## The Merkel Mail



The Reunion Shelter is taking shape as volun：eers
have been working over the past two weeks to readily for the July 4th Fun Day．The facility
should be completed this weekend．

## City council meets with Missouri－

## Pacific officials，train speeds set at 55

After hearing that Missouri－Pacific has a company policy that lowers train speeds when carrying
hazardous cargo or hopper cars，the Merkel City
Council set a 55 mph speed limit for trains within city limits．
Council had expressed an interest in setting the
speed limit at 30 ． Missouri－Pacific（MP）regional train master Larry Henley appeared before council Monday night
and said that MP was working on problems with local grade crossings and would be a phone call
away at ali times．Both Henley and city council away at all times．Both Henley and city council with the city and the railroad over the past five years and admitied that some problems have existed with
the line that should have been corrected before they
were．
Merkel mayor Lou David Allen suggested the plan Mat called for the establishment of the 55 mph limit，
and
and the MP policy sets the limit at 45 trough town and the MP policy sets the limit at 45 through town
when dangerous cargo is being delivered． when dangerous cargo is being delivered． last Wednesday and put in new drainage，new bedding and ties．Henley said new cross boards
also said a new spike（one with a rounded head）will e installed as soon as they are available to reduce MP said they have rosked spikes that stick up． Departm nnt to bring in asphalt for the Oak and Ash Street crossings to help sure up that crossing and xplained how warning devices are procured for
rossings．Council wants the Cherry Street crossing to have protective gates but those crossings are funded through grants from the Department of
Transportation through each states＇Highway Transportation through each states Highway
Department． Henley told council，＂We want to work with you in
Hy way we can because the railroad needs good any way we can because the railroad needs good
relations with each community we serve．We ask for relations with each community we serve．We ask for
your help on right－of－way fires and if we ever have a your help on right－of－way fires and if we ever have a
rail accident，we will ask fodr any help that you could give us．＂
City Manager J．A．Sadler said the city was concerned for the safety of it＇s citizens since the rail
comes within two blocks of a senior citizens housing addition，the Starr Nursing Home and Within three blocks of the school．
Council＇s next scheduled session is June 26th at 7 Councir＇s next sch
p．m．at City Hall．

## Fund drive one－third home

by Cloy A．Richards

The Reunion Shelter Fund Drive has raised $\$ 800$ towards a goal of $\$ 2,500$ which means they are about 33 per cent home． The Shelter is about finished by this writing and
finishing touches will be applied this weekend．Over finishing touches will be applied this weekend．Over
the past couple of weeks，about seven local volunteer have done all of the construction work on the facility and Merkel FFA instructor J．T．Naron has handled all of the welding chores．Once this facility is completed，it will cost abse of the volunteer labor
The ticket sales need to take a hearty jump between now and the Fourth of July in order for the Chamber of Commerce to acheive its goal． citizenry of the quality of this endeavor．One thing a lot of folks look forward to during the summer
months are the family reunions．With the help of the months are the family reunions．With the help of the
citizens of Merkel，Trent and Tye，the Merkel City citizens of Merke，Trint and Tye，the Merke cirk can be rented for reunions，and other events．The
shelter will definitely eliminate the void of not shelter will definitely eliminate the void of not
having a place for reunions，or meeting out－of－doors． homeone will be hitting you up during the next three weeks for donations．If they don＇t give us a call and we will come by and pick up your donation． The tickets that are being sold also make the
contributor to the Chamber eligible for prizes that will be drawn for during Fun Day．
will be drawn tor during Fumake Fun Day，and the
If you would like thelp make
Reunion Shelter fund drive a success，call the Chamber at 928－5722．安故访
Last week，county commissioners tentatively approved a plan that would employ a full－time
sheriff＇s deputy for the Merkel．Trent，Tye area sherifs deputy or Morn Middleton told county
Sheriff designate John
commissioners that the deputies（two others would commissioners that the deputies（two others would cars with each other to help confuse the criminal element．
good plan that sounds great，but it was plan sounds good， if we have the money to pay for three new employees．We the needed funds．It doesn＇t seem quite
right that the county sheriff＇s office cannot receive enough funds to provide adequate protection for all citizens of the county．The employment of the
deputies would also provide the rural area residents ith a little peace of mind．
Looking forward to the second annual Richards will have a chance to visit wis week as the clan and I rare occurance since she moved to Washington D．C． Last year，dear ol＇Dad took advantage of the A Monday had free labor for a concrete slab． acitivity，it seems his corn is ready to be put up． Pretty good timing，wouldn＇t you say？

OK Gang．The rain dances have completely worn
别合
It was like a couple of long－lost friends getting together Monday night when Merkel City Council－
men sat and talked with Missouri－Pacific officials about problems and solutions here．
Larry Henley，regional trainmaster with MP told local officials concerning safety and the condition of the three local grade crossings．
It is no secret that there have been complaints in loose board，high spikes and thr railrossing Monday night that if the city felt problems exist with the track，hat here are a couple of people that you
It was a good positive meeting．The railroad said they were genuinely interested in protecting the safety of local citizens and council said they always had the same thought in mind．
last week and have plans to do further work when materials are available．Council set the limit on trains at 55 ，which will automatically lower trains to 45 mph when hey are carrying and
hopper cairs，by company policy．
The railroad made promises of an open ear and The railroad made promises of an open ear and
quick response in the event there are problems with quick response in the event there are
the track or grade crossings here．

## Board advertising

## for bids on new <br> football lights

MISD board members voted Tuesday night to
advertise for bids on new lights at Badger Stadium， among other actions in their five and one half hour meeting Tuesday night．
facilities coulbe be completed by the last week in August．
The board voted to advertise for bids for six light poles equipped with halogen lamps．The school
received an estimate on the work from an Abilene firm，who said they could do a turn key jon for between $\$ 20,000$ and $\$ 25,000$ ．
Plans call for only three poles to be used on each
side，and only one pole will be situated side，and only one pole will
both sides of the stands．
MISD Superintendent Dr．Raymond Etheridge reported that money for the lights would come from interest made on investments of the $\$ 1.4$ million in
construction bonds sold last year．Board member Larry Dudley requested information on the ways the chool district could use that interest money and
specifically asked that it be determined whether or specifically asked that it be determined whether or
not MISD could use the interest money for pay
The superintendent also told the board＂I talked with Ralph（Ralph Perkeins of the school＇s
architectural firm）and he said with a little luck the architectural firm）and he said with a little luck，the
construction should be completed by the last week in August．＂Thadline for construction to be completed is Jifect after the 18 th，unless there are more lost day credits given to the contractors．
Bills were approved for payment totaling $\$ 68,000$
with $\$ 47,000$ of those bills related to with $\$ 47,000$ of those bills related to construction．The superintendent reported that 89 per cent of the
current scholol taxes have been collected and that is lour per cent off from collections at this point last MISD principals presented their program needs to
Me he board and those needs include a first and fifth grade teacher at Merkel Elementary，a science
teacher at Merkel Middle School and an art instructor at Merkel High．The staff is projecting an
enrollment of 1087 students next year．Average daily attendance for the $79-80$ school year was 966 ． The superintendent told the board that each of the moves would cost money and that no decision on any
of the needs can be made until the budget preperations in August．The board pretty well agreed that those needs should be placed on a priority basis and funded within budget restraints． Irade band to the high school band to add the 8th rop the fifth grade band program．Both elementary principals said some type of music instruction should continue，but felt the fifth grade band program
should be dropped． + Heard a report on a survey of MISD teachers on heir priorities for pay and benefit increases．Thirty－ eight of the teachers listed a raise above state scale as their number one choice for benefits and board
member Larry Dudley requested that a pay scale， member Larry
graduated by experience，be drawn up and reviewed． Board member Pat Castille also asked for cost estimates for providing health insu
number two on the teacher＇s list

+ Heard a report from maintenance director Hayden Reeves on his staff＇s project director
summer．His eight man crew has at least one week summer．His eight man crew has at least one week
set aside for maintenance work at each facility． + The board also heard a report on the results of the Texas Asessment of Basic Skills（TABS）test． （Editors note：The Mail will prepare an article for
next week＇s paper on the results of the TABS test． ext week＇s paper on the results of the TABS test．
+ Heard a reccomendation that the board purchase liability insurance for the board． + Hired Margaret Sims，Betty Walker and Pamela Welborn as teachers．
+ Accepted resignations from Billy Evans and Sara ＋Granted a pay increase of $\$ 1,000$ above state scale for ag instructor J．T．Narran．
Granted a $\$ 50$ increase for bus drivers．


## City buys two police cars

City Councilmen pretty well agreed to have an
ordinance written to lower the speed limit on trains to 30 mph ，but said they would wait until officials from Missouri－Pacific could present their case before council．
M\＆P＇s Larry Henley，regional supervisor was M\＆\＆P to discuss the lowering of the speed limit．（See page 1 for report on the special meeting）．
Council heard a financial report from Council heard a financial report from City Manager J．A．Sadler，who reported the city has a
balance of $\$ 58,460$ after current bills are paid and had $\$ 33,613$ in billings for water－sewer anitation
service．The city also had a report on the Blair service．The city also had a report on the Blair
Water Supply，who went through their first total stem monthly billing last month．

Council received only one bid on the cars，and the
city purchased two，white 1978 Pontiac Catalina＇s city purchased two，white 1978 Pontiac Catalina＇s
from Palmer Motor Company for 12，490 each and also purchased a service contract for each car．The move follows council＇s philosophy established last of
buying used cars for patrol cars，using the cars for


Missouri－Pacific employees lay down new ties at the Oak Street crossing last week．The railroad also
put a new drainage system under the crossing．（Staff
photo）
one year，and selling the used cars．Council hopes
the new－used car purchases once a year will eliminate the maintenance problems．
Council also discussed the proposed purchase of Council also discussed the proposed purchase of
the five ulots south and east of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Station．The proposed asking price is $\$ 5,000$ for he 50 by 140 foot lots．
hat the new procedures for selling city reported ontract haulers is working well．Council voted to est a plan for 30 days that called for the water filling ocat the be moved closer to $1-20$ on West Street and eeds water，he calls the fire and police dispatcher who notifies city employee volunteers，to fill the mployee is paid a fee for filling the truck．City mployees receive no pay for filling water trucks Harris reported billings of $\$ 1,261$ for the last two
weeks in June． weeks in June．
Council also
Council also authorized the city manager to look
for a copying machine for city hall．

## Ticket sales go over \$800

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce is one-third of
the way home on their fund raising effort for the the way home on their fund raising effort for the
Reunion Shelter at the Merkel City Park, as the total stands just over $\$ 800$.
John Starbuck and Chris Cutler still lead the pack
in ticket sales as they have brought in $\$ 344.50$, or just over 40 per cent of all sales and donations to

The Chamber has put out an appeal for help with ticket ticket sales, and accounting chores and
persons wanting to help should call the Chamber $928-5722$ or Martha Sue Justice at home at 928 -5lite.
Work on the Reunion Shelter should be compled Work on the Reunion Shelter should be completed within the next five days. The remaining work ilacing covering on the building's west side. Almost 1,800 tickets have been sold and all dorations are going to pay for the shelter. Tickets
are 25 cents each or 55 for $\$ 1$. The purchase of a and the is a donation to the Chamber of Commerce eligible for prizes that will be drawn July 4th.
Persons do not have to be eligible to win Persons do not have to be eligible to win.
The Chamber still has spaces available for The Chamber still has spaces available for
various food, games booths, or spaces individuals may want to set up garage sales.
Reservations have already been made to serve cannot be duplicated inlcude brownie cupcakes-candy peanuts, peans and cornbread, dill pipkles, tacos, milkshakes, chili dogs, frito pies, watermelons, cold drinks, coffe and iced tea, snow cones, corn on the
cob, home-made ice cream, sandwiches, hamburgers and french fries, bar-b-que sandwich
cantalopes, popcorn balls and candies apples cantalopes, popcorn balls, and candies apples.
The following games booths have already been The following games booths have already been
reserved as well; dunking booth, sponge throw, reserved as well; dunking booth, spalk
country store, car bash and cake walk
Cash donations have been received from Hoy and
Mary Lynn Richards of College Station for $\$ 100$. Mary Lynn Richards of College Station for s100,
Fortnightly Study Club for $\$ 40$, and Emma and Fortnightly Study Club for $\$ 40$, and Emma and
Duane Shugart for $\mathbf{s 1 0}$. Higginbotham-Bartlett donated $\$ 36$ in building materials for the shelter. Individuals that have purchased tickets since last
week include:Lottie Everett, Sylvia-Pedro-Cynthia--


Cecilia Valasquez, Lilly English, Mrs. Henry Ueckert, Leota Shenell, Ann-Teresa-Vernon-Lucretia
and Lynn Wade, Mitch Atkinson, Zade Byrd, Mrs. Tom Watson, Pat Castille, Jody Jinkens, Evelyn
Brown, S.R. Foster, George West, Price and Docia Melton, S.S.C. Dickson, Mrse. Cyrus Peee, Mrs. A.L.
Moore, Nine Orsborn, Lisa Shugart, Lem and Moore, Nine Orsborn, Lisa Shugart, Lem and
Martha Allison, Winnie Dickerson, Mrs. H.C. Reid,
Pegy Roscoe. Mary and J.H. Wimberley, Mildred Martha Allison, Winnie Dickerson, Mrs M.C. Reid,
Peggy Roscoe, Mary and J.H. Wimberiey, Mildred
Cypert, Roger Burfriend, Mrs. Jack Benningfield, Cypert, Roger Burfriend, Mrs. Jack Benningfield,
John Starbuck, Mrs. R.M. Ferguson, Flora Patterson and Cyrus Pee.
Also purchasing tickets were Cathy Malone, Leon Waker, Dana Dozier, Ginny Yaddow, Ted Parga-
ment, Phillip Doan, Billy Doan, Marie Goode, Greg Oustad, Opal Malone, Justo Hernandez, Louise DuBose, Mrs. B.M. Tipton, Ruth Huffman, Delores
Boswell, Mary and Albert Reagan, Joey and Robert Rushford, Rose Etheridge, Jarrett, Pinckley, Paxton
Hays, John and Charlotte Starbuck, RM and Edwin Hays, John and Charlotte Starbuck, R.M. and Edwin Etheridge, Karan Weaver, Sam Green, Donna
Carter, Bauch Lewis, AAA Printing, Barbara-Randy and Scott Graham, Dee-Stacy and Jeremy Judge,
Robert Higgins, Ann Talent, Goldia Malone, Elsie Sewwny, Pate Sweeny, Virginia Sandusky, Mrs. G. T Moore, Mrs. Albert Criswell, Irene Barnes, J.L.
Land, Gwen Latimus, Kay Simmons, J.L. Hester, Della Hensley, Ray Pack, Milly Bright, Emma Also Entributing were Ratcliff, Harold Walker, Melanie, Joey and Kim Richards, Mrs. Dab Davis, Jean Davis, J.A. Sadler, Judy Castille, Kay Teaff, Mindy Frazier, J.E McDonald, Mrs. Wade Ensminger, H.C. Reeves,
Pegy. -erry and Jay Gibson, W.E. Hale, Donna and
Mike MeCartney, Hillman Johnson, Mrs. Ben Stallo, Gerrie Dunlap, Rip Allen, L.M. Ewing., Joe Dudley, Helen Benson, Hich and Robert Higgins, Mike Hicks, Pee, Robynn Dudley, Kent Satterwhite, Chris Cutler, Aud Holden, and Bobbie Colvin.
Also contributing were Dent Gibson, Hazel Pack, Ewing, R.N. Penticost, M.H. Ely, Pearl McCartney, Kenny-Cindy-Mike-J.C. and Betty Sims, Mae Seago,
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die and Victor Herera, John Hammond, Jay
Will Williams, Syble Riney, Skeeter Sadler, James Clay,
Tessa Kiser, Duane Shugart, Christine Diltz, Pete Morgan, Ray Pack, Heidi Pack, Fred Hunt, Lucille and J.L. Gray, Frank Duran, Mrs. John Shanno
W. J. Patterson, Robert Oden and Ruby Bryant.

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Patterson is editor


## Grayson reunion

Grayson Reunion will $\begin{gathered}\text { Club Building Saturday } \\ \text { night } \\ \text { vune } \\ \text { sist }\end{gathered}$



## Pursley grabs 4th

 in TAC meetFormer Merkel High pole vaulter Brad Pursley finished fourth Sunday at the TAC track meet in
California.
Pursley cleared 17ft. in. The TAC was the las meet before the Olympic Qualifying Trials in Eugene
Ore. The TAC meet featured 15 vaulters that cleared Ore. The TAC meet featured 15 vaulters that cleared
17 ft . $4^{3 / 4}$ in. to qualify for Sunday's finals. Pursley will compete in the Olympic Trials, and a top three finish at the meet would place him on dthe
Olympic team, that will compete in some Olympic team, that will compete in some
International meets, but not attend the Olympic Games in Moscow
Fourth place at the Olympic Trials would plac Pursley on the team as an alternate and in an nterview two weeks ago, Pursley said he would hav
o clear 18 feet to make the team. His best jump is 18 o clear 18 feet to mak

## Tax rebates up

Brad Pursley placed fourth in the recent TAC
track meet and will jump in the Olympic Trials next track meet and will jump in the Olympic Trials next
weekend in Eugene. Ore. Pursley is she weekend in Eugene, Ore. Pursley is shown hea
clearing $17^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime}$ at the Texas Relays, earlier this year

## MERKEL BRICK and LUMBER

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goodies. ast week from their one percent share of May sales. The city received $\$ 7,061.20$ compared to $\$ 6,981.14$ 20 same period last year. Merkel has received ahead of rebates last year. Trent received a check for $\$ 510.48$ and has received
$\$ 982.35$ so far this year. Trent's rebates are seven percent below that of last year's pace.
Tye received $\$ 5,066.11$ and is currently
12 percent increase over last year's rebates. Tye has receive $\$ 20,065.13$ so far this year. Texas cities shared in $\$ 65.3$ million this month, of 1.6 million from the same period last year

Stith sets musical

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## Tye city hall dedication set for Saturday at 10

By Harold Boyd
This has been a beautiful we
hope yours was good $t$ ) you.
he vours was good t) you. This Saturday, June 51 at $10: 00$ a.m. your new city view this beautiful facility. Do make it by, I'm sure you will be pleased by the roominess and decour of this nice facility. Remind youdrself, this building was paid for
was spent.
As the city council met Tuesday, nothing of any issues were discussed. The city reports were given and a representative from Yeatts and Decker met
with the council members regarding improvements to the project and at no additional expenses. This was a short meeting and business was quick.
have it. Joe's job isn't an easy one, nor would I have rm glad that is his. Checking with the the lack of knowledge of requirements for operating cycles on the hi-way, papers required etc. If you aren't sure what is or what inn't, feel free in calling him. Se'd rather visit you, rather giving tickets on
this. For some of the others, laws are writen this. For some of the others, laws are written for
your protection as well as others and when you are found in violation then this costs you. Again, Joe wants to be your friend but we must show him we are willing to meet half way or better
it's Fun Day and looking at the agenda, surely a great time is to be had by all folks that attend the
"FUN DAY". There is several hundred of dollars of "FUN DAY". There is several hundred of dollars of
prizes offered, good ole fashion cakes, pies, handicrafts, you just name it and it will be there. Put it on you calendar and make it a date
that weekend for a 3 day event. Down south of us, at will have the answer to "Willie Nelson" pienic. At just laying around listening to several groups to fishing at the three loaded tanks. So you can see just within 40 miles of Tye-Merkel a lot of happenings are
to come for the 4 th of July weekend Vacation Bible School was held this past week at the Baptist Church and the turn out was great. This
type of education is a chore and it type of education is a chore and it takes plenty of help and planning to be a success. By seeing the
little ones, you wouldn't believe how many attended

## Melton attends state FFA confab

Meiton attended the State F.F.A. Leadership The leadership Conference helps to build Conference at the Texas Power and Light Youth

An update on the sewer project-The surveyers are
charting the main line from Abilene to Tye. II you
have noticed stakes with green ribbons, thats the have noticed stakes with green ribbons, thats the
main line that will pick up our sewerage for main line that will pick up our sewerage for
processing. So, be patient, it is coming our way. Once it is here, there will be some problems, but a everything else, we have to iron the "bug", out and
then we can get away from septic service and iave then we can get away f
healthier community Again for another week, take care and if you are
oing on vacation, have a safe one and well see you going on vacation, have a safe one and we'll see you
when you return. The leadership Conference helps to build
KKowledge through doing". The members participated in activitie
writing news releases

## Join the Merkel Chamber of Commerce in

 making Fun Day 1980 a barrell of funEach $25^{\text { }}$ ticket you buy makes you eligible for prizes and helps pay for the new Reunion Shelter at the City Park

## Buy your donation tickets now




Merkel Junior High cheerleaders Cindy Williams, and Kris Rich attended cheerleader camp at Recent cemetery donors recognized

Donations to the Merkel Cemetery Assoc.
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Mrs. C.E. Derington $\mathrm{Jr}_{\text {, M }}$ Mry. Assoc.: Mrs. John
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Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hamm, Mr. and Mrss. O.B. Wade,
Bill Largent, Mrs. Gordon Howell Mrs. Ject Bill Largent, Mrs. Gordon Howell, Mrs. Jack
Chenault, Anna E. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Chenauit, Anna E. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Mr. and Mrs Eelon Harrell, A.A. Reagan, Mrs. A.J.
Ford, Maudie U. Douglas, D. and Faye Phillips Ford, Maudie U. Douglas, D.J. and Faye Phillips,
Mrs. Vicy Garland, Vennie L. Greene, Ola E. Rice, Mr . and Mrs. Joe B. Holmes, in memory of Mrs. John Browning, Harvel and Stella Casper, Esther Collins in memory of W.A. Wozencraft Family, Mrs. Homer Laney, Floy Steward, Willie E. Pee, Mr. and
Mrs. Larry Hargrove, Jim Daniel, Robert Rieny, Mrs. Larry Hargrove, Jim Daniel, Robert Rieny,
Ross Mclliroy, Mr. and Mrs. James Irvi, W.R.
Click in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Click.

USDA may decide to return to use of old formula for cotton loan discounts


#### Abstract

WASHINGTON, D.C.- Congressman Charies W. Stenholm was today notified of plans for a Stenholm was today notififed of plans for a comprehensive U.S. Department of Agriculture comprehensive review on the validity of micronaire (mike) readings as a market tent, as well as a reversal in current policy regarding micronaire discounts for the 1900 policy regarding, micr cotton loan schedule. cotton loan schedule. "A reevaluation of the mike reading as a determination for discounts is perhaps the most "A reevaluation of the mike reading as a determination for discounts is perhaps the most important single piece of news for Texas producers 俍 since the discounts first began years ago," Stenholm said. "The decision to return to loan discount differentials based on the same formula used in past years instead of a formula which heavily penalized years instead of a formula which heavily penalized Texas producers for an unusual production year in Texas producers for an unusual production year in 1979 is of tremendous immediate importance to Texas cotton producers. Stenholm said the mike reading of cotton, which denotes the fineness of the lint, has caused some denotes the fineness of the lint, has caused some cotton mills to shun the fiber in favor of a coarser lint. "Extensive use of low mike cotton is spinning denims, however, has kept the market for such cotton constavt. I would be quick to point out that this cotton is not even going into loan at present, but has been moving on the market," he emphasized. "I has seen moving on the market," he emphasized. "I honestly believe an indepth study of the spinning characteristics of low mike cotton will show it is not an inferior fiber. That's what the market has been elling us or buyers wouldn't be moving it." Stenholm said it would be almost impossible to determine the economic value of such a study, "but I can assure you that every cotton farmer in the knows the who has faced a low-mike production year The study was initiated after Stenholm


of other Texas congressional members, including
Senators Lloyd Bentsen and John Tower and Senators Lloyd Bentsen and John Tower and
Congressmen Kent Hance, Jack Hightower and
E. (Kika) de la Garza, in asking Socretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland to reviow the recently announced cha
"I can't compliment the administration enough on neir immediate and complote review of this problem," Stenholm said, "and thetr rocognition that The previously announced policy was ingquitable to
Texas producers." The loan dreount differeatials
were figured on a 2 to were figured on a 2 to 1 weichting procedure,
compared to a 5 to 1 weighting procedure uned in previous years. USDA computes quality premiums the first six months of the marteting year and loan rates for the previous year, with mariet quotations
given a weight of one and the previous year's loan iven a weight of one and the previous year's loan to as high as 10 .
The 2 to 1 weighting factor gave only twice the emphasis to last year's mike loan discount tas it geve the spot market discount, he said, thereby increasing uit was this drastic change in the crop dismecount. on an unusually high production of low mike cotton in 1979, that was objectionable. We asked the been in past years so that Texas producers would not be unfairly penalized for an unusual crop year.
Conditions in nature dictate the mike reading and Conditions in nature dictate the mike reading and last year was just a freak year which produced an
overabundance of low mike cotton in Texas," he said.

## Homers top Little League news

by Ronny Powell Ey Ronny Powell
Editors note: Ronny is the only weekly stringer
that voluntered for baseball reporting thsi year and
the Mail owes him a debt of gratitude. Without his
efforts, it would have been impossible to provide
Little League news. This week's baseball had the long ball in the Here is how it went: The, Supers smashed the Willies $14-1$ and the Braves dropped their third straight $8-8$ to the Bankers. The Supers continued to
roll, downing the Braves $5-2$. The Killowatts-Vets oll, downing the Braves 5 -2. The Killowatts-Vets
game was exciting. The Killowatts ran off to an early 4 game was exciting. The Killowatts ran off to an eariy grand slam home run. Then, Sean Woodard of the ended tied $7-7$. Friday the 13 th was unlucky for the ended tied 7-7. Friday the 13 th was unlucky for the
Willies as they lost to the Vets $11-9$. The Killowatts marched on with a $13-3$ win over the Bankers as Sean
Woodard smacked his second homer of the season.

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2nd place- Supers $8-3-1$
3rd place- Veter $5-1$ -
3 rd place- Vets $5-41$
5th place- Bankers 4
6th place Willies $2-8$
The Killowatte
The Killowatts are staying in first because they have less losses than the Supers. From now till the week meaning the best played, most exciting. So I wave chose the Vets-Killowatts game as the game of the week. In that game there was $2{ }^{2}$ homers,
including a grand slam, and several RB's. A very Good Game! The Little League welcomes everyone ocome out and watch the teams in action. Cheer for yourd favorite team. The players as well as the Thank you. Also special sound effects have been home runs only.



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information for more Engagement Jodie Jinkens and
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married July 12 th at 7 p.1.1 at the Merkel
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of Deanie Jinkens and Jimmy Jinkens of Mer-
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ate JoAnn Smith and late JoAnn Smith and
the late R.L. Minze. He
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Jim Smith of Merkel. The bride-elect gra
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