

BIBLE VERSE
Now a word to you parents. Don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves, with suggestions and godly advice.
Ephesians 6:4

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★★ Mack Fisher Day Friday ★★

Merkel Independent School District will honor retiring Superintendent Mack Fisher and his wife with a day Friday. Fisher will be completing 27 years with the Merkel school system when he retires at the end of the school year. Mack Fisher Day festivities start at 9 a.m. in the Merkel High School auditorium. At 10:15 a.m., the Junior High will pay tribute to Fisher in the Academic Building. At 10:35 activities move to the Merkel Elementary School (Primary Building). At 11 a.m. a Mack Fisher Special will be served at the High School Cafeteria. This will include Fisher's favorite meal of fried chicken and gravy.

Activities resume at 12:40 p.m. in the High School Auditorium and moves to Tye Elementary at 1:15 p.m. At 2:45 p.m. activities will shift to the High School Academic Building. At 7 p.m. the Fishers will receive guests at the High School Cafeteria and at 7:30 p.m. a program is scheduled. Then, at 8:45 p.m. a reception and visitation is planned. On hand for the night activity will be ex-School Board members, graduating students, retired teachers and present personnel of the Merkel Independent School District. Also invited are any interested people from the district and the public.



TOP STUDENTS--Jerre K. Law, left, and Netta Stephan are the top honor students at Merkel High School this year. Mrs. Law, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted L. Smith had a two-2-year scholastic average of 96.17 to earn salutatorian honors and Miss Stephan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephan is valedictorian with a 96.23 average. Miss Stephan is a member of the basketball and track teams, earning all-district in basketball three years. She is Senior Class President, FHA President, National Honor Society President and vice-president of the band. Mrs. Law played varsity basketball, track and volleyball and is girl's ping-pong champion. She also has been a cheerleader two years and has played in the band four years.

Hearing set on revenue sharing

The Merkel City Council discussed the revenue sharing budget and set a public hearing on how the funds will be spent at its regular meeting Monday. The Council estimated Merkel will receive \$39,672 in revenue sharing funds during the year starting May 1. There were no revenue sharing funds figured in the recently approved budget. The public hearing is set for the next Council meeting, May 24 at 5:30 p.m. It was recommended by City Coordinator J. A. Sadler that 20 per cent of the funds be spent on public safety; 25 per cent on environmental protection; 15 per cent on public transportation; 10 per cent on health; 25 per cent on recreation; and 5 per cent on libraries. The Council agreed. All but the library funds are subject to change after the public hearing. The Council had previously committed \$250 per month to the library and opted to raise this to \$300 if it meets with approval at the final meeting. Sadler pointed out that there is \$8,273.61 more in the bank at the end of this fiscal year (May 1) than last. At the end of the 1975 year there was \$50,191.83 in the bank and at the end of this year there is \$58,465.64. This year's balance breaks down: \$3,258.44 for the general fund; \$7,495.31 for the water and sewer fund; \$38,666.20 for the interest and sinking fund; \$9,269 for revenue sharing; \$1,464.32 for ambulance; and \$112.37

for library fund. Sadler estimates the city will receive \$7,603 for each quarter for the revenue sharing fund to go with the \$9,260 balance on hand. It was pointed out that \$3,000 of the revenue sharing fund last year went to pay off notes on a city truck and a police car. However, the Council leaned toward putting the funds this year into something "where you can look back and see something for your money." Also, there was much discussion by Mayor Lou David Allen of putting some of the funds into a feasibility study of a lake for Merkel. He pointed out that "in the future water is going to be just as scarce as oil. There is going to be a greater demand all the time." He also pointed out that in 1982 when the present water contract negotiations come up with Abilene (who supplies Merkel's water) rates are going to soar. At present Abilene is paying 42 cents for each 1,000 gallons of water and the bill for April is \$4,500. However, Allen pointed out that Merkel may have to pay as much as \$1.25 for each 1,000 gallons when the new contract is negotiated. He suggested that Merkel start looking into the possibility of building its own water supply while "we have some funds not committed to other programs." Also discussed was the purchase of a new spraying machine to replace the

one stolen recently, continued improvements to the park and funds for the baseball diamond. The Council also approved a \$225 fee to a Brownwood paving firm to patch the first leave-out on Oak Street with seal coat to see what kind of results are obtained before letting a contract for all the work. Sadler also was praised for getting the "put down" crossing put across the rail-

road tracks on Ash Street. Sadler said he was at a meeting in Wichita Falls and mentioned the lack of a proper putdown across the three areas in Merkel. "It was a matter of being in the right place at the right time," he said. The warnings are being installed at no cost to the city, it was pointed out. The Council approved payment of \$11,664.17 for the month.

Want to have a say in how your city's money is being spent other than at election time? Then put May 24 on your agenda and attend the public hearing on how the revenue sharing funds will be spent by the City Council. The Council at that time will listen to your complaints and requests for funds for your favorite project. Then, it will decide how the funds will be spent for the coming year. Whether it be for a new baseball diamond or a swimming pool or more police protection or more facilities for the elderly, here's your chance. The City Council meeting is held in the City Hall at 5:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday's of each month. The public hearing will be May 24. With much more of the present warm weather, the grain harvest should be starting in a couple of weeks, according to authorities. Officials of the Tri-City League are looking for wire, a welder and lots of volunteers to help the league get the playing field and the season off. This is an excellent opportunity to show these youngsters Merkel is behind them and has their interest at heart. It is these same youngsters who in 8 to 10 years will be making up their minds where they want to live and spend their lives. So, it is up to the parents and other interested citizens of the community to take hold and show them now that Merkel is truly the best choice. The league not only needs supplies and workers to clean the practice field and get the playing field into condition before the season can start, it needs more coaches and managers.

The league also needs sponsors, having but two of the six needed. Also, the 13-15-year-olds are having to get out and raise their own funds for their uniforms. Teen-age baseball has been noted for its lack of interest to attract youngsters due to the varied other interests, but seldom does it fail for lack of adult help. This is not the case in Merkel. The boys are ready. The city needs the facilities and summer program but more important the youngsters need it. Farmers and ranchers will agree costs are soaring and land is getting more scarce. However, today's cost may be nothing compared to that of the future. For instance the future farmer or rancher may have to go into the highrise co-op business. Highrise for the animals, that is. South Dakota State tells about a 15-story highrise of the future that will house 2,500 feeder cattle, 600 cow-calf units, 500 dairy cattle, 2,500 sheep, 6,500 finishing hogs, 150 sows and litters, 1,000 turkeys and 15,000 chickens. It also will contain power and administrative facilities, repair shops and research labs. All this is planned for the future. Feed and water will be stored on the top level and will drop to lower levels as needed. Animal wastes will be treated, dried and recycled to the occupants to more fully utilize protein from the original feedstuffs. It is also foreseen that two veterinarians will be employed fulltime to transplant embryos from superior donor cows to recipient brood cows. This will allow outstanding donors to have as many as 1,000 calves in their lifetime, instead of today's average of 10. Finally, someone once said "Make your job important and soon it will return the favor."

THE MAIL



By Carl Dingler

Mrs. Barbara Jean Wood puts her Christian beliefs into actions. In Merkel recently to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Jr., Mrs. Wood gave a talk to the Commrads Class at First United Methodist Church on her special interest. And, that special interest concerns inmates in Oklahoma prisons. In addition to raising a family and taking care of her home and attending to church activities, Mrs. Wood finds time each week to write to more than 30 prisoners. Then it is not uncommon for the Wood family to pack a picnic lunch on a weekend and trek to a prison to visit with some of her prisoners. She often helps fill their lonely hours with her visits, books and Bibles which she pays for herself because "it is something Barbara wants to do" to help those less fortunate. She started the letter writing and visits a year and a half ago and it has grown. She originally started visiting inmates in the city jail twice a week (all she was allowed to visit) and reading the Bible to them and taking cookies and fresh fruit. Since then she has started visiting with the inmates in the five prisons and her activities have grown. In addition to cooking birthday cakes and sharing her weekends with the inmates she also has been furnishing Living Bibles and the book "Wanted" written by evangelist Richard Coss who is an ex-convict who travels over the country talking and preaching to prisoners. Mrs. Smith visited with Mrs. Wood in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma and made a trip to

the city jail with her. "I visited them with her one Sunday and it surely made me have a different feeling toward things," Mrs. Smith said. Mrs. Smith tells of one incident: "One of her women prisoners in Oklahoma City had five little girls and one was soon to have a birthday. "The lady said she wished she had some material as she knew how to sew and the prison had machines that she could make her little girl a dress. "So when Barbara Jean left she not only bought material for one, but for all five. Needless to say the lady was overjoyed and I'm sure the little girls were also. "The lady is out on parole now and Barbara thinks she will make it okay." Upon her return from the talk to the Merkel group, Mrs. Wood wrote: "I got a letter from sister Ann. She said several people had ask her if they could send things to the inmates and if they could what they could send. Yes they can have certain things. "I know they can have toilet articles, such as shaving soap and brushes, toothbrushes, electric razors, comb and hair brush. They can have underwear and socks and handkerchiefs but other than that they wear uniforms and shoes furnished by the state. "They cannot have belts or anything in a tube such as toothpaste, groom'n clean, etc. They can have stationery and envelopes and pencils and pens but cannot mail them stamps. "You cannot mail them food of any kind. At the penitentiary there is no air conditioning of any kind and in the summer it is really hot in there in those cells.

Wood family lives good deeds



DOING GOOD DEEDS--Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wood of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma are active in working with prison inmates. Mrs. Wood is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Jr. of Merkel. The Wood family consists of Kenneth, Barbara Jean, Teresa, Tammy and Kenneth Jr. Mrs. Wood recently discussed her active roll in working with prisoners to the First United Methodist Church in Merkel.

"Some of the men have electric fans in their cell which they can have if they buy the fans or if their parents or someone sends them one. "There are several of the ones I work with that don't have a fan, so if anyone wanted to buy them a small fan they could. I watch for them all the time at garage sales. I saw some nice ones advertised in the paper the other day for \$14.95. "They get one free letter a week and unless their folks send them money to buy stamps with that's all they can write. You can't send them money, but you can send them a money order and the warden keeps it and gives it to them as they need it for stamps, candy, cigarettes and things like that. "I wouldn't ever send over \$5 at a time if you were going to send money. They can have papers, magazines, books and Bibles." Mrs. Smith said she has several names of prisoners if anyone want to correspond. Several of the people in Merkel offered financial assistance to the Woods which was declined. However, Mrs. Wood says, "After I got home Richard (Richard Coss of Prison Ministries, Inc. Del City, Oklahoma) sent me a paper in the mail of his schedule of places where he is going and Kenneth and I see on it that they are trying to get a new panel wagon to travel in and they need donations to buy it with. So if those people who wanted to give me a donation would like to give it instead for this car for Richard and Buddy, it would please me more than anything and whatever they donate is tax deductible. Also if anyone sends packages of any kind

they are also tax deductible. The evangelists are attempting to buy an \$8,000 van to replace a small Honda car they now travel in. It was pointed out that "When you put books, Bibles, two guitars, clothes and two men the size of Buddy Green and Richard in that Honda car, it's full." Buddy Green is the other evangelist working with Coss. He is an ex-night club performer. Last year he was offered \$50,000 to sing for the Holiday Inn nightclub circuits but turned down the offer to devote his life to singing for Jesus." He is now working fulltime singing in prisons, churches and wherever their ministry takes them. Their prison ministries schedule includes stops in Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Missouri, New Mexico and Iowa. She plans to buy 18 of the books by Coss which has been widely praised by inmates and then she "will still like 16 more." Too, her work doesn't end when an inmate is released. She reported, "One of my prisoners called me this morning on the phone. He just got paroled and he wanted me to know he was out. Said he would come and see us as soon as he could. He lives in Ardmore. I have been working with him a year and a half. "Andy Register and his family are going to church with us this week and then I invited them over for dinner after church. Andy is out on parole." So, Mrs. Wood and her family are not just talking good deeds, they are living them.



VFW AWARD--Karolyn Davis, senior at Merkel High School has received a \$25 savings bond and a check for \$25 as representative for the national Voice of Democracy contest sponsored locally by the Merkel VFW Post 5683. Presenting the savings bond is VFW commander Albert Gregory and presenting the check at right is Cathy Gregory, president of the Ladies Auxiliary. Miss Davis spoke on "What

America Means To Me." Miss Davis is the 18-year-old daughter of Mrs. C. D. Davis of Merkel and has earned the Gold Merit Award, Attendance Award and the Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow Award this year. She also has been on the honor roll every year and has been on the Honor Society two years. She works for The Merkel Mail as part of the Vocational program at Merkel High.

Rites held for baby Horton

Funeral services for Jerry Paul Horton, 14-day-old infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Horton of Merkel were held May 5 at Elliott-Hamill Chapel of Memories in Abilene.

He died May 3. The Rev. Lyward Harrison, retired Methodist minister of Merkel officiated and burial was in Trent Cemetery.

The child was born April 19 in Abilene.

Survivors include his parents, his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Cain of Trent; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Duesy Edward Horton of Des Moines, Iowa; maternal great-grandmother, Pauline powers of New Orleans, Louisiana; paternal great-grandfather, W. M. Pitman of Trent, and paternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Crawford of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Horton of Abilene.

Douglas reunion

The annual Douglas reunion is set for June 6 in the Abilene State Park picnic area.

Junior High holds Spring Concert

The Merkel Junior High School Choir and Band presented their Spring Concert at Merkel High auditorium Monday night.

The Junior High Choir presented patriotic and American music and the band played "The Happy Wanderer" by Powers; "Green Grass of

Home by Edmondson; Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head by Bacharach-David; The Sloop "John B" by Kingston; Tijuana Taxi by Alpert; By the Time I Get to Phoenix by Webb-Powers; A trumpet duo by Bart Pursley and Royce Fowler; Moon River by Mancini-Powers and La Boomba by Powers.

David Kaire directed and the program was sponsored by the Band Boosters.

The band consists of: Flutes- Jeannisa Cypert, Taresia English, Lisa Owen, John Townsend, Sheila Adair, Judy Castille, Tonya Maxwell, Ann Melton, Loyce Baker, Nancy Click, Mary Fariello and Maria Moreno.

Clarinet-Shannon Bagby, Julia Kimbrell, Susan Peachey, Cheryl Price, Marissa Sandusky, Dion Wilkerson, Delisa Roysden, Nancy Terral, Rene Aiken, Kristi Alves, Tammie Cunningham, Roberta Duran, Janice Jacobs, Gayle Irvin, Stacy Seymour, Kim Smith, Debbie Williams and Cindy Hutchings.

Trombones-handy Martin, Paul Kannel, Larry Land and Frankie Austermann.

Horns-Brad Wade and Todd Gregory.

Base Clarinet-Lynn Wade, Oboe-Wendy Hogan, Tuba-Russell White.

Alto Saxophones-Carmen Lerma, Karen Pack, Robert Cunningham, Mark Bland, Kelly Knight, Larry Hines, Mike Pape and David Wilkerson.

Tenor Saxophones-Sherry Ascencio and Kim Gary.

Baritone Saxophone-Dwayne Sloan.

Baritones-James Turner, Carey Metts, C. C. McKeenhan.

Trumpets-Bart Pursley, Mark Bunch, Christi Brady, Louise Sellers, H. T. Wilson, Mike Fisher, Joyce Fowler, Danny Rigger, Kevin Farmer, Todd Robertson, Willie Townsend, Donan Justice and Vicki Campbell.

Drums-Terry Owen, Randy Martinez, Walter Elmore, Chiere Kraatz, Ann Wooten, Judy Glasscock, Yvonne Swinney, Harold Dye, Brad Elliott and Mike Jordan.

The Choir consists of:

Lisa Allen, Kay Amerine, Susan Arwine, Coleta Barley, Suzanne Byrd, Carla Corbin, Tammy Davis, Cindy Doan, Alane McGee, Jan Melton, Dee Ann Smith, Charlotte Watts, Susan Wheeler, Sherry Williams, Rhonda Hurley and Becky Dunlap.

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Dudley earns arts degree

Mark A. Dudley of Merkel was one of 132 to graduate from Southwestern University at Georgetown Sunday, May 9.

It was the 136th class to graduate from Texas' oldest chartered university. Earlier in the school year Southwestern held its first December Commencement Convocation in a number of years where 58 received their diplomas.

Southwestern, under the auspices of the United Methodist Church, held a Service of Worship Sunday morning in Lois Perkins Chapel in which several Methodist minister fathers of the graduates participated. The Commencement Convocation was held Sunday afternoon in Alma Thomas Theatre featuring a commencement address by Dr. Bob Brown, professor and chairman of the department of physics at Southwestern.

Dudley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dudley of 1411 Sunset Drive in Merkel.

He received a bachelor of fine arts degree specializing in theatre.

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 Claude A. Hicks
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NEW MEMBERS--New School Board members of the Merkel Independent School District will be in attendance Monday at 7:30 p.m. when the board holds its regular monthly meeting at Merkel High School. James Boyd, left, and Jackie Reynolds, Board Secretary, are newest members of the board, having won elections April 3. The board has scheduled a routine meeting and will consider hiring of teachers and coaches for next school term. Behind the two school board members is high school principal Travis Davis who will be promoted to superintendent when Mack Fisher retires at the end of the school term.

Trent names 3 twirlers

Twirlers have been named for next year at Trent High School. Representing the Bold Gold Band will be Brenda Griffith, Nell Kirk and Cheryl Patterson. Band Director is Mrs. Kay Davis. They will attend twirling camp at Abilene Christian University in July along with John Stevens, drum major.

McLean to get degree

Michael Wayne McLean of Merkel is among 873 graduates at the 24th annual Spring commencement of Lamar University in Beaumont. The exercise will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Cardinal Stadium. McLean will receive the B. B. A. degree in accounting.

Veterans meet

Veterans of World War I and Auxiliary will meet at the R. E. A. building Saturday, May 15. A noon pot luck luncheon will be served. Election and installation of officers and preparation for the State Convention in Fort Worth in mid July will be discussed.

Home, garden tour

Abilene Garden Club's annual Home and Garden Tour is scheduled for Friday, Mrs. Herbert Roberts is chairman for the event. Hours for the tour are 10-12 a.m., 1-5 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. Refreshments will be served and a plant sale will also be held. Mrs. D. A. Caughfield, president of the Abilene Garden Club announced the plant sale will be at the John Thompson home, monies to be used for a paving fund for additional parking at the Garden Center.

Apartment gardening, naturalistic garden (with the aid of Lytle Lake) roof and balcony gardening plus the joys of using treasures gathered from travels; these and many other ideas will be shown in this year's tour of

Merkel man has show

A former Merkel and Tye resident's art work is being featured in a solo art show at the Amy Graves Ryan Fine Arts Gallery at McMurry College through May 28. Dr. Gene Rister, who was born in Merkel and spent his childhood in Tye, is displaying his Texas Landscapes and Homes art.

Dr. Rister has been a professor of McMurry since 1970 where he has worked with student publications and taught primarily English courses.

He is the son of Mrs. Evelyn Farnelly of Abilene and J. W. Rister of Tye.

He graduated from Abilene High in 1961, McMurry University in 1966 and the University of Wisconsin. Rister's primary art interest is in landscapes and architecture, especially old homes of the West Texas area. Pencil is his primary medium and he aims for realism in depiction.

Cindy Wade home

Cindy Wade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Wade, is home for the Summer. She will return to Oklahoma State University to resume her studies in September.

CEMETERY DONATIONS

The following have made donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association.
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Mrs. C. E. Roblyer in memory of Harry Riney

Sweetwater Savings to expand

Construction has begun on a 5,500 square foot addition to Sweetwater Savings' main office at 3rd and Elm in Sweetwater, according to Ed Aiken, Jr., president of Sweetwater Savings.

"The addition will almost double the present size of the

main office and provide expanded and additional services to our customers," Aiken stated.

"A new secure vault with safe deposit boxes is being added to meet customer demand for safe deposit boxes and our installment loan and mortgage loan departments are being expanded," Aiken revealed.

Access to the installment loan department will be from Third Street. New, larger parking facilities will be located across the alley on a site formerly occupied by McGlenn Apartments. Sweetwater Savings new parking facilities will be doubled in size.

Sweetwater Savings existing structure and the new addition will have a new facade when construction is completed in approximately 6 months. The new exterior will consist of warm toned concrete walls with an overhang trimmed in bronze. Contractor for the project is the Alston Construction Company.

Sweetwater Savings, chartered in 1934, has grown to become the largest financial institution in Nolan County with current assets of over 40 million dollars. At the close of business December 31, assets were listed in excess of \$37 million.

In June of 1963 Sweetwater Savings built a 3,600 square foot building at Elm and 3rd Streets. That facility was expanded to 5,600 square feet in 1971. Current expansion will increase the total square footage to 11,100 square feet.

Sweetwater Savings has branch offices in Rotan, Roscoe and Hamlin.

supper honors seniors

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi entertained the graduating seniors of Merkel High School with an ice cream supper in the Merkel Gym Friday, May 7. There were nineteen seniors present to be served ice cream, brownies, and cookies.

Auxiliary to meet

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Fire Department will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the fire station. All firemen wives are urged to attend.

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Dog ordinance to be enforced

Merkel Police Chief Paul Crouse has announced that his department will begin enforcement of the law prohibiting a dog to run loose within the city limits.

Crouse said the police department will begin to pick up any stray dogs running loose in the neighborhoods.

The animals will be held for two or three days and if not claimed will be taken to Abilene and put to sleep, Crouse said.

In taking the stand, Crouse quoted Ordinance No. 300, Section 7.

"It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person who owns, keeps, or is in charge of, or has control of a dog

within the corporate limits, regardless of whether or not such dog has been vaccinated for rabies, or whether or not such dog has been vaccinated and issued a license tag, under the provisions of this ordinance, to run at large; however, if said dog has been vaccinated and issued a license tag, it shall not be unlawful for such dog to be lead by a person on the streets or sidewalks, or any public property of the Town of Merkel, where dogs are permitted, if said dog is wearing a leash of sufficient strength to hold said dog."

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
As a tax payer I'd like to know where our tax money goes. It sure doesn't go to repair or grade roads because this never gets done. I can show you roads almost impossible to drive on because of the huge chug holes in them. Also there are streets which need grading real bad. And the city always says they're waiting on it to rain, or waiting for it to dry up. It's never just right. And our tax money doesn't go to haul off tree limbs or trash and junk because this doesn't get done neither. I've been waiting for weeks now to have some of this removed. And all you get from the city is promises that's all, and I as a tax payer am tired of promises. I'm still waiting on promises that I was promised last spring a year ago.

What can we do about getting things done; quit paying our taxes or drag our tree limbs into the streets and block the streets. Maybe then they'd remove them. They say not to burn your trash but what else can you do with it, just let it pile up.

Another problem I'm tired of is dogs running loose in this town. The law says sign a complaint but what good does this do. They just file away your paper and do nothing about it. And I'm tired of other peoples dogs turning over my trash cans and dragging my trash all over the alley. If I wanted this done I'd let my own dog loose to do it. I keep my dog up and I expect others to do the same. And my dog never barks until a loose dog comes around our yard and gets him upset. And I'm tired of getting up at night to scold my dog about barking only to find a neighbors dog in my trash and upsetting my dog. What can be done about this?

I think the city and city council should quit making promises and do something about these problems and if they can't get something done get someone who can and quit spending all their time running around and drinking coffee.

Melba Glasscock
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JUDGES AT SEMINAR--Four justices of the peace from Region 9 were among the more than 50 judges who participated in a 20-hour basic Texas Justice of the Peace Training Center seminar conducted April 13-16 in Odessa. Judges from Region 9 participating included (l to r.) Carlton Holder of Cisco, Precinct 4, Eastland County; Walter E. Thames of Merkel, Precinct 2, Place 2, Taylor County; Walter Francisco of Putnam, Precinct 8, Callahan County; and Bobbie L. McNeil of Baird, Precinct 1, Place 1, Callahan County. The training center is headquartered on the Southwest Texas State University campus, where part of the seminar sessions are held. The training program is funded through the Governor's Office-Criminal Justice Division. There is no charge to the participating counties.

Lady Touchstone is honored

"Lady" Touchstone, of Merkel has been awarded a plaque and certificate and congratulations from co-workers on her 50th anniversary with Southwestern Life Insurance Company.

She was honored with a luncheon at the Petroleum Club Monday.

Lila Mae Touchstone, 84, no longer actively solicits for her company but has spent most of her life helping friends who need life insurance.

Mrs. Touchstone's husband Mother's Day brunch
Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi honored their mothers and mother-in-laws with a brunch, Saturday, May 8 in the home of Jan Couch. Refreshments were served and guests were introduced. Members and guest present were: Mrs. Obie Coker, Mrs. Jim Allday, Mrs. T. M. Allday, Mrs. Willie Jones, Mrs. Pug Harris, Mrs. Remana Moore, Mrs. Hazel Gooligon, Mrs. Craig Jones, Mrs. Billy Lucas, Mrs. Lee Yaddow, Mrs. Paul Moore, Mrs. Mavis Conkin, Mrs. Junior Clark, Mrs. Glen Bright and Mrs. Mike Couch.

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By EDWARD
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ARTHRITIS AND
RHEUMATISM

PART I
Arthritis and rheumatism are among the oldest diseases known to affect human beings. Evidence of the occurrence of these diseases has been found in mummies and excavations from other ancient civilizations.

The terms "arthritis" and "rheumatism" have been used to mean the same thing, but there are different types of arthritis and different types of rheumatism. Arthritic diseases are those that affect the parts of a joint, namely, the cartilage, the adjacent bone and the synovial membrane which lines the inside of the joint cavity.

Rheumatism, by contrast, affects tissues outside the joint, referred to as "the soft tissues." These tissues include the fibrous tissue or capsule immediately surrounding the joint and also lining or enveloping bundles of muscles and sheaths of nerves, ligaments, tendons and bursae. Terms such as "fibrositis," "tendinitis," "bursitis," "myositis," or "myalgia," depending on which structure is affected, or the term "periartthritis," meaning around but not in the joint itself, may be used in describing the location of rheumatism. Rheumatism may affect a person who also has arthritis, but rheumatism can and often does occur without arthritis.

The most common type of arthritis is known as Osteoarthritis. It is as common in men as in women and can be found to some extent in almost all persons past middle age. Thus, this type of arthritis is often attributed to the results of "wear and tear" of use of joints of the body over a long time. Osteoarthritis is a degenerative condition of cartilage and bone with no

local signs of inflammation, deformity is moderate, and pain is usually absent.

Another type of arthritis of particular significance is rheumatoid arthritis. This type of arthritis generally occurs in people under forty years of age and is more common in females. One out of three patients who have arthritic symptoms have rheumatoid arthritis. The cause of this type of arthritis is mostly unknown. It is an inflammatory condition, manifesting swelling, atrophy of muscles, extreme pain and marked deformity. It is characterized by its migrating habits, that is, you may have it in your right elbow one week, in your left knee the next, and in your back four months later.

Some forms of arthritis can be treated satisfactorily when the cause can be determined, as in the arthritis caused by tuberculosis, scarlet fever, typhoid fever, tumors, gout, syphilis, gonorrhea and other forms of infection.

Osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis, which cause degenerative and inflammatory changes of a joint, are much more difficult to treat simply because the cause is generally unknown.

Part II on Arthritis and Rheumatism next week.

We had some lazy girls about getting their items to the newspaper office but some very busy girls and leaders otherwise.

These girls this year, earned badges, went on several girls scout trips, skating, miniature golfing, visited scout camp. They played and made craft items, sold calendars and cookies. We had several girls who earned some campership and will be using it this summer to go canoeing and to girl scout summer camp. They had a very busy fun year. They learned new songs, games and skills.

Our scouting year is about to come to an end and I'd like to say I've enjoyed it and hope to see new faces from other adults next year.

Friday night will be fly-up ceremonies for our 8-3rd year brownies. They will be going into the junior girl scout level. Those flying up are: Melissa Davis, Missy Jones, Crescencia Vasquez, Sandra Nalley, Dena Watts, Marsha Tutt, Cindy Williams, Mum Prasarn. Also we have 5 junior scouts who will bridge over into the cadette level of scouting come Friday night. They are Debbie Williams, Oleta Walters, Siritorn Prasarn, Judy Glasscock and Kathleen Taylor. We had 2 cadettes who went into the senior troop level about a week ago. They attended a special camp-out ceremony in the Stamford park. They were Debbie Glasscock and Janet Wade. These two girls will be going on canoe adventures this summer. This will be Debbie's 3rd, year for canoeing and this year is going into Oklahoma for two weeks to canoe the Il-



NEW BUFFET--The L & W Snack Bar has started a buffet service as part of its remodeling. Wanda Hendricks and Fred

Heady prepare the buffet Monday while the first customer, Tim Millett, looks over the variety.

Twirlers sponsor dinner

The Merkel Junior High twirlers will sponsor a spaghetti dinner Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building.

The menu will be spaghetti, salad and garlic sticks. Dessert will be sold separately. Tickets are \$1.75 for adults and \$1.25 for children. For the merchants who cannot leave their businesses or shut-ins who are not able to attend, the twirlers will offer carry out service.

To have your spaghetti dinner delivered, telephone the Senior Citizens Building.

All proceeds go to help pay expenses for the twirlers to attend the McMurry Band and Twirling Camp, June 21-July 2.

The Junior High twirlers will also be doing odd jobs from now through summer vacation, so if you need your windows washed, your floor mopped or your dog walked, telephone: Ann Melton, 928-5755; Rene Aiken, 928-5020; Judy Castille, 928-5310; Christi Brady, 928-5705; Shelia Adair, 928-4917; or Mary Fariello, 928-5373.

Merkel Girl Scout roundup for the season

Illinois River. She is working her way up to a Canada canoe trip. Debbie really enjoys canoeing and can really handle a canoe from what I hear. I've never gotten the nerve to get in a canoe to see. Janet and Debbie have attended troop meetings in Abilene

all year. Next year if we have enough girls to form a cadette trip here we will have one. Also we will again have brownie and junior levels of scouting providing we have enough adult help. Billie Walters will return as junior leader and Melba Glasscock as brownie leader. They plan

**Gilene shirt featured
in national magazine**

Gilene Manufacturing Company of Merkel is being featured in a national western wear magazine.

The company's new western shirt for women is rated as one of the best in line for the fall and winter market, according to an article in the nationally recognized "Tack 'N Togs" Merchandising magazine, considered the last word in the trade.

The shirt is featured in an article on Fall and Winter Fashion '76 Scene. It is modeled by Pat Walters, new designer at Gilene.

The shirt will be featured May 20 at the Dallas Apparel Mart when the buyer's market is scheduled.

Officials at Gilene hope the demand for the new design will spark a good sized increase in business and "might create more job opportunities in the future."

The western shirt is a natural color with multi-ple yoke and cuffs. The 50 per cent cotton, 50 per cent polyester garment comes in a variety of assorted colors on solid bodies. Features in-

clude snaps and contrasting piping on front and back yokes. Suggested retail is \$14.



NEW SHIRT--This western shirt from Gilene Manufacturing Company is considered one of the top of the line in the nation for the Fall and Winter market. Pat Walters is the model and is a new designer for Gilene.

**COME IN & SEE
THE SELECTIONS**

**GRADUATES HAVE
ALREADY CHOSEN!**

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Nursing Home News

A new week beginning May 9th will be Nursing Home Week. We invite all visitors to visit. We are undergoing a major improvement program so look with approving eye that things will be much better when improvements are completed.

We wish to thank the Merkel Police Department and Ambulance Service for the prompt and continuous services in transporting Minnie Farr who has a broken leg and had surgery in Hendricks Hospital and is recovering. Also in transporting Edna Horton who had a respiratory problem.

We wish to thank Ann's Flowers for the flowers to residents on Mothers Day.

Thanks to the Church of Christ Ladies for the courage for each mother, they were really enjoyed.

Thanks to Methodist Women for the bibles, they are handy and saving.

Thanks to Methodist Ladies and Church of Christ Ladies for the linens.

Thanks so much to The Merkel Mail for the Merkel Mail. The residents sure enjoy it. And Dave Gamble at Merkel Drug for Abilene Reporter.

Ruby Griffin went home and spent the 9th and 10th, with her sister in Abilene. She is back home and enjoyed her trip.

Mrs. Cleo Douglas's daughter Mary Belle Clarkston from Batesville, Mississippi; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Robins from Sonora, Texas; and Mrs. W. T. Headers from Odessa took Mrs. Douglas home 9th and 10th. She sure enjoyed her trip. Mrs. Teaff also visited.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison, Mrs. Ruby Sanders, Edna Nolan and Willie Grayson went out with family for lunch. Mrs. Annie Ferriel was dismissed and moved to Fort Worth with daughter-in-law Lona Ferriel.

We have a new resident Leonardo Moreno from Abilene. We would like to welcome him to our nursing home.

United Sprinkler has about completed their job with our head sprinkling system. We also welcome Bonnie Farris home and extend her, our deepest sympathy at the loss of her father.

The Noodle Baptist Church filled their appointment Sunday with Rev. A. H. Williams.

Thanks to Larry Gill and his congregation for a beautiful Mothers Day service on the 9th, Mothers Day.

Thank the L & W Snack Bar for reading material.

Brenda Roberts accompanied by her mother Joyce Minnich is taking her exam in Dallas for her administrators license.

Mary Outlaw is taking the first week of June as her vacation-she needs the rest.

At the close of this month, May 31, Grac Ingram an employee of 8 years will retire. We hate to see her go, hope she will come and help us extra.

We welcome Imogene Williams and Frances Floyd as new employees.

We wish to thank all our employees because they are working hard to give us good nursing care.

Mr. and Mrs. Rutledge are both improving at this time

**Classified
rate increase**

Due to increased expense of postage and billing costs, The Merkel Mail has increased the cost of classified advertising.

Effective with this issue the rate for classified ads will be \$1.50 for the first 18 words and 8 cents per word over 18 words.

However, if the bill is paid prior to the first insertion in the Merkel Mail, the bill will be discounted 25 cent per insertion.

**Homes needed
for teachers**

Anyone having an apartment or house available for rent is requested to contact Travis Davis at Merkel High School.

Living facilities are needed for new teachers and coaches, Davis said.

He is also looking for a 3-bedroom home for the new principal.

Anyone having any apartments or homes for rent may contact Davis at the high school, 928-5511.

Henry heads

Student Council

The new Student Council at Merkel High School for next year has been named.

President is Mike Henry. Vice-president is Marlon White, secretary is Deborah White, business manager is Tommy Jones and the reporter is Suzy Kister.

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Queen Contest Saturday--for sure

The regular monthly meet-
ing of the Merkel Riding Club
will be Thursday night at
8 p.m. at the R. E. A. build-
ing.

Jackpot roping every Fri-
day night at 7:30 at the arena
(calf roping and head and
heeling).

The queens contest has

been rescheduled for Satur-
day, May 15 at 5:30 p.m.
at the arena.

The Merkel Riding Club
had its weekly play night
Saturday night, May 8 at the
riding arena.

Western Pleasure (12 and
under)-1, Sherri Williams, 2,
Eddy Sparks, 3, James All-
day, 4, Candice Henslee, 5,
Carrie Kennedy.

(13-18)-1, Jeff Toombs, 2,
Vicki Campbell, 3, Norma
Frazier, 4, Shelli Stout and
5, Penny Hatfield.

(18 and over)-1, Carol Mc-
Lernon, 2, Cindy Sipes, 3,
Barbara Whisenhunt, 4, Jan
Beck and 5, Jarrett Pinkley.

Barrels (12 and under)-
1, Eddy Sparks, 2, Sherri
Williams, 3, Lana Pursley,
4, Robby Williams and 5,
Carrie Kennedy.

(13-18)-1, Norma Frazier,
2, Shelli Stout, 3, Jimmy
Davis, 4, Vicki Campbell and
5, Jeff Toombs and Kay But-
man (tie).

(18 and over)-1, Lavena
Vaughn, 2, Barbara Whisen-
hunt, 3, Jim Allday, 4, Jar-
rett Pinkley and 5, Cindy
Sipes.

Flags (12 and under)-1,
Eddy Sparks, 2, Dana
Pursley, 3, Sherri Williams,
4, James Allday and 5, Robby
Williams.

(13-18)-1, Norma Frazier,
2, Jimmy Davis, 3, Jeff
Toombs, 4, Vicki Campbell
and 5, Penny Hatfield.

(18 and over)-1, Jim All-
day, 2, Lavena Vaughn, 3,
Jarrett Pinkley, 4, Lonnie
Miller and 5, Charlie Hat-
field.

Poles (12 and under)-1,
Sherri Williams, 2, Carrie
Kennedy, 3, Eddy Sparks, 4,
Candice Henslee and 5, Robby
Williams.

(13-18)-1, Jeff Toombs, 2,
Sherri Frazier, 3, Norma
Frazier, 4, Vicki Campbell
and 5, Jimmy Davis.

(18 and over)-1, Jim All-
day, 2, Barbara Whisenhunt,
3, Lonnie Miller, 4, Charles
Hatfield and 5, Carol Mc-
Lernon.

Boot Race (5 and under)-
1, Tiffany Allday, 2, Jennie
Boyd and 3, Eric Hendricks,
Ribbon Roping-1, Elby
Frazier and Sherri Frazier,
2, Walter Henslee and
Candice Henslee.

Head and Heeling-1, Elby
Frazier and Oscar Vaughn,
2, Walter Henslee and Oscar
Vaughn, 3, Walter Henslee
and Walter Whisenhunt and
4, Walter Henslee and Elby
Frazier.

Kilowatts take Little League edge

by Eugene Bond who struck
out six.

Greg Beasley had two
doubles and scored two runs
and Bond had a double for
the Kilowatts, Brooks Boyd
scored once and Russell
Lucas twice for the victors,
Wilkinson and Manuel Biera
scored runs for the Bankers.

The Kilowatts took ad-
vantage of wild pitching to
beat the Braves with Eugene
Ford getting the lone hit off
losing pitcher Billy McKeen-
han. However, McKeehan
was credited with walking 12
and hitting six more.

Eddy Harris pitched the
two-hit victory and scored
twice, Ford scored twice and
Willie Townsend twice, Jeff-
ery King, David Schultz,
Russell Lucas, Greg Beasley,
Jay Gibson and Steve Walden
each scored once.

For the Braves, Bubba At-
kinson had a double and
scored once with Ed Herera,
Freddy Fortune and Tim Ja-
cobs each scoring once.

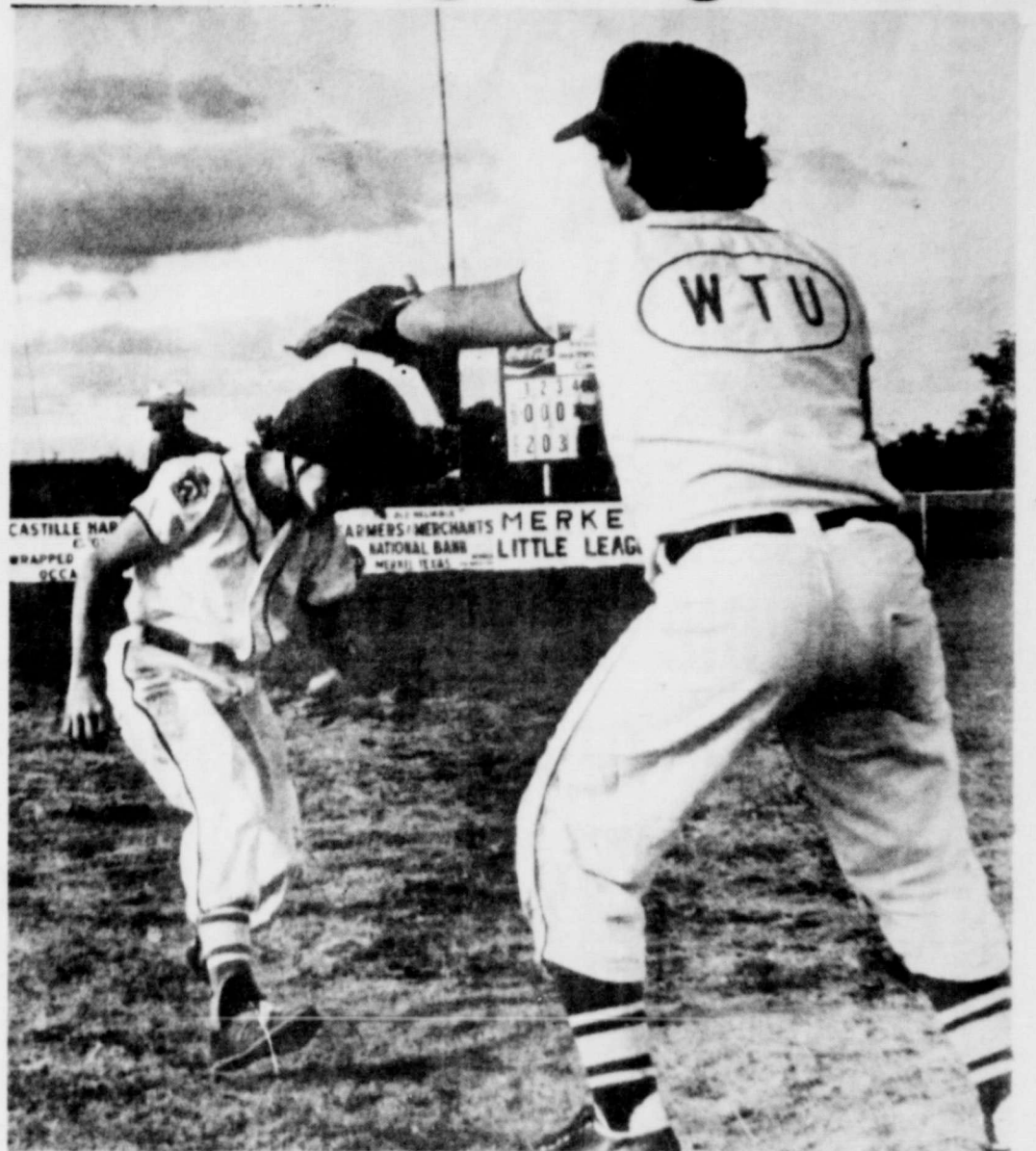
The Willies opened the
season with a 12-4 rally past
the Vets, getting 14 hits. The
Vets got five hits and all
four runs the bottom of the
first inning to come back from
a 2-0 lead by the Willies.

However, the Willies
scored once the third and once
the top of the fourth to tie
the game and added four runs
the fifth and again the sixth
for the victory.

During the hitting spree,
Mike Hager had a double and
triple and 5 for 5 at bat,
scoring two runs and was re-
lief pitcher, Richard Beaver
scored twice, Danny Riggan
hit two doubles and the first
home run of the season, for
3 for 4 and scored two runs;
Todd Whetsel was starting
pitcher and scored twice;
Kenny Sims hit a double and
scored twice; and Randy
Leverich hit two doubles and
batted 4 for 4 and scored
twice.

The Vets were led by
pitcher Larry Land with a
double and one run, Chris
Mashburn started pitching
and scored once, Sammy
Tumblinson hit a double, bat-
ted 2 for 3 and scored once,
W. A. Kinder scored once and
D. Tutt also pitched.

However, the second game
found the Bankers winning,
7-4 with the Bankers paced
by a double by Randy Davis
who also scored two runs;
Mike Pate who scored twice;



HURRYING BACK--A member of the Bankers scampers back to first base as Kilowatts firstbaseman waits for baseball during their Thursday Little League combat. The Bankers were attempting to catch up after trailing 5-0 in the fourth inning.

Mike Fisher, Steve Davis and
Royce Fowler who scored
once; and pitcher Manuel
Biera who pitched 4-hit base-
ball and struck out six.

Todd Whetsel and Danny
Riggan combined for 10
strikeouts while allowing but
two hits, Randy Leverich hit
a triple; James Freeman
scored once; Richard Beaver
hit a double and scored once;
Gerald Neil scored once; and
Harold Dye hit a double.

The Braves also opened
with a victory, stopping the
Supers, 17-6, with Jeff Scott
and O. C. McKeehan allow-
ing but four hits.

The Braves tied the score
5-all the bottom of the first
and added four more the

second before breaking loose
with eight the bottom of the
fourth inning. The Supers
scored its other run the top of
the fourth.

Leading the 16-hit Braves
attack were Greg Dickerson
with a double and two runs;
Scott with three runs; Bubba
Atkinson with a run; McKeen-
han with a double and three
runs and 3 for 3 at the
plate; Ed Herrera with 3 for
4 at bat and three runs;
Freddy Fortune with a double
and scoring four runs; and
Hillman Johnson with a double
and a run.

For the Supers, Roy John-
son had a double and hit 2
for 3 and scored once. He
also pitched. Casey Johnson

scored once, Tommy Hayes
once, Randy Fenton once and
Ronnie Williams twice.

The Vets then took the
Supers, 14-9, Thursday to
even its record. Pitchers
Larry Land and Donald Tutt
pitched the 3-hit victory while
Chris Mashburn scored three
times and had two doubles;
W. A. Kinder hit a double
and scored twice; Bucky
Clouse hit a double; David
Glasscock hit a double and
scored two runs; Ken Hogan
scored twice; Land scored
three runs; Sammy Tumblin-
son hit a triple and scored
once; and Jerry Miller scored
once.

HONOR ROLL

High School

Travis Davis, Principal of
Merkel High School has re-
leased the following students
for the 5th-6th Weeks "A"
and "A-B" Honor Roll.

"A"
Kandi Ascencio, Debbie
Beard, John Biera, David
Booth, Freda Crenshaw,
Karolyn Davis, Danny Bob
DuBose, Cindy Elliott, Carla
Fariello, Jackie Harris, Lesa
Hart, Cathy Holloway,
Kathryn Irvin, Ketha Matting-
ley, Dede Metts, Kathryn
Murrell, Kristi Nease,
Debbie Phillips, Becky
Rister, Cindy Smith, Netta
Stephan, Gayle Teaff, Patty
Toney, Susie Toombs,
Suzanne Warner, Marlon
White, Rhonda White and
Linda Williams.

Reed new president

Pep Squad officers were
elected Monday at Merkel
High School.

Gayle Reed was elected
president. She is the daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reed.

Vice-president is Charleen
Fariello, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. William Fariello.

Reporter is Carla Gardner,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Terry Gardner.

Advisors are Kathy Harkey
and Mrs. Candy Martin.

Square dancers graduate

The Wagon Wheel Squares
will hold its graduation dance
Saturday at 8 p.m. at the
Wagon Wheel Building on the
Old Tye Road.

Bill Karr will be the caller.
All square dancers are
invited.

Cheerleaders are named

Cheerleaders for next year
have been named at Merkel
High School.

The five include Senior
Marsha Clyburn, Junior
Becky Watts and Sophomores
Kathryn Irvin, Cindy Boone
and Gay Pfister.

T-Shirt

play opens

The T-Shirt League season
gets under way at the Little
League Field Saturday at 6 p.
m. with the Yankees battling
the Braves.

Second baseball game at 8
p.m. will match the Must-
angs and the Eagles.

Monday's game features
the Eagles and Braves at
6 p.m. and the Yankees bat-
tling the Mustangs at 8 p.m.

The Kilowatts have gained
first place after the opening
week of Little League base-
ball with two victories.

The Kilowatts defeated the
Bankers 5-2 and the Braves
12-4 to take the lead after
two games.

The Willies, Braves, Vets
and Bankers split contests for
1-1 records while the Supers
lost two straight and are last.

The Kilowatts scored twice
the opening inning and three
in the top of the third to edge
the Bankers with six hits,
although striking out 12 times
at the hands of the Bankers'
David Wilkerson.

The Bankers managed a run
in the fourth and another in
the fifth off three hits, allowed

Team	W	L
Kilowatts	2	0
Willies	1	1
Braves	1	1
Vets	1	1
Bankers	1	1
Supers	0	2

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
Willies 14, Vets 5; Braves
17, Supers 6; Kilowatts 5,
Bankers 2; Vets 14, Supers
9; Kilowatts 12, Braves 4;
Bankers 7, Willies 4.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE
TUESDAY--Braves vs.
Vets, 6 p.m.; Supers vs. Wil-
lies, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY--Kilowatts vs.
Braves, 6 p.m.; Vets vs.
Bankers, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY--Supers vs.
Bankers, 6 p.m.; Kilowatts
vs. Willies, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY
Willies 201 144-12-14
Vets -- 400 000-4-6
Supers -- 500 1-6-4
Braves 540 8-17-16

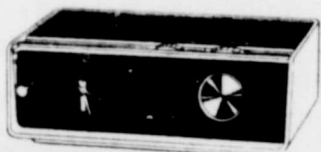
THURSDAY
Kilowatts 203 000-5-6
Bankers -- 600 101-2-3
Supers -- 006 003-9-3
Vets 252 23x-14-6

FRIDAY
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Kilowatts 370 2x-12-1
Willies -- 000 31-4-4
Bankers 103 12-7-2

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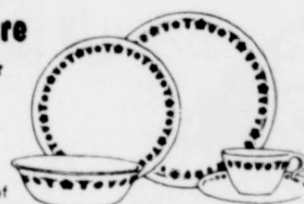
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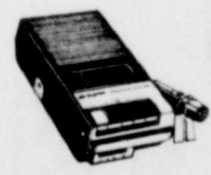
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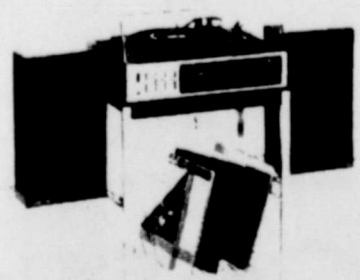
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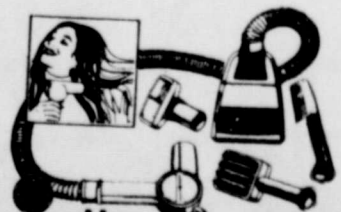
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PEACHES 2 FOR **69¢**
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DEL MONTE 303
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DEL MONTE
TOMATO Juice 46 OZ **49¢**
RANCH STYLE
BEANS 23 OZ CAN **39¢**
PAMPERS DAYTIME
DIAPERS BOX **\$2.19**

WOLF 19 OZ **CHILI CAN** **79¢**
PARKAY QUARTERS **OLEO** LB **43¢**

BAMA JELLY or JAM
RED PLUM 18 OZ JAR **63¢**

Frozen Foods

WHOLE SUN
ORANGE JUICE 12 OZ CAN **43¢**
BIRDSEYE
COOL WHIP 9 OZ TUB **59¢**
MORNING STAR
BREAKFAST ASST PKG **89¢**

CRISCO COOKING OIL 48 OZ JUG **\$1.33** 1 LIMIT
FLOUR GLADIOLA 5 LB BAG **65¢**
SNOWDRIFT 3 LB CAN **99¢**
MIRACLE WHIP KRAFT QT CARNATION **93¢**

JELL O 3 OZ BOX
ASST 3 FOR **59¢**

DELSEY **TISSUE** 2 ROLL CRTN **45¢**

MrCLEAN **CLEANER** GIANT **79¢**

BOLD KING SIZE **\$1.89**
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5 BIG DOLLAR DAYS
THURSDAY THRU TUESDAY
MAY 13 - 18th
KEEBLER **CRACKERS** LB **59¢**

I.G. DAIRY FRESH
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I.G. DAIRY FRESH
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FOLGERS **COFFEE**
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HYDROX 15 OZ PKG **63¢**

PRINGLES **Potato Chips** TWIN PACK **83¢**

McBETH **EGGS** LARGE DOZEN **65¢**

FRESH **TOMATOES** VINE RIPE LB **33¢**

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STEAK CLUB CHOICE BEEF LB **\$1.49**

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