Mom's Fried Cakes

4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
3 teaspoons baking
powder
1 cup confectioners sugar
1/2 cup margarine
3 eggs
2/3 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
Vegetable shortening
Additional
confectioners sugar

In a mixing bowl, combine and mix first four ingredients. Cut in margarine as for pie crust. Add eggs; mix well. Combine milk and vanilla; add to flour mixture. Mix thoroughly. On a floured board, roll out dough 1/4-inch thick. Cut with doughnut cutter. In a deep skillet, fry in about 1 inch hot vegetable shortening (400 degrees on controlled burner) until golden brown on both sides. Drain on absorbent paper; sprinkle with additional confectioners sugar. Yield: 65.