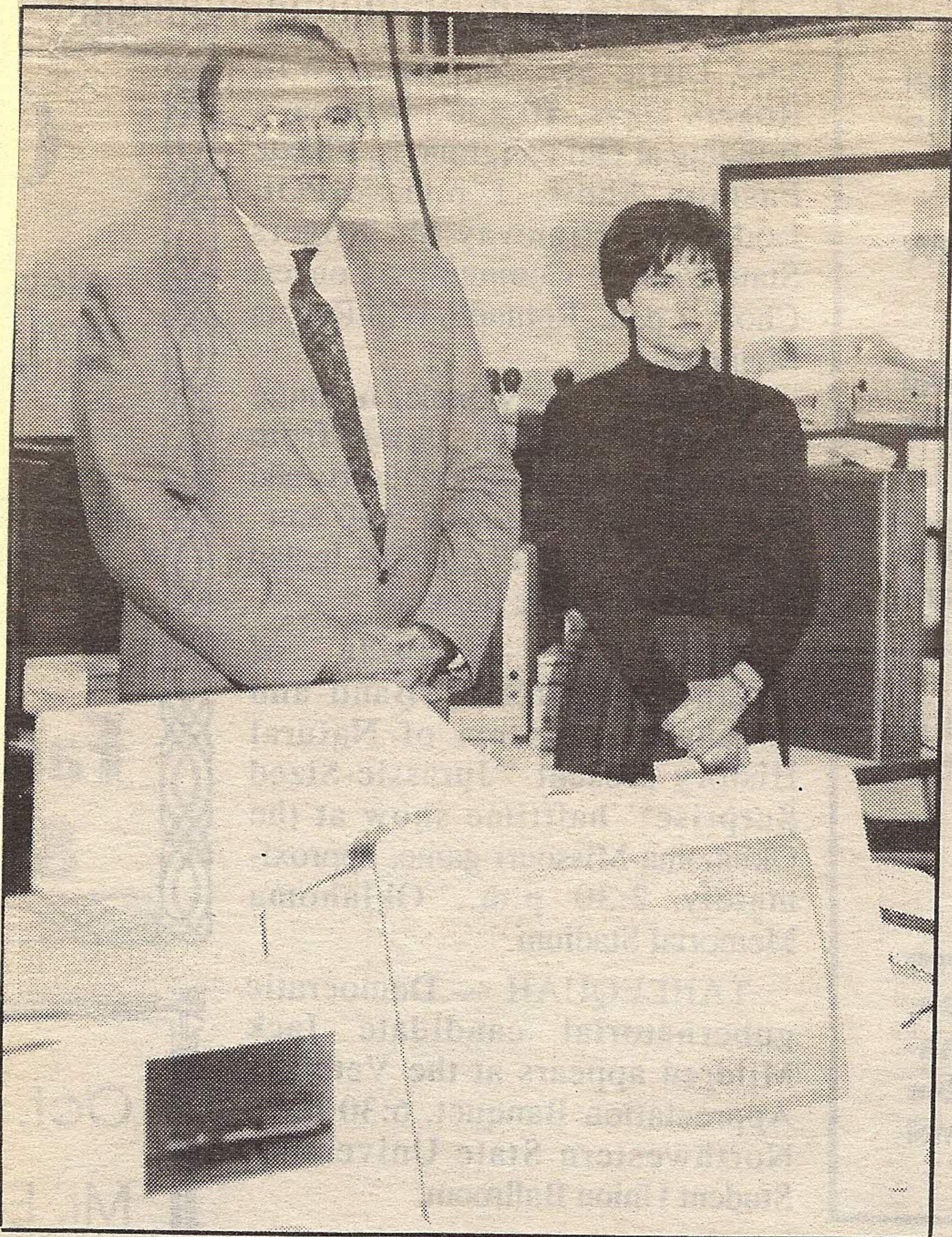


MIDDLE SCHOOL VISITOR: Dr. Roy Peters, standing right, drops in on a teacher planning meeting at Woodward Middle School Friday. Peters, state superintendent of vocational education, toured the school to

observe the tech-ed program. Accompanying Peters are, standing from left, Middle School Principal Mike King and Dr. Don Dale, superintendent of High Plains Institute of Technology. (Photo by Nancy Seher)



TOURING WMS: Dr. Roy Peters, State Superintendent of Vocational Education, and Connie Benson, Chamber of Commerce ambassador, look at equipment in the technology education department at Woodward Middle School. (Photo by Nancy Seher)

Program Impresses State Superintendent

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"We'd love to see this kind of program in every school in the state," said Dr. Roy Peters, state superintendent of vocational education, after touring the technology education program at Woodward Middle School. "Students here are getting the kind of education all students should get."

Before conducting the tour of the facilities, Mike King, middle school principal, gave an overview of the program and how it is used with other subjects in the curriculum.

Peters' staff, regional and local educators and Woodward Chamber of Commerce members joined the tour.

Instructor Frank Harrington described some of the 28 different learning activities in the tech-ed program as the group visited one classroom.

Peters stopped at one point to enter a room and ask teachers in a planning session to tell him about their methods.

As the tour paused at the outdoor classroom, King and Assistant Principal Kaye Groce described the present features of the area and planned future additions, such as a weather station and computer program.

Peters said the features that impressed him most were, "All eighth graders go through this program; they get individual attention and work in teams and writing skills are integrated into this program."

Explaining that he doesn't get to visit every school in the state,

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