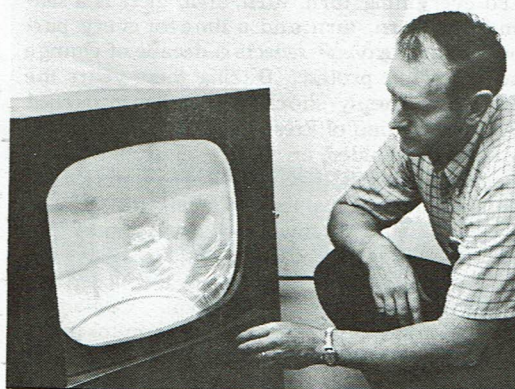


1950's

Nifty fifties



1955 National Guard Camp Mc Coy encampment.



TV as a medium came to Merrill in the early 50's.



Light planes were popular in the early 50's.

"You ain't nothing but a hound dog cryin all the time" introduced rock-n-roll into this era. Like the song, the Fifties introduced many new aspects to America: an era of McCarthyism, two new states — Alaska and Hawaii, debate concerning U.S. involvement in Asia. Television also comes to Merrill and people are becoming media oriented.

Light plane flying took an upward surge of interest with an eye to aviation becoming an important means of transportation.

The famed Red Arrow National Guard division became reorganized in the early 1950's. In 1950 Merrill's 132nd Headquarters unit headquartered first at the old Seidell garage and later built their own armory.

Highlighting the local scene was:

March 31, 1951 — Rep. Leroy Johnson proposed that a ban on voluntary enlistments be included in draft bill (to save money). . . Tom Murry predicts rates will double on penny post card. . . April 4, 1951 — Merrill has one of the lightest vote totals in history. Less than a thousand of 4,000 eligible go to polls. . . April 5, 1951 — Rosenbergs sentenced to die in electric chair for selling atomic bomb to Russia. . . April 9, 1951 — Car went off road into flood swollen waters of the Prairie River. . . April 11, 1951 — MacArthur is fired by Truman. . . April 13, 1951 — Telephone Company representatives and small businessmen oppose 75c minimum wage saying 40c an hour was difficult enough to pay.

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