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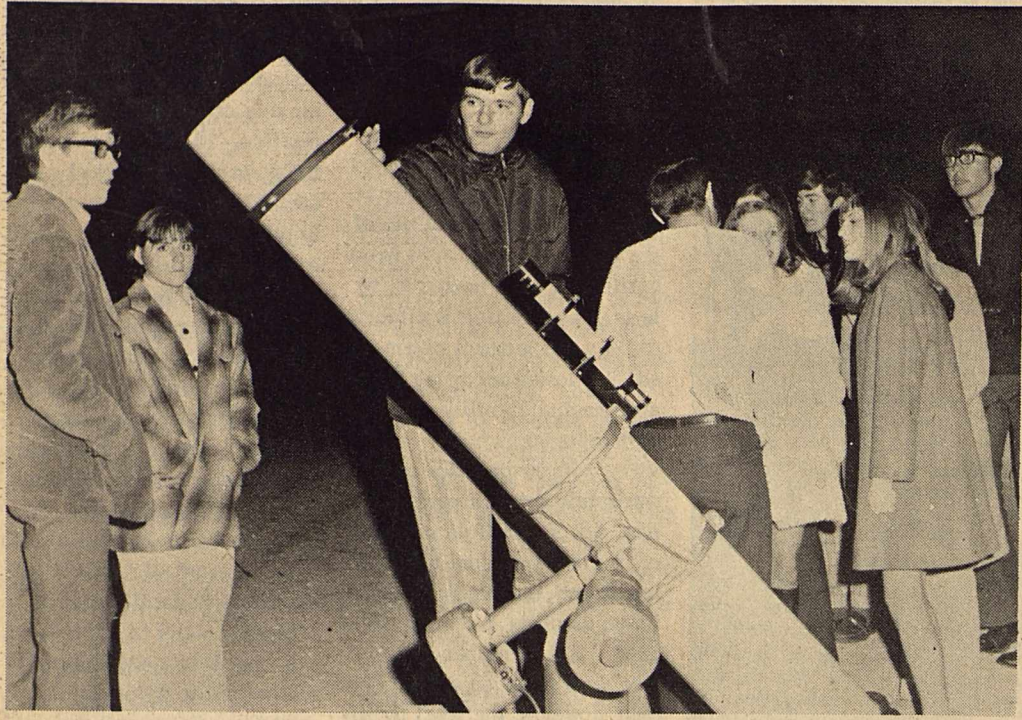
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PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE AND MATH CLUB HOLDS FIRST REGULAR MEETING



The members of the Plains High School Science and Math Club held their first regular meeting on January 18, 1971. The fourteen members present included Cindi Jones, Jeanetha Wemken, Kathleen McGinty, Susan Simpson, Beth Hale, Neal Newsom, Sharon Upton, James Stewart, Pam McDonnell, Scotty Bayer--Vice President, Earl Krieg--President, Glenda Miller, Secretary-Treasurer, Johnny Layton and Jeri Jones.

Earl Krieg, Club President, presided over the business portion of the meeting. Means of raising funds to finance a trip during the Easter vacation were discussed. Ideas were offered for field trips which would be of scientific and practical interest to the members.

Mr. Jim Tippett, a professor of astronomy at Texas Tech, was the speaker for the evening. Measuring Distances to Things Away From The Earth, was the theme of his program. Mr. Tippett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tippett of Plains and was a former member of the Plains Science Club during his high school career.

Refreshments were served after Mr. Tippett's presentation. The club members then moved outside where Mr. Tippett set up his telescope. He located various formations, including star clusters, Saturn, a complete galaxy, and the current formation of a star, and let the students and their sponsors, Mr. Bob Graham and Mr. Royace Aikin, view them.

Mrs. Iva McDonnell Succumbs At 58



Iva Z. McDonnell of Plains, Texas passed away at 4 a. m. Wednesday morning at the Brownfield Hospital after a short illness. She was rushed to the hospital by ambulance about noon, Tuesday.

Mrs. McDonnell was born April 8, 1912 in Lindsey, Oklahoma. She was 58 years old.

She married H. G. (Bob) McDonnell on March 26, 1930 at Stonewall County, Texas and immediately moved to Plains, Texas.

Her husband, Bob, has served as Maintenance Superintendent for the Texas Highway Department in Plains for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Bob; one daughter, Margaret Nell Brian of Plains; one son, Bobby Duane of Plains; seven sisters, Pearl

Dobson of Olney, Texas, Opal McDonnell of Farmington, N. M., Jewel Brock, Olney, Texas, Faye Largett, Dallas, Texas, Hazel Price, Sweetwater, Texas, Merle Goodrum, Concord, California, Clota Mae Green of Torrance, California; two brothers, Walter Agnew, Los Angeles, California, and Kenneth Agnew of Olney, Texas; and five grand children.

She was a member of the Rebecca Lodge and an active member of the Plains First Baptist Church.

Services will be held Saturday, January 23 at 2:00 p. m. in the First Baptist Church of Plains, with the Reverend Jim Mosely officiating, assisted by Reverend H. A. Tankington. Burial will be in the Plains Cemetery under the direction of Barretts Funeral Home.

Lions' Meeting Will Discuss Water Plant

The January 21 meeting of the Lions Club of Plains will devote its program to a discussion of the current water quality situation.

Harold Holloway, technical representative from Du Pont will be at the meeting and will present information designed to explain the proposal made by his company to the city. He will discuss all aspects of it in as much detail as possible.

Mr. Holloway has said his prime purpose in attending the meeting is to clear up rumors and misconceptions about the Du Pont proposal.

Hopefully, those attending the meeting will be prepared to ask questions about the proposal and its effect on the city.

At 2:30 p. m., the meeting will be opened to the public by the Lions Club. Anyone with questions to ask, or just interested in becoming better informed is urged to attend. The meeting will be held at the Scout Hut.

Texas Patrol Investigates Four Crashes

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated four accidents on rural highways in Yoakum County during the month of December, according to Sergeant H. E. Pirtle, Highway Supervisor of this area.

The rural accident summary for this county during the calendar year of 1970 shows a total of 49 accidents resulting in one persons killed, 21 persons injured, and an estimated property damage of \$42,203.

These crashes resulted in one person injured and an estimated property damage of \$2,725.00.

Mayor Roy Edwards States Position on Water Plant

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The mayor said he supports the purchase of a water desalination plant by the city, and thus is in favor of the proposition which will appear on the January 30 ballot.

"Since the water desalting testing and development program got underway here a little over two years ago," said Mayor Edwards, "I've followed it very closely and had complete details on every event concerned with it. I'm personally convinced a water desalting plant offers the best solution to our water quality problem here in Plains."

Mayor Edwards expressed concern over the misconception of some voters that the coming election deals with a bond issue or city tax rates. "Neither taxes nor bonds are involved in the referendum," explained Mayor Edwards. "The question is whether or not the city of Plains should purchase a water desalting plant," he said.

"If the voters support the proposition and decide the city should purchase a plant," said the mayor, "the city council will then begin investigating all possible sources for such a plant and select a supplier based on competitive bids."

The mayor explained this last remark in detail, since he felt it was a major point which some of the voters do not yet understand.

"The proposition which appears on the notice of election is exactly as it will appear on the ballot. It should be noted that the name of the Du Pont Company or any other supplier does not appear in the proposition," said Mayor Edwards.

"This is a very key point," he said, "and if not understood may well influence some of our voters."

ating the different proposed plants.

The Du Pont company, according to the mayor, has already made its proposal to the city. This was possible at this time because Du Pont has worked closely with the city since the fall of 1968 and has many pieces of detailed information about the city and its water quality problems. After the election, if the vote is favorable, other firms will be invited to submit their proposals.

"The proposal which Du Pont has made, and explained to us in great detail, is just one possibility," said Mayor Edwards. "I do not expect that proposals from other firms would have any new or different information about our water quality problem. I feel that a complete understanding of the proposal we have received so far will give us very accurate guidelines on which to base our decision," he said.

Mayor Edwards said he is convinced that a water desalting plant can be supported by the city with revised water rates, and that the city tax rates would not be affected by a decision to install such a facility. There are no plans to divert city tax revenues to support any plant the city may buy, according to Edwards.

"Water rates would certainly go up if a plant was installed," said Mayor Edwards. "But the important thing to consider is that we are facing a question of how we spend our money, not just how much we spend. We can spend our money for better water from the tap, or we can spend it on soap, detergents, appliances and bottled water."

The mayor commented on other possible solutions to the city's water problem also. "There have been some alternatives to a desalting plant advanced by other people," he said.

The question of water rights near the city limits is not clear according to the mayor. The long range capability of new wells drilled near the city has not been determined, and no engineering studies have been carried out to see if such a move would offer anything to the city, according to Mayor Edwards.

"The cost of bringing water into the city from other sources has not been determined in any manner," said the mayor. "Whether or not we can get good water elsewhere, and whether or not we could afford it if we found it, is not known."

"Everything other than the single proposal advanced by the Du Pont Company is pure guesswork," said Mayor Edwards, "and I cannot support any alternative plans yet offered."

"It is my strong personal feeling," said the mayor, "that the voters of the city should approve the proposition in the January 30 election, and allow the city to proceed with efforts designed to bring good water to the city on a permanent basis. The growth of our city will be aided, the well-being of our people will be considered, and the best solution to our present water quality problem will be ensured if the people of Plains feel as I do."

Volleyball Season Begins For The Plains Cowgirls

Sweat socks, kneepads, and tennis shoes were donned recently as the Cowgirls began working toward the beginning of their season on February 1. On that date they journey to Denver City to scrimmage the Fillies and the Maidens of Seminole.

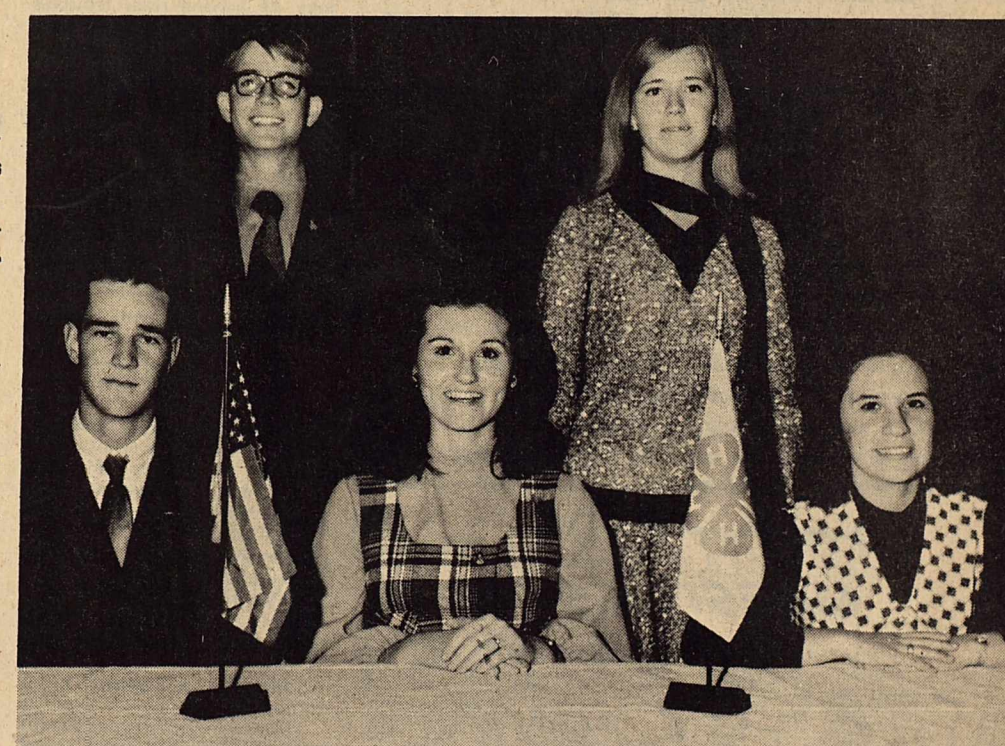
Seven players are returning from last years team. They are Peggy Jo Rushing, Sue Spencer, Judy Smith, Pam McDonnell, Gail Ancinec, Lynne Fitzgerald, and Elaine Felts. Peggy and Sue were selected to the All State Team last year and are the bulwark of this years team. Completing the team are Gay Swann, Beth Ann Hale, Rojanna Harvey, Rita Brian, Kay Swann, and Joetta Warren. Sherri Kerrick serves the team as manager.

The greatest asset to the Cowgirls Volleyball program is the fact that they have a Junior High School and "B" Team coach, Miss Nancy Deason, a North Texas State University graduate, moved to Plains in the summer from Amarillo where she taught physical education at Tascosa High School. Before going to Amarillo, Miss Deason coached in Big Spring public schools where she accumulated a 27-1 record. She is a certified United States Volleyball Association official and will also serve the Cowgirls in that capacity.

Another U. S. V. B. A. official Miss Wanda Armstrong is in her third year at Plains and has a Cowgirl record of 55 wins and 9 losses. In the first two years she guided the girls to their 8th and 9th State Championship and was herself selected to coach the North All Stars both years. "It is very difficult to keep the girls thinking of the up-coming games and tournaments just one at a time, with their 10th consecutive State Championship victory in the back of their minds. That definitely is our long range goal, but today we must think about our first scrimmage against Denver City--the rest follow that," stated Miss Armstrong.

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County Girl Elected To District 11 4-H Council



Gail Rucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Rucker of Denver City, was elected secretary-treasurer of the District 11 4-H Council. The Council is made up of two delegates from each county and officers from a 20-county area. Other officers are: George Finley, chairman from Floyd County; Keith Merrick, vice-chairman from Dawson County; Debra Buchanan, 1st vice-chairman from Howard County, and Tani Murrah, information chairman from Bailey County.

These District officers will also serve as chairmen of District Committees which are: Gold Star Banquet, Horse Show, Leadership Lab, District Food Show, Record Judging, Dress Revue, Electric Camp, and District Elimination Contest.

The Yoakum County District 4-H Council delegates are Debbie Addison, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Addison of Plains; and Melvin Dearing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dearing of Tokio.

Webelos Work For Citizenship Badges

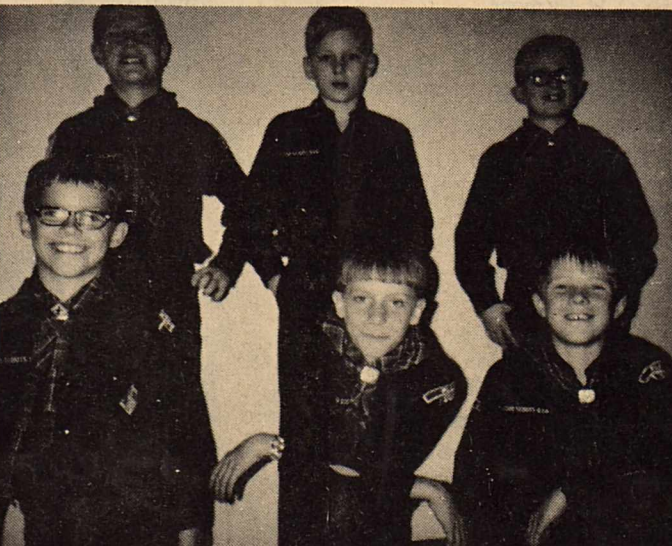
Mr. Alvin L. (Cotten) Howell, the leader of the Webelos of the Cub Scouts of Plains, is doing excellent work in helping the Webelos earn their citizenship badges. Last week he and three of his boys, Billy Romans, Matt Lindsey and Rusty Howell visited the Plains Review. The editor showed them through the typing room and how the typewriters worked. Next he showed them the headliner, a Morris Awa, and gave them a few cues as to how it works. From there to the dark room where the headlines are taken for developing, and then to the set-up room. This visit was sincerely appreciated by The Plains Review.

January 18th, Monday late afternoon, Mr. Howell brought six boys by the press, and after leaving there, they were to visit the fire department. They planned to look over the fire truck and to have a fireman show them how it was operated.

The Webelos are working hard toward receiving their citizenship badges and their next project is to clean up the lot in front of The Plains Nursing Home. In order for these boys to earn their badges, they must do as many kind deeds as possible, along with keeping up with good grades in their school work and home work.

Mr. Howell is to be highly commended for the work he is doing for and with these boys.

Left to right top row: Ronnie Hise, David Hale and Allen Barron, Bottom row L. to R.: Rusty Howell, Billy Romans, and Matt Lindsey.



Texas University Changes Requirements In English For Entering Freshmen

The following bulletin from the University of Texas is issued for publication by the Plains High School English Department as representative of the programs being instituted in most colleges and universities in Texas.

Students planning to enter college should be aware of the acceptance requirements in the field of English, and that without four credits in high school English, leveling work may be required.

Students should also check with the English Department of their chosen college to see if English Placement Tests such as the College Board's Advanced Placement Examination in English or the College Board's Achievement Test in English Composition are required before registration.

Students should be aware that advanced placement in English may be possible if scores on these tests are high.

We will be happy to assist parents and students regarding any information concerning college requirements.

CHANGES IN ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING FRESHMEN

Beginning in the autumn of 1970, three principal English courses will be available to freshmen at the University of Texas at Austin.

The first of the three courses is English 301. It is prerequisite to the other two courses, English 50lab and English 305, for which it prepares the student by basic training in the reading and writing of exposition and argument. The primary emphasis is on classical rhetoric and its application in the kinds of writing which the student will have to do in his other courses and (later) as an active citizen. English 301--will still be given by the Eng-

lish Department, and its successful completion will give three hours of credit, which will be available for transfer to other institutions and which will count toward some degrees at the University of Texas at Austin. Since credit for English 301 will not count however, toward all degrees, the student should consult the appropriate bulletin to find the regulations that apply to him. The course will not give degree-credit in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Exemption from English 301 may be earned by scores of 3 or more and (with special approval) by a score of 2 on the College Board's Advanced Placement Examination in English (APE), or by scores of 550 or better on the Board's Achievement Test in English Composition (ECT). The ECT will now be required of all students who enter the University without previous college work in English, and they will not be allowed to register for any English course until their scores on that test are available. The ECT will be given at national testing centers on March 7, May 2, and July 11. Applications to take it must reach the College Board's office in Berkeley, California, at least a month in advance. Information about both ECT and APE may be obtained from the Measurement and Evaluation Center, P. O. Box 7246, Austin 78712.

The second of the three freshmen courses in English 305. It continues the work of English 301 at a higher level and with more extensive reading, including the reading of fiction.

The course gives credit both for transfer and toward degrees, and students who complete it successfully may then

take any of the sophomore courses in English. Scores of 4 or 5 on the APE give exemption from English 305 as well as English 301.

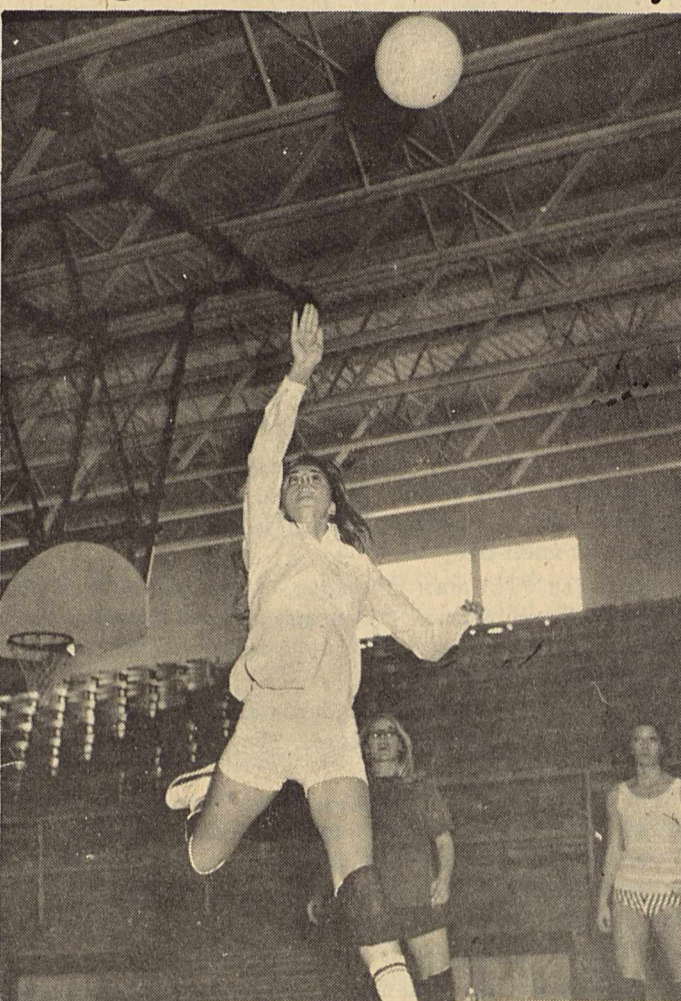
Unlike 301 and 305, which are one-semester courses, English 50lab runs for two semesters. It gives nine hours of credit; and in most degree programs, including those of the College of Arts and Sciences, it satisfies the requirements for both freshman and sophomore English. As an experimental alternative to the regular freshman and sophomore courses, 501 has been offered for the past two years. All students enrolled in it have met together twice a week for informal lec-

tures, demonstrations, or discussions. Intensive discussion in smaller sections has immediately followed the larger meetings. During each semester, section leaders have moved from section to section, and there has been considerable participation by professors from departments other than English. In 1970-71 the course will enroll about 250 students.

Students or teachers who want more information about English 301, 305, or 50lab should address their questions to the Freshman English Office.

Sincerely yours,
James Sledd
Director of Freshman English

Cowgirl Practice Underway



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Everyone must register to be eligible to vote -- including those 60 years & and older.

Anyone 18 through 20 years of age (or who will be 18 by March 1, 1972) May register to vote in FEDERAL ELECTIONS only.

Deadline to register is January 31, 1971. Call tax office in Denver City, 592-2331, or Plains, 456-8899 for application if you are unable to come to tax office. We will be glad to mail you a voter application.

You must be registered to vote in any and all elections

— ELVIS W. CRAIG
Yoakum County Tax Assessor-Collector

★ YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WATER PLANT ANSWERED ★

QUESTIONS about the water plant???

GET FAST DIRECT ANSWERS in a private telephone conversation.

A DU PONT TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE, Mr. Harold Holloway of Austin, Texas, will be on hand in Plains to answer any question you might have about the proposed water treatment plant.

DURING THE HOURS shown at the right, Mr. Holloway will be glad to discuss the proposal made to the city council December 22, 1970. Questions about cost, water quality, plant size, or any other related subject will be answered fully.

PLEASE CALL to be certain you have all the information possible. Your city faces an important choice.

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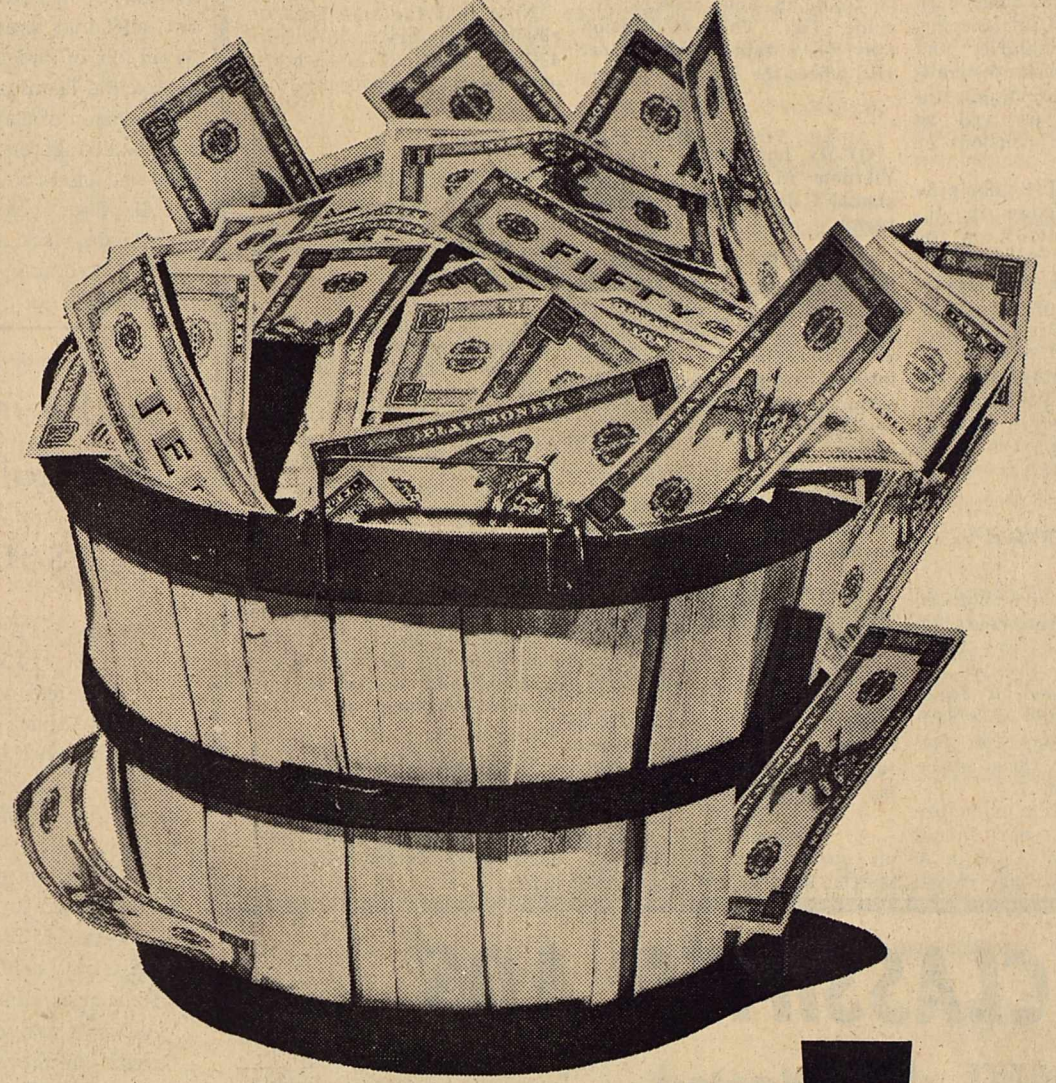


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