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Dutton Tabben

Granning makes personnel changes

BROOKSTON — Granning Air Suspensions, a division of Fluidrive Inc. of Brookston, announced these changes:

Larry Tabben has been promoted to general manager. He will retain his previous position as vice president of plant operations.

Craig Tabben has been promoted to sales and engineering manager. He had been sales and marketing manager since 1980 and was a regional sales manager before that.

Tim Gilson has been promoted to senior project engineer, responsible for all new suspension designs and improvement of existing products.

James E. Smith has been promoted to manager of search and development for Fluidrive, taking responsibility for technological advancements in air suspensions and hydraulic wheel drive systems.

Granning manufactures heavy duty air suspensions for trucks and trailers and lighter duty air suspensions for motorhomes, ambulances, shuttle buses and large pickups.

'AgDay' to air parts of interview with Bush

'AgDay,' a televised agricultural news show produced by Quillman Media in Lafayette, will feature an interview with President Bush in a series of news segments Monday through Friday.

In an exclusive interview, Bush discusses federal regulations of ethanol, world trade talks, taxes, farm regulations and his election opponent, Gov. Bill Clinton, D-Ark.

'AgDay' is featuring final arrangements to interview President Clinton, according to Quillman Media President Jeffrey Pence. AgDay airs at 6:30 a.m. on WLTV-TV, Channel 18 in Lafayette and at 5:30 a.m. on WRTV, Channel 6 in Indianapolis.

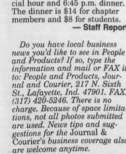
What's coming

Ralph Webb, Purdue University professor of communication, will discuss leadership skills and effective ways to communicate at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Sagamore Business and Professional Women's meeting at MCL Cafeteria in West Lafayette.

Adrienne Krupp of Jerome D. Krupp Consulting Services will discuss "Keys to a Shorter MFP Implementation and Implementation," at the Thursday meeting of AFCS. Krupp speaks at 7:00 p.m. at Morris Hyatt, following at 6 p.m. social hour and 6:30 p.m. dinner. The dinner is \$14 for chapter members and \$8 for guests.

Do you have local business news you'd like to see in People and Products? If so, type the information and mail or FAX it to: People and Products, Journal and Courier, 217 N. Sixth St., Lafayette, Ind. 47901. FAX: (317) 429-2246. There is no charge. Because of space limitations, not all photos submitted are used. News tips and suggestions for the Journal & Courier's business coverage also are welcome anytime.

Market roundup



Bankruptcies

- List of bankruptcy filings in federal court in Lafayette since Sept. 1, including names like Robert S. Abitz, Scott Allen Alexander and Patricia Evelyn Lorenz Alexander, and amounts like \$11,000, \$205,000, etc.

Business The Celery Bog revisited



Jacob Kingma stands in an onion field in 1920. The 137-acre wetland in West Lafayette is commonly called the Celery Bog. Photos courtesy of Kingma family

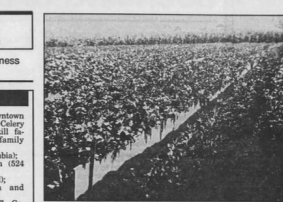
A portion of the Celery Bog, just west and north of Purdue University North Golf Course, was the site of productive vegetable gardens 60 or so years ago, thanks to the hard work of pioneer gardeners.

Vegetables of all sorts, but particularly celery and onions, were grown in one area of the rich, black, mucky, peat-filled soil. The area commonly referred to today as the Celery Bog is a 137-acre wetland that extends northwest from Lindsey Road.

FYI

Some of the downtown grocers served by Celery Bog farmers still flourish. Lafayette family names (114 Columbia):

- Beck & Franch (524 Main)
• Duran (20 N. 3rd)
• Gingrich (441 and Perry)
• Gladsstein (407 Columbia)
• Haderle (1010-14 Main)
• Halsey (226 Main)
• Heintzler (600 Main)
• Lange (202 Main)
• McWilliams (201 Main)
• Royal (644 Main)
• Shimer (212-16 Main)
• Torrens (223 N. 3rd)



The Kingmas grew celery and sold most of it around Thanksgiving, when the celery hearts were a holiday delicacy.

City might annex land, make it wetland preserve

Most of the land in the Celery Bog is outside the West Lafayette city limits, but Josh Andrew, development director for West Lafayette, makes no secret of his intentions.

He believes the city will annex the area and make it a wetland preserve with a nature center, hiking trails, bird and wildlife sanctuary, and even facilities for canoeing.

The land in the Celery Bog today has several owners. Dr. John Koste owns 21 acres in the southern area of the bog, just north of Lindsey Road.

A few years ago a Purdue agronomy class said the underground peat is five to 30 feet deep and is commercially quality. Part of his acreage, which he has owned since 1974, was planted in corn for years.

Others who own land in the area are:
• Purdue Research Foundation (29.5 acres)
• Fairway Koolis, Inc. (13.8 acres)

Report says fast-food jobs harm teens

By The Associated Press CHICAGO — Eating up fast food may be hazardous to teen-agers' health, according to a workplace study that estimates thousands of youngsters get hurt working at the corner eatery.

The report released Sunday by the Chicago-based National Safety Workplace Institute also chastises the Labor Department for lax enforcement of child labor laws.

A Labor Department spokeswoman called the report "disappointing." Officials at McDonald's Corp. also disputed the report's claims, as did Burger King.

The report estimates that 6.5 million workers ages 12 to 17, some 21,000 were hurt and 139 died in 1990 as a result of their jobs.

Of those, the report says, about 20,000 were very hurt in the restaurant industry — primarily working with fast-food as a result of slips and falls, cuts, burns, electrical shock, vehicle accidents, heavy lifting, chemical exposure and sleep loss.

Adolescents get hurt anywhere they are employed, whether laboring on a farm, at a hotel, in the garment industry or at a supermarket. But the single largest number of work-related injuries among teen-agers occur in food service, the report says.

Joseph Kinney, executive director of the non-profit institute that produced the report, said he hopes it will provide national debate on teen labor practices.

A lot of parents have this idea that work in the fast-food industry is fairly benign and safe and that their kids would be injured, Kinney said.

According to the report, "the fast-food industry typically will hire youngsters off the street and place them in jobs with substantial risk of burns, lacerations and other injuries with little or no training."

It also says that fast-food outlets in suburban areas, where cheap adult labor is scarce, routinely violate child labor laws by employing children under age 14 and scheduling employees under 16 to work after 7 p.m. on school nights.

WXIN sold to corporation in Connecticut

By The Associated Press INDIANAPOLIS — Renaissance Communications Corp. of Greenwich, Conn., has purchased WXIN and three other Fox Broadcasting affiliates from Chase Communications of Hartford, Conn.

Renaissance chief executive officer Michael Finekstein confirmed the sale Friday, but declined to comment on price. The deal is subject to approval by the Federal Communications Commission.

Renaissance is expected to take control of the stations in Indianapolis, Denver, Atlanta and Hartford in January. No programming changes are expected at WXIN.

WXIN general manager Joe Young said he was pleased by the sale.