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Article creates city furor

By JUDY BAGGETT
Staff Writer
What's the talk of the town in a small place like Navasota?
Recently it has been a newspaper article in the Oct. 18 issue of "The Battalion."

Dolly Ruth Armatys, then chamber of commerce secretary, was interviewed by Rodger Mallison, a Journalism 403 student. Journalism 403 is an advanced writing course.
Armatys is no longer secretary for the chamber. She told a Batt reporter that she was fired because of the article. However, Armatys later refused to say whether she quit or was fired.

Bob Rule, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, said that Armatys quit because of the article but she was not pressured to do so in any way. She has a job with higher pay now, he said.
Armatys looked strained and tired after her last day at work. She spoke bitterly of the article. The townspeople look down on me because I talked negatively of the town, she said.

Armatys told of problems in Navasota such as too little recreation for the young people and racial splits.
The article said the home football games and Miller Theatre, the only theatre in town, don't keep the young people busy. The theatre is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday and plays the same movie all three nights. The article said beer guzzling was a popular sport.

Other recreation in Navasota includes tennis (the courts are lit at night), Little League baseball, rodeos, swimming and church-sponsored activities.
The First Baptist Church is very active in providing entertainment for youth of all denominations, Rule said.
"I'm through with 'The Battalion' and the Chamber of Commerce," said William Miller, member of the Board of Directors of the Industrial Foundation, at a meeting with several of the town leaders. "That article made me mad."

The article stated that efforts were not being made to draw industry to Navasota. The industrial foundation was formed to attract industry to Navasota.

Jimmy Grice, manager of Pattout's, a department store in Navasota, said that land is made available at a fraction of normal cost and provisions are made for sewage, water and gas services. He said land can be sold cheaply because it was bought several years ago at a low price.
Fifteen new industrial businesses have come to Navasota within the last four years.

When asked to point out discrepancies in the article, Grice said, "Maybe not too much was misrepresented, but there was not enough of the good in it." The main gripe of the town is that a one-sided picture was given. Several people pointed out that Navasota has a lot to be proud of.

"It is rated second to none in the state school system," said Grice.
Navasota has "become a model for small towns," said Rule. Several other small towns such as Winnie and Conroe have written the town and asked for information on its growth.

The part of the article about racial splits came up later in the meeting. "We have no problems," Miller

said. "Why stir up something like that?"

Grice agreed with Miller saying, "We haven't had any racial problems."

The article was called "a prime example of negative reporting" in an editorial by Bob Whitten, editor of the Navasota Examiner. "I would like to see some concrete figures to prove that a majority of our young people are so bored with it all that their favorite sport is beer guzzling," stated Whitten's editorial.

The beer guzzling part of the article was termed "cowardly writing" by Rule. He said the town was seemingly complimented by saying that Navasota does have some recreation for the young people and then listing a few things to do. The compliment, however, just led to the dig about beer drinking.

Navasota has a lot of pride. The citizens are proud of their accomplishments.

"We're not afraid of a true picture," said Don Davis, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

They want their true picture, however, to include the better aspects of Navasota.

Campaign money raises questions

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Duval County political bosses George and Archer Parr.

Briscoe said Manges delivered the \$15,000 to Uvalde after the May 1972 Democratic primary. Most of the money was in \$100 bills, the governor said.

"I was not here at the time," Briscoe said in a telephone interview from Uvalde. The interview closely paralleled his deposition statements.

Briscoe said his ranch manager, Edwin King, accepted the money from Manges and gave him a receipt. Briscoe said he was campaigning at the time and when he returned to his ranch, King told him the money had been left.

"I told Ed we could not accept it. It was more than I could accept from one individual, whom I had not known long and did not know well,

and that I would get in touch with Mrs. Manges and ask him to pick up the money," Briscoe said.

"I did get in touch with him (Manges), had a nice conversation, said he would come by and pick up the money. This went on for some time and he did not come by," Briscoe said.

Later, there was some difficulty about picking up the money "and the money remained in its original packet — the one it was delivered in."

"It now remains in the possession of Mr. Reynolds," the governor said.

Briscoe said the last time he met with Manges "we agreed to turn it over to our attorneys and let them work out returning the money. It was at that time I turned it over to Mr. Reynolds."

The Governor said he last talked with Manges "approximately two months ago."

Even after the money was turned over to Reynolds, Briscoe said he continued to attempt to return it to Manges.

"I felt that I should not accept it, and I did not accept it. And he said he would pick it up, so therefore it was not reported," Briscoe said in the deposition.

Under questioning by Mrs. Farenthold's attorneys, while giving the deposition, Briscoe said he did not have a copy of the receipt that was reportedly given Manges for the money.

Briscoe said the cash — still in the little brown wrappers that it comes from the bank in — remained in a vault at his office until it was given to his attorney about six weeks ago.

Reynolds said he has the money in his office and volunteered to show it to Mrs. Farenthold's lawyers.

Briscoe also swore that his knowledge Manges did not contribute during the 1974 political campaigns.

Mrs. Farenthold's attorneys continued in the deposition to emphasize that Briscoe did not report the contribution.

Bulletin board
TODAY
HORTICULTURE SOCIETY meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 104 of the Plant Sciences Building.
A&M WHEELMEN meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 230 of the MSC.
AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 112 and 113 of the Plant Sciences Building.
MICROBIOLOGY SOCIETY lecture by graduate student Galton Marshall on "Immunology of Cancer" at 7:30 p.m. in room 107 of the BSBE.
WOMEN'S AWARENESS COMMITTEE business meeting and rap session at 8:30 p.m. in room 402 of the Rudder Tower.
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 203 of Zachry Engineering Center. Paul G. Silber Jr. will discuss "Can Engineers Influence Political Decisions."
SADDLE AND SIRLOIN CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 215 of the Animal Industries Building. Slides from the trip to Maryland will be shown.
WEDNESDAY
SENIOR BIOLOGY SEMINAR sponsors a talk on coastal zone management by Christian Phillips of the Industrial Economics Research Division at 5 p.m. in room 25B of the Biological Sciences Building.
BRYAN COUNCIL OF STUTTERERS meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center, 3300 E. 29th St.
AGGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY meets at 8 p.m. in room 510 of the Rudder Tower. Trips to Enchanted Rock and Mexico will be discussed.
COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT talk will be given by Richard K. Gardner, deputy director of the office of coastal zone management for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, at 3 p.m. in room 206 of the O&M Building.
PRE-LAW SOCIETY meets in room 410 MSC Tower at 7:30 p.m. This is an organizational meeting. Interested persons are invited to attend.
TAMU TIMERS orientation meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in room 402 of the Rudder Tower.
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING WIVES CLUB joins faculty and wives for a wine tasting party by The Grapevine at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. Stone, 3703 Stillmeadow.
AGGIE CINEMA presents "My Little Chickadee" starring W. C. Fields and Mae West, plus the first and second chapters of two 1930's serials, at 8 p.m. in the Rudder Theater.
CAMAC presents Dr. Hinojosa-Smith, dean of the college of Arts and Sciences at Texas A&M, speaking on Mexican-American literature at 8 p.m. in room 225 of the MSC.
TAMU VETERANS ORGANIZATION will meet in room 301 of the Rudder Tower at 5 p.m.
ROBERT M. RUTLEDGE III, Students' Legal Advisor, gives a lecture on "Lease Contract... Landlord and Tenant Relations" in room 226 of the MSC at 7 p.m.
THURSDAY
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING WIVES CLUB visits Pat Walker's Figure Perfection, 3723 E. 29th St., at 7:30 p.m. for a demonstration.
A&M STUDENT CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 407A&B of the Tower for a film series and discussion of dorm hearing procedures.
MARKETING SOCIETY meets at 7:15 p.m. near the MSC Fountain and later in room 604 A&B in the Rudder Tower. Group picture for the Aggield and discussion of field trip.
EAGLE PASS HOMETOWN CLUB meets at 8 p.m. in rooms L&M on the second floor of the MSC to discuss sweetheart and club pictures.
TAMU GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 105 of the Geosciences Building.
SAN ANTONIO HOMETOWN CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 301 of the Rudder Tower. Thanksgiving and Christmas parties will be discussed.
GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT AND COLLEGE OF GEOSCIENCES sponsors a lecture on "Chemical Fractionation During the Condensation of the Solar System" by Prof. Lawrence Grossman of the University of Chicago at 7:30 p.m. in room 112 of the Oceanography-Meteorology Building.
FRIDAY
OCEANOGRAPHY SEMINAR on radioactive tracing tools features Dr. Richard Ku of the University of Southern California at 8:30 p.m. in room 112 of the Oceanography-Meteorology Building.

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