City, working part-time while attending Texas Tech University where he is a senior Interdisciplinary Agricultural and Communications major. Part of Evertt's responsibilities during the summer is to collect water samples from the network of wells and bring back to the District's in-house laboratory for testing. The District tests for a total of eleven constituents or properties each year consisting of alkalinity, hardness, chloride, specific

conductivity, TDS, fluoride, iron, ammonia, nitrate, sulfate and pH for each well. Coliform bacteria analysis can also be done upon request.

Generally, the water quality in Yoakum County is good, but like most any place in Texas there are some elements in quantities that effect the taste and use of our water. If you have any questions about water quality or have a concern you think we possibly could help you with, contact the Sandy Land UWCD office and we will be glad to visit with you about it.

"A man may be a fool and not know it-but not if he is married" - H.L. Mencken.

"My wife and I were happy for 20 years, then we met" - Rodney Dangerfield

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas parks and swimming holes

More than 26.5 million people visited state and national parks in Texas in 1994, and natural swimming holes attracted thousands of others.

Top 10 state parks*	Visitors in 1994
1. Mustang Island	1,959,043
2. Cedar Hill	1,802,282
3. San Jacinto Battleground	1,363,390
4. Lake Corpus Christi	764,379
5. Ray Roberts Lake	617,775
6. Choke Canyon	588,572
7. Goose Island	583,410
8. Lyndon B. Johnson	548,815
9. Bastrop	531,396
10. Galveston Island	479,584

National parks:	Visitors in 1994
11. Big Bend	330,417
12. Guadalupe Mountains	203,520

*For reservations or information about any Texas state park, call (512) 389-8900.

Swimming holes:
 A. Big Bend Hot Springs
 B. Balmorhea State Park
 C. San Felipe Springs
 D. Fort Clark Springs
 E. Garner State Park
 F. Kerrville State Park
 G. Guadalupe River State Park
 H. Blanco State Park
 I. Central Texas: San Marcos River, Blue Hole, Wimberley, Land Park, New Braunfels, McKinney Falls, Hamilton Pool, Barton Springs, Austin
 J. Blue Lagoon, Huntsville

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, National Park Service and Texas Department of Transportation.

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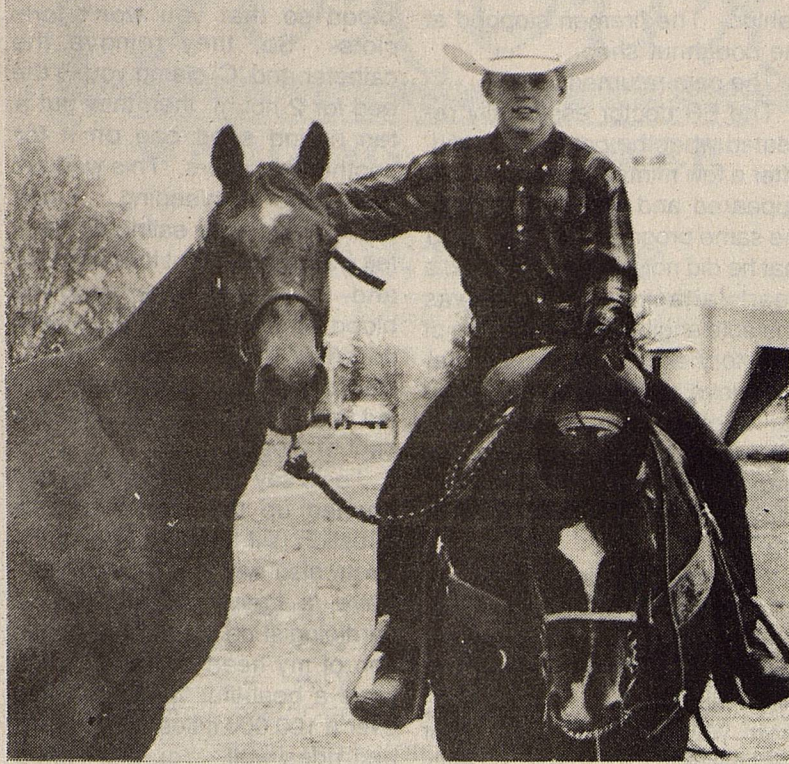
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JUNIOR RODEO UPDATE



Brett Squyres, 12-year-old son of Newell and Peggy Squyres has continued his winning ways at High Plains Jr. Rodeos this summer. Jr. Rodeos are divided into age divisions, 8 and under, 9-12, 13-15, and 16-19-year-old boys and girls.

May 26th in Brownfield he placed 5th in Calf Touching, out of 28 entries. June 9th in Eunice, New Mexico he placed 4th in Steer Stopping, out of 25 entries. June 16th at Post, Texas he placed 4th in Calf Touching, out of 26, and 6th place in Steer Stopping out of 28 entries. June 23 in Muleshoe, Brett placed for the

contestants must receive at least 1 point in their event. Brett has now qualified in all three of his roping events and will compete at the Finals on July 26-29 in Clovis. Prizes, money and saddles are awarded for total points for the entire year and for events at the Final Rodeo itself. Last year, after only attending two rodeos in his first year, Brett qualified for the 1994 Finals held in Lovington in Steer Stopping.

Brett's winnings totaled over \$400 through the Lovington Rodeo.

Plains has been well represented in the High Plains Jr. Rodeos this year. Evan Cain, son of Charles and Beth Ann Cain has qualified in the 8 and Under Poles. Marcey House, daughter of Wayne and Phyllis House, has qualified for the Finals in Girls 13-15 Poles and Barrels. Mike Bell, son of Alan and Teresa Bell has qualified in Bull Riding, and Keith Jackson, son of Jim and Jo Jackson, has qualified in all three roping events for the Finals.

first time this season in the Breakaway calf roping with a 2nd place out of 27 entries. In Muleshoe he also held on to an 8th place in Steer Stopping for 3 more points. July 8th in Lovington, New Mexico, Brett's time held for another 8th place, this time in Breakaway out of 36 contestants and received 5th place in Steer Stopping out of 29 boys.

Brett roped in Earth, Texas July 13, but hasn't received his results yet.

Points are awarded for the top ten times with 10 points for 1st Place and 1 point for 10th place. To qualify for the year end Final Rodeo in Clovis, the

ALL-AMERICAN SCHOLAR

STERLING CITY

Doug Snitker was recently selected as an All-American Scholar.

Doug was considered to be one of the top students in his school using his academic achievement as the standard for his selection. He is now eligible to compete for USAA scholarship grants. Only those outstanding students who are chosen can qualify for these grants.

Doug's achievements will appear in the All-American Scholar Directory. The Directory is published so award winners will have a lasting record of their junior high and high school achievement.

Doug has been officially

nominated as a Nation English Merit Award Winner. This award can be used for the rest of his life when he prepares future applications and resumes.

He was also selected as a United States Honor Roll member. His biography can be printed in the appropriate volume of the United States Achievement Academy National Awards Yearbook. Only a small number of students can hope to have their names and achievements featured in this highly respected publication.

Doug is the son of James & Beverly Snitker, and has one sister, Casey, Sterling City and grandson of Lindel and Pat Bates of Plains. He is a senior at Sterling City High School.

COUNTY JP COURT

The following is a summary of actions taken in Precinct One Justice of Peace Court, presided by Judge Melba Crutcher; 93 traffic cases filed 6 issuance of bad check cases filed Bonds set:

- Speeding-\$95 fine
- No drivers license-\$87 fine
- Assault-family violence-\$1,500 bond
- Assault-family violence-\$1,500 bond
- Criminal mischief over \$20 under \$500-\$500 bond
- Motion for revocation probation-\$2,500 bond
- Theft over \$20 under \$500-\$1,000 bond

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'COUNTY COURT'
Ann Greer on July 28.

Serena Elmore reported to the Court certain provisions in current statutes concerning Court ordered Community Service sentences of law offenders.

The Treasurer's report was accepted, and all county bills and part time salaries were approved for payment.

There will be no Commissioner's Court on Monday, July 24.

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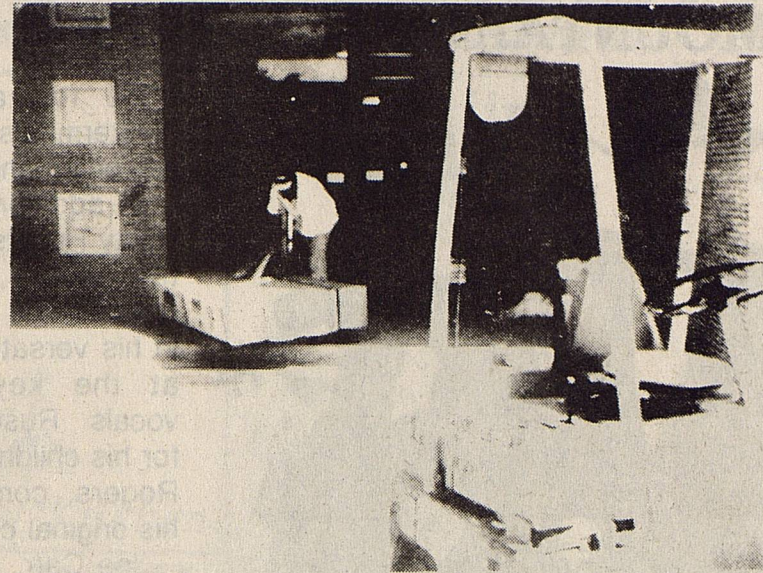
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SCHOOL IS STILL OUT, LIFE GOES ON AT FACILITY



Only a few summer session students are seen in the school hallways at this time, but many secretaries, aides, a few teachers, maintenance and custodial people, and administrators are busy each day, preparing the sprawling facility for the swarm of returning students August 15. We shot this photo Monday, when an 18 wheeler delivered some 348 new steel student lockers for the coming year.

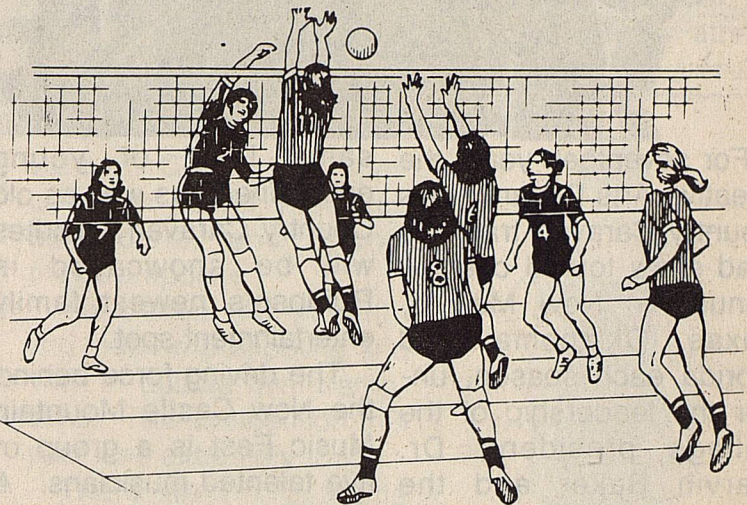
School Starts

August 15!

BID PROPOSALS

Plains ISD Invites interested parties to make proposals for providing insurance for its group insurance program beginning September 1, 1995. Proposals will be received until noon on August 2, 1995. Proposals should be addressed to Eric Banfield, Business Manager, Plains ISD, 1000 10th Street, Plains, Texas, 79355. For Questions or other information, please contact Eric Banfield at 806-456-7483.

VOLLEYBALL CAMP COMING UP



COACH HORNE and COACH HARAGAN are conducting a volleyball camp on JULY 24-28 at the Plains High School Gym for girls in the 6th-9th grades in 95-96 school year at 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. The cost for this camp will be \$10.00 for Plains students and \$40.00 for non-residents. Registration for this camp will be on JULY 24th at 8:30 a.m.



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COUNTRY CARAVAN, SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE FACULTY, NOW AT CASTLE MOUNTAIN MUSIC SHOW



For seventeen years the Creative Arts Department's Country Caravan traveling road show toured over 50 venues in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, and Florida each season, under the leadership of the college president, Dr. Marvin Baker and the chairman of that department, John Hartin. Following Dr. Baker's retirement last year, Country Caravan was retired too; many of Caravan's devotees have expressed dismay over that demise. However, just recently Rusty and Schahara Hudelson, Caravan music and vocal director, and stage costume and director, respectively, have undertaken the direction of the Castle Mountain Music Show. Their continued direct ties to South Plains College will insure that the

right for all ears; he masterminds the complexities of the show.

In addition to yodeling, Rusty Hudelson designs all the shows, tickles the ivories, and is unmatched in his versatility and ability at the keyboards and vocals. Rusty's admiration for his childhood hero, Roy Rogers, comes across in his original cowboy tunes.

Joe Carr, singer/host on Caravan from 1988-92, will sing, play fiddle, mandolin, and guitar, and just generally cut-up; he'll have you rolling in the aisles with his witty humor and spontaneity.

Playing bass guitar, singing vocals, and designing original costumes is Schahara Hudelson's specialty. She costumed Country Caravan its last 4 years, and fashion addicts beware; you can get addicted to the sequins and glitz in this show.

These five diversified musicians, formerly the Texas Dust Devils, will host the Castle Mountain Music Fest and have played to audiences throughout Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico for the past 6 years. Newly named to suit the Castle, they are now the Knights of the West.

The Hudelson's have a widely varied summer show of family entertainment scheduled with something to please everyone in the spacious, comfortable, indoor, special-lighted Castle theater, located on Hwy 70 W (just across from Walmart). Tickets will be sold at the door, or you may call for reservations, 505-257-6180. Credit cards accepted. Show times are 4:31 p.m. and 7:31 p.m.. Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day. After Labor Day, The Castle will continue to operate year round on weekends and special engagements.

same level of young entertainers, as well as old Country Caravan favorites will be showcased in Ruidoso's newest family entertainment spot.

The driving force behind the New Castle Mountain Music Fest is a group of five talented musicians. A regular feature of the show will be the Hudelson's daughter, Tania Hudelson-Moody who yodeled "Cowboy's Sweetheart" and "Out on the Texas Plains" during the 1990 and 1991 Country Caravan season. Tania plays a variety of instruments and clogs, as well.

Caravan sound engineer and married to Tania, Stuart Moody holds the group together with his tasteful drumming and brings quality sound reinforcement to the Castle; just

HEART ATTACK

The following letter was recently received by Denver City subscribers Bill and Barbara Qualls. Bill's brother in California is the author. We think it warrants printing.

Dear Bill & Barbara,
Thanks for your concern and the telephone.

Sunday morning about 3:30, I woke up with a discomfort in my chest. I took an Alka-Seltzer and went back to sleep. Half an hour later, I woke up with a severe chest pain, sweating, and nausea. It would not go away, so after a few minutes, I called 911. They responded within minutes with a fire truck, four firemen, a paramedic unit, two paramedics, and a commercial ambulance with two attendants. I think the fire truck and the fireman was in case it turned out to be really severe heart burn.

While establishing telephone contact with an emergency doctor, they asked questions about symptoms and the location and severity of the pain. All of this information was relayed to the doctor. They put a nitroglycerine pill under my tongue, an oxygen mask on my face, and an I V in my arm. After a second nitroglycerine pill, the pain subsided. It was decided that I had an angina attack and that I was going to the emergency hospital.

They put me in the commercial ambulance (the one that cost \$400, not the paramedic unit that my taxes pay for) and off we went. It was somewhat comforting that they did not use the siren. It was also a little disappointing. If I knew that it was going to cost \$400, I would have insisted on the siren. The

paramedic unit (once again, the one my taxes pay for) followed behind. The firemen stopped at the doughnut shop.

The pain returned. The ER doctor essentially repeated what the paramedics did. After a few minutes, a cardiologist appeared and we went through the same program. He explained that he did not believe that I had a heart attack, rather it was unstable angina. (Reminds me of the story about the couple that fell in love at first sight. In getting to know each other, she disclosed that she had acute angina. He said, "Thank God, cause you sure ain't got much up top.")

He was going to do an angiogram, a procedure that would tell him a lot about the condition of the heart and the blood supply to it. The angiogram would dictate one of four possibilities: 1) there is really nothing wrong, probably severe digestion, 2) there is blockage of the vessels supplying blood to the heart and it can be treated with medication, 3) the blockage is so severe that he will do angioplasty to open the vessels, or 4) open heart surgery. My pulse rate dropped to below forty.

He said that he thought I might have a tendency to over react. He also gave me some morphine.

The hospital stay was boring and uneventful except for two events. The next day, my heart decided to see how fast it could beat. It found that it could beat over 200 times a minute and decided that was good enough and returned to normal. That bought me a second day in intensive care.

The other episode was removal of the catheter. This thing

is inserted in a major artery in the groin. They have thinned out the blood so that you won't form clots. So, they remove the catheter and 'C' clamp you to the bed for 2 hours, then they put a ten pound sand bag on it for another two hours. This worked, there was no bleeding. A few hours later, while eating dinner, I felt warm and wet. I looked down and that thing was shooting blood like I could not believe possible. They repeated the 'C' clamp and sand bag procedure but this time I got to do it lying in a pool of blood.

Tests say that the angioplasty opened up the arteries. The question is if they will stay open. Tests also say that I did, in fact, have a heart attack. The cardiologist described the condition of my heart this way, "You have a beautiful luxury car with over a 100,000 miles on it. It runs and rides well. You just took a sledge hammer and hit it as hard as you could. It still runs and rides well but now it is ugly and if the damage is not repaired it is going to rust through and cause all kinds of problems." He says that it will repair itself if I let it. That involves doing healthy stuff.

In the meantime, I wear a nitroglycerine patch, take a blood thinner, and a beta blocker for high blood pressure. I carry a little bottle of nitroglycerine pills with me. I also don't smoke.

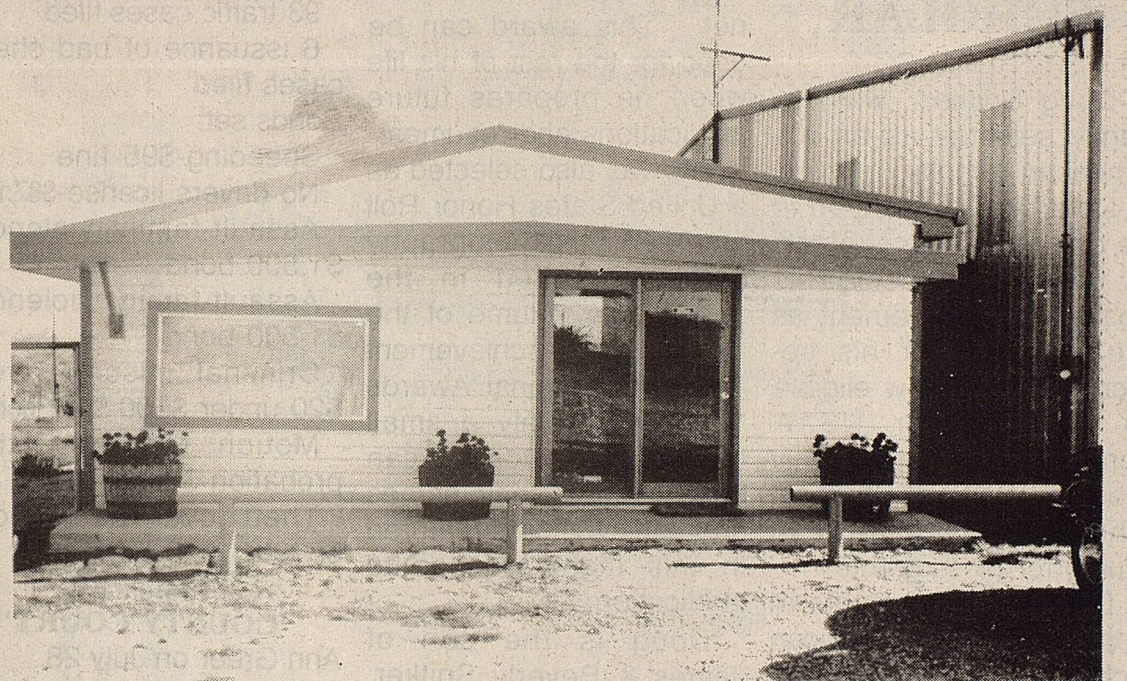
Otherwise things are going pretty good. How's by you?

Love,
Jerry

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Minnie Pearl

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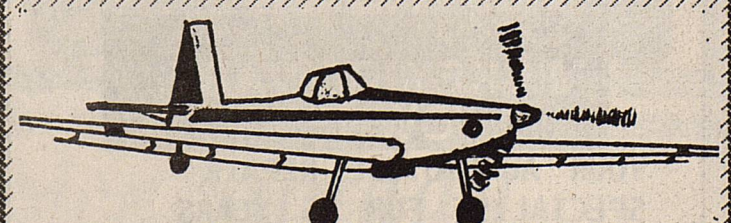
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WEDDING SHOWER HONORING MCGINTY-RAFF

Nikki McGinty, bride elect of Joe Raff, was honored with a miscellaneous shower July 9, 1995 in the home of Mrs. P.W. St.Romain.

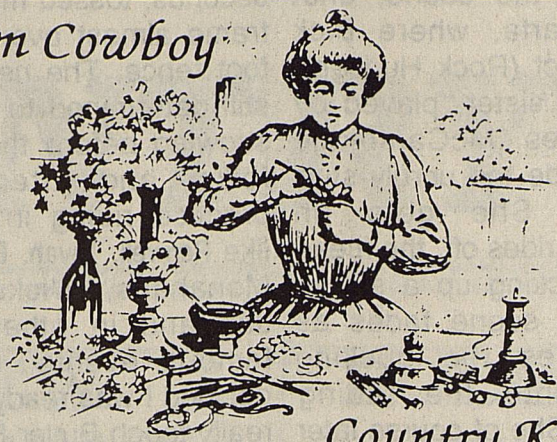
The serving table decorations included a white cloth with burgundy underlay. Fresh flowers of burgundy and ivory in a crystal bowl decorated the table. Crystal appointments were used in serving cookies, fruit, mints and punch.

Hostess gift included the crystal bowl and floral arrangement and 5-place setting of the couples flatware. Hostesses included: Mary Jo and Elouise St.Romain, Linda Powell, Connie McWhirter, Brenda Canada, Marjorie Diaz, Melody Record, Pam Rowe, Cindy Conway,

Margarita Avila, Sheila Stephens, Mary Dale Forbus, Linda Wall, Latrell McDonnell, Tana May, Linda Simmons, Yvette Ramos and Phylliss House.

Out of town and special guests attending were Edna Lupton (honoree's grandmother), Janice and Lindsay Lupton, all of Shallowater; Bunny Payne, Christy Christian, Jacksboro; Kay Licon, El Paso; Gracie & Shelby Simmons of Lubbock; two great aunts Kay Mouney, Woodside, California and Alma Lynn McGinty, Plains; Kathy Clark, Denver City; Joyce Moore, Lubbock; Bobbi Beam, San Saba; Charla Beam, Stephenville; and Ann Margaret Karlsson, Sweden, 4-H exchange student.

From Cowboy



Country Kitchen

PICNIC POTATOES ONE-DISH DINNER

8 to 10 medium potatoes
1-1/2 cups prepared ranch salad dressing
2 cups (8 oz) shredded sharp cheddar cheese
1/8 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
1/2 lb. sliced bacon, cooked & crumbled, divided

Chopped fresh chives
Peel and quarter potatoes; place in a large saucepan or kettle and cover with water. Bring to a boil; cook until tender. Drain and transfer to a large bowl; mash (do not add milk, butter or seasoning). Add salad dressing and mix well. Add cheese, salt, pepper and half of the bacon. Spread evenly into a greased 13 x 9 x 2-in. baking dish. Sprinkle with chives and remaining bacon. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 20 minutes. Yield: 6-8 servings. Note: If a decorative edge is desired, spread all but 2 cups of the prepared potato mixture into baking dish. Using a pastry bag and large tip, pipe the reserved mixture around the edge of the dish.

2 lb. hamburger meat
1/2 c. onion
1 can tomatoes or tomato sauce
1 can Ranch Style Beans
2 c. cooked rice salt and pepper
grated Velveeta cheese
Fry hamburger meat with the onion. Add tomatoes or tomato sauce and beans. Cook enough rice to make 2 cups and place in the bottom of baking dish. Add salt and papper to mixture of meat and pour over rice. Top with grated Velveeta cheese. Bake in 350° oven until cheese is melted.

The beans can be mixed with the meat mixture or layered on the rice.

Wedding Shower Honoring Kristy Schulenberg Bride-elect of Garrick Engle to be held on Sunday, July 30 in the home of Linda Wall 108 Avenue G 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thought for the Week!

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

LOCAL TUMBLER IN NATIONALS

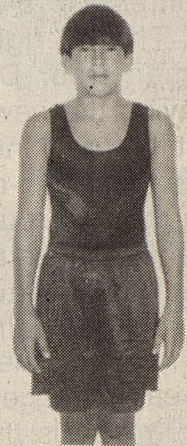
Chris Estrada, a member of the Plains Royal Bounders Tumbling Team recently attended the USA Tumbling and Trampoline Assoc. National Tumbling meet, held July 3-5 in Denver, Co.. He competed in power tumbling, trampoline, and double mini-trampoline.

He placed 14th in tumbling, 13th in trampoline and 14th in double mini-trampoline. The competition this year was extremely tough.

There were 110 teams and more than 700 athletes from all over the United states and Canada.

The Plains Royal Bounders and their coach Penny Green, want to thank the people and business of Plains for the help

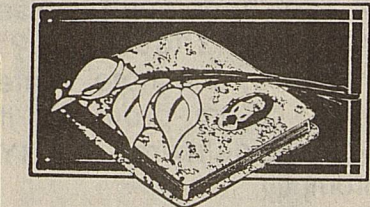
and support through the year. We would also like to thank the Plains School District for the use of their facility.



BROTHERS HAVE BIG PART IN DISTURBANCE

Anahuac: The two high-spirited Jack brothers, Patrick and William, played prominent parts in the recently ended disturbances in this city.

Patrick, younger of the two, incurred the wrath of John D. Bradburn, commander of the garrison here, when he formed a militia company without that Mexican officer's consent. Into the grad house Jack went. When Bradburn refused, after numerous requests, to release Patrick and William B. Travis, another prisoner, older brother William Jack took the lead in marching on the garrison and demanding the release of the prisoners. William later became one of the six



signers of the Turtle Bayou Resolutions; others present when the resolutions were first read and adopted credit him with writing them.

A widely-quoted anecdote in this neighborhood explains why William Jack, in spite of his outspokenness and fiery temper, has never participated in a duel. It seems that he once received a challenge and with it, of course, the choice of weapons. Jack, an extremely near-sighted man, chose shotguns with the width of a dining-room table as the distance. His challenger quickly decided to compromise, and Jack has never received another challenge.

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FROM THE HACK



OK, that's it, stick a fork in me. I'm done. No more golf for this cat. It's not enough that a person of my character must endure playing with others who don't know the meaning of the word. It's not enough that a person of my skill and ability gets beaten by others who resort to sneaky, devious plots and plans. Not enough my lofty morals are abused by rampant foul language, strong drink, and (gasp!) illegal wagering during a round of golf. Not enough when I draw a partner, I have to carry him like a Camel with an Arab.

Now, I must add to these abuses the very real fear of being bitten by a rattle snake. That's right. A young man from Denver City, playing the new 14th hole, hit his ball into the really, really rough-rough, and stumbling around in the weeds and shinnery, managed to irritate Mr. Snake to the point he struck him in the leg. What's really strange about this occurrence is the guy wasn't even aware he'd been bitten. At home that

night, he began to complain to his wife about the leg hurting. He took his pants off, and to their horror saw the limb was swelling badly and was horribly colored. The wife inspected it, and sure enough, found fang marks, whereupon they sped to the hospital, and he is reportedly doing well now.

It's never fun hitting your ball into the dreaded rough, into a water hazard, or out of bounds. Even less now we know the little white ball could be lying right next to a buzz tail. Anyone interested in a complete set of clubs..... Cheap?



Remember the old movie, "Giant"? Of course you do; Edna Ferber's novel ala Hollywood which really steamed lots of die hard Texans.

Recall the scene, shot near Marfa, where Bick Benedict (Rock Hudson), tells his sister, played by Mercedes McCambridge not to ride the unruly stud horse? She gets on anyway, rides off, the mean stud bucking up a storm, and the scene fades as she rides the bucking horse into the fading sunset. She of course later turns up dead, killed when the bad 'un bucked her off.

"She" was played by one Bub Evans of Ft. Davis, son of a prominent ranching family there. He and his younger brother, Clay, alternated in the filming riding broncs, until the Director, George Stevens, was finally satisfied with the scene. Both 'Bub' and Clint would suffer for their Hollywood riches, Clint finally terminated by a broken limb.

The point of all this is, I knew Bub Evans fairly well, as did locals Polly Rushing and Billy Winn, former Rodeo chasers. He came to the Pecos Rodeo every year, where in my Junior and Senior year, I decided I could compete with the real pros on the then called RCA circuit. There is no fool like a young fool.

I considered myself an up and coming bareback bronc rider, competing in quite a few local one day rodeos, and jackpot events in the Pecos area, and doing fairly well. In 1949, I scraped up enough bucks to enter the event at the home town Pecos 4th of

July show. I drew a bareback horse called something like "Hades-Loving-Fury-Wildcat Steaming-Weasel-Vixen", which after about four seconds, tossed my skinny frame almost over the six foot fence. The next year, still determined to make a showing before the home folks, and after much practice riding in places like Penwell, Toyah, Barstow, Monahans, Wickett and Jal, and in other world famous events, I again decided I was ready for the really tough Butler Brothers stock used in the Pecos rodeo. Somehow, I scraped up the \$65 entry fee, at that point in my innocent life at least a months fortune.

My lucky draw for a mount this time produced a male gender, one "Two Ton Bust Butt and Take No Names Or Prisoners", a real bad number which had only been ridden twice in three years.

Oh, how I fondly recall, I was third out of the chutes that night. Almost up-chucking with jitters, I stumbled around the arena, finally gathered up what I thought was my gear, and on wobbly knees trudged with it to the chute where "Bust Butt" was already loaded, actual fire snorting from his nostrils as he watched me approach. I didn't know horses could giggle, but he did, as he watched me climb warily up the chute gate, and gently drop my rigging, expertly taped and rosined, onto his broad back.

Well, you know the rest. When guest announcer Buck Jackson, a Pecos rancher and crowd favorite, announced my name, the

crowd all stood and cheered.

I quickly threw up, wiped clean, and was helped onto "Bust Butt's" back. When I managed to find my voice, I squeaked, "Let 'er Rip!", just as I heard old Casey Tibbs did back then.

Honest to Above, I managed to mark the demon out of the chute, and hung on for seven terrifying leaps and gyrations, the crowd roaring its approval. The only problem was, the brute was dragging me round the arena all during this melee. My hand was stuck in the tacky rigging.

Thank the Lord it wasn't Super Glue. At last, I fell free. Do I see pick up men, savior clowns coming to the rescue? No, I see one Bub Evans, screaming, cursing, spittle drooling from his mouth, racing towards me, rage in his eyes, as he shrieked, "You little #!~*^#**^*^#, that was my rigging you used on that sorry horse!!!"

Much later that night, I sent a note with a friend to Bub; "I'm sorry. If I buy you a fifth of Scotch, do you promise not to shoot me?" Promptly, the note came back; "Semi-promise, if Scotch delivered VERY promptly."

I recently read where Bub Evans is dead now. R.I.P. There goes a true Texas character.



"Dear Dad:
The last time I was home, you said some significant things about my interest in radical proposals for a new social order. When you told me I was too young for sane opinion on such matters, you insinuated that your generation is better than mine. I do not believe that those who led us into this mess are capable of leading us out.

"Dad, believe me when I say that I am indebted to you for parental love and protection, but believe me also when I say that my generation holds in contempt the colossal social, economic and political blunders which you perpetuated. As we survey the worthless heritage of crime, war poverty and greed, we unite in shouting we will have none of it....

"Hold fast to the religion of your fathers, you warn, and I cannot help wondering, has that religion lessened hatred, crime, war and suffering in its 20th century trial? Are its fundamental concepts philosophically sound?

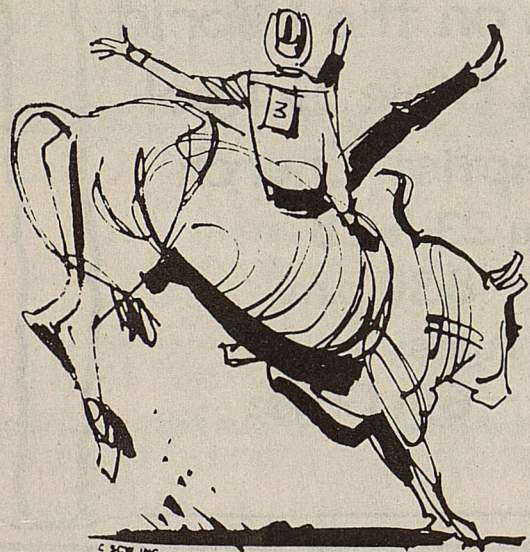
"Dad our young people are admittedly a skeptical crowd. What we have lost in the comfort of blind faith, we have gained in the assurance of empirical scientific reasoning. If this fact-finding attitude be heresy, you may style us 'heretics'. If we worship reality instead of sublimity, you may say that we are fools. If science has altered our moral convictions, and if our new freedom conflicts with your age-old prohibitions, then you may consign us to your fiery hells.

"But one thing is certain. Win or lose, right or wrong, we are beginning to think through these things. We are trying to see 'beyond our noses'; we are striving to build a better world."

Without a question, that is an eloquent plea.

What makes it all the more interesting is that student Walter Seifert wrote it in 1934. Today, now 55, he is a professor of journalism at Ohio State University, identifies himself as a "staunch conservative," and, as a father of daughters ages 16 and 25, says that he is now fighting the generation gap.

RODEO TIME!

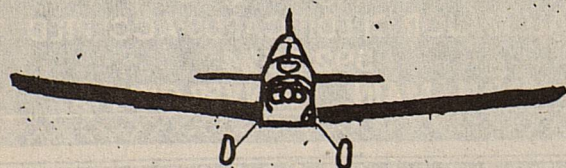


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