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BERRIEN COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

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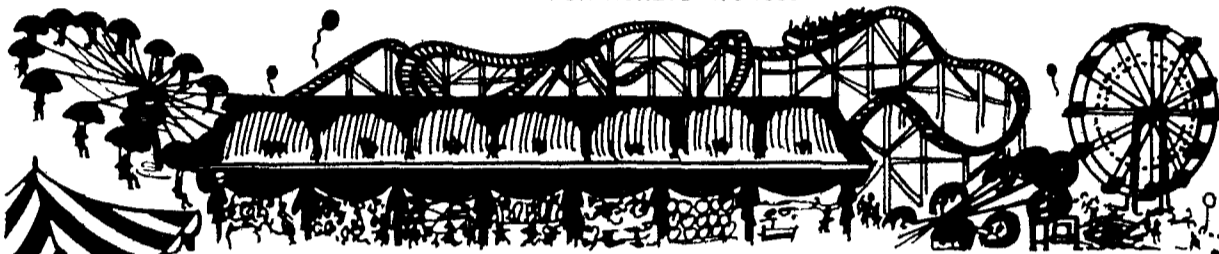


BERRIEN COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

AUGUST 16-20, 1983

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August 12, 13, 14
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 8 00 a.m. 1 00 and 7 00 p.m.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 8 00 a.m., 1 00 and 7 00 p.m.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 8 30 and 9 00 a.m. 1 00 p.m.

ADMISSION

Adults \$1 00 Lower Level Grandstand & Grounds
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Saturday, August 20--6:30 & 9 00 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

8 00 p.m. BARBERSHOP QUARTET PROGRAM
(Grandstand) Admission \$3 00

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

5 30 p.m. APPLE QUEEN CONTEST (Grandstand)
7 00 p.m. FAIR KING AND QUEEN CONTEST
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GATE ADMISSION PRICES:

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ADULTS	\$2 50
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Monday Grandstand Show, all seats reserved	
Grandstand \$4 00	Box Seats \$5 00
Wednesday and Saturday Grandstand Shows	
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Grandstand \$6 50	Chairs \$8 50

MONDAY, AUGUST 15--"ENTRY Day"
6 30 p.m. SUPERSTOCK AND MODIFIED
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**TUESDAY, AUGUST 16--
"PRESIDENT'S Day"--"CHILDREN'S Day"**

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

"COMMISSIONER'S Day"
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9 p.m. THE OSMONDS, Starring DONNY,
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9 30 a.m. Sheep and Goat Auction
(Small Show Ring)
1 00 p.m. Swine Auction (Small Show Ring)
5 00 p.m. Beef Auction (Small Show Ring)
6 30 &
9 p.m. NICHOLS BROTHERS (Grandstand)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20--
"High School Day"**

NOON Cheerleading Contest (Horse Complex)
6 30 &
9 p.m. MICKEY GILLEY &
THE URBAN COWBOY BAND (Grandstand)



NICHOLS BROTHERS
Friday, August 19--6:30 & 9 00 p.m.



THE OSMONDS
Starring DONNY, MARIE and
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Wednesday, August 17--6:30 & 9 00 p.m.

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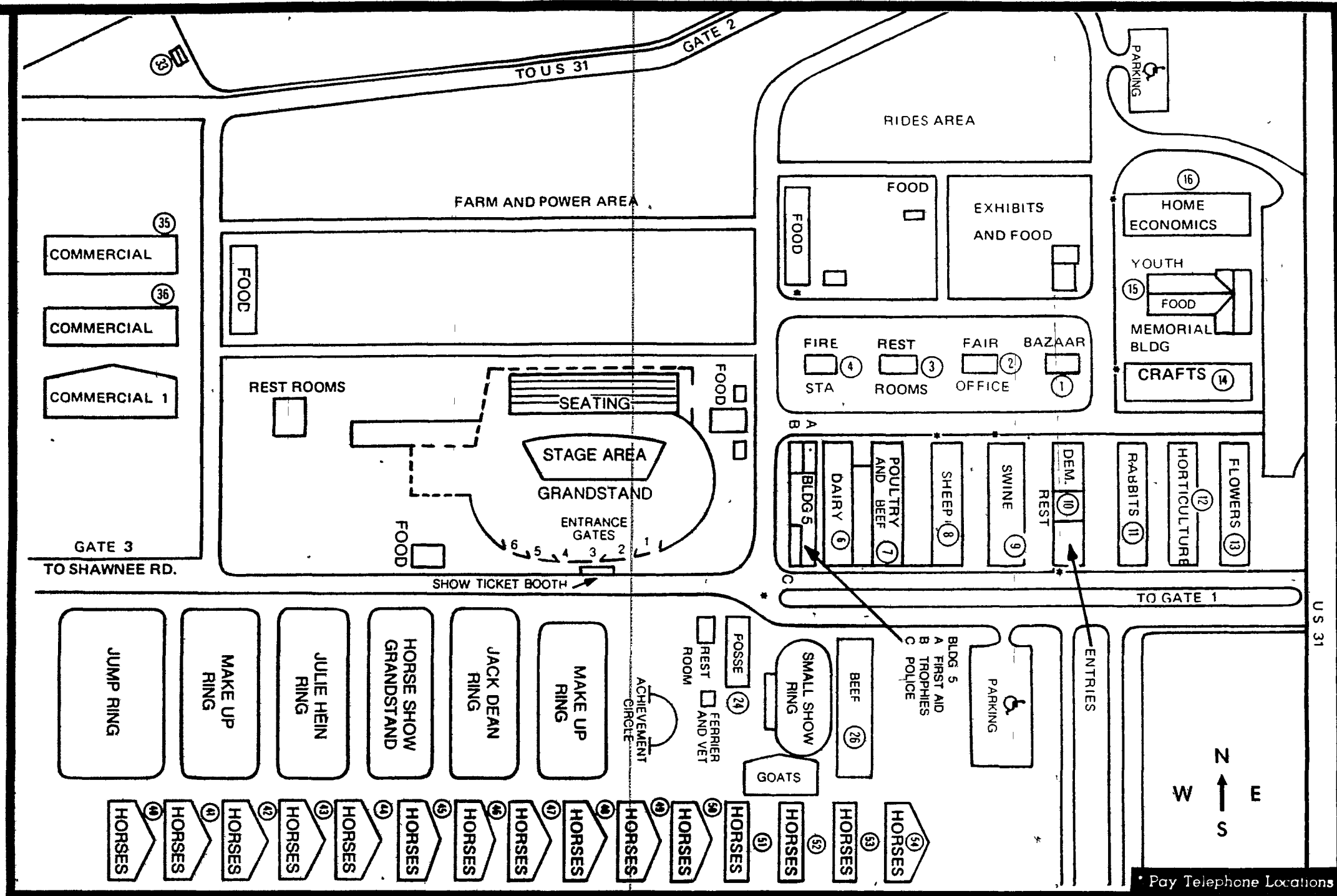
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Berrien County Youth Fair grounds map

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Fair to offer many attractions

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The 38th Berrien County Youth Fair will be held August 16 through August 20, at the fair grounds located on US 31 North in Berrien Springs.

The Youth Fair is billed as the "largest youth fair in the midwest" and record breaking crowds are again expected to view the youth exhibits and the entertainment programs. Attendance figures for last year show that 132,301 people visited the fair grounds during the five day event.

Entertainers highlighting this year's fair include the Osmonds featuring Donny, Marie and the Osmond Brothers and Mickey Gilley with the Urban Cowboy Band. The Osmonds will appear on Wednesday, August 17 and Gilley is scheduled for Saturday, August 20. Shows for both nights are set for 6:30 and 9:00 p.m. and all seats are reserved. Tickets for the performances are \$6.50 and \$8.50. Paul Lennon is scheduled to appear nightly as MC.

Other grandstand attractions slated for Fair Week include the Circus Continental with shows planned at 1 and 3 p.m. and an evening performance at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16. Thursday entertainers will be the Spurrilows, who have appeared on the Bob Hope Special, the Tonight Show and Merv Griffin. On Friday, the Nichols Brothers will entertain with their musical numbers from the '40s to the '80s. Those shows are scheduled for 6:30 and 9:00 p.m. Grandstand seats for the Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday performances are free while reserved seats are \$3.

Although the actual opening date is August 16, numerous events are planned in the days preceding the start of the youth fair.

Included in the 'kick-off' activities is the Open Horse Show, set for Friday through Sunday, August 12-14. Show times (rain or shine) are 8 a.m., 1 and 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Adult admission is \$1 for the lower grandstands and grounds and \$2 for upper level grandstand seating. Children under 10 years are admitted free.

Also on Saturday, August 13, a Barbershop Quartet performance is set for 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3 and the program features the Fruit Belt Chapter of SPEBQSA.

A King and Queen to reign over the 1983 Youth Fair will be selected on Sunday, August 14, during the annual contest held in the grandstands beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

On Monday, August 15 is the annual Apple Queen contest. That event begins at 5:30 p.m. in the grandstand. There is no admission charge.

Also on tap for Monday is the Superstock and Modified Tractor Pull, which can be viewed from the grandstands. That event begins at 6:30 p.m.

Another main attraction to the Youth Fair are the exhibits which will be on display from Tuesday through Saturday. Young people from all over Berrien County are expected to enter exhibits including crafts, crops, flowers, foods, horses and livestock.

Gate admission price for adults is \$2.50, children, ages 5-12, \$1. Season passes for adults will cost \$7.50 and for children \$2. Day passes for senior citizens, 65 and over, will be \$1 and for the season, \$3. Parking is free. A 'people mover' service from the Shawnee Road parking lot to the Fair will be in operation from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Following is a daily breakdown of other scheduled fair activities:

Monday, August 15
Entry day for all exhibits, 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Tuesday, August 16
Children's Day, school children through high school are admitted free. LMC Foods Day, building 10, 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

9 p.m. Square dancing demonstration, building 10, 7 p.m. Draft Horse exhibition, Jack Dean ring, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 17
Arts and Crafts Day, building 10, 1-5 p.m. Youth Tractor Operators contest, at south of grandstand, 3:00 p.m. St. Joseph Valley Handspinners demonstration, building 16, 3-5 p.m. Karate demonstration, building 10, 7:00 p.m.; 4-H Versatility Show, Horse

Complex, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 18

Farmers Day, Auto Operators Contest, front of Youth Memorial building, 9 a.m. Style Show, Home Economics building, 2 p.m. Gymkhana, Julie Hein Make-Up ring, 5 p.m. Style Show, Home Economics Building, 7 p.m. St. Joseph Valley Handspinners demonstration, building 16, 7-8 p.m.

Friday, August 19

Entry of "65 and Over" exhibits, building 10. Horse trail classes, 8-10 a.m. Competitive Youth Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks, Youth Memorial Building, 9 a.m. St. Joseph Valley Handspinners demonstration, building 16, 3-5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Parade — Trophy winners and New Buffalo Band, 5:45 p.m. Draft Horse Exhibit, Julie Hein Ring, 6:30 p.m. Handicappers Horsemanship, Julie Hein ring, 7 p.m.; Square Dancing demonstration, building 10. Release of "65 and Over" exhibits, building 10, 8-9 p.m.

Saturday, August 20
Weigh-in of tractors at fairgrounds, 6-7:30 a.m.

Garden and farm tractor pull, 7:30 a.m. grandstand. Entry of "65 and Over" Art Exhibits, 8-10 a.m. Cheerleading Contest, Horse Complex, 12 noon Youth Exhibit premium money paid, 1-10 p.m., entry office Showmanship Sweepstakes Contest, Small Show Ring, 1 p.m. St. Joe Valley Handspinners

demonstration, building 16, 3-5 p.m. Release of "65 and Over" exhibits, 7-8 p.m. Release of exhibits, 11 p.m.

Sunday, August 21
Release of horticulture, flowers, home economics and crafts exhibits, 1-5 p.m. Release of Youth Premium awards, 1-5 p.m.

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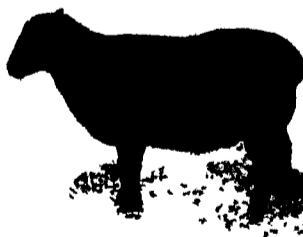


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Horse show to kick-off fair week

More than 1,000 entries from several states are expected this weekend at the Berrien County Youth Fair Horse Show the annual kick-off to the youth fair.

Last year more than 100 horses were denied entry into the show because of lack of room, indicating the growth in popularity of the show.

The three day event (Aug. 12-14) will be unique this year because all the electrical

power used to run the show will come from a solar generator.

Tommy Shaw, member of the rock group Styx and resident of Niles, has arranged for the use of Solar Genny I, a mobile solar generator, for this year's show. Each year Shaw is an active participant in the running of the show.

The generator has been used to power the sets of television shows in California, but this will be its debut in the Midwest.

The show will begin on the fairgrounds in Berrien Springs in front of the 3,000-seat grandstand on Friday at 8 a.m. Shows will follow at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. The schedule is identical on Saturday and Sunday's shows will be at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Admission to the show is \$1 for the lower level of the grandstand, \$2 for the upper level. Children under 10 will be admitted free.



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Lennon will greet Berrien County Youth Fair grandstand visitors each night at 6:30 and 9 p.m.

In Paul Lennon, fairs have enjoyed the assurance that each and every one of their star attractions is preceded by a solid warm-up, and then is presented in the professional first rate fashion it deserves.

When playing a run-of-the-fair engagement, Lennon changes his performance each day — tailoring his presentations for the country music, pop or general audience. This way,

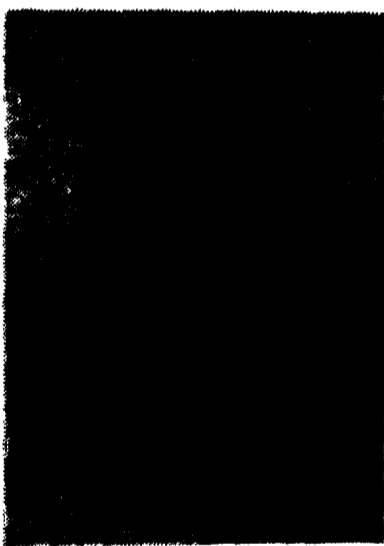


Paul Lennon

his material is always relative to the immediate situation, and the "repeat business" audience is always treated to different,

and fresh material every night. This feature alone sets Paul Lennon apart from all other performers.

Bob Furney and band to perform at grandstand



Bob Furney

Bob Furney, talented conductor, musician, educator, and showman, has been in the entertainment business for the past 30 years. His band will perform each night during fair week at the grandstand at 6:30 and 9 p.m.

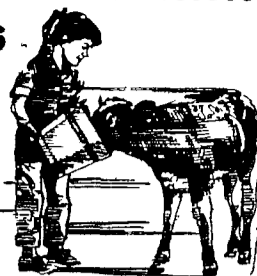
He has studied with the nation's leading teachers of trumpet, and his performance background is extensive and varied. He has appeared with symphony orchestras, many of the leading dance bands, and has played and conducted musicals at the Kenley Players summer theater. To name a few of his most recent musical performances: Man of La Mancha, Fiddler On The Roof, West Side Story, My Fair Lady, The Music Man;

Godspell, Oliver, No, No Nanette; and Cabaret.

He has played for and conducted many of the groups backing such entertainment giants as Bobby Vinton, Roy Clark, Donald O'Connor, Boots Randolph, Rich Little, Pat Boone, Mac Davis, Tony Orlando and Dawn, Gordon MacRae, Bobby Goldsboro, Steve Lawrence and Edie Gorme, Doc Severinsen, Lynn Anderson, George Gobel, Mickey Rooney, Anna Marie Alberghetti and John Davidson.

Furney's musical career also encompasses the circus world; for he has been affiliated with the Ringling Brothers Circus, the Cole Brothers Circus and Wallenda's Circus.

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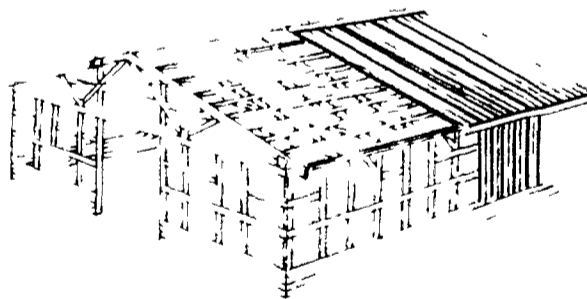


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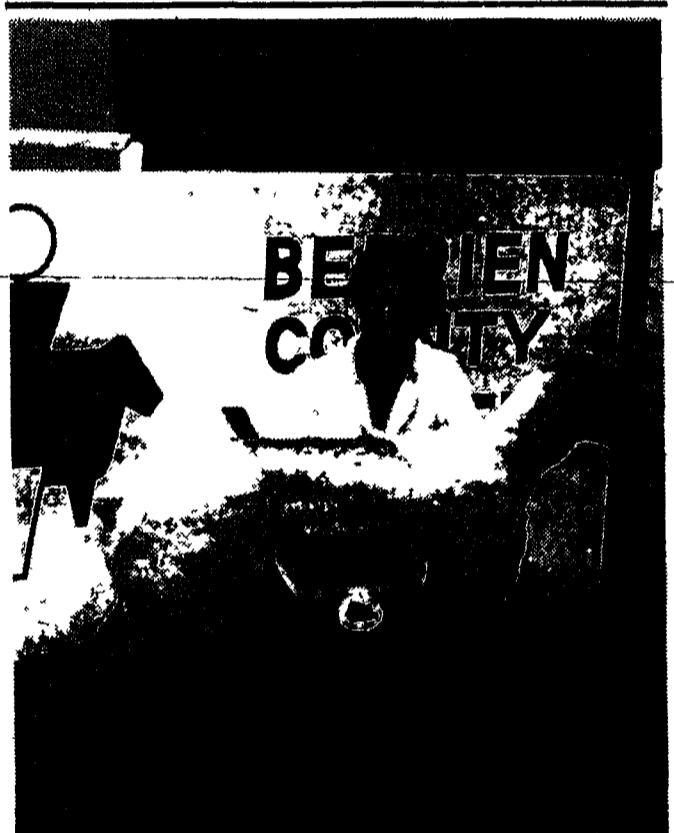
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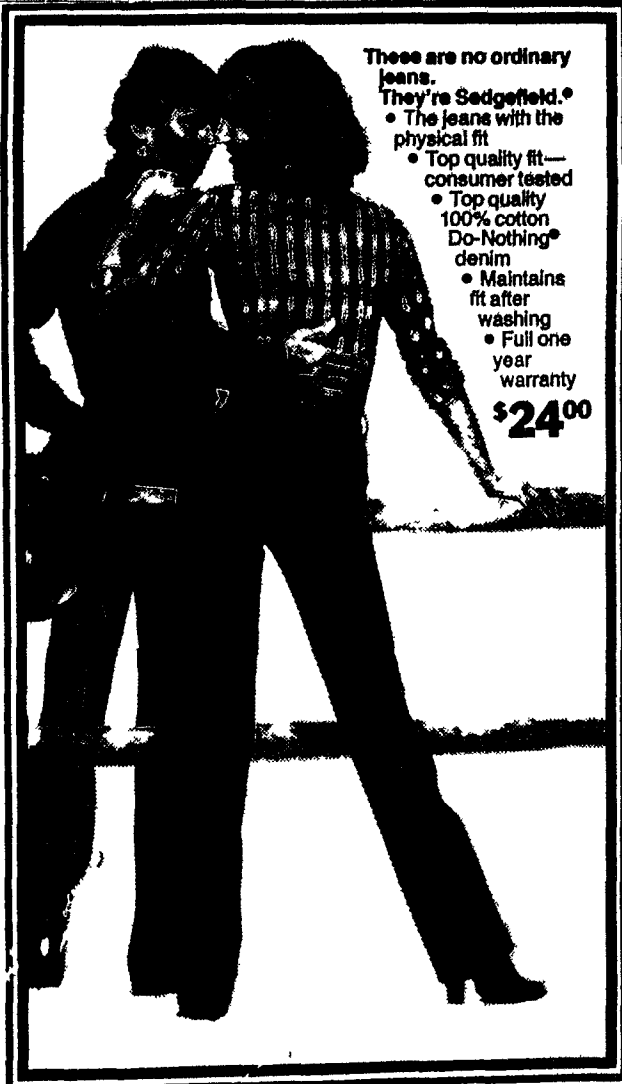


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The Osmonds began as a family of child stars who made it completely on their own. Tiny dynamos pouring their souls into each phrase of their music that affirmed not only their talent but their dedication, they had the sheer determination to stick through all obstacles to make their career work.

What sets the Osmonds further apart is their deep commitment to family. For the Osmonds, family takes precedence over career, over everything.

The Osmonds not only find time for each other, but provide the unfailing support and encouragement that fosters the self-esteem necessary to try new things; new directions, new beginnings without fear of failure. If one thing doesn't work, another will and the Osmond world won't fall apart if it doesn't.

Entertaining each other grew out of the Osmond's observance of Family Home Evening, a Mormon weekly tradition when the family comes together to solve problems, discuss spiritual matters and bring something to each other. George and Olive Osmond encouraged musical family nights at which their children could sing and play musical instruments.

By 1958 they were singing for church and local civic groups in their hometown of Ogden, Utah. Their inventive barber-shop style gained widespread recognition throughout the western states, and in 1962 while on a SPEBSQA tour, a chance visit to Disneyland became the launching of their professional career. Spotted by Tommy Walker, a Disney talent scout, while singing impromptu for one of the Disney barber-shop quartets, the boys were hired on the spot for an engagement at the famous park.

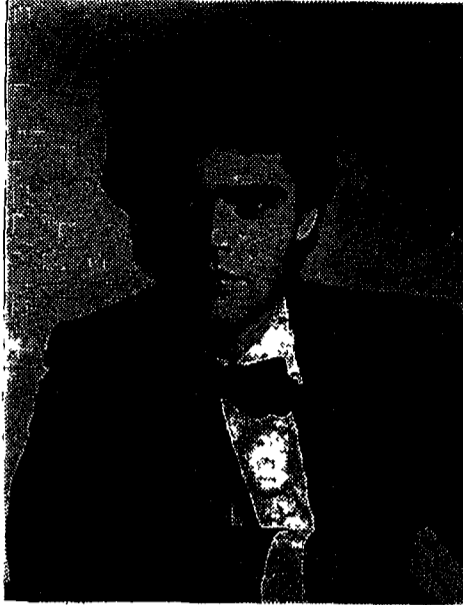
During this appearance, Andy Williams' father saw the Osmond Quartet in action and, realizing their enormous potential, arranged to have them audition for Williams' upcoming NBC television variety series. Williams loved them and the boys became show regulars for its three-year run. They also appeared with Williams' cross-country concert tours.

In 1969, the group became "Osmond Brothers" to include then twelve-year-old Donny and moved to "The Jerry

Lewis Show." They later re-joined Andy Williams as semi-regulars when he began a new show for NBC-TV.

During this exciting era, the Osmond Brothers not only grew up, they also grew in scope. By 1971, combined sales from Osmond Brothers hits and Donny Osmond releases won them nine gold records, a total that exceeds the Beatles' highest single year collection of gold records.

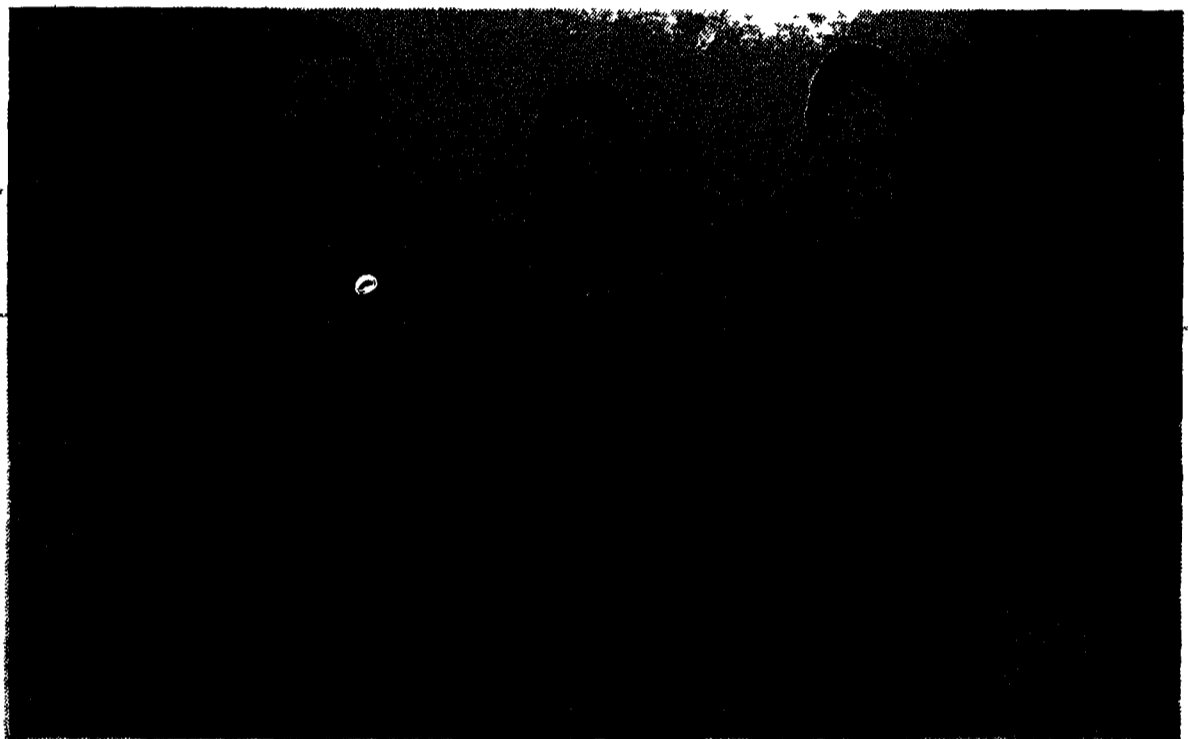
Donny and Marie along with the Osmond Brothers, will perform Wednesday, Aug 17 at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in the grandstand.



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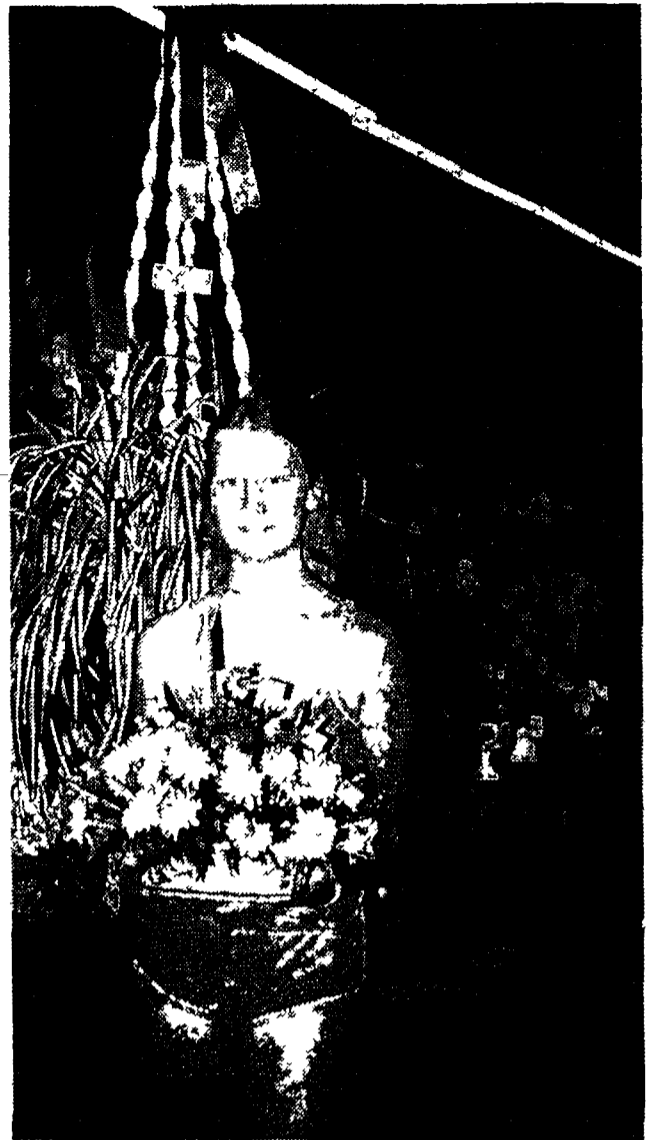
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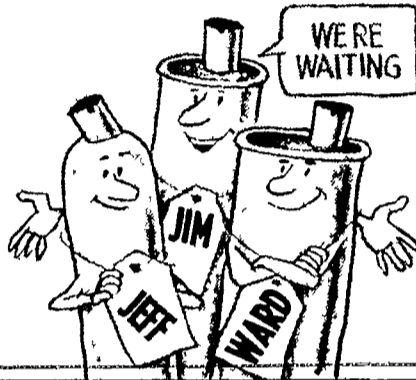


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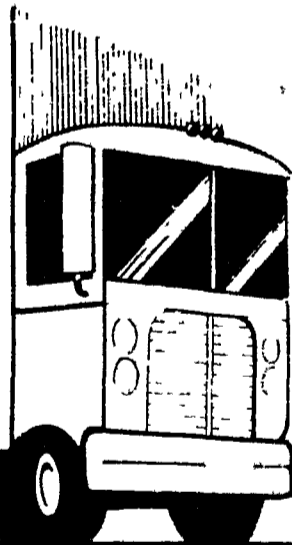
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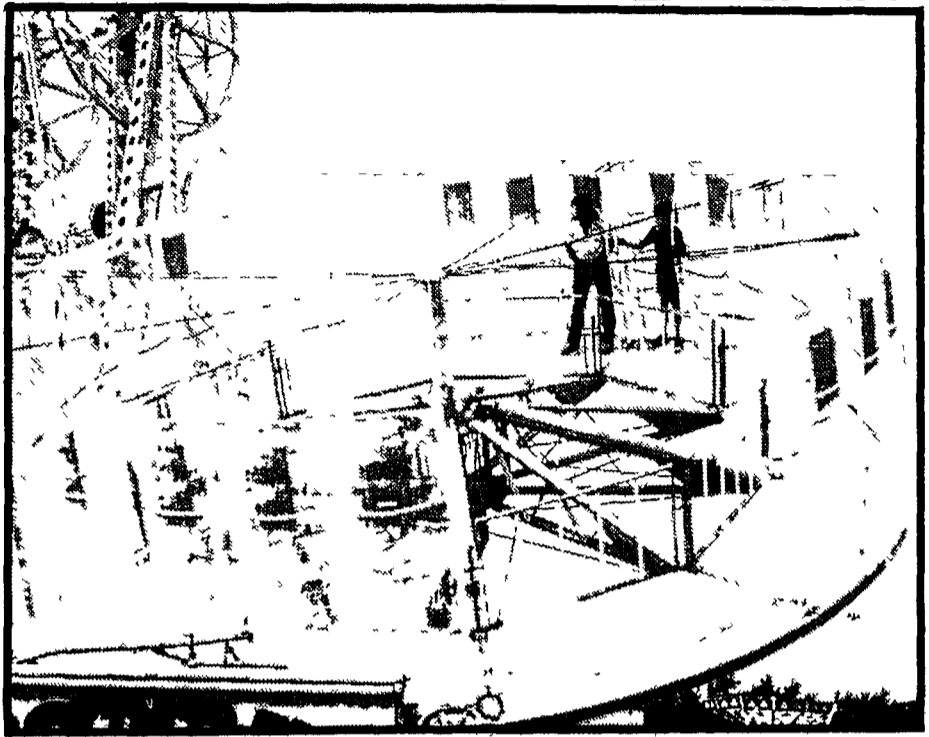
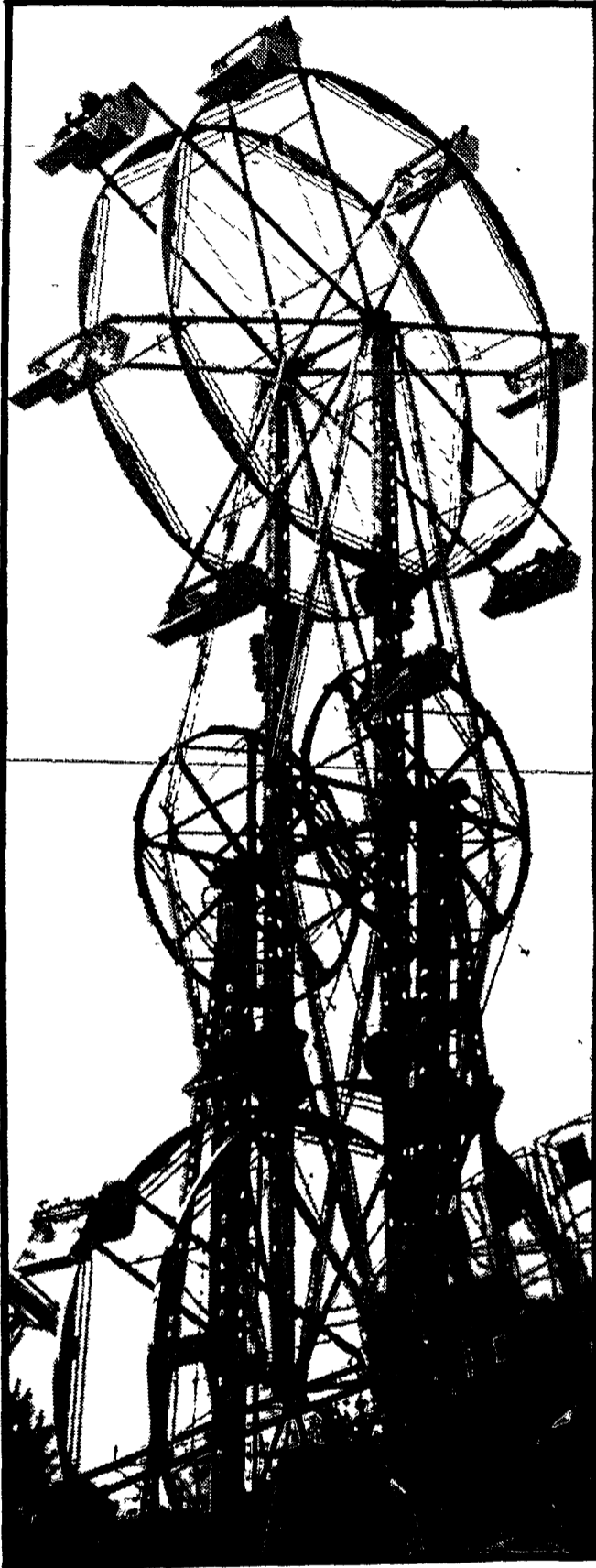
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The fair has had a remarkably successful history almost from the first year of its being in 1946. So well has the idea of a showplace for the constructive achievements of the youth of Berrien County succeeded that it has been a continuous struggle for its founders and many builders to alleviate constant growing pains.

From 1946, when the first Fair was staged at Indian Field, or the Grove, in Berrien Springs, to the present, the youth fair has an unbroken string of records each year for the number of exhibits put on display. From 350 items shown by the boys and girls in 1946, the number has mounted each year.

The Youth Fair actually had its roots back earlier than 1946, in an annual 4-H summer show that was started in Berrien Springs in 1938 with the support and cooperation of the Berrien Springs Lions Club. In the spring of 1945, the Berrien County Agricultural Association was formed as an official sponsor for the summer show and after that year's exhibition the association decided to launch the present fair.

The first fair at the Grove was sufficiently successful for the Berrien County Board of Supervisors to agree to buy a 34-acre tract of ground about one-half mile north of Berrien on US-31 for a permanent fairgrounds. At first, the county board granted the association a 99-year lease on the property, but several years later in 1950 — the association bought the ground from the county for the original purchase price of \$5,000. And the board very kindly voted unanimously to return the check along with the deed.

After a severe wind and rain storm came close to knocking out the 1947 fair, the matter of building permanent display halls has been probably the foremost problem of the sponsoring association.

The first building, a 34-by-160-foot cattle barn, was erected in 1948 under a \$5,000 contract. The building later became a horse display barn. It was also in 1948 that the original name of the fair was changed from Berrien County Rural Youth Fair to Berrien County Youth Fair, in accord with a decision to open the event to participation by urban as well as rural youth. At the same time the Berrien County Agricultural Association name was changed to Berrien County Youth Fair Association, Inc.

In 1949, another 34-by-160-foot stall was built on contract for Home Economics displays.

In 1952 some 175 volunteer workers built a 54-by-160-foot cattle display barn in a two-day

building bee. And in 1953, volunteer workers did most of the work in erecting two 50-by-160-foot commercial exhibit halls.

Incidentally, it was also in 1953 that construction was begun on the Youth Memorial Building. Although not owned by the fair association, the Youth Memorial Building is in effect another fair building because it is devoted to fair purposes each fair time.

In 1954 again, volunteer workers put up a 54-by-160-foot swine, sheep and poultry display hall. And the Youth Memorial Building was opened in January of that year as a county meeting center.

Again in 1955, more volunteers erected a 34-by-160-foot horticultural display building. At the same time four small buildings were built on contract in the fairgrounds "rest area." These four buildings were a Fair office building, a fire station, a rest room building and a bazaar building for the Women's Home Economics Extension clubs. The Sheriff's Posse also built its own 34-by-100-foot stable on the grounds this same year.

A long-sought grandstand, seating approximately 2,600, was built in 1956, complete with lighting and sound systems. The biggest single project ever undertaken, its total cost was \$45,000.

In 1960, a 34-by-160-foot handicraft exhibit building was added. Volunteers did approximately half of the work on this structure.

Improvements were again made in 1962. A new horse barn, 34-by-160-feet, was built just south of the cattle barn. This was put up with volunteer workers, reducing the cost of the building considerably.

Another project approved by the Fair Board, was the extension of the Berrien Springs water pipe line to serve the youth fair needs, and give more adequate fire protection.

During the spring of 1963 approximately nine acres of wooded area in the southwest corner of the original fair grounds was converted to an additional parking area to provide badly needed parking facilities. There remains approximately three acres of wooded area which is used by

scouting groups for camp outs.

The original 34-acre tract was increased in 1952 when Fair President and Mrs. John Pfeil generously provided \$3,000, with which the association purchased an adjoining 14 acres for parking lot purposes.

Another three acres were added to the fairgrounds in 1969, when the association acquired a right of way for a new entrance road, connecting the rear of the grounds with Shawnee road. The extra entrance was designed to relieve severe traffic congestion about the US 31 entrances during fair time.

In 1963 the association purchased 13 acres of ground from Mr. and Mrs. F. Wassmuth. The fair association had been using the grounds for parking, and this will now become a permanent parking area. The association also cleared off the back woods and leveled the ground in preparation for future parking facilities.

In 1966 a 32-by-160-foot metal building at a cost of nearly \$20,000 was added to the grounds to house a new entry

office, exhibitors rest rooms, and demonstrations. Also, trees were planted in the 13-acre tract that was purchased in 1963.

In 1967 the rides area was enlarged and several new roadways were completed. The Master Grounds Plan was reviewed by the Planning Consultant, Gaylord R. Lewis, and adopted as re-drawn and enlarged. The Jack Dean Memorial Ring was added as a Memorial to Jack Dean Jr., by members of the Al-Bar 4-H Club. The Horse Club members furnished the labor to construct the ring and the fair association purchased the lumber.

During the summer of 1968 several more improvements were added to the grounds. A new 32-by-40-foot building was constructed as headquarters for the police, first aid and tools. An addition was made to the fire station to accommodate the firemen with a sleeping area. A shower house and rest room facility for the show and rides personnel was completed.

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modified (hobby) tractor pulling contest were new at the fair. The improvements included relocating the outer drive so that installation of large scales and other expansion projects could be possible Additional lights were installed in the parking lot areas as well as the roads named and signs installed. A pole shelter 30-by-80-feet for sheep and swine judging and a ferrier shelter 20-by-23 feet were constructed prior to the 1973 fair
 In October of 1973, final papers were signed to complete the purchase of 73 2 acres from the City of David at a total cost of \$127,000
 In 1974, growing pains were evident With the additional acreage, many projects were expanded and re-vamped such as roads, water lines, fences and lighting. The first fair grounds map to scale was drawn showing locations of all permanent installations.
 1975 was a growing and expanding year Two 60-by-200-foot commercial buildings No. 35 and No 36 were constructed just south of the grandstand and farm and power area

Youth exhibit buildings were rearranged to add exhibit space in many departments The home economics, crafts, rabbit, horse, dairy and sheep departments made the most change Water lines, new rest room, additional blacktop and perimeter roadways were added to the physical set-up The dairy department installed a milking parlor for the convenience of the exhibitors and entertainment of many spectators. An additional entry building No. 51 was built to accommodate the growing Open Horse Show and other fair needs Projects in 1975 amounted to an expenditure of over \$110,000
 A 42-by-84-foot tent was erected to house antique household items, small farm tools, Indian crafts and a 100 year old post office in 1976. Antique farm equipment was displayed nearby and threshing demonstrations were held daily Commemorative red, white and blue ribbons were used to identify youth exhibit classes using a Bicentennial theme. Special exhibits, activities and decorations including 33 historical

flags on the buildings made this a colorful year and a nostalgic one for many fair-goers Improvements on the grounds included a horse wash rack and replacement of the metal fence along the rear of the grandstand
 In 1976, and again in 1977, the fair was awarded the John F. Reid Memorial Trophy at the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions in Dearborn, for best fair in the category of fairs paying over \$30,000 in premiums
 In 1977, a permanent fair office was established in the Lurkins Room of the Youth Memorial Building early in the year on a rental basis with Berrien County Farm Bureau Three 40-by-200-foot horse barns were built at a cost of \$62,000 After 24 years, new roofs were put on buildings 14 and 16 A clay tractor pull track was installed in front of the grandstand About 350 pine tree seedlings, donated by Henry Westerhoven, were planted at various locations on the grounds
 On June 3, 20 acres adjoining the present fairgrounds were purchased from Finding and

Associates of St Joseph for \$60,000 On Labor Day, Sept 5, fire destroyed the police and maintenance building resulting in a total loss of building and contents.
 A new horse complex was established in 1978 It included three show rings, two make-up rings and a 2,500 seat covered grandstand at a preliminary cost of \$80,000 Building No 5, which burned last year, was replaced with a 34-by-160-foot pole barn which houses the maintenance, security and first aid departments and added a much needed trophy room. The construction cost was approximately \$35,000
 Perimeter fencing was changed to include the 20 acres purchased in 1977. After enjoying a few years of good fair weather, misfortune struck when a violent wind-storm completely destroyed the canvas grandstand cover and supports.
 The major project in 1979 was designing and constructing a new grandstand tarp cover. This tarp covered the full length of 200 feet and extended over the entire box seat, chair and stage areas The tarp

saved the fair on auction day and evening entertainment-as 1979 provided ample rainfall during the fair dates Additional commercial exhibit space was available in a large tent and to the south of the grandstand Six gas powered golf carts were purchased for fair use rather than renting, as had been the procedure for years
 Volunteers in 1980 planned and erected the fence around the jump ring and make-up ring to complete all rings of the horse complex New portable tractor unloading docks were built and moved from the grandstand area to near the campground area in order to alleviate traffic congestion Adding a six inch water main, fire hydrants and T's through the horse tent area was accomplished for accommodation and protection. While equipment was on the grounds, a larger, deeper dry well was installed near the posse barn
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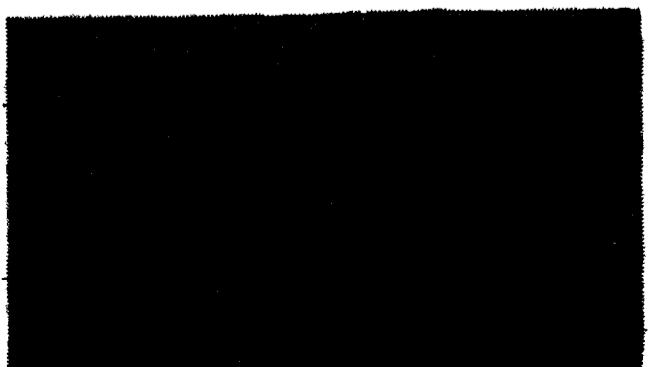
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 Improvements in 1981 included: adding on 12-feet to the main rest room to make available additional handicapped facilities on the grounds. The grandstand fence was re-constructed and updated. Steel pipes were designed to hold parking lot identification signs.
 In 1982, many improvements were made through the year to include: re-siding the home economics and crafts buildings with metal; enclosing a partition between horticulture and the flower buildings; installing additional black-topping from Gate 1 to Commercial Road, Gate 2 from the road to the ticket offices and various shorter roadways; using cable for lights in parking lots to get lights out of the trees; adding electrical outlets to facilitate the camping areas; adding a cement slab for the commercial tent, building 12 additional five-tier bleachers by the Naval Reserve group from Lakeville, Ind.; purchasing a new intermediate-sized diesel tractor and lawn mower; building five additional horse stabling shelters; remodeling the front of the Grounds Fair Office; installing new water lines and storm sewers to service the main rest room, building the Proseus Memorial Planter near the commercial buildings; and purchasing two security carts with donated funds; replacing two livestock loading chutes.

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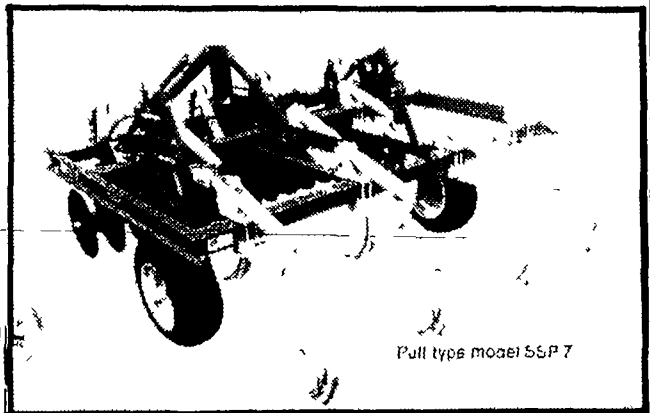
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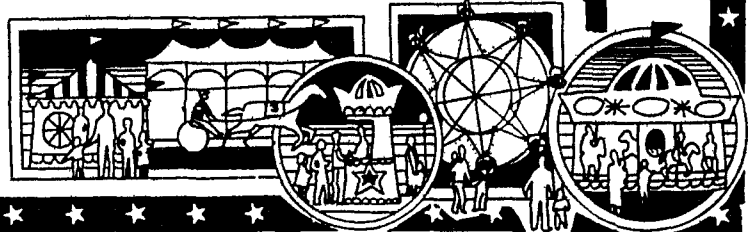
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The Nichols Brothers

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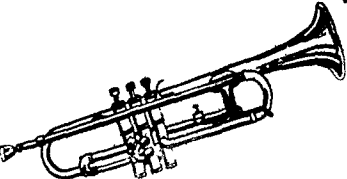


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Long before Madison Avenue and Yves Saint Laurent discovered "Texas Chic" and long before the huge honky tonk that bears his name was immortalized in the motion picture, "Urban Cowboy," Mickey Gilley was already a household name among those who take their music seriously.

Mickey first gained national recognition in 1974 when he topped the national country charts with the song, "Roomful of Roses." Since then, he has been on a roll that tends to gain momentum as each year passes. To date, he has scored 12 additional number one records, six of which, between 1980 and 1982, hit the top of the country charts consecutively, "Stand By Me" (from the motion picture soundtrack Urban Cowboy) and "True Love Ways" in 1980, which also broke national chart records by holding simultaneous positions in the top five before attaining their individual Number One slots; "That's All That Matters To Me" and "A Headache Tomorrow (Or A Heartache Tonight)" for 1981, and "You Don't Know Me" and "Lonely Nights" for 1982. In addition, his Urban Cowboy Band picked up a Grammy Award in 1981 for its rendition of "Orange Blossom Special."

Mickey has also been performing more and more throughout the country, taking his live show to growing legions of fans, and even to the showrooms of Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe, Reno and Atlantic City, while at that same time, gathering extensive television and cable exposure via such programs as "20-20," "The Grammy Awards Show," "The Tonight Show," "The Academy of Country Music Awards Show" (for which he served as co-host), "The Country Music Association Awards Show," "Fantasy Island," "The Fall Guy," "Solid Gold," "The Dukes of Hazzard," "The Barbara Mandrell Show" and a tribute to cousin Jerry Lee Lewis' 25 years in show business for Home Box Office.

With each performance, Mickey delights audiences not only with his distinctive vocal talents, which enable him to work wonders with every kind of song from a honky tonk celebration like "Don't The Girls All Get Prettier At Closing Time" to a tender love ballad such as "Stand By Me," but also with his spine-tingling dexterity on the piano.

No doubt, his music has been etched a little deeper in

America's consciousness by way of his appearance in "Urban Cowboy" and on its subsequent soundtrack but the fact is, years before Esquire Magazine, "The Today Show" and the "Urban Cowboy" crew (each of whom discovered the club in that respective order) ever set foot in Pasadena, Texas, Mickey and Gilley's Club were both thriving.

Mickey, along with partner-manager Sherwood Cryer, founded Gilley's Club in 1970 and eventually expanded it into the mega-honky tonk that it is today. "It's just a honky tonk, but it looks as big as the MGM Grand Hotel or St. Patrick's Cathedral," wrote Aaron Latham, whose Esquire article, "The Ballad of the Urban Cowboy," was later adapted to the screen as "Urban Cowboy." "It has about 40 pool tables under one roof, and on a busy night, this capital of the urban cowboy culture has a population greater than most state capitals had during the heydays of the Old West."

Mickey's Texas roots go back nearly a decade and a half before Gilley's Club ever opened its doors. He spent some ten years prior playing the Houston nitery, the Nesadel, working the Texas honky-tonk circuit, and hoping for bigger things. For a while, he had his own television show in Houston that was shown twice weekly in different time slots and later, he gained more exposure by way of television commercials he taped for Gilley's.

With the help of a local record producer, Eddie Kilroy, Mickey tried to interest a major label in picking up "Roomful of Roses" for national distribution. The song was turned down by practically every Nashville record company before Kilroy returned to Houston with a contract with a newly-formed country division of Playboy Records.

"Roomful of Roses" went Number One nationally on Playboy, and with its success, Mickey had achieved what he'd been hoping for ever since he first wandered into the music business during his teenage years.

He grew up in Ferriday, La with his piano-thumpin' cousins, Jerry Lee Lewis and Rev Jimmy Swaggart. At age 17, he headed for Houston where he landed a job as a "grease monkey." Soon after that, his cousin, Jerry Lee, had

his first hit, "Crazy Arms," and Mickey went to see him in concert. This event altered Mickey's plans considerably.

"We'd played piano together a lot when we were kids growing up in Louisiana, so I was naturally anxious to see his show," Mickey recalls. "But when I took him to the airport afterwards and he pulled out a big wad of hundred dollar bills, it made me decide right then I was in the wrong business."

Mickey soon began playing and singing in Houston night-clubs. Later, he journeyed to Memphis where he landed a contract with Dot Records, but only one single was recorded, "Call Me Shortly." He once even drove all the way to Philadelphia where he tried, unsuccessfully, to talk his way on to Dick Clark's "American Bandstand."

Later, he moved to New Orleans, then to Biloxi, Mobile or wherever else he could find work as a singer and piano player. Finally, he settled for two years in Lake Charles, La where he played a lounge. "Right before I quit working in Lake Charles, I was at my lowest ebb," noted Mickey. "I was beginning to see how hard it really is to become a star, and I honestly believed it would be best for me to get out of the business."

With this decision, he returned to Houston where he worked construction for six months. But eventually, he began playing again. Only this time he found he was catching on locally. Instead of more



Mickey Gilley

disappointment, his music led to his stint at the Nesadel, then the subsequent opening of Gilley's, and on to the national

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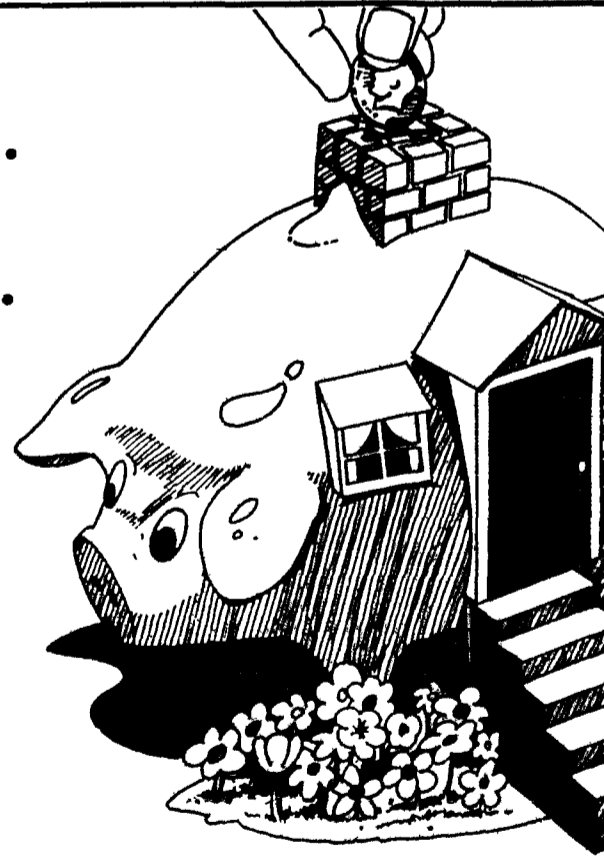


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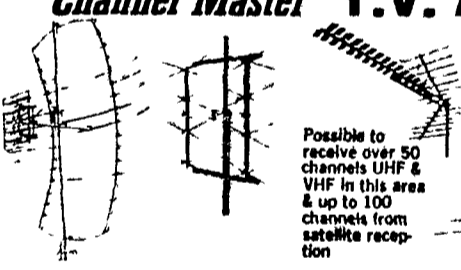
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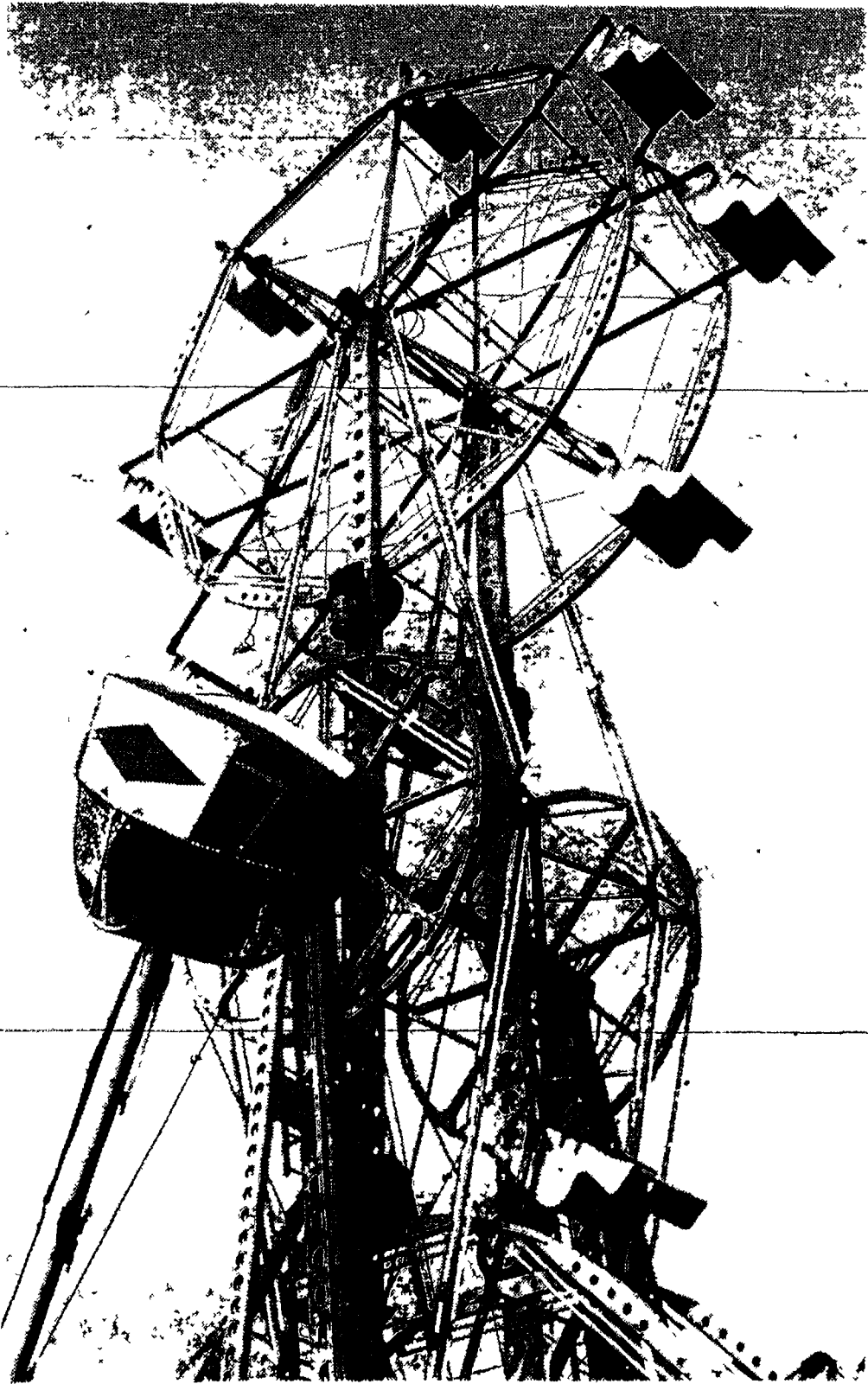
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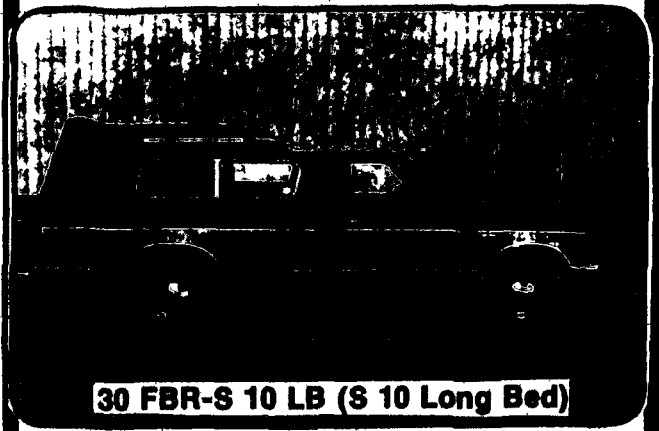
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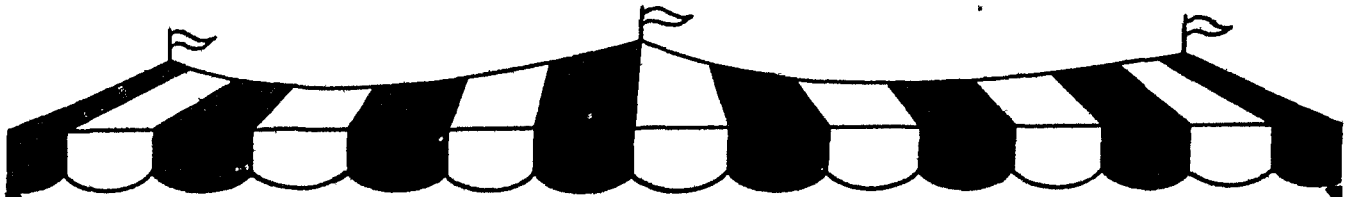
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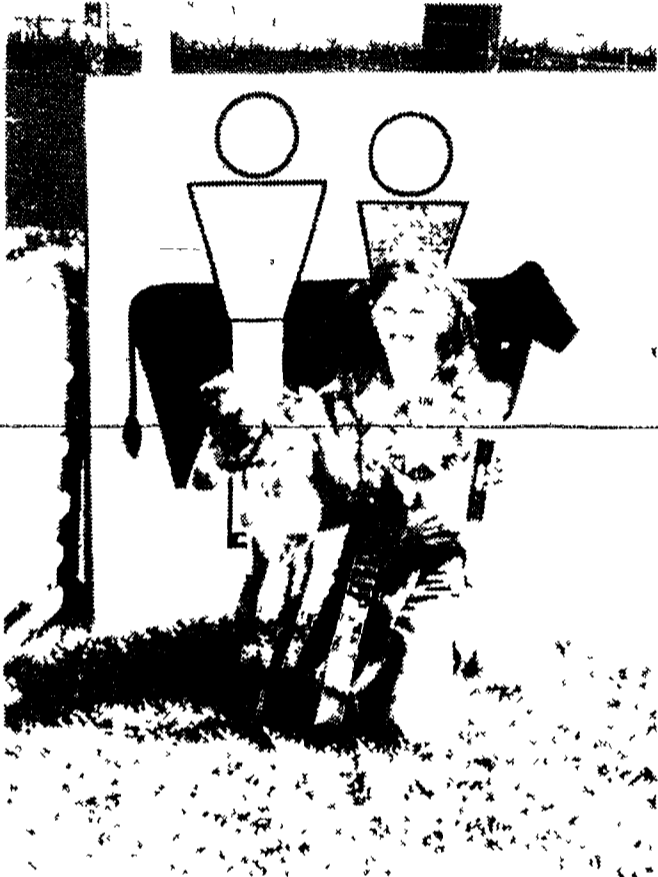
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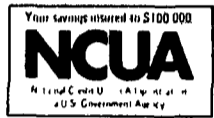
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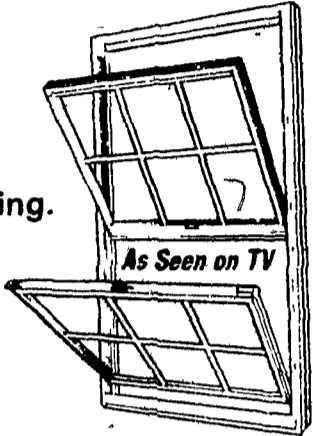


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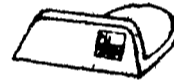
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