

Longtime Merkel Merchant, Henry C. West, Buried Friday

Henry C. West, 90, former Merkel mayor and longtime civic leader, died at 12:40 a.m. Thursday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene after a lengthy illness. Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. West, whose father founded the community's oldest business, the West Co. played a major role in shaping the destiny of Merkel. In 1954 he was a key supporter of the bond issue which tied Merkel's water system to Abilene's. He was also instrumental in securing the first paving and sewer systems for the town.

Mr. West served as mayor during the 1920s, '30s and '50s and was also vice-president and director of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank for many years. He established the first Civil Defense operation for Merkel and was involved in it for several years.

He was also a former school board president and charter member of the local Lions Club. As a member of Grace Presbyterian Church, Mr. West was active on the building committee and had served as Sunday School superintendent and elder.

One of the town's last pioneers, Mr. West was born in Dallas Sept. 12, 1883, moving with his parents to Merkel in 1886. His father founded the West Co., a hardware store, which the young West was associated with for more than 50 years. He retired from the business in 1963.

The former mayor graduated from Merkel High School and attended Weatherford College. He married Grace Sheppard May 21, 1905 in Merkel. She died in 1962.

Survivors are two sons, George of Midland and Dick



HENRY C. WEST
... longtime civic leader

of Washington D.C.; a daughter, Mrs. Sidney Foy Baird; a brother, John R. of Merkel; a sister, Mrs. Booth Warren of Merkel; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Homecoming Slated October 25th & 26th

October 25th and 26th is the date for the 1974 Homecoming. Plans are being made now to open the festivities with the football game on Friday, Oct. 25. For those who are unable to register on Friday, registration will continue through Saturday.

with plans for a Pot Luck Supper and an evening of entertainment to close out the activities.

Contact members of your class and urge them to meet you for supper on October 25. Details of other activities will appear in the Merkel Mail as they are finalized.

If you have any suggestions for making this the best Homecoming ever, please contact Mrs. Pat Cypert, 928-5792.

Lions Receive Two New Members

The Lions Club held their luncheon Tuesday, August 20 at the Lions Club Building.

In charge of the program was Gene Stuckey, who gave a talk on Texas State Teachers Association. He said there were 750 members in Taylor County. Mr. Stuckey is president of the Taylor County Chapter of the Texas

State Teachers Assn. Some of the benefits are Life insurance, accident insurance and others. The TSTA also lobby at state legislator to get more benefits for teachers and school employees. Their Texas membership goal for 1974 is 150,000.

New members introduced today were Max Murrell and D. A. Bishop.

Members with guests were Mack Fisher, Bob Rodgers; Nolan Palmer, Jerry Mark; and George Starbuck, Bobby DuBose.

Barn Dance Slated

The Merkel Riding Club is sponsoring an Ole' Timey Country Western Barn Dance, Friday night, August 30, at 8:00 P.M. The dance will be held at the Lions Club Building in Merkel.

Admission will be \$3.00 per couple, Children 10 and under free, 10-16 \$1.00 and 16 years up \$1.50. Proceeds will go to buy an electric eye for the club.

Jimmy and the Rounders, an Abilene Band, will furnish the music. The public is invited.

Wilks Named Football Ticket Rep. For ACC

J. G. Wilks of Trent has been named football season ticket representative for Abilene Christian College, Wally Bullington, ACC athletic director, said.

Wilks will coordinate ACC football season ticket sales in Trent.

"We had good support last year from people in towns and cities near Abilene," Bullington said. "But we believe there are others who will enjoy Wildcat football also. We'll be an exciting team to watch this fall."

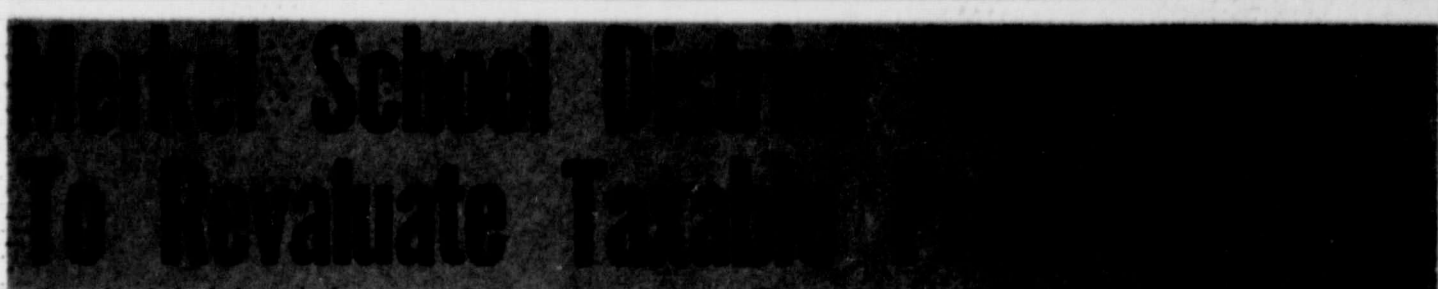
Season tickets to the five ACC home games in 1974 are \$15 each for adults, \$5 each for students and \$2.50 each for children under 12.

Abilene Christian won Lone Star Conference and NAA National Division I championships with an 11-1 record in 1973. Bullington, ACC head football coach, will welcome back 25 lettermen, including 1973 freshman all-America running back Wilbert Montgomery and 14 other starters.

ACC plays its home games in Shotwell Stadium in southeast Abilene. The five 1974 games in Abilene are: University of Nebraska at Omaha, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m.; Southwest Texas State, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m.; East Texas State, Oct. 19, 2 p.m. (ACC homecoming); Angelo State, Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m. (ACC high school day); and Tarleton State, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.

ACC is undefeated in Shotwell Stadium since Nov. 2, 1972, and averaged 40.5 points a game in Shotwell in 1973.

People in Trent interested in ACC football season tickets may contact Wilks at 862-2131 or call or write the ACC Football Ticket Office, ACC Station, Box 8131, Abilene, Texas 79601 (phone 915-677-1911, extension 440). Season ticket purchases also receive a free reserved parking permit.



The Merkel Independent School District has contracted with the Professional Appraisal Company of Fort Worth for a complete revaluation of all taxable property in the School District. The purpose of this revaluation survey is to make certain that all property is being taxed uniformly and equitably and that each person is paying only his fair share of the taxes necessary to operate the schools.

This action was not taken lightly, nor without long thought and serious consideration of all of its implications. The Trustees have held numerous meetings to study what methods could be used to make sure that the schools will be able to operate efficiently in the growth years ahead.

No school can operate today on tax valuations made many years ago. Property values are constantly changing due to

economic conditions. Inequities have developed on the tax rolls because of the inflationary trend and rapid economic changes that have taken place in recent years. Due to the districts recent consolidations and annexation, and also two different county valuations which gave in many cases three different sets of value on real property, the Merkel Independent School District finds it necessary to use a uniform tax system that would equalize the values on all properties within the whole district. Equity is needed in this system of taxing and the School has taken the most logical step in meeting this obligation to the taxpayers.

The program will not be to penalize anyone, but rather to be certain that the School system itself is not penalized by the loss of tax monies from property that is either at a low valuation or not on the tax

roll at all. State and Federal funds cannot be expected to finance local government. The Merkel Independent School District has to do this job of financing at the local level as much as possible. The property tax is a local tax - it is collected from the owners of property located here and the money stays here to help pay teachers and provide buildings and equipment. Property taxes are different from the taxes collected by the State and Federal Government because these taxes are locally administered, locally collected and locally spent. This is one time you can see your tax money at work.

The School Board has decided that the tax records should be brought up to date; inequities eliminated and valuations should be realistic. The earnest desire is that the Merkel Independent School District may achieve

an enviable tax position. In order to accomplish this, tax assessments must be equal and uniform and the tax base must be realistic. This is good for the homeowner because he is assured that he is not paying any more taxes proportionately than his neighbor and for the same reason, it is good for local business. Prospective businesses, although interested in a low rate and moderate assessments, are more concerned with whether or not assessments are equal and uniform throughout the district and that all taxpayers, whether local or otherwise, are paying on the same basis.

In the coming months there will be appraisers working throughout the School District. It will be necessary for them to inspect and appraise all land and buildings which will require them to enter many properties. These appraisers will carry letters of identification and these letters will be shown to every taxpayer when the appraiser is obtaining information and asking for permission to measure the outside of principal movements. It is not necessary for an appraiser to enter a residence.

The Merkel School Board urges every citizen to cooperate with the appraisers in order that equitable assessments may be achieved.

The equalization program can proceed smoothly if everyone tries to understand both how it will work and what the results can be. No one will ever make taxes peculiar but the Merkel School Board is trying to make certain that taxes are equitable.

Also at the meeting, Joe East, assessor presented a new resolution to the board, a public service, and the Merkel Mail's high regard for Mack Fisher, we here by publish the resolution.

WHEREAS, the Merkel Independent School District has been in existence since 1883, originally housed in a discarded Railway Box Car with an A.D.A. of 7 scholastics tutored by a lone school matron known as Thornton, and

WHEREAS, it experienced an humble origin, it blossomed and increased in spite of early hardships, to this span of years, just short of a century duration, and

WHEREAS, its curriculum has provided, over the years, its graduated with tools of livelihood and culture, and

WHEREAS, its alumni has distinguished themselves in varied fields of economic and social endeavor from the local to the National strata of our Society, and

WHEREAS, the educational and learning climate, which provided this longevity of educational curriculum and scholarly achievement, has not occurred without knowledgeable administration, absolute devotion to duty, and a keen sense of appreciation for the education process on the part of dedicated men and women, and

WHEREAS, there came to the office of Superintendent of Schools of the Merkel Independent School District some twenty-five years ago such a man, and

WHEREAS, it is further noted that during the span of this quarter century, the School District under his leadership has been enlarged by consolidations and scholastic development, and

WHEREAS, his patience, understanding and serene personality has been an inspiration to us all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT it is fitting and proper that we, the School Trustees of the Merkel Independent School District joined by other citizens of the District, pay tribute and honor to Mr. Mack Fisher, by this Resolution, for his twenty-five year tenure of service as Superintendent of the Merkel Independent School District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the Resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this meeting of the Merkel Independent School Board, and a copy of the Resolution be presented to Mr. Fisher for his personal files.

Baseball Project To Meet in Trent Monday

Merkel Youths Baseball Projects will meet in Trent at the School at 8 p.m. Monday, August 26th.

People in both Merkel and Trent are urged to attend and get up to date on all that is about to take place, and to offer their suggestions as to ways to earn money.

The Baseball Project urgently needs more support and more money if these parks are to be ready by next ball season.

The group met at the Asteroid Restaurant Monday night. There were seven people present.

Booster Club Elects Officers

The Merkel Booster Club met Monday, Aug. 19. It was the first meeting of the year and officers were elected.

They are: President, Finley Barnett; Vice President, Joe Dale Gregory; Secretary-Treasurer, Grady Knight and Reporter, Janette Pursley.

The Booster Club voted to move the meetings to Tuesday night, so the Merkel Boosters will meet every Tuesday night.

This coming Tuesday night, August 27, the Boosters will have the Merkel High and Jr. High Football players as their guest.

Parents, friends and everybody is invited to come and join in the Booster Club.

Merkelites Kin Services Monday

Graveside services for Henry Satterwhite, 56, a Kingsville Exxon service station manager who died Friday in Kingsville, was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Abilene's Elmwood Memorial Park.

Services were held Saturday in First Baptist Church in Kingsville directed by Pyp Funeral Home.

Mr. Satterwhite was born April 23, 1918 in Mount Vernon. He moved to Kingsville 13 years ago. He was a Baptist and a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Eva Mae; two daughters, Mrs. Vicki Best of Snyder and Miss Barbara Satterwhite of Houston; a son, Phil of Kingsville; a brother, Kant of Merkel, and two grandchildren.

PTA To Meet

The Merkel Parent Teacher Student Association, organizational meeting is slated for Monday, August 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Merkel High School auditorium.

On the agenda are election of officers, and plans for future projects to help the community.

The group will only have five scheduled meetings for the 1974-75 school year.

Mrs. Murray Dies

Mattie I. Murray, age 52, died August 19, 7 p.m. in Carson Tahoe Hospital, Carson City, Nevada, after an 8 month illness.

Survivors are her husband, George Murray; a son, Tom Murray; a daughter, Sue Borda, all of Carson City, Nevada; three brothers, Ray Reynolds of Merkel; Clayton Reynolds of Fla.; B. B. Reynolds of Big Spring; two sisters, Mina Riffel of Hayward, California, and Ann Miller of Merkel.

Starbuck Enrolled In Civil Defense Course

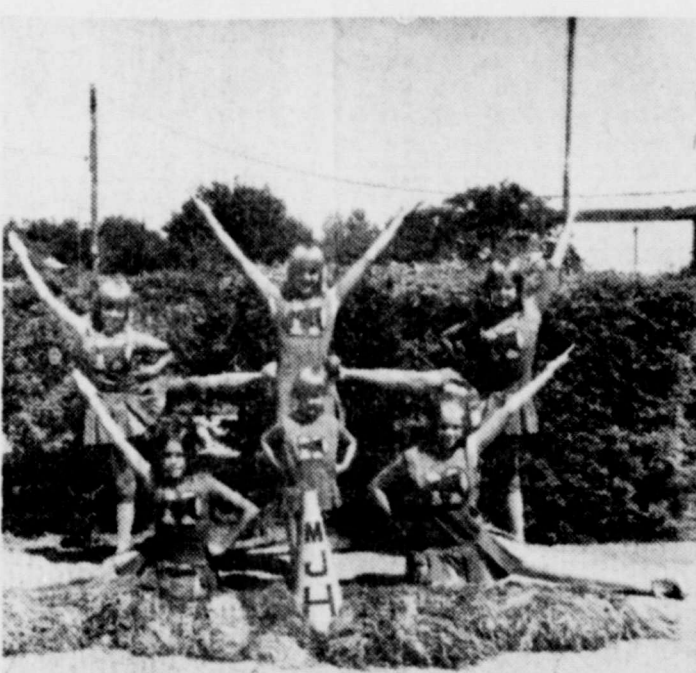
AUSTIN — The Division of Disaster Emergency Services of the Department of Public Safety has announced that Fred Starbuck, Civil Defense Director of Merkel, has enrolled in a special preparedness home study course.

The course, entitled "Civil Defense Director-Coordinator" is administered by the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency Staff College in Battle Creek, Michigan. It is designed to provide the student with a comprehensive look at the problems and

situations faced by today's local Civil Defense Director, and to offer various suggestions for dealing with them effectively.

Upon satisfactory completion of the correspondence course, Starbuck will receive certification in the basic principles of emergency preparedness management.

The "Civil Defense Director-Coordinator" course is only one of several home study courses available from Battle Creek.



MJH CHEERLEADERS - Leading the yells for Merkel Jr. High this year will be L to R, Jodie Jinkens, Pam Douglas, mascot, and Kim Mashburn, Back Row, L to R, Lisa Shugart, Cindy Boone, head cheerleader and Becky Watts. (Staff Photo by Troy Barnes.)



MERKEL JR. HIGH TWIRLERS - Left to right, front row, Dion Wilkerson, Lesa Hart and Shannon Bagby. L to R, back row, Cindy Smith, Lori DuBose and Lisa Owen. (Staff Photo by Troy Barnes.)

Merkel Post Office Substitute Appointments

Postmaster E. T. Thompson announced that applications for Substitute Rural Carriers are being accepted from August 13, 1974 thru August 26, 1974. An examination will be given to establish a register of eligibles from which future Substitute Rural Carrier of record vacancies in the Merkel Post Office will be filled.

All interested persons who meet the requirements described in the announcements posted in the Post Office Customer Lobby at Merkel and Trent are urged to apply.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, political affiliations, or any other non-merit factors.

Any questions in regards to the requirements should be directed to Postmaster Thompson.

Notice

The Merkel Birthday Calendars, sponsored by the Band Boosters have arrived and may be picked up at Castille Hardware and Gifts within the next two weeks. There are a few extra calendars which may be purchased for \$1.25.

BSP Announces New Chapter in Merkel

Beta Sigma Phi International office in Kansas City, Mo., announces the formation of a new chapter in Merkel, Alpha Nu Nu. The chapter re-

ceived word last Friday, the name, number and approval of the 10 new members.

Alpha Nu Nu newly elected officers will take office Tuesday night after rituals in an installation.

Officers are: President, Mrs. Larry Justice; Vice President, Mrs. Eldon Hicks; Recording Secretary, Mrs. George Starbuck; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Juan Ybarra; City Council Representatives, Mrs. Robert Harris and Mrs. Eldon Hicks; Director, Mrs. Louise Sudderth and Exemplar Coordinator, Mrs. John Brady.

Ritual and installation will be given by Darla Mawson, friendly venture. Assisting her will be Mrs. R. L. Castille, president of Lambda Beta and Mrs. Glenn Teaff, president of Xi Nu Chi and also Mrs. Randy Childress, president of Abilene City Council.

Members of the club are Mmes. Justice, Hicks, Starbuck, Ybarra, Harris, D. A. Bishop, Dick Leach, Ray Vanderwerker, Jerry Magee, and Marie Shanks.

A sponsor will be named in the near future.

GREGORY-DEEN ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mrs. Louise Gregory of Trent has recently announced the approaching marriage of her daughter, Rebecca Sue to Randy Dale Deen, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Deen of Noodle. The wedding will take place on August 26, 1974.

Missionettes

By SUSAN WHEELER

Twenty-one attended Missionettes Friday, August 16 at the Assembly of God Church.

We practiced for an award program. The program will be Tuesday, August 27th. The public is invited to attend. There will be a guest speaker. Refreshments were served by Gwen Taff.



MRS. RANDON BOND ELY

... formerly Charlotte Roberts

Roberts-Ely Vows Read Saturday, August 17

Charlotte Jean Roberts became the bride of Randon Bond Ely Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. in a ceremony at the Tye United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jerry Kunkel and the Rev. Charles Williams officiating. Neilson Ely, brother of the bridegroom, read scripture. Mrs. Kunkel was organist, and Fred Kunkel was soloist.

The bride, the former Charlotte Jean Roberts, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dorman of 3648 S. 20th. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely of 4001 N. 10th.

The bride was presented in marriage by her father.

Ceryl Aldredge was maid of honor. Tina Tarrant, Becky Ely, sister of the bridegroom, and Debbie Dorman, sister of the bride, were bridesmaid, all of Abilene.

Best man was Neilson Ely. Groomsmen were Douglas Stenberg, Abilene, David

Rawlings of San Angelo and Ron Smith of Albuquerque. Eddie Wilson of Happy, Steve Porter of Odessa and Phil Brewer of Midland seated guests.

The bride's gown was of sheer organza and re-embroidered lace featured, high neckline and ruffled waist, shepherdess sleeves and Redingote skirt. Self ruffles trim the V-shaped bib and skirt which falls to a chapel length train.

The bride's attendant's gowns were pastel shades of blue, yellow, pink, and green with white lace trim.

The bride's parents hosted the reception in the church fellowship hall.

The bride, a 1971 graduate of Cooper High School, is a senior elementary education major at McMurry College. She attended Angelo State University for two years, and is a member of Alpha Chi and Kappa Delta Pi. She is employed by McMurry College bookstore.

The bridegroom, a 1970 graduate of Merkel High School, received a bachelor's degree in religion from McMurry this spring. He also attended Angelo State University for two years. He will attend Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky., in January.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at Barton's Cafeteria.

Following a wedding trip to Kentucky, Mr. and Mrs. Randon Bond Ely will live at 2209 S. 18th.

Butman Reunion To Be Held

The second annual Butman Reunion will be held Sunday, August 25, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Butman Youth Camp, South of Merkel.

Family members will be attending from all over Texas, and it is hoped that close friends will also be present.

The Butman family are descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman Sr., donors of the Butman Youth Camp.

Mrs. Randon Ely Bridal Gift Honoree

A Bridal Gift Party was held for Mrs. Randon Ely, formerly Charlotte Roberts, at the Sixth Community Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Ely were married August 17 at the Tye United Methodist Church.

Hostesses were Mrs. Paul Hudman, Mrs. Tom Hogan, Mrs. Roy Mashburn, Mrs. James Harden, Mrs. Bennie Hobbs, Mrs. Craig Jones and Mrs. Bill Vinson.

Houseparty included Tammy Hudman, Mrs. Mike Hudman and Debbie Hobbs.

The table was covered with white lace cloth with crystal appointments. Center piece was a red floral arrangement of rose and carnations.

Special guests were Mrs. Dale Dorman of Abilene, mother of bride, Mrs. Orval Ely of Abilene, mother of groom, Mrs. M. H. Ely, Sr. of Tye, grandmother of groom.

Retirement Calls For Planning

COLLEGE STATION—Have you made retirement plans? Successful retirement does not just happen; it results from careful planning, notes an economist in agribusiness at Texas A&M University.

"One's success and happiness during retirement depend to a great extent upon how well he prepares," says Dr. Wayne Hayenga with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Successful retirement requires considerable thought and effort."

He points out that most people today have jobs which have retirement regulations. In many jobs retirement is required at age 65. However, farmers, ranchers and other self-employed businessmen have more flexibility in deciding on the time of their retirement. The Social Security law provides the possibility for these people to retire anytime between the ages of 62 and 72.

"Many self-employed people work as long as they are able," Hayenga points out. "When they do retire, often it is as a result of poor health or adverse business conditions. This usually does not lead to a happy retirement period."

Although Social Security retirement benefits have continued to increase, these benefits are designed to cover only the bare living essentials, and no more. So other sources of income are often needed, contends the economist.

Many farmers continue to do some farm work after retirement to provide extra income. According to the last Census, more than 16 per cent of the farms in Texas were operated by people over

65. Most of these farmers receive only a small amount of farm income, but others continue to operate larger farms and collect reduced or no Social Security benefits.

"After retirement, renting the farm to a family member or another farmer may provide extra income. Rental income, regardless of the amount, will not reduce one's Social Security Benefits when one does not participate materially in the operation or management of the farm," explains Hayenga.

Some farmers want to sell their farm retirement. The money received from the sale of a farm can be put into investments or savings and used for supplementary income.

"Making an installment sale of the farm is another possibility," according to Hayenga. "This usually reduces the income tax due on the sale. To qualify for this savings, the amount received in the year of sale cannot exceed 30 per cent of the selling price."

The economist suggests contacting an insurance agent or banker on other ways to provide for retirement income, including annuity plans which have tax saving provisions.

In planning for retirement keep in mind that inflation will mean more and more income will be required to live well in the future. It has been estimated that Social Security will provide only about 60 per cent of basic living cost," notes Hayenga.

"The most important thing to remember is that plans for retirement income should be made before, not after, retirement."

Girls Softball News

By MELBA GLASSCOCK There will be a Mother-Daughter Softball Game Thursday night at 6:30 at the Little League Field.

This will be an interesting game to watch as the Mothers will play against the daughters. And these Mothers have

not been practicing so this should be very funny to watch. We'd like everyone to come out and see this last game of the season.

The girls have been waiting for this game for weeks and are ready and raring to go. Please come.

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The long-standing controversy over postponing the convention arose from the fact the meeting date falls this year on a high Jewish holy day, Rosh Hashana.

Judge Adrian A. Spears said he saw no violation of constitutional rights in refusal of the State Democratic Executive Committee to alter the date.

Plaintiffs, however, moved to continue their fight with an appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

Convention planning, meanwhile, moved on.

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AG OPINIONS - Texas has no more enforceable laws regulating abortion, but may regulate facilities and services in hospitals performing abortions, Atty. Gen. John Hill held.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

- Physicians do not have to be physically present at all times to supervise employees performing physical therapy services without a license from the board of physical therapy examiners.
- Information on Menard school employees' salaries is public and is covered by the open records act.

Cow Farms Up, Have New Type

COLLEGE STATION - The current trend in the beef cattle industry is toward more beef cow farms, says a livestock marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. But the farm owner is changing.

"This is of significance to the purebred breeder because it means an expanded market for bulls and heifers," explains Ernest E. Davis.

Texas' commercial farms with beef cows and heifers that have calved increased in number by more than 17,800 from 1964 to 1969, Texas' Census data indicate a 35 per cent increase of medium sized farms of 20 to 99 cows and a 13 per cent increase of farms of 100 to 499 cows while ranches of more than 500 cows remained constant.

What has brought the increase in beef cow farms? "Many new landowners who bought land for other reasons have decided to raise cattle," explains Davis. "There's that urge to run a few cows."

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CONTROLS FEARED - Air control officials are concerned that federal land use planning controls may be applied based on air quality considerations.

They think Environmental Protection Agency permits for highway modification, airports and parking lots may have a major effect on economic growth and development of Texas.

The new regulation, effective January 1, launches a permit system with applications requiring information on indirect air pollution effect of proposed facilities.

Charles Barden, executive director of Texas Air Control Board, said the state cannot enforce federal regulations without parallel state authority.

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CROPS DAMAGED - Drought already has taken a heavy toll on Texas' 1974 wheat, cotton and sorghum crops, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White reported last week.

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Cody Wild West Show To Benefit Rehab Center

Bill Cody, grandson of world-famous Colonel William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody, will headline the Bill Cody Wild West and American Heritage Show set for August 22, 23, and 24 in the Sweetwater Coliseum. Cody, an attorney in Cody, Wyoming, is an author, national lecturer, television and radio panel personality; owner-operator of Bill Cody's Quest Ranch and public relations representative for special events.

Cody was born January 4, 1913, at Buffalo Bill's Scott's

Rest Ranch, North Platte, Nebraska, the son of Fredrick and Irma Cody Garlow. Soon after young Bill's birth, his parents moved to Cody, Wyoming. Following the death of his famous grandfather in 1917, and his parents in 1918, Bill was legally adopted by his grandmother, Louisa M. Cody.

A graduate of the University of Nebraska and Harvard Law School, Cody served five years with the U.S. Army, discharged with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Bob Estes, producer of the Bill Cody Wild West and American Heritage Show, says it is a "nostalgic re-creation of the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show that thrilled frontier audiences of yesteryear." According to Estes, the show will follow the same format as the original Buffalo Bill Wild West Show, providing a thrill a minute for every member of the family.

The fast-paced show will include champion Indian dancers of the International Indian Exposition of Anadarko, Oklahoma, bucking horses, Longhorn bucking bulls and steers, Hackberry's Buffalo Stampede, a stagecoach, trick riding and roping and lots of cowboys and cowgirls.

Estes is a well-known rodeo producer, having produced shows all over the nation as well as Europe. Proceeds from the show will benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in its work with handicapped children and adults from throughout the Southwest.

8:00 p.m. shows are set

for August 22, 23 and 24 in the Sweetwater Coliseum. Tickets are available now at Boss 'n Hoss Western Wear in Sweetwater, Luskey's Western Wear in Abilene, and at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Estes added that the purpose of the show, in addition to benefiting the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, is to provide "honest-to-goodness" family entertainment for people of the Big Country with heavy emphasis on the frontier traditions that serve as the foundation for this great nation.

According to Estes, the show will premiere in Sweetwater with consideration being given by one of the nation's largest booking agencies to touring the show nationwide. A representative of the agency is planning to fly in from Chicago to catch the performance.

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PIKE REUNION

The Pike Reunion was held at the Butman Methodist Camp August 17-18.

The time was spent, visiting, singing, giving skits, swimming and eating.

The delicious meals were prepared for the group by the personnel of the camp.

The entertainment was furnished by those who were fortunate enough to have talent. Mrs. Joyce Ferguson sang "The Cousins Are Coming," naming all the cousins present. David and Darrel Cox played two coronet numbers. Melinda Simpson was marjorette. A skit, "The Dump Sisters," was given by Laddona Davis, Kate Guthrie, Dana Cox, and Gaylene Wheeler.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Pike and Guyne Pike, Grand Prairie, Texas; Virginia Pike Coats, Mr. and Mrs. Moody and three children, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Ellis, Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Guthrie and Kate, and Mrs. Doris Guthrie, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Holliday, Bradshaw; Mrs. Reba Sanders, San Antonio;

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Personals

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Jake Roberts To Retire

AUSTIN - J. C. Roberts, for 23 years the Texas Highway Department's district engineer in Abilene, will retire October 31, State Highway Engineer B. L. DeBerry announced today.

Succeeding Roberts as the head of Highway Department operations in the 13-county Abilene district will be Roger

G. Welsch, now assigned as district construction engineer in Corpus Christi.

Roberts is a 44-year veteran of Highway Department service, and 32 of those years have been served as either assistant district engineer or district engineer at Abilene.

He joined the Department in 1930 as an instrumentman in Hall County. In 1942 he was named assistant district engineer at Abilene and district engineer in 1951.

"Jake Roberts has been active and concerned with the management and administration of the work in his district, as well as the involvement of highway personnel and the public in highway matters," DeBerry said. "The fine system of highways in the Abilene district attests to his abilities as an engineer and an administrator."

Roberts' last day on the job will be August 31. He will be on earned leave and vacation through the end of October.

The Abilene district includes Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stone, Wall and Taylor Counties.

Welsch will become acting district engineer on September 1 and district engineer on November 1. The 40-year-old New Braunfels native attended public schools at Solms and New Braunfels. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University.

He joined the Highway Department in 1953 as a roadman in the San Antonio district and has served in various engineering capacities in the San Antonio and Corpus

Seymores Attend FU Conference

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Seymore, Stacy and Ted attended the Farmers Union Insurance Mile High Club Conference last week in Vancouver, British Columbia. They drove up through Albuquerque, Salt Lake City, Boise, Yakima and Seattle to Vancouver. They attended the meetings and tours Aug. 11 through 14th. Returning home, they drove across Canada to Glacier National Park and were thankful to get out of the high mountains on down to Helena, Montana and Yellowstone National Park, Laramie, Wyoming, Denver, and Texas sure looked good after ten days.

Riggan Reunion Held Sunday

The Riggan Reunion was held Sunday, August 11, at Merkel.

All the brothers and sisters were there.

Mr. and Mrs. Gold Riggan, Lamesa; Mr. Grant Riggan, Big Spring; Mr. Nathan Riggan, Stanton; Mr. Loyd Riggan, Big Spring; Mrs. Mary Harris, Houston; Mrs. Jessie Conley, Houston; Mrs. Leona Conley, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Riggan, Christy and Nat of Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Riggan and Lew, Linda, Larry, Tim of Midland; Mrs. Lewis Riggan, Euless, Texas; Mrs. Remona Watkins, Tracy and Ricky, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Riggan, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Harris and Gary Don, Demise and Randy of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Al Leveritt and Mari Sue of Houston; Mike Thompson and Mark Thompson of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Lacey Hutchins of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hankhead, Burkburnett, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Harris and Sue Ann, Milo, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Berdon Conley and Dewayne and Fredia, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Conley and Laura, Houston; Mrs. Gloria Dean Stone and Ronnie Dean, Terry Wayne, Carl Jay, Dolie Christine of Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Conley and Rocky, Merkel; Mrs. Doyle Conley and Stanley of Fort Stockton; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Conley of Fort Stockton; Helen Conley of Houston; Mrs. D. E. Riggan, Tempe, Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Riggan and Larry Don and Jimmy and Billy Nuneviller all of Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. J. C. Riggan, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Riggan and Lonnie, Merkel; Mrs. Ann Rice and Brandon, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Riggan and Cheryl, Angia of Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Riggan and Danny, Ronnie and Derral, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Stunney and Travis, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Bartlett and Randy, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Satterwhite and Kim, Merkel; Friends who came were Mr. & Mrs. Clovis Harrison, Sweetwater; Mrs. W. A. Harrison, Anson; Mrs. John Swinney, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and Kathy of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harris and Joe Dale of Margarita Canal Zone; Mrs. Bonnie Kelly, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Dub Kelly and Billy, Sherry, Becky of Roscoe; Cindy Rhode, Houston; Debbie Raspberry, Houston; Mrs. A. W. Clemmer, Merkel; Willard Brown, Merkel; Esther Luke, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Luke; Robert Harris, Merkel; and Randy Scott, Sylvester, Texas.

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We have all seen the polls show a loss of confidence in America's future by growing public disillusionment with government.

Some have said that this nation cannot simply go forward without radical structural changes, even to the extent of a more modernized Constitution. This has been said before, and even from the beginning of its formation more than a century ago Lord Macaulay said in a letter to an American friend, "Your Constitution is all sail and no anchor."

Contrarily, we have seen the anchor hold time and time again in the hurricanes which from the beginning have occasionally hit us.

In each of these challenges, when the time came, the American people have shown a marvelous resiliency and maturity to stand against whatever shocks may come. Resolving problems of whatever nature has been slow and difficult under his system, but resolved they have been, to show that the old foundation is strong, old ideals are bright, and as democracies go, proving the system can endure.

When Ben Franklin walked across the courtyard in Philadelphia later leaving the Constitutional Convention, a woman asked him what kind of a government he had wrought. "A Republic, Madame, if you can keep it," he replied.

There should be justifiable pride for all of us in knowing that this generation is keeping it, realizing at the same time that other assaults on its institutions will again occur. To keep freedoms and our free institutions intact is not for spectators, but rather work by those who feel the responsibility of protecting the great heritage we have. Applicable to both domestic and foreign affairs, the old and worn line, "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance" holds fresh and true meaning.

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As It Looks From Here



By REP. OMAR BURLISON
17th District, Texas

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BADGER TRACKS

By DAREL BUNCH

Yes, it's been quite a summer, rent-a-cars and west bound trains, but now that we're off of vacation, school is the business at hand.

Lots of new faces, pretty and otherwise, new teachers, new subjects and the same old story of study, study, study! Clubs and organizational meetings are getting underway.

According to Jim Wharton many bruises and knots were visible from football practice. "The team is enthusiastic about the contact practice and are eager for

the first game." M.H.S. football squad has great potential so lets back them all the way.

The new M.O.C. work program sponsored by Phillip Pursley is giving several junior and senior students an opportunity to combine education with on the job training.

The office aids are showing efficiency in picking up absentee slips and daily reports and distributing sugar to privileged students.

Hey, gang, let's slow our wheels down and keep an open campus. Who wants to wait?

Well, my candle flickers low so adios till next week.

West Texas Fair To Have Tractor Pull

The West Texas Fair has signed a contract with the Southwest Tractor Pullers of Fort Worth to provide the equipment and supervision for a two-day tractor pull. The event will take place during the annual West Texas Fair on the afternoon of September 7 and 8.

At a meeting last week, Harold Nixon, Abilene John Deere dealer, was appointed overall chairman of the pull. Committee chairmen for the event are Harry Holt, Leland Robinson, Bill Godsey and Bill Patton.

Sam Hill, President of the West Texas Fair, attended several pulls in the Southwest before reaching a decision to have one this year. Mr. Hill said, "We believe that this exciting farm-oriented sport will add to the many attractions our fair has to offer. We urge local tractor owners to join the sport in special classes for them." He stated also that pulls from all over the Southwest will compete for over \$2,000 in purse money.

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MHS Choir Elects Officers

The Merkel High School Choir, under the direction of Mr. W. G. Reed, elected officers for the 1974-75 school year last Thursday. They are Lisa Gregory, president, Nancy Fudge, vice president, Jim Whorton, secretary, treasurer, and Darel Bunch reporter. Choir members are: Belinda Broussard, Janie Clark, pianist, Rosemary Duran, Carla Farrillo, Crystie Garner, Tammy Hudman, Salinda Justice, Vicki Lollar, Barbara Martin, Kristi Nease, Gayle Reed, Gale Ware, Suzanne Warner, also Randy Cox, Rodger Doan, Randall Howes, Alan Mawson, Robert Morgan, Derrell Riggan, Mark Rodgers, Jackie Sims, Larry Stewart, Terry Stewart.

Concerts are being planned for the 1974-75 school year," Mr. Reed said.

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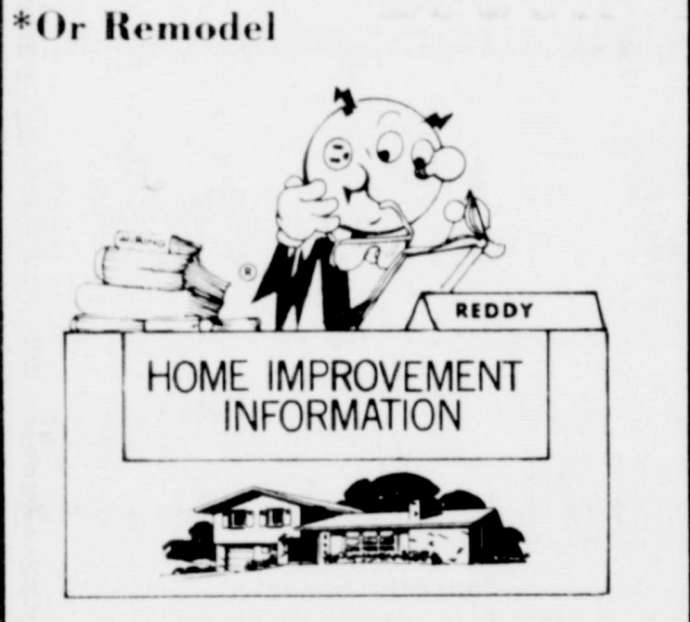
Bad Year Not Expected To Deter Support Of Cattlemen's Round-up

As the fifteenth annual Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children gets underway, officials of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene, Texas, expressed a guarded optimism concerning the fall sale of livestock to benefit the Center.

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Ladies Golf News

By ANNETTE CLARK

The Second Tuesday in August was Ladies Day at the Merkel Country Club. The regular monthly business meeting was conducted by the President of the Ladies Golf Assn., Faye Robertson. Something to look forward to and plan for is the One-Day Ladies Golf Tournament to be held September 28th. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at 8:30 with the Shotgun Tee Off at 9 o'clock. Lunch will be served in the clubhouse when all have completed play.

The President reminded everyone that our club is now one year old and time to renew our memberships to the Ladies Golf Assn. The annual fee is \$3.00. Fanelle Boney awarded prizes to the winners of the Tuesday Ladies Day competition for the past month. July 16 - "Guess your score." Each player guesses her score and post it before she tees off. Winner-Faye Robertson.

July 23 - "Throw away." Each player can throw away any two holes of play. Winner-Joan Smith. July 30 - "Blind Holes." Five holes were selected and placed in an envelope to be opened after all had played. Low total on these holes was the winner. Winner-Joan Smith. Aug. 6 - Rain - Too Wet! Aug. 13 - Hulley Gully. Covered dish supper. Fanelle reported that nine couples had played and there were 11 couples for supper. The winners at the Hulley Gully were a tie between the Teams of Sherry Aldridge and John Stout and Faye and Loyd Robertson with a 38.

Winners of the Special Prize - First on the green and nearest the pin and first in the hole was another tie between Mary and Horace Childress and Wanda and D.C. Hendricks with 10 points each. Winning the door prize was Billy South and Jerry Magee. Fanelle also announced the schedule of play for the next month. Aug. 27 - Guess your score. Sept. 3 - Points-First on for two players. First on green, nearest the pin and first in the hole for three players and first two on the green nearest the pin and first in hole for four players. Sept. 10 - Golf, Supper and business. Ladies remember its time to get out to play golf. The weather is great-getting cooler-the winds have died down - and there are still a few mosquitoes to assist in the flight of your ball. (Some of us need assistance).

Mrs. Hicks Receives Degree
ABILENE - Wilma Rojean Freeman Hicks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Freeman of Rt. 1, Trent received a master of education degree last Friday night at Hardin-Simmons University. Seventy-one students received degrees in the summer commencement, which began at 8 p.m. in Behrens Chapel-Auditorium. Delivering the commencement address to the August graduates was U.S. Sen. John Tower.

Jr. H. Band Officers
The Merkel Jr. High Band elected officers for the 1974-75 season. They are Roger Dye, president, Mike Sims, Vice President and Gaye Thiester, reporter. The 80 members of the Band are planning to march in the first Jr. High football game, and are expected to be even better than last year.

Riding Club Event

Western Pleasure
9-12 - 1. Tamarah Golson, 2. Norma Frazier, 3. Ann Melton, 4. Shannon Boyd, 5. Eddy Sparks.

13-16 - 1. Sherri Frazier, 2. Jesse Sparks, 3. Jay Boyd, 4. Susie Toombs, 5. Cindy Boone.

17 and Over - 1. Benny Melton, 2. Barbara Whisenhunt, 3. Elby Frazier, 4. Don Dudley, 5. Oscar Vaughn.

"Stick Horse" Race
5 and Under - 1. Kyle Coker, 2. Lucy Masonheimer, 3. Graham Odum, 4. Denise Pursley, 5. Amber Whisenhunt.

6-8 - 1. Brooks Boyd, 2. James Allday, 3. Kevin Coker.

8 and Under - 1. Kyle Coker, 2. Lucy Masonheimer, 3. Graham Odum, 4. Denise Pursley, 5. Amber Whisenhunt.

9-12 - 1. Tamarah Golson, 2. Norma Frazier, 3. Shannon Boyd, 4. Eddy Sparks and Ann Melton (tie), 5. Sherri Williams.

13-16 - 1. Cristie Boone, 2. Susie Toombs, 3. Charles Hatfield, 4. Jessie Sparks, Patricia Boyd and Shellie Stout (tie).

17 and Over - 1. Kathryn Whisenhunt, 2. Levena Vaughn, 3. Jim Allday, 4. Mary B. Phillips, 5. Robert Boyd.

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Catherine Roberson Angelo State Grad

A former Merkel student, Catherine Beard Roberson, is an August graduate of Angelo State University. A 1970 graduate of Merkel High, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Beard, and granddaughter of Mrs. Euell Ray of Merkel. While attending ASU, Mrs. Roberson was a Dean's Honor Student. She was a member of Kappa Delta Pi, and was awarded a Scholarship Honor Award in April 1973. Catherine and her husband, Ford, are presently teaching at Nueces Canyon ISD. He is the assistant football coach and high school math teacher. Catherine is the migrant teacher for grades one through eight.

Girl Scout News

By MELBA GLASSCOCK

There will be a sign up day for brownies Thursday, Aug. 22, at 2:45 at the Scout Hut.

We'd like to invite all the Mothers to attend to meet the new brownie leader, Mrs. Judy Elliott. She has recently moved here from Ft. Worth and is looking forward to working with the brownies. She is also in need of an assistant leader to help her.

Girls in the first, second, and third grades may join. Girls interested in Juniors, grades 4-6, may join on Friday, Aug. 23, at the Scout Hut at 3:30.

There will be no cadette troop this year unless there is a Mother who is interested in being a leader.

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- (1) Balance as of June 30, 1973 \$ -0-
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- (3) Interest Earned \$ -0-
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- (5) Total Amount Expended \$ 1,142.00
- (6) Balance as of June 30, 1974 \$ -0-

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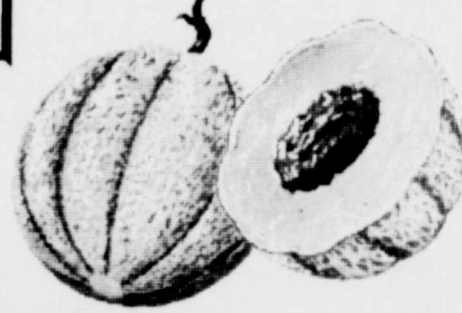
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