# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, August 12, 1982 ... Merkel, Texas

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# Lone Star rate hike suspended 120 days

The Railroad Commision has suspended a \$90 million natural gas rate increase requested by Lone Star Gas Company. The proposed increase would affect 451 Texas cities and outlying areas

and more than 1.1 million bill-paying customers.

The 120-day suspension order signed by Chairman Jim Nugent and Commissioners Mack Wallace and Buddy Temple will delay the effective date of the proposed increase while the Commission's Gas Utilities Division examines the Lone Star request in detail. The company had asked that rates be increased effective August 2. A hearing on the Lone Star application has

been set for September 14. The statement of intent filed with the Commission by Lone Star asks for an increase in its city gate rate. The city gate is the delivery point at which a city distribution system receives gas from its supplier.

In examining the proposed rate increase, the Railroad Commission will analyze Lone Star revenues and determine the reasonableness of the company's expenses.





# MISD proposed budget calls for no new taxes

The MISD board of trustees set a proposed budget in a budget workshop last Tuesday night that calls for a \$2,594,265 budget that will not require a tax increase, providing the county appraisal board's preliminary estimates on the asessed values of MISD property is accurate.

Merkel will end this fiscal year with about a

\$200,000 surplus according to MISD superintendent Bill Everett.

About 40 per cent of this year's budget will go to teacher pay. Teachers did not receive a local pay increase this year but will be receiving an addition 5.1 per cent from the state this year.

MISD teachers are payed \$1,000 above state minumum as of last year. The school received an additional six teachers from state sources this year based on school attendance records

The board will meet Tuesday night at 7 p.m. to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget, at which taxpayers have an opportunity to hear the

proposed budget and make comments on it. Payroll costs this year will be \$1,146,220, with purchased and contracted services for teachers costing \$16,400, supplies and materials \$43,310, other operating expenses totaling \$10,900, and an addition \$29,650 being spent for capital outlays.

The total expenditures for instructional services is estimated at \$1,246,480.

MISD will spend \$11,970 for computer instruction this year as \$9,570 will go for payroll, \$200 for contracted services, \$200 for supplies and materials and another \$200 for capital outlays.

Under instructional resources and media services, MISD proposes to spend \$29,835 in salaries, \$1,050 in purchased and contracted services, \$1,290 in supplies and materials, and an additional \$3,000 in capital outlays.

Under the school administration budget, \$172,000 will go for payroll, \$8,161 will be spent on purchased and contracted services,\$4670 on supplies and materials, \$4,115 on other operating expenses, and an additional \$1,400 on capital

Under pupil services, \$16,716 will go for salaries to provide guidance and counseling services, \$1,000 for purchased and contracted services, \$1,300 for supplies and materials, \$250 for other operating expenses, and an additional

\$100 for capital outlay. MISD proposes to spend \$12,050 for salaries for health services, \$600 for supplies and materials, and an additional \$600 for capital outlay.

Under pupil transportation, \$35,050 will be spent on salaries, \$6,000 on purchased and contracted services, \$36,580 on supplies and materials, \$12,350 on other operating expenses, \$303 on debt service loan and lease purchase interest, and \$47,500 for capital outlays.

Under co-ciriccular activities, \$36,190 will be spent on salaries, \$6,300 for purchased and contracted services, \$36,000 on supplies and materials, \$28,190 on other operating expenses, and an additional \$4,500 for capital outlay.

Under food services \$64,870 will be spent on payroll, \$7,595 on contracted and purchased services, \$73,800 on other operating expenses. and an additional \$5,500 on capital outlay.

Under the General Administration heading \$95,000 will be spent on salaries, \$65,700 on purchased and contracted services, \$5,200 on supplies and materials, \$27,200 on other operating expenses, and \$6,000 on capital outlay.

Under plant services(maintenance) MISD proposes to spend \$133,300 on payroll, \$89,000 on purchased and contracted services, \$38,500 on supplies and materials, \$16,000 in other operating expenses, and an additional \$51,800 in capital

MISD will also spend \$20,000 for capital outlay for facilities acquisition and contrus.ction. The total payroll at MISD this year is \$1,750,801

# of the budget's \$2,594,265 total budget.

# Hart named to co-op board

Don J. Hart of Route 2, Merkel, has been elected to the board of directors of the Association of Texas Electric Cooperatives. The action came during the Association's annual meeting last week (August 2-4) in Austin. Hart is manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative, a position he's held since 1971. He has also been a member of the board of diretors of the Cooperative Finance Corportaion in Washington, D.C., since 1977. Hart began his electric utility career with Texas Electric Service Company in 1954 after graduation from Texas Tech University. In 1959 he went to Coleman County Electric Cooperative at Coleman as member services director. While in Coleman he earned a master's degree from Hardin Simmons University in Abilene. From 1966 until 1971 he was assistant manager of Erath Coutny Electric Cooperative at Stephenville. Hart and his wife Mitzi are parents of a son, Andy Don Hart of Abilene, and a daughter, Lesa Ann (Mrs. Jennings) Teel of

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department held their third annual pancake supper at Heritage Hall Friday night. At left, some of the beauties work in the kitchen and above Fire Chief Waymon Adcock seems to be awful proud of his legs. The firemen raised about \$800 during the supper. (Staff photos by Cloy A. Richards)

# City buys police radios, gets monthly report

The Merkel City Council voted Monday night to purchase three mobil radios for the Merkel Police Deaprtment

The radios will cost \$2,967 and will be supplied by Motorolla.

Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack had requested the radios last month saying his patrolmen were out of contact with the dispatcher when they are away from their car.

Chief Pack also gave a breakdown for his department's activities during July. Merkel Police issued 16 citations, worked a total of 32 cases, 4 accidents. Almost \$11,500 in property was reported stolen in July and \$9,614 of that property was recovered. Merkel Police made three arrests for other law enforcement agencies and 13 Merkel arrests.

Council also approved a draw down request on Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development funds totaling \$5,048.48. That was paid to Randolph & Gilreath for professional services and direct expenses.

# Jones fair horse show set

The Jones County Fair Association will host an All Trophy Playnight Aug. 20, 1982. Charlie Myatt Arena, Anson City Park. Youth barrels, poles, and flags with a \$2.00 entry fee. Open jackpoi barrels and poles. Starts 8:00 p.m. -- Books open

August 21, 1982 - Anson Open Horse Show. 9:00 a.m.-Halter Classes-\$5.00 entry fee; trophies and

Showmanship, western pleasure, reining, barrels, poles and flags. 12 and under; 13-18 age divisions. \$3.00 entry fee with trophies and ribbons. Highpoint belt buckle each age division. 19 and over- \$8.00 entry fee, \$5.00 jackpot. High point belt buckle.

6:00 p.m. August 21, 1982-Jackpot barrel races. Open and Novice Classes. Contact Teresa

# MISD registration

Classes at MISD will start in two weeks and students who have not previously attended MISD are being asked to pre-register.

Students pre-registering are asked to bring last year's report card, shot records and may do so at the campus office between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

New students at Merkel High may register

between August 23 and August 25.

Also, High school football players, twirlers and cheerleaders will have their pictures made Monday at 9 a.m.

# Football tickets on sale now

MISD is selling reserved seat season tickets for the 1982 Merkel Badger football home games.

Pre-season reserved tickets may be purchased from Aug. 11 through Sept. 10 for \$3 per game or a \$15 total for the five home games. Tickets bought after the Sept. 10 deadline will cost \$3.50

per game.

Merkel will play here Sept. 10 against Hamlin, Sept. 17 against Baird (Homecoming) Sept. 24 against Ranger, Oct. 8 against Wylie and Oct 29 against Breckenridge.

Carson named to grocers' board

At their annual stockholders meeting held recently in Abilene, the members of the Independent Grocers Inc. reelected Herman Carson of Merkel to join the board of directors of the retailer owned grocery co-op. Mr. Carson will join ten other grocers in the direction of the company comprised of some 420 stores in central and West Texas. The combined annual volume of these retail outlets is in excess of \$150 million. Mr. Carson, along with his brother Howard, and his son, Tom, own Carson's Super Market here. As a long time Independent Grocer in the Merkel area, Herman is a supporter of the home town atmosphere found in his and other local stores. The combined buying power of the 400 member stores enables the Carsons to ccompete with the large chain stores in the area and to

offer the personal touch often missing in others. As a director of the company, Herman will assist the management staff with the operation of the warehouse. A member of the board of directors since 1958, Mr. Carson has served as board president on several occasions and has always offered his service to fellow board members and merchanis.

# School two weeks away, tax confusion, public hearing...more

by Cloy A. Richards
Football practices have started, schools are
placing news about registration, they have

had a football game on tv. The kiddos have just two more weeks before school starts, but the band and the football players in High School have already started.

Did you have a chance to eat at the Pancake Supper Friday night put on the the Volunteer

Fire Department? The firemen did almost as good a job dressing like women as they did cooking pancakes, sausage and bacon.

The Merkel Men's Golf Association is sponsoring a two-man low ball tournament here the last weekend in August.

Entries are bing accepted at the club.

The Merkel Ladies Golf Association is sponsoring their club championship this month. Entries are being taken on a sign up sheet at the Merkel Country Club.

The Merkel School Board will not raise school taxes by more than three per cent this year and has set a public hearing on the budget Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. It is the public's chance to hear how your tax money will be spent for the coming year at

You should have seen the jam the superintendent was in, and still is for that matter.

The poor ol' Taylor County Appraisal Board, who's been blamed for everything from heart attacks to hot weather, now seems to be holding up school districts from finalizing their budgets. It seems a Texas law requires schools to post a

public notice (print in the paper) their effective calculated tax rate before they formally adopt their budget. To figure an effective calculated tax rate, you must have a assessed evaluation figure. Taylor County is still working on that.

MISD will be adopting their budget next
Tuesday night, but it will be a tentative budget.

All because you can't put the cart before the

Richard Petree and his gang at the appraisal district would probably like to have some of the members of the 66th Texas Legislative Session, the guys that started all of this central appraisal district mess, alone in a dark Dallas alley for about 15 minutes.

Our boy Joey served as ring bearer for Max Wallace (the pressman at Anson) wedding last Saturday. He was real impressed with a rented white tux, he even went as far as saying he'd like

for us to buy it.

What really got me, we were on the way home from the rehersal Friday night when Melanie had told Joey how good of a job he'd done rehersing. Joey said, I could do them for other people, all we'd have to do is put an ad in the paper. Moral of the story, even five year olds know the

value of newspaper advertising.

I would be the last person to stoop so low as to tell you how far Gaston Thomas and Bobby Windham would go to win a golf tournament, but I will give you a hint.

They'd have to rent a stepladder to shout it out from the top of the curb. See there Gaston, I told you I'd bee easy on

# Newsbriefs

## EMT class

### set here

An Emergency Medical Technician class will be offered here beginning Sept. 8th.

All perrsons interested in attending the course should contact Vernon Wade or TSTI.

## Softball tourney

A mixed 3-2 softball tournament has been set for Aug. 20 & 21 to benefit the M-T Softball Association. Entry fee will be \$5 per person and you may register with Gaston Thomas at Merkel Upholstery.

Teams will be posted at the softball field Aug. 19.

## Dillard's visit grandparents here

Nancy and Marni Dillard, daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Burl Dillard, MD of Saint Louis, spent the week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dillard of Me-

# Tuesday school starts

## Sept. 7

Notice Tuesday School will begin Sept. Limited openings. For further information contact Bernice Jacobs at 928-5176.

## Beta Sigma Phi in Buffalo Gap

Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi traveled to Buffalo Gap July 31 to visit the Buffalo Gap Historic Village, Perrini Country Store and Mullberry Street.

Members and guests lunched at the side walk cafe at Mullberry Street. Attending were Mamie Steck, Anne Steck, Louise DuBoise, Opal Garner, Given Tucker, Ann Reeder and Ruth Tipton.

# Reynolds have

visitors here Mr. and Mrs. Doug-

las Watkins of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Royce Watkins of Hobbs visited their grandmother, Mrs. O. J. Reynolds and Uncle Bob last Sunday. Harts' son

## receives CPA

Andy Don Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hart, has received notice from the Texas State Board of Public Accountants that he has fulfilled the requirements to become a Certified Public Accountant.

Andy, a 1975 grad-uate of Merkel High, received his degree in accounting from Texas Tech in 1979. He was associated with Brown-Grahan CPAs in Tulia until March. 1982, when he changed to Mareser and Young

CPA firm in Abilene.

His wife, the former Netta Stephen is a 1976 graduate of Merkel High and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephen. She was formerly assistant coach at Tulia High and will be a track coach and English teacher at Abilene High this fall Andy and Netta reside at 3718 Duke in

## Abilene. **Obituaries**

## William Bird

William Spencer Bird, 78, of Fort Lupton, Colo., formerly of Merkel, died at 10:56 a.m. Tuesday at his home after a long illness. Services were held at

the United Methodist Church here.

The Rev. Russell McAnalley officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home

Born Nov. 11, 1903 in Merkel, he was a graduate of Merkel High and attended North Texas State Agriculture College. He was a Methodist Church member and a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge. He was one of the first employees of Taylor Electric Cooperative. He married Mary Hughes in 1934 in Merkel.

Survivors i n c l u de his wife; a son James of Fort Collins, Colo... and a granddaughter Susan of Fort Collins.

Pallbearers were T. J. Bird Jr., Johnny Hammond, Freddie Toombs, Buddy Smith, Laverne Moore and Jack Hogan.

## Hazel Dodson

Hazel Dodson, 71, of Merkel, died at home Friday morning. Services were 10 a.m. Monday at North's Funeral Home. Graveside services were 3:30 p.m. Monday at Elm Grove Cemetery in Westminster.

Edsel Hughes, minister of Highland Church of Christ officiat-

Born Aug. 10, 1910 in Wolfe City, she was reared in Wolfe City and married James Dodson there in 1926. He was a farmer and died in 1969. She moved to Merkel earlier this year from Graham. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, James of Merkel, a brother Jack Brown of Oildale, Calif., four

**JOHN DEERE** 

grandchildren and 3 step-grandchildren.

## Andrew Borrego

Andrew Borrego, 16, of Merkel, died Monday night in Hutchinson, Minn., where he had been working, after a short illness. Services were held at Our Mother of Mercy

The Rev. Lee Zimmerman, pastor of the church officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral

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MAJOR BRANDS OF

Catholic Church here.

Born Nov. 29, 1965 in

Abilene, he would have been a freshman at Merkel High this fall. He was a member of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church.

Survivors i n c l u de his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pablo Borrego Jr., of Merkel; four brothers, Henry, Martin, Casey and Pablo III, four sisters, Mary Janie, Tandy and Rose Linda; paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Pablo Borrego Sr., and maternal gra-

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and read aloud.

## 8585 Stemmons Freeway, Suite 626 South,

928-5419

Dallas, Texas, 75247. Qualified Contractors may obtain complete sets of bid documents upon payment of a

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### der upon so returning the CONTRACT DOC-UMENTS will be refunded \$40.00 per set. BID BOND:

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The Merkel Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of

THE HOUSING **AUTHORITY OF** THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS FOR: Mrs. Annette Clark, Executive Dir-

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

DATE: 20 July, 1982.

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Mei-Chu Toucey, Respondent: GREETINGS

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326 th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Tex as, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Christopher Scalon Toucey, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 23rd day of July, 1982, against Mei-Chu Toucey, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 7637-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The

Marriage of Christopher Scalon Toucey and Mei-Chu Toucey' the nature of which suit is arequest that the Court grant a divorce and decree such other relief requested in the petition. The Court has authority in this suit to

enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

If this citation is not

served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be

returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof. and make due return

as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 23rd day of July,

Rilla Mahoney Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Elsie Mitchell, Deputy.

PUBLIC NOTICE The City of Merkel, Texas will receive sealed bids until 4:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20, 1982 on four (4) hous-

ing rehab projects. Builders may procure specifications & bid requirements at City Hall, 107 Lamar, Merkel, Texas.

This program is a H. U. D. Community Development Project and bidding is open to all qualified contractors.

Kent Satterwhite Mayor 23 2 TC NOTICE OF **BUDGET HEARING** 

The Board of Education of Merkel Independent School Dis-trict of Taylor and Jones County hereby will convene August 17, 1982 at 7 p.m. in the High School Library for the purpose of determining and approving the school budget for 1982-1983 school year.

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# 141 gas, 51 oil discoveries in July Page 3

GOLF

Recent Merkel cemetery donors

The following is a list of the recent donations to

Merkel Cemetery Association.

Lendon Coats in memory of Carroll Benson, Mrs. Earl Hughes in memory of Carrol Benson & Spencer Bird, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in memory of Carroll Benson, Gerrie Dunlap in memory of Billy West, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton in memory of Carroll Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Higgins in memory of Hack Hicks, Carrie Davis, Marjorie Kirksey, Mrs. A. J. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Bud McKeever, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone in memory of Hack Hicks

Also, Earl Brooks, Carlton Brooks, Winnie Dickerson in memory of loved ones, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Vick, Ola E. Rice, Joe and Avis Nagy, Daniel & Katherine Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Arnold, Williams Estate, Mr. and Mrs. Derwood Langston, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hart in memory of Billy West, Claude T. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon M. Isenhower, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Chaney, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tucker, Hazel T. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Wade, Mrs. Allie Butman, Mrs. H. H. Spears, Dorothy Sigler, Mr, and Mrs. Richard T. Musser in memory of Tommie Grimes Musser, Lillian and Hollis Floyd in memory of loved ones.

Also, J. D. and Ira Gouge, Mrs. W. G. Richardson, Patricia Dalziel, Florence R. Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cypert in memory of Hack Hicks, Ann Tipton, R. J. & Essie Compton, Lee Owen Buford, Mr. and Mrs. joe Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hammond, Mr.

and Mrs. Billy C. Young, Mrs. George Smith in memory of Mrs. Ray Reynolds, Luna Johnston, Ted Hamm in memory of A.L. Hicks, Ted and Wanda McAninch, A. B. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Orsborn, Vera F. Ely, Floyd Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Looper, Freeman Reunion Fund in memory of George Freeman families, Mrs. Norman Winter in memory of Carroll Benson, Frosty Winter in memory of Carroll Benson, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham, Mr. and Mrs. Don Doan, Elsie Nash, Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble in

memory of Spencer Bird, Mrs. C. E. Derrington.
Also Mrs. George T. Moore in memory of
Carroll Benson, John C. and Selma Warlick, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Farr, J. Pierce Horton, Mrs. Zerk O. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Everett, Harvell & Stella Cosper, W. M. Frazier, Ruby Jinkens, Carla Caswell, Carlice Derington, John D & Peggie Collie, Charles A. Tucker, Polly Amason, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch in memory of Spencer Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howard in memory of Spencer Bird, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Thornton, Nina Sherrell Estate, Genevieve King in memory of Spencer Bird, Ray and Beulah Cox in memory of Spencer Bird, Oloiver and Alma Rister in memory of Spencer Bird, Benard & Erma Clark in memory of loved ones, Mr. and Mrs. Paxton Hays in memory of Spencer Bird, J. W. & Marie Hughes in memory of Spencer Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Foller.

Railroad Commission Chairman Jim Nugent announced that Texas operators reported 141 gas and 51 oil discoveries in July, 1982.

One year ago, 123 gas and 51 oil discoveries were filed with the state's energy regulatory

Gas discoveries in the seventh month of the year included 42 in deep south Texas, 25 in the Regugio area, 22 in West Central Exas, 20 in Southeast Texas, nine in East Texas, seven in North Texas, four each in the Panhandle and the San Angelo areas, three each in the San Antonio and Midland areas, and one each in the Refugio area and the Panhandle.

Through the first seven months of this year, there have been 871 gas and 368 oil discoveries

## TAX OFFICE CLOSING

Merkel ISD Tax Office is closing officially,

Wednesday August 4, 1982.

Persons with questions

concerning taxes need to contact :

Richard Petree

915-676-9381

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# Sandusky's hold reunion

The family of the late E. S. (Judge) Sandusky held their reunion at the Senior Citizen's Building Saturday, July 31st. A sandwich and watermelon supper was held. On Sunday, barbecue, beans, salads and deserts were served. Activities included reminiscing and picture taking. The oldest relative attending was Lizzy Beaty of Abilene and the youngest was Abby Laine Faulkner of Abilene.

Other relatives attending were Mr. and Mrs, Jesse Sandusky, Betty Sandusky and Sandra Cummings of Bromide, Okla, Mrs. Ruth Sandsuky & Gerals of Bronte, Mary Louise Snyder of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Judge Sandusky of Hondo, Mellie McMeans and Mrs. Alvin McMeans & sons of Zapata, Elmer Lee Sandusky of Clyde, Janet and Brandy Bryan of Midland, S.

H. and Lloyd Watson of Cincinatti, Helen Bennett of Cortez, Colo., 'lizzie Beaty, Rosalie Wingo, Pauline Butman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Faulkner & daughters of Abilene, Stella Cosper & Steven of Duncan, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Day & Russell of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Harwell and daughter of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Sandusky, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, Jr. and Mike, Mrs. Allen Morgan & Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Sandusky & Jas & guest Reba Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Glenn Sandusky, Grant & Marissa and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Latimer, all of Merkel.

Freinds attending included Floyd and Mable Morgeling of Bronte and Mrs. Elsie Nash of

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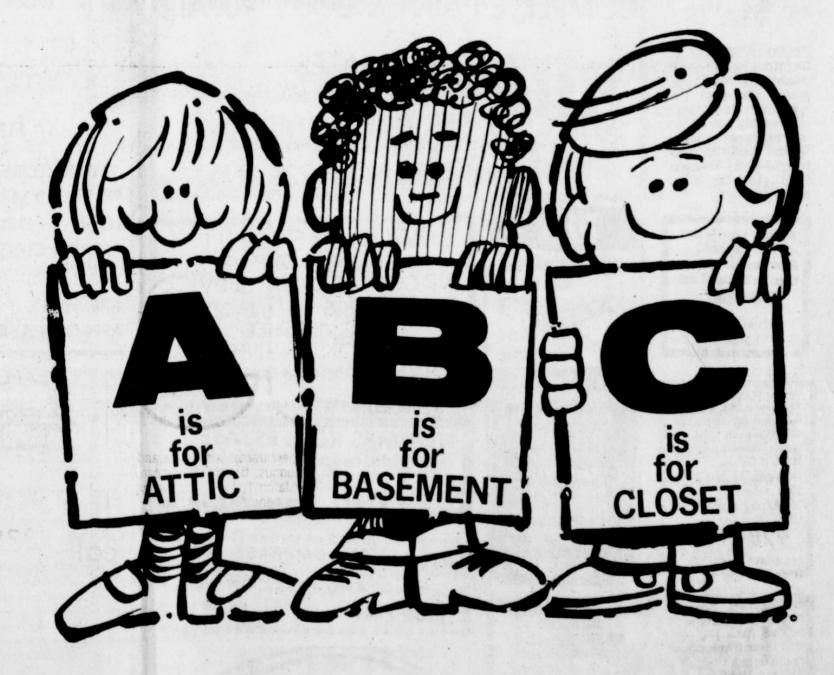
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# RRC lists Texas May production

Texas crude oil production totaled 74,259,586 barrels in May, according to Railroad Commission Chairman Jim Nugent.

The figure compares with reported April production totaling 72,854,773 barrels and May 1981 production of 76,662,263 barrels.

Texas oil production averaged 2,395,470 barrels daily in May, down from 2,428,492 barrels daily in April and down from 2,472,976 barrels daily in

The May allowable totaled 95,864,343 barrels. The preliminary May summary indicated Texas oil production was 22.54 percent under the allowable for the month.

Through the first five months of this year, Texas has produced 363,895,996 barrels of oil.

# Group says 50 % of jobs require computer knowledge

By 1. 10, there will be nearly a 50 percent rise in jobs that require computer skills. This anticipated growth, says the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, surpasses all other occupational

Thousands of students each year are leaving careers with uncertain futures and low salaries for more lucarative fields such as computers that promise to grow at a rapid rate in the next decade. And, for many of these students, the fastest way to start a promising career will be learning specialized skills from schools accredited by the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools (NATTS). According to Henry Herzing, president of NATTS, "A lot of students are turning to our schools because they want to are turning to our schools because they want to learn a skill that will be in demand. They are finding that even in hard economic times-such as we have now-our graduates are getting excellent well paying jobs in a wide variety of industries."

The computer occupations-which include systems analysis, programmers, computer operators, keypunch operators, and computer service technicians—already increased 50 percent between 1970 and 1978 while the rate of growth for all occupations in the economy was only 20 percent. Advances in technology and the widespread use of computers in all industries are responsible for this rapid growth.

However, the computer field is just one example of careers that will be in demand. The Bureau of Labor Statistics lists 20 careers that will show the most rapid employment growth in the next decade. Of the 20 careers listed, 14 require vocational training.

For many young people searching for a new career, training at a career school has provided the answer. In fact, there has been a 25 percent increase in enrollment over the last two years in private postsecondary vocational schools. According to students, the attraction of these schools is that they offer faster training at a less expensive price than a four-year institution. The average NATTS course is about forty weeks, and tuition averages around \$2,000. Because these schools depend on the placement of students for their success, they must offer careers that are in high demand in today's tight job market.

Herzing said he expects the demand for skill training to continue. "In fact," he said, "private technical schools are operating around the clock in certain cases to meet this demand." He also states that it's not just high school graduates entering these schools. More and more college graduates are enrolling in trade and technical schools in an effort to improve their career skills. More women are seeking trade skills also, women such as Rina Petriello.

Rina Petriello, a mother and a grandmother, decided to go back to school at the New York School for Medical and Dental Assistants. She trained in the health care field not only because she loves people and has always wanted to help them, but also because she thought it would be financially rewarding. She notes, "I love everything we learned about anatomy and medicine....I feel I have chosen a fantastic career, especially for a woman, no matter what

her age.' The health care field is another fast-growing area. Studies indicate that the demand for health care services will increase during the '80s due to a growth in the older population, rising incomes, and greater health consciousness. There will be particular demand for dental assistants, respiratory therapy workers, physical therapists, and medical laboratory technicians. Because tuition for health care courses at a private university is expensive, private career schools that train the health care worker are quickly becoming more attractive to students.

For these students, and thousands more like them, training at trade and technical schools has been a key to a brighter future. They assessed their interests and talents and investigated what careers would be in demand for the years ahead. A relatively short training period and the chance for a good job are two reasons why they attended a career school to be trained for their future.

If you are interested in information about these NATTS accredited schools that offer this kind of training for tomorrow's careers, write for the free Handbook of Trade and Technical Careers and Training, 2021 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006-1077. The Handbook lists almost 100 career choices and includes advice on choosing a

# Elections only three months away

Dear Editor

The General Election is Nov. 2, 1982, a Tuesday and less than three months away when The Merkel Mail readers see this letter.

In The Abilene Reporter News of Aug. 4th, Mrs. Pauline Pittman, Taylor County election's administrator stated that her office would set about gleaning the voter rolls of persons who have moved, died, or for some reason of a problem with the mailing address on their voter certificates at the time it was mailed, had been returned to her office unclaimed by the voter.

This information tells you, the person desiring to vote in the General Elections in Taylor County, and NOT in posession of a 'Salmon Colored' voter registration certificate, but otherwise eligible to vote, that you will be removed from the Taylor County voter tolls by the end of the month. Now, if you voted in either of the first or second primaries of either the Democratic or Republican Parties, you will be a legally registered voter and will have (usually) in your posession the 'Salmon Colored' voter certificate. It would be in your own best interest to check and see if there is

Should you NOT have record of ever having received such a voter registration certificate. then contact the Voter Registration Office in the Taylor County Courthouse on the 5th floor and make an inquiry as to the status of your registration as a voter. Your voter certificate may have been returned to that office and waiting there for you to set the record straight as to resident status, correct mailing address or some error made in recording pertinant data about you as a qualified voter.

If you have been voting on a 'Lost Voter Registration' in prior elections, you were qualified by way of a voter affadavit accepted by the elction judge due to your name being on the voter list roll. If you find yourself in this group, AND if you had at one time received the 'Salmon Colored' voter registration and then later misplaced it, chances are your name is secure on the voter rolls. If, however, your voter certificate was never in your personal possession your name could be listed on the voter list and your voter registration, by way of returned mail, in the files of the Taylor County Elections Office.

It is from among these files that Mrs. Pittman will determine the names to be purged from the voter list and such voters will not be listed on the list furnished to the Election Judge for the General Election.

Let me point out a time deadline for people caught up in such a purge. Should your name be stricken from the list and you are otherwise a qualified voter of Taylor County, you must make a NEW VOTER APPLICATION in sufficcient time to become legally registered 30 days before any election, and in the case of a general election, the date is on or before Oct. 3, 1982

The deadline falls on a weekend so any action-must be taken by October 1.

I have talked with Mrs. Pittman about the striking of the voter's list in Precinct 24. She has offered to give me an opportunity to review all the returned voter registration certificates in her office from Precinct 24 to determine their legal status on the voter rolls before she strikes them.

In the meanwhile, permit me to stress again; If you have a 'Salmon Colored' voter registration certificate in your posession, disregard this letter. IF YOU DO NOT have such a voter certificate, please go in person to the office of Mrs. Pittman on the 5th floor of the courthouse and ask her Deputies to check on your voter registration status. Sincerely yours;

Joe E. Lassiter Chairman, Democratic Precinct 24 Merkel, Taylor County. Terne



## The Consumer Alert

by Mark White Attorney General

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