

## 'Risk' Financing Needed

### Downtown Revamp Is Eyed

Financing \$50,000 to \$100,000 of "risk money" to initiate a redevelopment project in downtown Bakersfield is the greatest problem facing officials, Los Angeles attorney Eugene Jacobs told the City Council last night.

J. C. Penney Co. and Brock's are the major proposed tenants for the redevelopment, Jim Bryant of Larry Smith and Co., Los Angeles development consultants, reported.

The Council met in special session to hear Jacobs outline terms of an agreement between city government and the redevelopment agency and to listen to a report from Bryant.

Bryant said \$100,000 to \$170,000 will be needed to plan the project . . . a process that would take from two to four years. Jacobs said of this amount \$50,000 to \$100,000 would be risk money that will be repaid to the lender if the project is developed.

Cost of the multi-million-dollar program has not been determined, but Bryant spoke in terms of a major retail shopping center in downtown Bakersfield requiring a half-million square feet of space . . . comparable to Valley Plaza.

The Council named its budget and finance committee see **Downtown—page 38**

### UFWOC Sues 2 Growers

The United Farm Workers Organizing Committee has filed a \$650,000 suit against two Kern County growers and the antiunion Agricultural Workers Freedom to Work Association.

The suit, filed in the Kern County Superior Court, alleges that Giumarra Vineyards Corporation and Jack Pandol, a Delano grape grower, "finance in whole or in part, interfere with, dominate or control" AFWA.

The action said the California Labor code provides that any employer who controls or finances an employee group is liable to suit by any injured party.

The complaint, filed by UFWOC attorney Jerome Cohen of Delano, contends that the actions of the AFWA "have helped generate an atmosphere of hate" in the Delano area and forced UFWOC to abandon its picketing activities and switch to a nationwide boycott of see **UFWOC—page 14**

### PENTAGON TO SLICE CHINA LAKE FUNDS

The United States Department of Defense has announced that the Naval Weapons Center at China Lake is one of the 15 centers across the nation which will have some of its funds cut this year. Initial release stated that a cut of approximately 8 per cent would have to be made.

Just where the cut will come is still not known since exactly which funds will be sliced was not revealed.

The cutback is expected to involve approximately 400 civilian employees at the center and will be completed by next June 30. Normal turnover during the next six months is expected to be 150 to 200 and these will not be replaced, center officials said.

### Stage Show to Open at Fair Tonight

A 90-minute stage show headlined by the Doodletown Pipers, a talented singing-dancing group who have starred on prime television time, opens its four-day run tonight on the Kern County Fair's Cotton Boll Theater stage at 8:30 p.m.

Today is special for handicapped youngsters, guests of the Kern County Sheriff's Mounted Posse and the fair management. Tomorrow is the second of two kids days at the fair for elementary pupils, this a day for youngsters from schools outside the Bakersfield City School District.

Pupils are admitted free and by retaining their ticket stubs

#### FAIR ATTENDANCE

	1967	1968
Friday	26,649	19,479
Saturday	45,105	46,830
Sunday	28,806	24,698
Monday	14,686	13,557
Tuesday	38,216	30,112
<b>Total</b>	<b>153,461</b>	<b>134,679</b>

at the main gate will be able to ride on the West Coast Shows attractions at half price. For the handicapped children West Coast provides the rides free.

The fair's five-day horse show opened last night before a good crowd. It continues through closing day, Saturday, with exhibitors competing for more than \$18,000 in premium money. Jumpers open another fine program tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Eleven events are scheduled. Two special events see **Stage Show—page 14**

### 'Red' Tag Charged by Picket

A Boron man, alleging he was labeled a "card carrying Communist" by a sheriff's deputy during the recent U.S. Borax Company labor dispute, has filed a \$100,000 claim against the deputy, naming Sheriff Charles Dodge as a co-defendant.

A copy of the claim was filed with the Board of Supervisors yesterday on behalf of the claimant, LaVerne Cummins.

Cummins alleges that Deputy Ron McNearney, while on duty June 14 near the picket line thrown around the U.S. Borax plant near Boron, see **'Red' Tag—page 14**

### KERN SUPERVISORS REBUKE UC REGENTS

The Kern County Board of Supervisors is following the lead of fellow supervisors in Imperial County in adoption of a resolution rebuking the University of California's Board of Regents for

consideration given Black Panther Eldridge Cleaver's proposed lecture on race relations at the Berkeley campus.

A copy of the Imperial County supervisors' resolution was filed with the Kern supervisors yesterday.

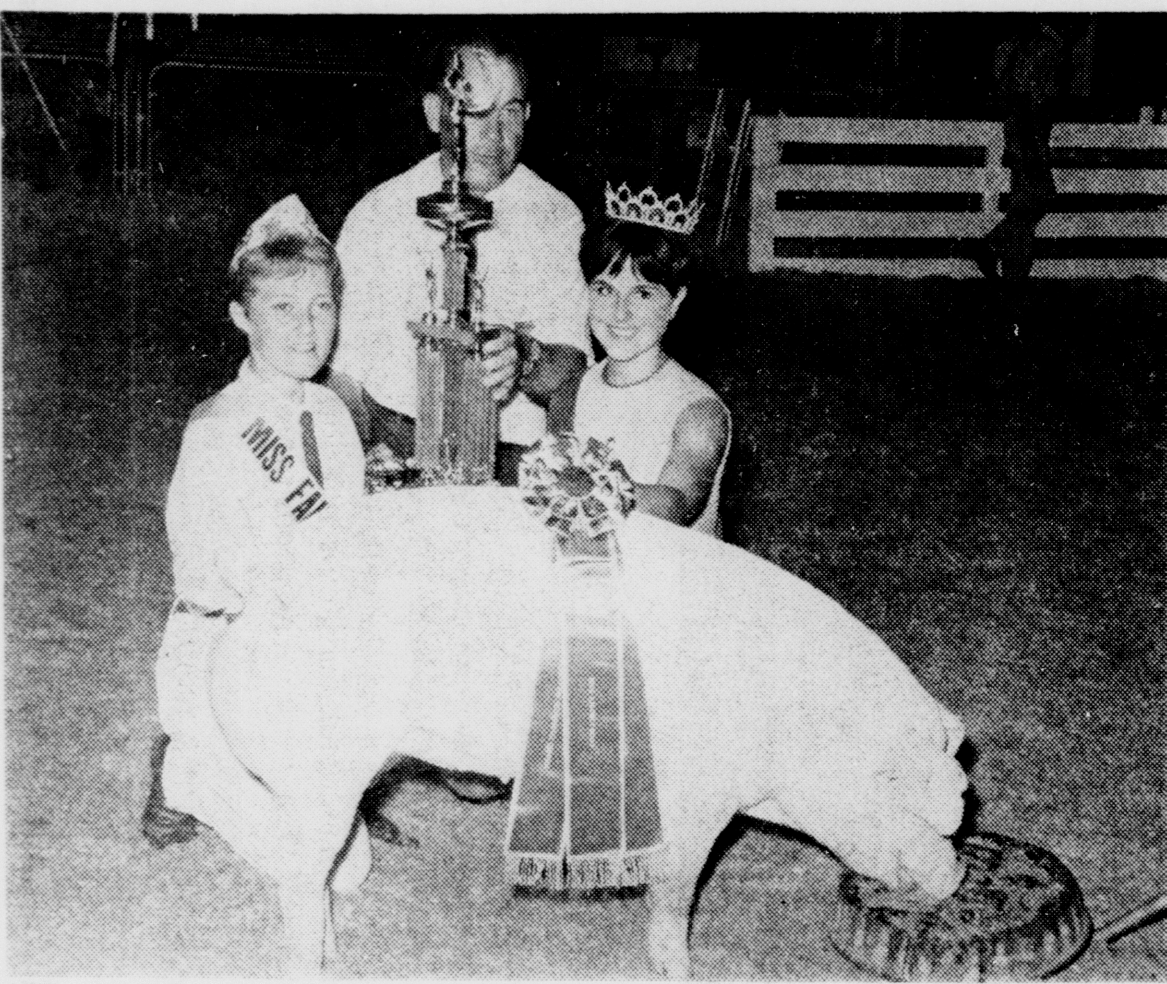
The resolution noted in part that the "University of California is supposed to be an institution of higher learning rather than a nesting place for insidious criminals and raucous racists . . ."

" . . . The regents should not suffer, permit or allow preaching on its property the assassination and destruction of the good, peaceful and progressive order of the people of California, whether by its paid faculty or by the 'guest' lecturer subterfuge . . ."

### Fair Horse Show Rider Succumbs

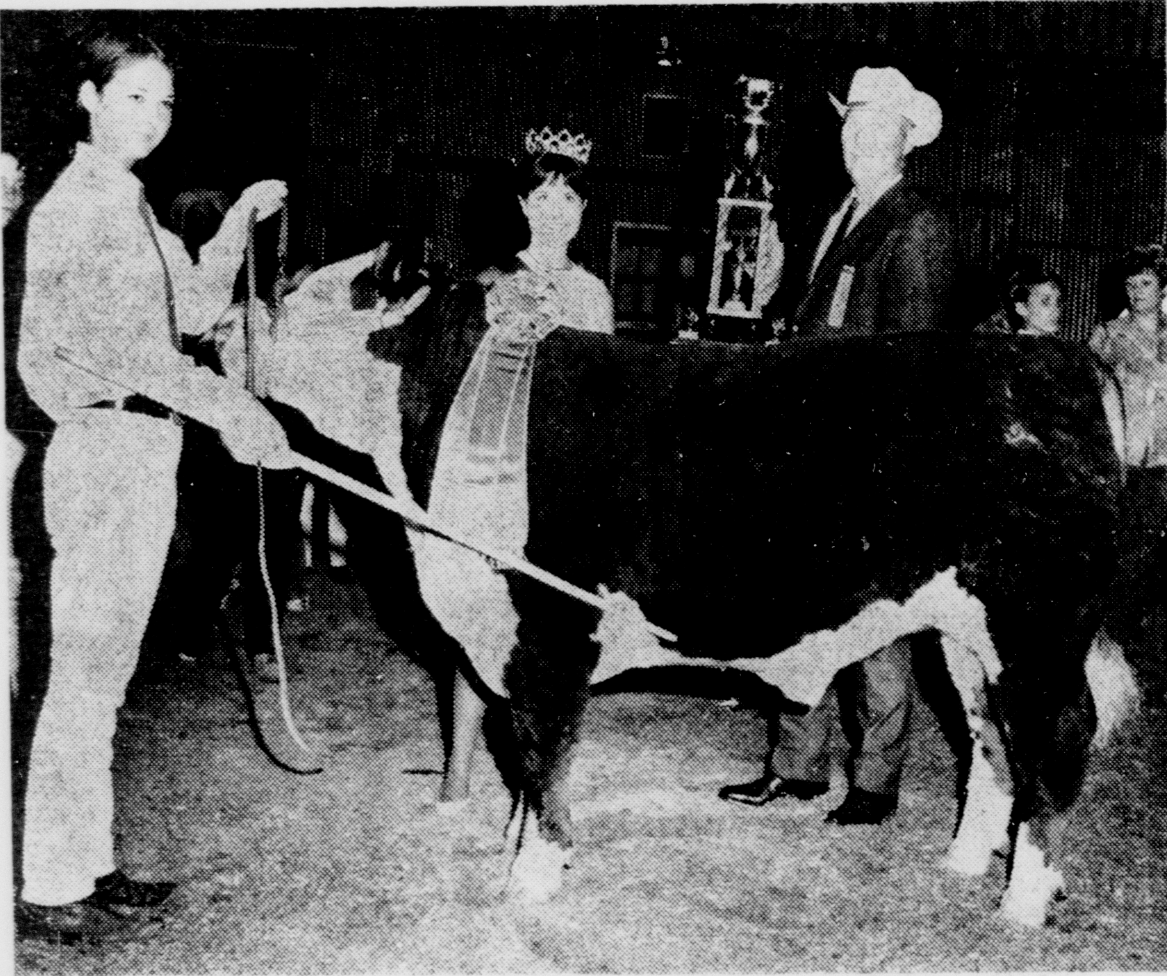
Jesse Theodore Lonnberg, 49, of Pomona, a horse showman riding in competition at Kern County Fair, was stricken last night and was dead on arrival at Kern General Hospital at 11:22 p.m., the coroner's office reported.

Lonnberg, who lived at 279 San Felipe Street in Pomona, succumbed from a heart attack, it was reported.



For the fourth consecutive year, Doris Gilli of Panama 4-H exhibited the grand champion market hog at the Kern County Fair. The Chester White was judged by Jess Bell, center. Miss Kern County Fair, Carrie Lou Dickson, right, aided in the trophy presentation last night.

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Exhibiting the grand champion market steer at the Kern County Fair was Karen Burdando of Kern Valley FFA. At trophy presentation were Carrie Lou Dickson, Miss Kern County Fair, and Sam Thurber, one of the judges. Winning animal is a 1,035-pound Hereford.

—Photo by Helen Bates

## UC Centennial Show Slated in Auditorium

Highlights of the University of California's 100-year history of accomplishments in science, culture, and the general advancement of mankind's knowledge will be on display in Bakersfield Oct. 3-6. Jesse D. Stockton, chairman of the Kern County observance of the UC centennial celebration, said every child in this area should

have the opportunity to visit the spectacular exhibit.

Admission to the event is free of charge. It will be in Civic Auditorium from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, except Sunday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All schools in Kern County are being notified of the visit that will portray 100 years of the University of

California's history, achievements and service to the people of California.

Focal point of the display will be a 12,000-square-foot centennial display. It was designed in the form of a volute (a spiral, scroll-shaped figure). The volute will function both as a directional "traffic flow" device as well as a symbol of the university's growth.

The caravan consists of 74 panels and seven display wagons. They will depict via text, photography, and three-dimensional materials, the university's accomplishments and services. The panels will be seven feet high and four feet wide. This display wagons will be roomy enough for a person to walk through and see the work they contain.

Additional features of the caravan will be eight and 35 mm film and slide films.

A steering committee working with Stockton on initial plans for the caravan visit and centennial observance are Roy Farrell, president of the Kern County UC Alumni Club; Miss Emma Sandrini, invitations chairman for a preview reception for alumni; Mrs. P. G. Pacini, publicity public relations chairman; and Mrs. Tom Leigh, chairman of the preview reception committee.

## Novelist Sproule Rites Scheduled

Services will be conducted Thursday in Hillcrest Chapel for Wesley R. Sproule, 69-year-old author of mystery novels and resident of Bakersfield since 1948, who died Monday at his home, 3300 Q Street.

Mr. Sproule, a native Californian and veteran of the U.S. Air Service in World War I, was nationally known as a writer of mystery fiction with a historical background. His six published books had won praise from critics and a seventh had just been

completed and submitted to a publisher.

Educated in Vallejo and Berkeley schools and the University of California, Sproule spent many years, following military service, in merchandising work in Ventura, Berkeley and Las Vegas. During World War II he was welding foreman at Pacific Bridge Company shipyards in the Bay area.

Moving to Bakersfield in 1948, Sproule launched a writing career that won remarkable success. Interested in writing many years, he studied under Vernon Bell and other Kern instructors. His work was noted for its intensive research and exceptional care in accuracy of detail. As a writer, he was hailed for his industrious working habits and craftsmanship.

His writing style was described as "lucid and disciplined" and his plots were see **Sproule—page 14**



WES R. SPROULE

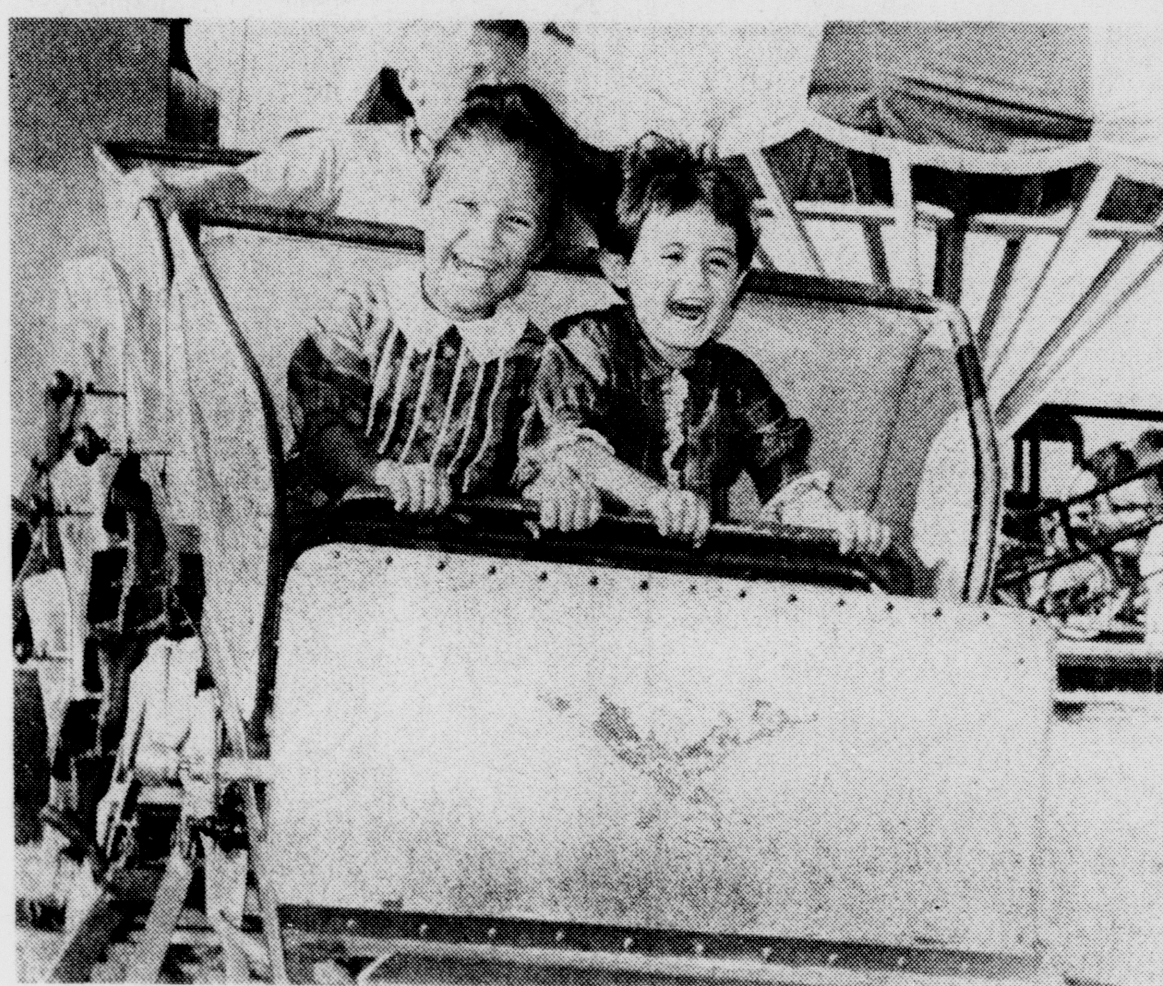
## Supervisors Approve New Service Unit

The Board of Supervisors has approved formation of a county service area (Area 21) to finance street light installation for an unincorporated district in East Bakersfield.

The boundaries of the service area generally are between River Boulevard and Mt. Vernon Avenue, and from Columbus Street south to the Southern Pacific tracks, but excluding incorporated Bakersfield.

Chester James, county public works director, said in a report yesterday to county supervisors that about 220 street lights would be installed on existing poles.

Formation of the service area was initiated in petitions bearing 648 signatures from residents within the boundaries.



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Happiness is Kids' Day at the Kern County Fair, and these youngsters from Colonel Baker School took full advantage of all fair features, including the rides on the midway. Enjoying the roller coaster are Ruth Martinez, 6, left, and Cynthia Melendez, 4.

## Kern Road Projects Total \$18 Million

More than \$18 million in highway construction is in progress in western Kern County's district 6 under contract and more than \$9 million more in budgeted construction is scheduled to get under way before June 30, 1969, the State Division of Highways disclosed in a schedule released from the Fresno district office today.

On the current in-work schedule are projects on Highways 99, 166 and 178 and Interstate 5. On the immediate agenda ahead are construction contracts involving Highway 99, Interstate 5 and Highways 58, 178 and 58-184, the schedule indicates.

The biggest slice of the construction outgo is the \$9.1 million going into approximately 25 miles of Interstate 5, the new north-south super-highway coursing the valley's west side. Grading, surfacing and construction of eight bridges between Highway 119, about 12.5 miles west of Greenfield and 4-mile south of McFarland are involved in contracts which are slated to be completed by next April.

Interstate 5 will tie into Highway 99 in the Wheeler Ridge area and roughly parallels California Aqueduct construction.

The bulk of the remaining construction is located between Bakersfield and McFarland on Highway 99 and includes conversion of 6.8 miles of expressway to freeway in the Lerdo-Highway 46 area. This at a cost of \$3.5 is matched by a segment north of 46 to just beyond

Sherwood Avenue in McFarland where again expressway is being converted to six-lane freeway and four bridges are being constructed and three widened at an estimated total cost of \$3.7 million.

Other work under way is in the Bakersfield area, where 99 is being widened and in Delano where overcrossing widening and improvements are scheduled.

On Highway 166,

construction of a bridge across the California Aqueduct and widening of culverts are being completed at an expenditure of \$405,000. Work is centered 17 miles east of Maricopa.

About \$893,000 is being expended in grading and installations at the eastern extremity of what is to become the new north-of-the-river Freeway 178 to Lake Isabella.

Interstate 5 is planned for completion and opening to see **Road Jobs—page 38**

## Board 'Adopts' Soldier's Legacy

A Hoosier soldier died in Vietnam and left a "legacy" that will not be taken lightly in Kern County.

The legacy of Sgt. Jeffrey A. Davis is a letter to his wife "to be opened only in the event of my death."

They were married four months. He was 20 years old. The Board of Supervisors yesterday agreed with Supervisor David Fairbairn of Bakersfield, a veteran of World War II, that the letter should be framed and hung in all of the county's veteran memorial halls.

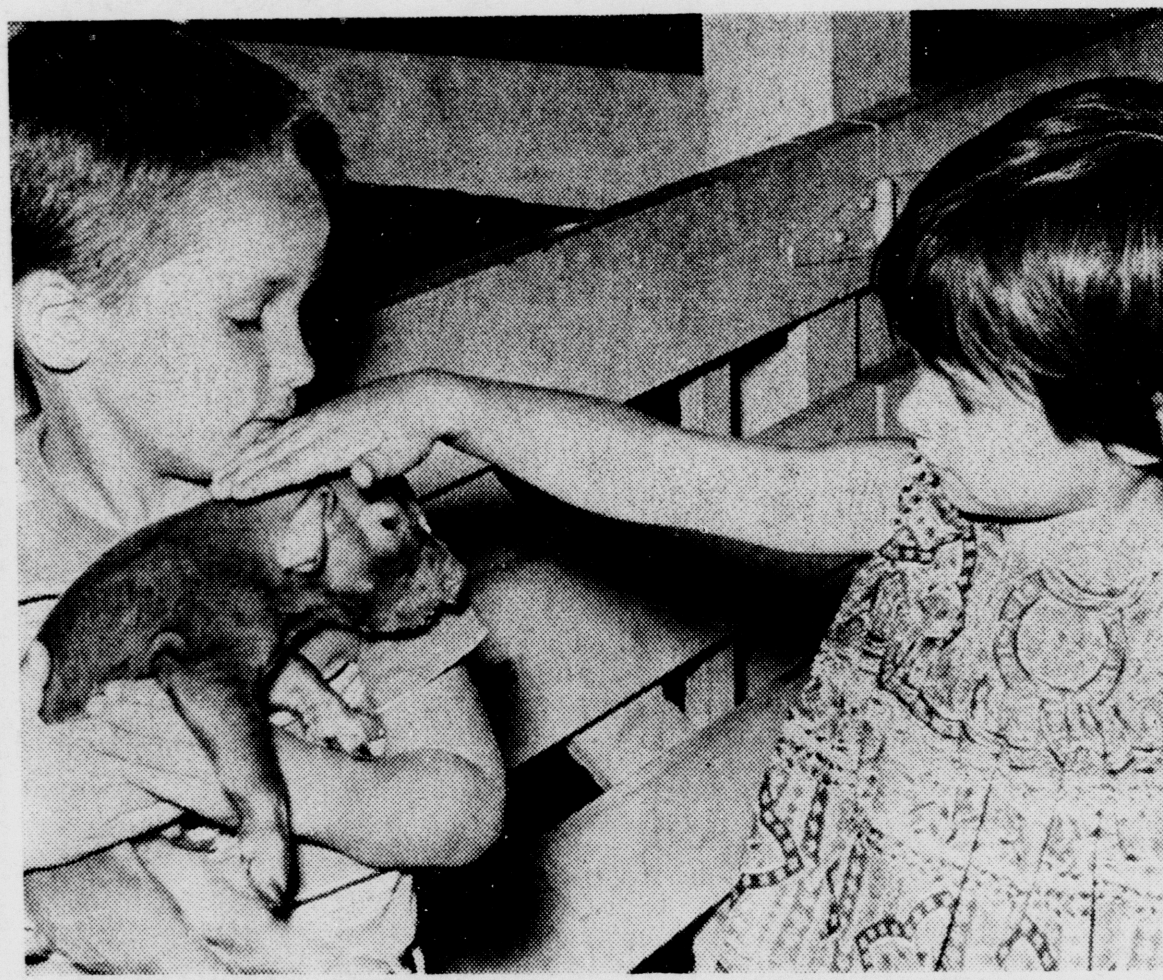
"It is one of the most beautifully written things I have ever read and epitomizes what our veterans halls stand for," Fairbairn said.

The Board agreed. The letter was carried in the Sept. 21 issue of The Bakersfield Californian on page one. It says in part:

"I died so these members of the 'young generation' could have the right to do what they do. To protest, have long hair, go to the college of their choice, wear weird clothes and run around mixed up with no direction at all.

"I died so they could protest the war I fought and died in.

"I died for the United States."



Joining Bruce and Deedee Champange at the Kern County Fair during Kids' Day yesterday was this newborn pig. The youngsters, students at Noble School, enjoyed a free day at the fair, touring educational displays, animal exhibits and the midway. Bruce is 6, Deedee, 5.

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