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Newspaper

BIBLE VERSE
When you give a feast, in-
vite the poor, the maimed,
the lame, the blind, and you
will be blessed, because they
cannot repay you.
Luke 14:13-14



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Firemen off to convention



By Carl Dingler

Three members of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department will be in Austin Saturday through Thursday at the 100th Convention.

Billy Lucas, Wayman Adcock and Robert Harris and their wives will represent Merkel at the convention. Also, judging of the district winners' posters will be held during the convention.

District winners include Royce Fowler, Clifford Collins, Debra Kimbrell, Robert Olden and Brooks Boyd, all of Merkel.

Too, Governor Dolph Briscoe has designated June 6-12 as Firemen's Week.

Keynote speaker for the convention will be John Hill, Texas' 45th Attorney General.

Registration begins Saturday and an assembly is scheduled Sunday at 3 p.m.

Activities continue with work shops, assemblies, award trophies and various contests through Thursday.

Activities also are scheduled for the Ladies Auxiliary each day.

Merkel and area residents are happy to see the grain harvest under way in force this week.

Reports indicate an average season--which isn't rated as outstanding as last year but it isn't ranked as one of the worst seasons either.

Don Hensley was impressed with the growth of the Air Force's MaC (Military Airlift Command) during the tour of air bases in Oklahoma and Illinois last week.

Hensley, president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Merkel and the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, said modern facilities are a far cry from the old MATS service of the past. He and 40 other area businessmen were guests for the tour to inform the communities of the Air Force's roll.

He pointed out that the airplanes are still just as loud, however.

He praised the way the Air Force conducted the 2-day tour and the way everything went off on schedule. "There was none of that old hurry up and wait routine," he said.

Hensley said the new modern equipment and services offered are a real credit to the Air Force, to Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene and to the other bases visited.

There will be a called meeting of the Merkel School Board Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Merkel High School. There is nothing special on the meeting agenda, according to Principal Travis Davis, but several routine matters will be taken up at that time.

City Coordinator J. A. Sadler reports the city has connected 14 new water taps in Merkel thus far this year, attesting to the growth of the community.

Two of them were for Bassett who has opened its new plant and has a model home now open for inspection.

Only the guy who isn't rowing has time to rock the boat.

Don't forget the summer recreation program which starts June 14. You can enroll your children at the Chamber of Commerce office. By enrolling early, it will help those conducting the six week program to make advance plans.

Business is sure booming in Merkel. There are plans to build at least three new restaurants, two off Interstate 20. With the addition of an insurance office by R. Lee Brown, the approaching opening of the Abilene Savings Building, the opening of Lois' Beauty Salon and the new management at the Big Country Inn and Restaurant, the city appears off to a big summer of continued growth.

Too, P. J. Rust is settling in his new general managers post at Gilene's.

If you think you are being told more and more what to do with your life and your business and your city by the federal government here is one indication of what has happened.

Within the short span of a dozen years the number of federal domestic programs have multiplied from 50 to nearly 1,000 and each is tending for itself at our expense.

No wonder, the individual has trouble determining what he can or cannot do without running into legal entanglements.

Maybe, just maybe, it is about time the congressmen should be notified that there is a limit to government intervention into an individual's personal life and business.

It reminds of the recent quote making the rounds: "Our forefathers thought taxation without representation was bad, but we know today that taxation with representation isn't much better."

Final rites held for Horton

Funeral services for Lt. Col. William R. Horton, 40, of Merkel, killed in a plane crash 18 miles southwest of Bishop, California were held Tuesday at Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Born December 16, 1936, in Abilene, he was graduated from Merkel High School in 1955 and from Hardin-Simmons University in 1959 as a distinguished military student. He was stationed at Edwards Air Force Base, California, when the crash occurred.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; a son, Ray of the home; daughter, Lana of the home; his parents Mr. and Mrs. Lester Horton of Merkel; a brother, Jim of Fort Stockton; and a sister, Mrs. Tom (Mary Jane) Womble of Tyler.

The family requests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

After surviving helicopter assaults in Vietnam and a

stint as a helicopter test pilot for the Army, Lt. Col. Horton, died in a plane that crashed into a mountain in eastern California under perfect weather conditions.

Crashing 18 miles southwest of Bishop, the plane was transporting Lt. Col. Horton; Capt. Michael A. Hawley of Oxford, Ohio; and Pfc. Alan C. Schardinn of Oakland, California, after reconnoitering a possible training area for helicopter flights.

Sgt. William R. McKenzie of Dyess AFB Public Information Office, who contacted Edwards AFB in California for information on the crash, said that no one knows yet why the plane crashed into the 11,000-foot ridge.

"An army official said they have an eyewitness who said everything appeared normal, weather was clear daylight



BANNER--Displaying the banner which the Ladies Auxiliary of the Merkel Fire Department made are Francis Cannon and Connie Harris. The Merkel Auxiliary made the 10-foot banner and presented it to the West Texas District. It will

be carried by the Hardin-Simmons University Band at the Saturday parade in Austin. There are 150 entries in the parade which helps open the 100th Convention of Fire Fighters in Austin at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Wilkerson, Wade top students

Dion Wilkerson and Brad Wade were honored as the top boy and girl students of the Merkel Junior High graduating class at ceremonies Thursday night.

There were 75 receiving diplomas at the ceremonies at Merkel High School auditorium.

Miss Wilkerson had a 96.6 average and Wade averaged 95.4.

Named top band student is Chirre Kraatz; top science student is John Townsend IV; top history student is Marissa Sandusky; top math student is Wendy Hogan; top english student is Shannon Bagby; top art student is Sharon Isom; and top choir student is Cynthia White.

There was a reception after the ceremony.

Josh Amerine provided the main address with Kim Mashburn giving the invocation and Sherry Ascencio presenting the class' gift to the school.

Superintendent Mack Fisher and Junior High principal John Cain presented the honor awards and diplomas.

Midway meeting

The Midway Cemetery Association will meet Sunday.

There will be a memorial service at 11 a.m., a basket lunch and then a business meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Long vacation

Students will get a longer than usual summer vacation this year.

School was out Thursday for the students with the teachers finishing the year Friday and Saturday.

School is scheduled to resume August 18 for teachers with students reporting August 23.

Red Cross fund drive under way

house to house campaign with members of the Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, Young Homemakers, the Volunteer Fire Department and the Study Club collecting for the Red Cross.

Mrs. Herman Aikins also will be collecting in Bettis Heights.

The third part is a down-

town drive of downtown businesses.

The Taylor County Red Cross officials met at Taylor Electric Cooperative with Hart last week and outlined the different projects the Red Cross is conducting.

Funds for Merkel will be spent on the swimming program, Hart said.

Youngsters will be bused to Abilene State Park for the swimming classes, Merkel schools will furnish the transportation, Hart said.

"Hart said he hopes to complete the drive by Friday and requests anyone wanting to donate to the Red Cross fund raising drive to contact him before the Friday deadline.

Runoff election Saturday

County Democrats get another opportunity to determine representatives for the Texas Railroad Commission and a judgeship on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Saturday.

Rest of the Democratic offices were settled in the May 1 primary.

The contestants for the two offices, Railroad Commission hopefuls Jerry Sadler and Jon Newton and appellate judge candidates Carl Dally and W. T. Phillips, appear to have generated only mild interest for the Saturday election.

Polls will be open at the Tye Community Center, the

Senior Citizens Building in Merkel, at the Trent City Hall, and at Butman.

Only those who voted in the Democratic Primary and those who did not vote either Republican or Democrat may vote in Saturday's election.

Those who voted Republican in the primary are not eligible to vote in this runoff election.

Persons who show up at the polling places without their voter registration receipt but who are listed as having voted in the first Democratic primary will have less trouble voting than those who have no registration receipt and have no "voted" notation beside

their name on the polling list.

Anyone who is not shown as having voted Democratic May 1 will be asked to produce a blank voter registration certificate--that is, one which has neither "voted

Democratic" nor "voted Republican" stamped on it.

People who were not registered in time for the May 1 primary, or who did not vote in either primary for any other reason, are eligible to vote in the runoff.



MR. AND MRS. EDWARD PATTON

Pattons observe 50 years wed

Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Patton are to observe their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday and Sunday.

They were married May 8, 1926 in Anson. They will restate their wedding vows in the presence of their family, with Billy Patton, one of their sons, who preaches for the Sherwood Church of Christ in Odessa, officiating, Saturday.

They have six children, 20 grandchildren, and 6 great

grandchildren. All of them are expected to attend, coming from Texas, New Mexico, South Carolina, Maryland, and Washington, D. C.

They will be honored with a reception and open house Sunday from 2 until 4 p.m. at their home, 1207 South 4th, Merkel.

All friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend the open house.

Brown reunion

The Brown Reunion will be held Sunday at Abilene State Park. Those attending should report at the admission gate for instructions to the camp site.

The Red Cross fund raising drive for Merkel is under way this week.

Don Hart, chairman of the Merkel drive reports there will be three parts to the drive in an effort to raise the \$1,000 goal.

He said a direct mail campaign raised \$125.

This week there will be a



RECEIVES WINGS--Cub Scout Tim Brady receives his wings in the awards ceremony in February at the Blue and Gold Banquet. This is the only badge a Cub Scout may carry over to Boy Scouting. It is the highest rank a Cub Scout may receive. Tim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brady.

Wheeler Mystery Store winner

Esther Wheeler of Merkel is the second winner of the 10-week Mystery Store contest sponsored by Merkel businesses.

Mrs. Wheeler received a \$25 gift certificate from Circle A Western House.

She joins Billy Black of Merkel, first week winner, who received a portable mixer from Western Auto. This week's Mystery Store is Emma's Clothes Closet. Emma's is offering a Spring State 7 pant suit to the person whose name is drawn Monday.

The word to find throughout the Merkel Mail this week is "Emma's." It has been hidden throughout the paper at least 10 times.

To enter find the word "Emma's" and circle at least 10 of them, and then turn the newspaper with your name, address and telephone number in at this week's Mystery Store, Emma's Clothes Closet, before 5 p.m. Saturday.

Or, a contestant may enter

SENIOR CITIZENS SCHEDULE EVENTS
1st Monday of Month Singing
2nd Tuesday Noon Covered Dish
Game Nights Every Thursday & 4th Monday
4th Thur. Game Night Reserved for Talented Amateurs.

by printing your name, address and telephone number on an 8 1/2 by 11 plain piece of paper and print the name "EMMA'S" 10 times, using all capital letters.

No purchase is necessary and you do not have to be present at the drawing to win.

Everyone is eligible for the prize excluding employees of the participating stores and the staff of The Merkel Mail.

At the end of the 10 weeks a special drawing will be held from all those who have entered and The Merkel Mail will award 10 additional prizes of \$10 gift certificates. So, enter each week.

And, check the values offered in the Mystery Store advertisement in this edition as the contest enters its third week.

Participating businesses are Adcock's Circle A Western Wear, Crawford's, Ann's Flowers, Starbuck Furniture Store, Bragg's Department Store, Wilson's Grocery, Western Auto, Castille's Hardware, L & W Snack Bar and Emma's Clothes Closet.

Lois' opens

Betty Lois Stautzenberger has opened her own beauty shop in Merkel.

Lois' Beauty Salon is located at 102 Edwards. Betty Lois returns to the Edwards location after four months at Norma's.

She opened for business Tuesday and appointments may be made by telephoning 928-5540.

Fannie Riney rites held

Funeral services were held Sunday for Fannie Riney, 84, of Merkel, who died Saturday in the Starr Nursing Home.

Services were at the Merkel United Methodist Church. The Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. N. S. Daniels, retired Methodist minister.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born September 13, 1891, in Center, Alabama, she moved to Mulberry Canyon at an early age. She lived in the Merkel area most of her life.

She married B. H. Riney in 1911. Mr. Riney died April 28, Mrs. Riney was a member of Pioneer Methodist Church in Mulberry Canyon.

Survivors include a son, Paul of Lamesa; two daughters, Nelma Alexander of Borger and Mrs. Ray (Willie Jo) Orsborn of Merkel; a brother, T. R. Blair of Fort Worth; two sisters, Mrs. Dewey Hutchins and Dixie Parker, both of Odessa, seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Nephews were pallbearers.

Douglas reunion

The annual Douglas Reunion is set Sunday in the Abilene State Park picnic area.

Lambda Beta

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Sarah Lucas for supper and the last regular meeting of the year on Tuesday, May 18th. Supper was served by the losing attendance team. The meeting was called to order by new president Betty Allday. Committee reports were given and plans for next year were discussed. Committees were assigned for the 1976-77 year. They are as follows: Ways and Means Committee-Pat Castille (Chairman), Barbara Welch, Anne Booth, and Fay Jones; Service Committee-Glenda Teaff (Chairman), Mary Hill, Jo Moore, and Ginny Yaddow; Publicity Committee-Milly Bright (Chairman), Barbara Welch, Mary Hill, and Glenda Teaff; Program Committee-Anne Booth (Chairman), Minyon Seymore, Pat Castille, and Milly Bright; Social Committee-Chera Hohertz (Chairman), Betty Coker, Bobby Elliott, and Sarah Lucas; Membership Committee-Ginny Yaddow (Chairman), Fay Jones, Betty Coker, and Jo Moore; Telephone Committee-Sarah Lucas (Chairman), Minyon Seymore, Bobby Elliott, and Chera Hohertz.

The Program of the Year was announced. It was presented by Captain Sarah Lucas and Cocaptain Glenda Teaff. It was entitled "Vive La Difference!" Its objective was to consider the relationship between the sexes from our new vantage point of increased understanding about ourselves as women. Annette Clark, Director, was presented a charm bracelet in appreciation for all of the dedication and work she has done this year. Charms were presented to the 1975-76 officers and committee chairpersons. Perfect attendance charms were presented to Sarah Lucas, Betty Allday, Ginny Yaddow, Jo Moore, and Chera Hohertz. The Girl of the Year trophy was presented to Chera Hohertz along with a pin. Pins were also presented to past Girls of the Year, Sarah Lucas, Pat Neff, and Pat Castille, starting a new tradition. A pin was presented to this year's Valentine Sweetheart Betty Allday. A gift was given to Jan Couch who will be moving away this summer.

All of the guessing was over as secret sisters were revealed and gifts were exchanged. New secret sisters were drawn for next year. Beta Sigma Phi is an international organization for women offering opportunities for friendship, development of cultural appreciation, and community service. The Greek letters stand for Life,



HONOR TEA--Hostesses and Honoree are left to right Mrs. Gary Hicks, Mrs. Don Hart, Mrs. Ken Butler, Miss Anita Raymer, Honoree, Mrs. Glen Bright and Mrs. Gene Stuckey.

Tea honors Anita Raymer

Miss Anita Raymer, bride elect of Michael Brown of Abilene, was honored with a gift tea Thursday, May 20 in the home of Mrs. Gary Hicks.

The serving table was covered with a floor length cloth of white net. The bride elect's colors of red, white and blue were accented with a flower arrangement and a red, white and blue cake. Hostesses for the tea were Mrs. Gary Hicks, Mrs. Gene Stuckey, Mrs. Don Hart, Mrs.

Hester visits

Mrs. Youlinda Hester and David visited in the home of Mrs. Frances Garey, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell and the J. L. Hesters last week.

HAPPY 30th BIRTHDAY TO



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Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of Merkel-Trent Barrack number 2248 of World War I met with the Buddies on May 15, 1976 in the R. E. A. Building for a covered dish luncheon. After which the separate organizations met for business and installation of officers.

Mrs. Maggie Renfro, president called the meeting to order. After roll call of officers and reading of minutes by secretary, delegates were elected to attend the State Convention in Fort Worth July 16th. Delegates are Mrs. Jewell Criswell, Mrs. Dewey Fleming, and Mrs. Maggie Renfro. Alternates are Mrs. Faye Brown and Mrs. Madge Crain.

Officers for the 1976-1977 year installed by Mrs. Winnie Kendall past department junior vice of Abilene are President, Mrs. Jewell Criswell; Sr. Vice-President, Mrs. Raymond Ferguson; Jr. Vice-President, Mrs. Lurline Poland; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Cox; Chaplain, Mrs. Mary Mosier; Guard, Mrs. Trula Cox; Trustee, Mrs. Bessie Kidd, Mrs. Parilee Gibson and Mrs. Faye Brown; Conductress, Mrs. Dewey Fleming; Flag Bearer, Mrs. Ora Grigg; Banner Bearer, Mrs. Madge Crain; Historian, Mrs. Joe Hartley; Musician, Mrs. Alice Dudley; Color Bearers, Mrs. Dent Gibson, Mrs. Ruth Baze, Mrs. Merle Harwell and Mrs. Agnes Rutledge.

After other business and the closing ceremony the auxiliary was adjourned to meet again on June 19th. All eligible people are cordially invited to meet with us at 11:30 a.m. at the R. E. A. Building.

New manager

The Big Country Inn and Big Country Restaurant is under new management.

Audry Jackson took over running the two businesses last Saturday.

EMMA'S

POEMS WANTED

The TEXAS SOCIETY OF POETS is compiling a book of poems. If you have written a poem and would like our selection committee to consider it for publication, send your poem and self-addressed stamped envelope to

TEXAS SOCIETY OF POETS
3317 Montrose Bl Blvd. Suite 300
Houston, Texas 77006

Pecan casebearer spray time here

Pecan casebearer spray dates will run through Saturday. The dates are later this year due to a cool spring-especially cold nights which have slowed the emergence of the insects.

This insect is the most damaging insect of pecans as they bore into the small nutlets causing them to drop from the trees. The casebearers emerge in late May or early June, pupate, then turn into small moths less than a half inch in length. The moths lay their eggs on the nutlets. The eggs hatch into small larvae or worms in about three days and begin their feeding process, ruining the nuts. The best time for controlling the insect is a few days immediately following hatching as later they will

stay in the nutlets where they are safe from pesticide applications.

Homeowners should use Malathion or Sevin to control the insects.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The City Council of Merkel,
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regular meeting, 5:30 p.m.,
June 14, 1976, petitions
to close the following streets
and/or alleys.

1. South Cherry Street from
8th to 9th and between
block A-H-B & G in the
South Park addition to the
City of Merkel.
2. Alley in the north 1/2
of Block 22, T & P addi-
tion to the City of Merkel.
3. East-West Alley north of
the west 1/2 of Block 27,
College addition to the
City of Merkel.

All interested parties are
invited to attend.

Lou David Allen, Mayor
15-2tc

Primary teachers hold luncheon

The Merkel Primary
Teachers and Exes met for a
luncheon last Friday in the
home of Mrs. Mack Seymore.
Honorees were Darla
Mawson, Sharon Alves and
Anita Cain.

The program was pre-
sented by Mrs. Jo Barnett.
She read a collection of poems
on friendship and the

memories of a teacher.
Those attending were Anna
Belle Shouse, Barbara
Sandusky, Jane Wade, Cathy
Malone, Jeanette Pursley,
Pam Carson, Lillie Braune,
Darla Mawson, Darlene Wat-
son, Myron Seymore, Betty
Coker, Sharon Alves, Sarah
Peel, Naomi Holloway, Alice
King, Eula West, Norah
Foster, Lena Dunagin, Dolly
Seymore, Anita Cain, Jo Bar-
nett and Ida Seymore.

HD News

The Jones county Home
Demonstration Council met
May 19 in the Federal Hous-
ing Building.

The meeting was called
to order by the Vice Chair-
man Mrs. Toff Hearndon in
absence of Mrs. Ab Hunter
chairman.

Roll call was answered with
8 clubs reporting 15
members, 8 visitors and 3
officers were present.

A welcome was extended
to the members of the newly
organized Home Demonstra-
tion Club of Hawley.

Minutes were read and ap-
proved and treasure report
given.

Plans were completed for
Rally Day to be held at
Lueders encampment ground
June 1st. Two work shops
will be held on Macrame,
Drying Flowers and Making
Fabric Flowers. The meal
and insurance will be \$3.00
per member. The Haskell
county Home Demonstration
Clubs have been invited to
join in Rally Day.

Kathryn Cawley, Lone Star
Gas Home Economist of Abi-
lene, was guest speaker giv-
ing a very interesting pro-
gram and showing slides she
made while in Japan.

Next Council will meet June
15.

Each individual is invited
to all club meetings regard-
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origin or economical circum-
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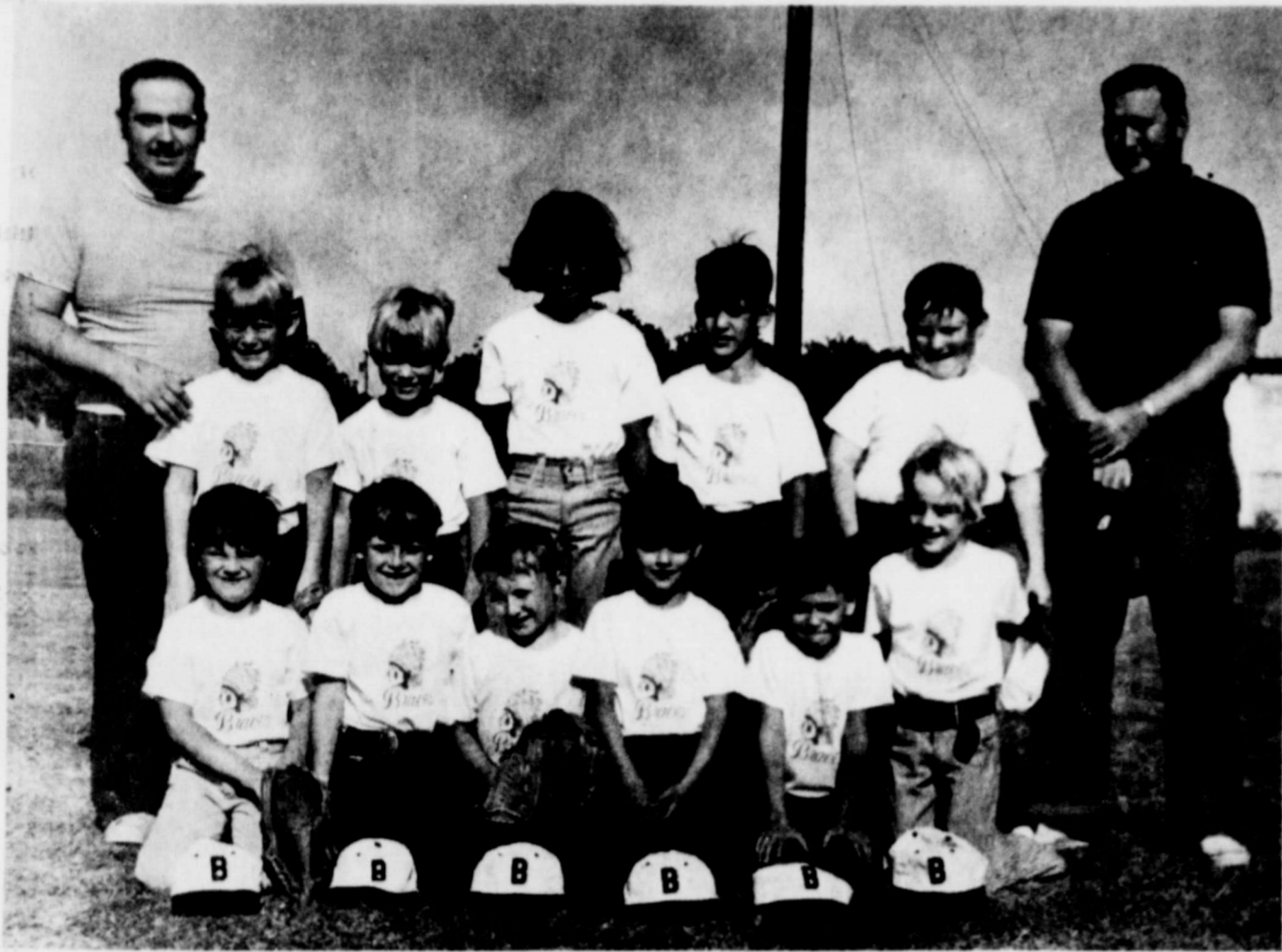
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BRAVES--Members of the Braves T-Shirt League baseball team are front row, left to right: Tony Roberts, Brent Pierce, Lance Jones, Wayne Johnson, Chris Horton and

Ronald Waldon. Back row is Manager Lee Yaddow, Mark Aldridge, Ricky Doan, Alfred Flores, Tod Yaddow, Jay Williams and Manager Virgil Jones. Billy Collins is the other member of the team not pictured.

Yankees upset Mustangs, 11-2

The Yankees upset the Mustangs, 11-2, in T-Shirt baseball action last week, closing the gap for the championship with four play-

ing dates remaining. In other games last week, the Mustangs bounced back to stomp the Braves, 22-2 and the Braves beat the

Eagles, 17-9. The Yankees were leading the Eagles 12-6, after 3 innings Monday but time ran out and the game is ruled incomplete.

The Yankees and Mustangs are due for a rematch Monday night at 6 in what could go a long way toward deciding the championship.

Brent King and Chris Simpson each scored runs for the Mustangs who were held to two runs the fourth inning.

Meanwhile the Yankees were paced by Kevin Coker with two runs and a home run and Sean Woodard with two runs and a home run. Dean Franklin, Kerry Miller and Bret Pursley each scored once and Randy Palarez scored twice as did Brian Ford who also hit a double.

For the Braves, Mark Aldridge and Ricky Doan scored once against the Mustangs. Wilson Steven, Eddie Biera, Benjamin Beaver each scored four times and Beaver hit a home run; Brent King and Billy Brazleton scored three times; Doyle Brennan scored twice; and Chris Simpson, Darren Pack and Willie Brazleton scored once for the Mustangs.

The Braves were led by Mark Aldridge with two runs and a double and Jay Williams with three runs and three hits in three times at bat against the Eagles.

Alfred Flores scored twice, Todd Yaddow, Wayne Johnson and Chris Horton three times and Tony Roberts scored once for the Braves.

For the Eagles, Keith Watson and Shawn Beene each scored twice and Dennis Fortune, Robert Rusford, Russell Morgan, Danny Santee and Nick McCasland each scored once.

Mulberry Canyon 4-H News

Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club held their monthly meeting May 11.

The president called the meeting to order, Sherri Williams led the 4-H pledge and prayer. Alane McGee led the American pledge.

Secretary had roll call. The

Nursing program to start

Students wishing to enroll in the Vocational Nursing Program at the Rolling Plains Campus of Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater should contact Jo Bardwell, R. N., as soon as possible. This next class in Vocational Nursing is set to get under way August 16, and will run for 52 weeks, according to Mrs. Bardwell.

Students are accepted into this program following a personal interview by Mrs. Bardwell, Director of the Vocational Nursing Program, and a pre-entrance examination. Requirements for admission are two years of high school or equivalent (established by G. E. D.), between the ages of 18 and 55, citizen of the United States or filed a declaration of intention, of good mental and physical health and good moral character. Students are admitted to this program regardless of race, sex, or marital status.

Students wishing information concerning financial aid, student housing, or other campus details, should also plan to contact the director of Student Services, Moises Perez. The campus is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Campus phone number is 915-235-8441.

minutes were approved as read.

We discussed our beautification project. We will meet June 7 at 6:00 to work on our clean up. Everyone is to bring a hoe or rake to help clean the grounds.

We will have a wienie roast afterwards.

We elected officers for next year.

We had one guest, Charlotte Spann. Other members present were: Shannon Boyd, Cindy Hutchings, Sheila Swinney, Lesa Swinney, Craig Hutchings, Leslie Masonheimer, Mike Pape, Dee Dee Masonheimer and Sherri Dunn.

Officers elected for 1976-1977 are: President, Lesa Swinney; Vice-President, Dee Dee Masonheimer; Secretary, Sherri Williams; Reporter, Alane McGee; Council Delegate, Leslie Masonheimer; Recreation Leader, Shannon Boyd; and Leaders are Mrs. Judy Pape and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Masonheimer.

Pop Contest ends Friday

The Picture of Pop contest ends Friday, so hurry and get your drawing in to Crawford's, 135 Edwards.

Everyone who enters gets a prize and there are eight main prizes being offered. Each winner of the eight divisions will receive a \$5 gift certificate.

To enter draw a picture of your father on an 8 1/2 by 11 inch piece of white paper, using a black pencil or crayon.

Bring the picture by Crawford's before Friday night. Age groups include the Pre school and first grade; Second grade; Third grade; Fourth grade; Fifth grade; Sixth grade; Seventh grade; and Eighth grade through High School.

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Girls Girl's Tri-City schedule

MINI-MINOR SCHEDULE

June 1--Merkel vs. Hawley at Tye, 6 p.m.
June 3--Hawley vs. Trent at Tye, 6 p.m.
June 4--Merkel at Trent, 6 p.m.
June 7--Merkel vs. Trent at Tye, 6 p.m.
June 8--Hawley at Trent, 6 p.m.
June 10--Hawley vs. Merkel at Tye, 6 p.m.
June 14--Merkel vs. Hawley at Tye, 6 p.m.
June 15--Merkel at Trent, 6 p.m.
June 17--Trent at Hawley, 6 p.m.
June 21--Merkel vs. Trent at Tye, 6 p.m.
June 22--Hawley at Trent, 6 p.m.
June 24--Merkel at Hawley, 6 p.m.
June 25--Hawley at Trent, 6 p.m.
June 29--Merkel vs. Hawley, 6:30 p.m.
July 1--Trent at Hawley, 6:30 p.m.
July 6--Merkel at Trent, 6 p.m.

MINOR DIVISION

June 1--Merkel vs. Haw-

ley at Tye, 7:15 p.m.
June 3--Trent at Hawley, 7:15 p.m.
June 4--Merkel at Trent, 7:15 p.m.
June 7--Merkel vs. Trent at Tye, 6 p.m.
June 8--Hawley at Trent, 7:15 p.m.
June 10--Merkel at Hawley, 6 p.m.
June 14--Merkel vs. Hawley at Tye, 7:15 p.m.
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June 17--Trent at Hawley, 7:15 p.m.
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June 22--Hawley at Trent, 7:15 p.m.
June 24--Merkel at Hawley, 7:15 p.m.
June 25--Merkel at Trent, 7:15 p.m.
June 29--Merkel vs. Hawley at Tye, 7:15 p.m.
July 1--Trent at Hawley, 7:45 p.m.
July 6--Merkel at Trent, 7:15 p.m.

MAJOR DIVISION

June 1--Hawley at Trent, 6:30 p.m.
June 3--Sweetwater at Trent, 6:30 p.m.; Merkel at Sweetwater, 8:30 p.m.; Hawley vs. Roscoe at Tye, 7 p.m.
June 7--Trent at Roscoe; Merkel vs. Hawley at Tye, 8:30 p.m.; Sweetwater vs. Sweetwater.
June 8--Merkel vs. Trent at Tye, 6:45 p.m.
June 10--Merkel vs. Roscoe at Tye, 7:30 p.m.; Trent at Hawley; Sweetwater vs. Sweetwater.
June 14--Hawley at Trent, 7 p.m.; Merkel vs. Sweetwater at Tye, 8:30 p.m.; Roscoe at Sweetwater.
June 17--Merkel at Hawley, 8:30 p.m.; Sweetwater at Trent, 7 p.m.; Sweetwater at Roscoe.
June 18--Trent vs. Merkel at Tye, 6 p.m.
June 21--Merkel vs. Sweetwater at Tye, 8:30 p.m.; Hawley at Trent, 7 p.m.; Roscoe at Sweetwater.
June 22--Merkel vs. Hawley at Tye, 6 p.m.
June 24--Hawley vs. Roscoe at Tye, 7 p.m.; Merkel vs. Trent at Tye, 8:30 p.m.; Sweetwater vs. Sweetwater.
June 28--Merkel vs. Sweetwater at Tye, 6:30 p.m.; Trent at Roscoe; Hawley at Sweetwater, 8:30 p.m.

SENIOR DIVISION

June 1--Merkel vs. Sweet-

Lions Club delays installation

Installation of new officers for the Merkel Lions Club was postponed Tuesday.

The new installation dates have not been reset yet.

Tuesday's installation of George Starbuck as president replacing Travis Davis was postponed when the District Governor, Hubert Owens, had to cancel due to his mother having an emergency operation.

Starbuck then announced that the Lions Club will help with the Red Cross drive Thursday night and those wanting to help should meet in front of his store at 6 p.m. Bill Button, outgoing secretary, reported the club made \$258 profit on the broom, mop and light bulb sale held recently.

Next meeting is noon, June 15.

T-SHIRT STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Mustangs	4	1
Yankees	2	1
Eagles	1	2
Braves	1	4

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Braves 17, Eagles 9
Yankees 11, Mustangs 2
Mustangs 22, Braves 2
Eagles vs. Yankees, incomplete

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY--Mustangs vs. Eagles, 6 p.m.; Yankees vs. Braves, 8 p.m.
MONDAY--Yankees vs. Mustangs, 6 p.m.; Eagles vs. Braves, 8 p.m.

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<p>CASTILLE COUPON \$3.00 DISCOUNT ON ANY PURCHASE OVER \$10.00</p>	<p>ANN'S FLOWERS</p>
<p>BRAGGS COUPON "Exclusive But Not Expensive" 1/2 off on one group of Platex bras & girdles also no visible means of support bras 1/2 OFF</p>	<p>STARBUCK FURNITURE</p>

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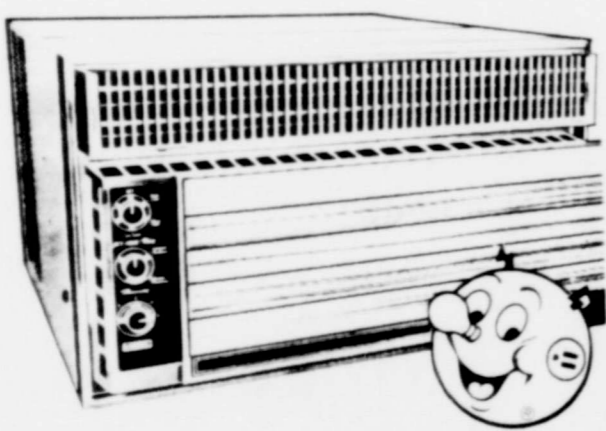
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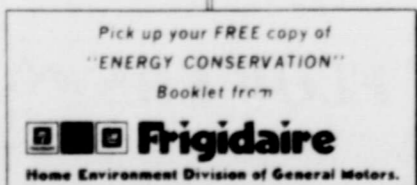
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Part 4

When a cause of arthritis or rheumatism such as infection, allergy, tumors, or metabolic deficiencies is found and can be corrected, the arthritis or rheumatism subsides.

When a removable cause of arthritis and rheumatism cannot be found, treatment is generally directed toward helping the patient to (1) improve the ability of their natural bodily functions to cope with the arthritis or rheumatism, (2) to maintain as nearly normal joint function as is possible. Thus in the treatment of arthritis and rheumatism both the daily activities and the periods of rest need to be considered carefully, neither should be minimized or slighted. Adequate rest and sound sleep, a mind free of worry and daily activities free of anxiety and tension go a long way toward improving the body's ability to cope with the presence of extra inflammation, infection or other factors requiring special effort by the bodily functions.

Since efforts to improve a person's general physical condition may involve spending extra time in bed each day, special attention may need to be given to the maintenance of joint function that will be as useful as possible when the patient does not require rest. Thus, the position of joints during resting hours should be favorable to use of the joints when rest is not needed. The patient should lie straight, flat on their back and keep knees and hips straight, with arms and hands straightened at sides. Pillows under knees or hands, and arms folded over the chest are positions to be avoided during resting hours. If you need a pillow under your head, use a small one. Use a board between mattress and bed-spring to keep mattress firm.

During the waking hours and when the patient is up and about, strains and pressures on affected joints and soft tissues should be avoided. The use of elastic supports, corsets, braces, properly supporting shoes, and other similar devices also can give some assistance. Even when joints have already been affected and normal function is not to be anticipated, it still may be possible to obtain some degree of useful function.

Heat and cold in almost all forms are good measures

of physical therapy. Heat will increase circulation and induce rest and relaxation in a painful muscle, joint, or other skeletal tissue. Heat is especially helpful when used just before doing exercises and may make the exercises more efficient.

Cold compresses or an ice bag will have a numbing effect and give some relief from pain where they are applied. Neither cold or heat applications can improve your arthritis or rheumatism, but both may give you temporary relief from aches and pains.

Therapeutic exercise is designed to maintain or obtain as nearly normal strength, endurance, and range of motion in affected joints and muscles as it is possible to obtain. A person's ordinary daily activities rarely serve as a suitable substitute for therapeutic exercise, but when properly undertaken, therapeutic exercise, including postural and deep-breathing exercises, can and should be performed daily.

You should always consult your doctor about the correct therapeutic exercises that would be proper for you to perform.

Part 5 of "Arthritis and Rheumatism" will continue next week.

Trent girl heads show

The Taylor County 4-H Horse Show was held Saturday, May 15, at the Merkel Arena. Judge was Joe Allen, County Extension Agent, of Hamilton. Twenty-six contestants competed for the many prizes offered. High Point Girl was Patricia Boyd of Trent and High Point Boy was Chuck DuBose of Abilene. The Grand Champion mare was exhibited by Reesa McHane of Abilene. Reserve Champion Mare was exhibited by Chuck DuBose, Grand Champion Gelding was exhibited by Donna Brooks of Abilene.

First place in Showmanship went to Patricia Boyd. In performance, classes, Western pleasure was won by Julie Julien of Abilene; placing first in Western Horsemanship was Kelly Brewer and winning the Reining Competition was Terry Criner. In the Barrel Racing competi-

tion, Lessa McKee of Abilene placed first while Pole Bending was won by Patricia Boyd. Complete results follow: Halter: Registered Mares-1, Reesa McHane, 2, Chuck DuBose, and 3, Deborah Smith, Grade Mares-1, Terry Criner, 2, Leslie Masonheimer, and 3, Tony Owens, Registered Geldings-1, Donna Brooks, 2, Sue Johnson, and 3, Larry Smith, Grade Geldings-1, Kelly Brewer, 2, Brooks Boyd, and 3, Sherry Williams, Showmanship-1, Patricia Boyd, 2, Chuck DuBose, and 3, Sue Johnson, Western Pleasure-1, Julie Julien, 2, Kelly Brewer, and 3, Valerie Thacker, Western Horsemanship-1, Kelly Brewer, 2, Valerie Thacker, and 3, Barry Smith, Reining-1, Terry Criner, 2, Chuck DuBose, and 3, Deborah Smith, Pole Bending-1, Patricia Boyd, 2, Lessa McKee, and 3, Gordon Asbury III, Barrels-1, Lessa McKee, 2, Patricia Boyd, and 3, Leslie Masonheimer.

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AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram calls Carl Dally "eminently qualified" and the Houston Chronicle says he is "uniquely suited" to serve on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. Dally is also endorsed by newspapers in Dallas, Lubbock, Corpus Christi, San Angelo, Tyler, Bryan, Beaumont, Port Arthur, Victoria and Wichita Falls.

Ask your lawyer, your district attorney, any judge, or informed friend about the candidates in this important race. Then vote for the best man.



VOTE ON JUNE 5 FOR CARL DALLY



WILLIES--Members of the Willies Little League baseball team this year are from front row, left to right: Keith Watts, Kenny Sims, Jay Walters, James Stevens, Todd Whetsel and Steven Schriener. Standing, Gerald Neil, Randy Leverich, Kyle Wolf, Mike Hagar, Richard Beaver and Cliff Colbos. Managers are Calvin Wolf and Jimmy Leverich and players not pictured are Danny Riggan, James Freeman and Harold Dye.

Willies outlast Supers 12-10

Only one game was completed last week in Little League baseball play.

Thursday and Friday games were canceled because of the graduation ceremonies. The Willies outlasted the Supers, 12-10, for the only complete game.

The Braves were ahead

of the Vets, 24-9, after three innings when time ran out. A Little League game is not completed until after four innings.

The games lost may be made up at the end of the season if it is considered necessary in deciding a champion.

Meanwhile, the Kilowatts are resting at the top of the standings, with but one loss and the Braves are a slim half game over the Willies.

The Braves and Willies will clash Friday at 6 p.m. in their bid to remain in contention and close the gap on the Kilowatts who are playing last place contenders, Vets and Supers this week.

The Willies scored once the first and six the second while the Supers were scoring five the first and once the second to fall behind 7-6 going into the third inning.

The Willies got two more runs but the Supers added four to lead 10-8. However, the Willies charged back with three runs to take the victory. The Willies outlast the Supers 12-10.

Todd Whetsel, Richard Beaver and Harold Dye were the big guns for the Willies. Whetsel scored two runs, hit a double and triple and had a perfect night at the plate with 3 for 3. Beaver scored three runs and hit two for three at the plate.

Dye scored once and hit a double and triple. James Stevens scored twice and Kyle Wolfe, Danny Riggan scored once and hit a double, Randy Leverich scored once and Mike Hagar scored once.

Leverich pitched one

inning. Riggan three and Beaver started the third but was replaced by Leverich.

For the Supers Ronnie Williams scored twice and hit a double, Roy Johnson and Casey Johnson scored twice and Tommy Hayes, Billy Williams, Randy Fenter and Guy McGee each scored once.

Final Riney rites held

Funeral services were held recently for J. J. Riney of Slaton.

Services for Mr. Riney, 91, were held May 24 in the First Baptist Church of Slaton with the Rev. John Cartwright, pastor, officiating. Burial was in East Englewood Cemetery.

Born in Abilene, he had been a Slaton resident since 1915.

Survivors include his wife, Zenith; two sons, F. B. and James of Slaton; a daughter Mrs. Imogene Taylor of New Home; two brothers, Roy of Merkel and Claude of Kerrville; one sister, Mrs. May Bush of Merkel; 14 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Those attending the funeral from Merkel were Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Richie, Tom Hogan, Mrs. Ray Orsborn, Mrs. Vernon Hudson, June Hogan, Robert Riney, Jack Hogan and Leroy Riney.

Junior Girl Scout News

Junior Girl Scout trip 313 spent a very enjoyable week end at Camp Booth Oaks. Cindy Simms, Judy Glasscock, Sirtorn Parson, Kimberly Pack, Denise Pack, Brenda Kinder, and Leta Walters were the Junior Girl Scouts attending.

Adult leaders were Billie Walters, Linda Kinder, and Betty Simms.

The girls enjoyed lunch and supper Saturday and Sunday breakfast and lunch at camp.

We had a devotional at the little outdoor Chapel. Sermonette by Billie Walters, Betty Simms led in discussion and Kimberly Pack dismissed in prayer.

Tri-City

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE
All games start at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY--Wizards vs. Rebels

MONDAY--Lions vs. Ambassadors

TUESDAY--Tigers vs. Wizards

THURSDAY--Ambassadors vs. Tigers

Team	W	L
Kilowatts	5	1
Braves	4	2
Willies	4	3
Bankers	3	3
Vets	2	4
Supers	1	6

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
Braves vs. Vets, game not completed
Willies 12, Supers 10
Bankers vs. Kilowatts, no game
Bankers vs. Vets, no game
Braves vs. Supers, no game
Kilowatts vs. Willies, no game

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TUESDAY--Bankers vs. Willies, 6 p.m.; Supers vs. Vets, 8 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY--Supers vs. Kilowatts, 6 p.m.; Bankers vs. Vets, 8 p.m.

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