

1969 football season was special to the late Steve Brock

# Pewitt 'letter jacket' presented to alumni center

An addition to the "Pewitt Room" at the Pewitt School Alumni Center will offer a source of pride to the family of the late Mr. Steve Brock.

Back in 1969, the Bryans Mill resident was honored by the Pewitt Brahma Booster Club when he was presented a blue and gray "letter jacket" similar to the ones presented to the high school athletes. His jacket was given by the coaches and the booster club to honor his faithfulness as a football fan and for being the oldest member of the booster club.

Mr. Brock's daughter, Pat Cobb of Naples, has taken care of the memento since his death in 1974 and she wants the jacket to be a kind of memorial to his love of Pewitt School and its football program. The Pewitt jacket will now have a special place of honor at the alumni center for others to see and reminisce.

A great-grandson, Jaden Cobb, son of Josh Cobb, tried the jacket on last week before it was given to the alumni center, but it swallowed the nine-year old and he has got

some growing to do, before playing his first competitive game of football as a Brahma.

The *Texarkana Gazette* ran a feature story about Mr. Brock when he was honored by the booster club with the letter jacket. It is printed here.

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Don't tell Steve Brock a Pewitt Brahma football game is dull just because the score at the end of the first quarter is 32-0.

Someone did and he told them, "Huh, it's you, not the game."

To him, no game is dull. His interest never lags, no matter what is going on down on the playing field.

And if he's not there when the game starts, you can be sure there is something seriously wrong with him - something like surgery.

He sees all of the Pewitt High School games at home and away and all of the Pewitt Junior High games at home. That's a pretty good load of football for a man of 85.

He missed one high school home game last year.

He had surgery at Texarkana in October of 1968. That was on a Thursday night. The Brahmas were to play Waskom here the next night.

While he was still on the operating table he had a question for his doctor: Would he be able to attend the game the following night?

He couldn't and he missed it.

That was the last one he missed and the first one since the 1966 season when Pewitt went to Como-Pickton and Mr. Brock, who lives at Bryans Mill, had a flat on his pickup truck on his way to Naples to ride with his daughter, Mrs. J. D. Cobb, to the game.

"Shucks, I could have made it," he said. "I had that tire changed in five minutes."

He hasn't always been such an avid football fan except during the past ten years and he became interested then by accident.

He had a grandson, Rick Cobb, who played in the Brahma band and the loyal grandfatherly thing to do seemed to him was to go see and hear his grandson perform.

Rick has long since graduated and gone into the military service but his grandfather already had become interested in football by the time Rick graduated, and he was hooked on the game. Only his illness or that of his late wife has kept him away.

The halftime show that drew him there to start with keeps his interest even yet, but maybe it runs a close second now to the football game.

Mr. Brock doesn't have any one boy on the team he favors since grandson Dale Cobb

was hurt and sidelined for part of the year but he knows several personally and pulls for all of them.

His arriving early, carrying his coffee can or a cut off milk carton as a spittoon, is a familiar sight on Friday nights.

The distance doesn't bother him and neither does the weather. He still remembers the bitter cold of the 1963 quarterfinals game when Pewitt was barely beaten by Rockwall in a game at Commerce. That was a cold, windy one that he often recalls now and compares with others.

The only thing that rubs him wrong is a penalty against his team. Those seated near him often hear him mutter, "Good Scotts, 15 yards!"

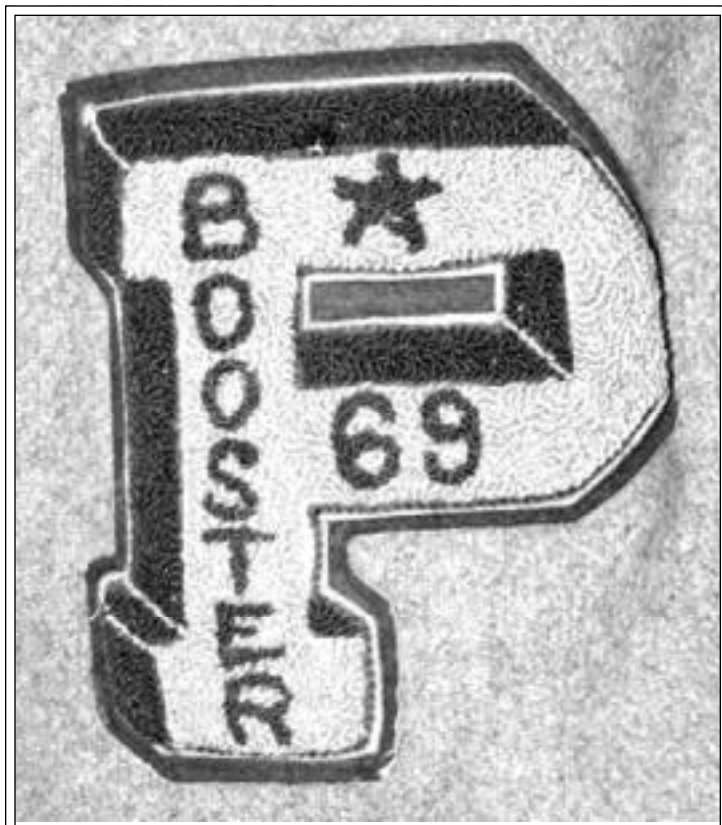
He breaks the long period between the Brahma Friday night game and the Calves' game on Tuesday nights by watching the Dallas Cowboys and others on television on Sunday afternoon.

The Brahma Booster Club has recognized his loyalty and thought enough of it to honor him in 1969 as its oldest member.

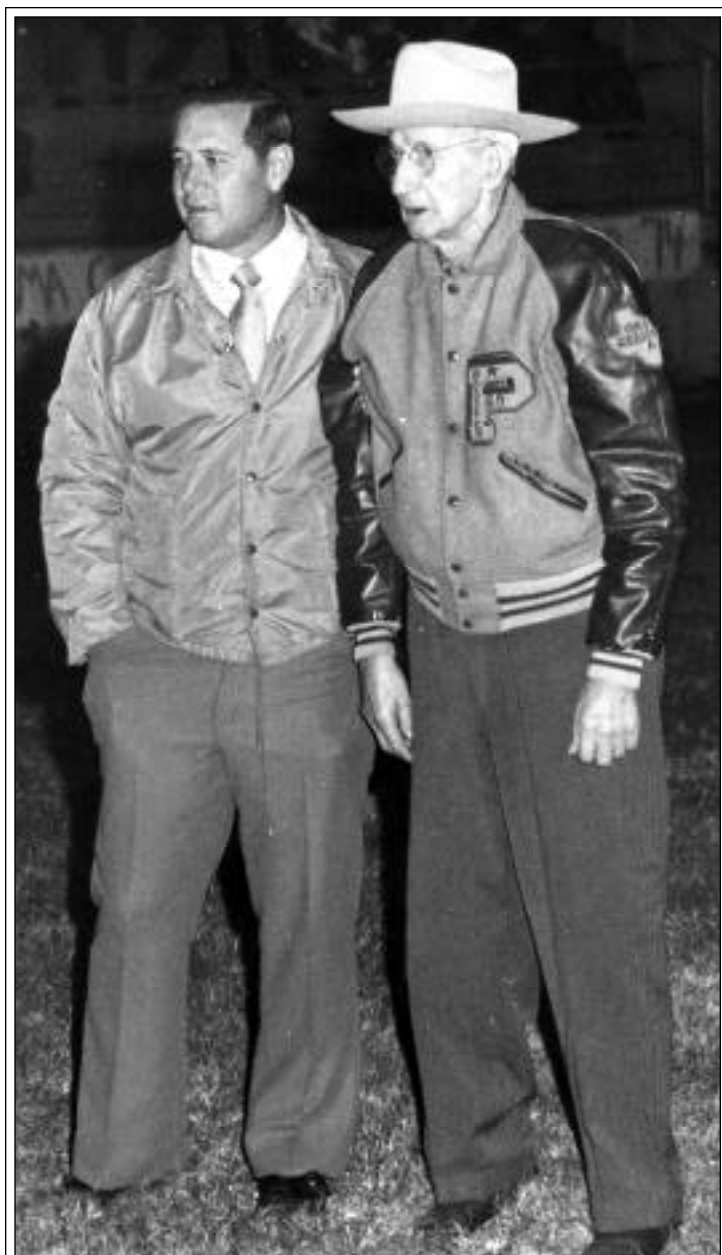
That was a special year for him as his favorite football team went undefeated in district play winning the conference championship and making it to the regional finals.



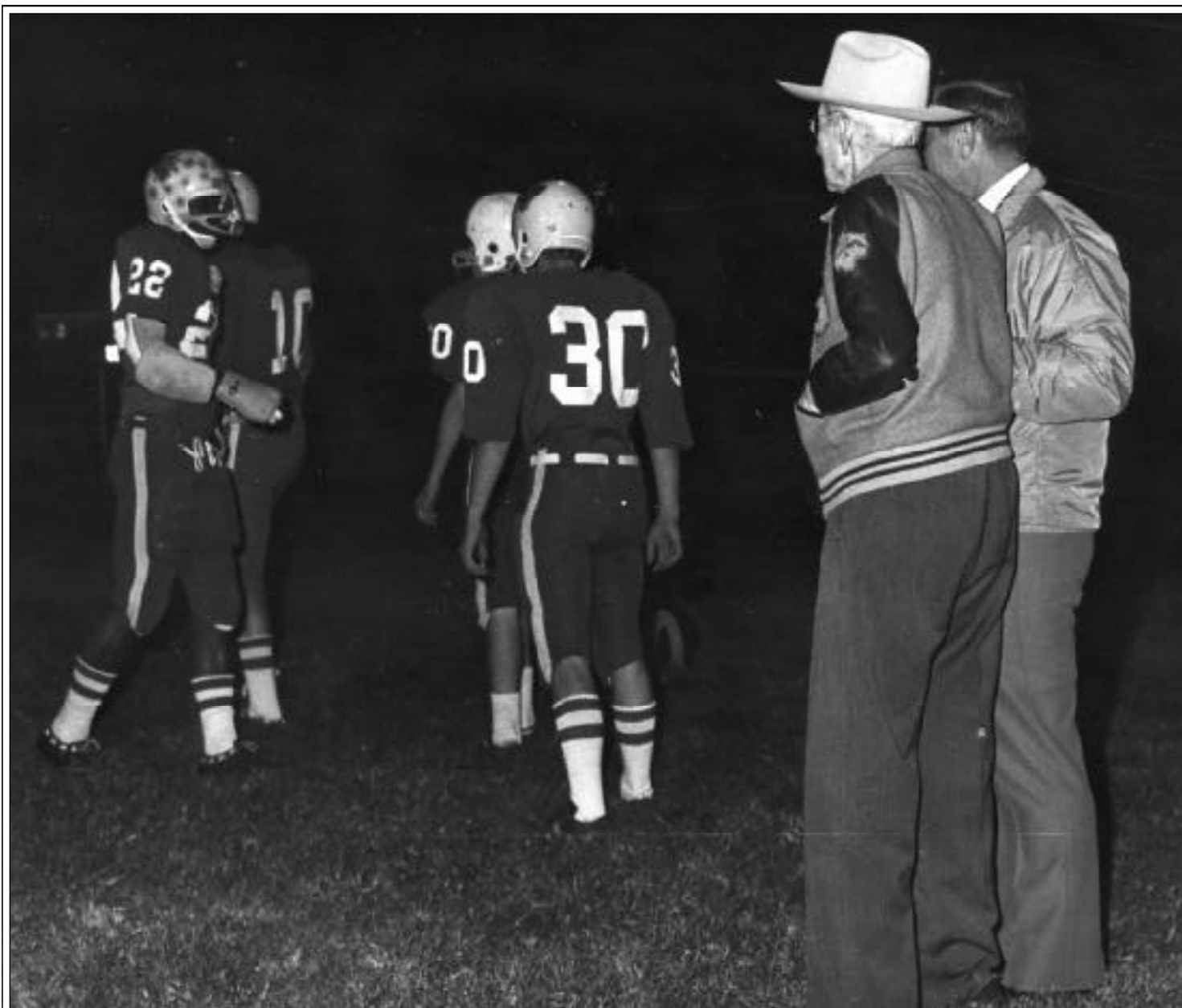
JADEN COBB AND GRANDMOTHER PAT COBB TRY GREAT-GRANDFATHER'S JACKET FOR A FIT



STEVE BROCK IN HIS FAVORITE PLACE AT A PEWITT BRAHMA FOOTBALL GAME



BOOSTER JACKET PRESENTED STEVE BROCK BY COACH HOWARD CARVER



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