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DEATH CLAIMS ONE OF AREA'S OLDEST CITIZENS

F. M. Cordill, Nonagenarian and Early Day Stock Farmer, Passes Away Here; Wife and Six Children Survive.

F. M. Cordill, who would have celebrated his 91st birthday on the 29th of this month, died Thursday afternoon at 3:30 at his home here.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock from the Church of Christ with O. J. Adeock conducting the service, assisted by Homer Hailey, minister of the Highland Church of Christ, Abilene. Burial followed in White Church cemetery.

Pallbearers were: J. A. Buford, J. S. Stalls, Ross Martin, G. L. Anderson, John D. Jones, N. C. Bush.

Born in Surrey county, North Carolina, on Dec. 29, 1845, Mr. Cordill came to Texas 61 years ago; he later settled in Taylor county in 1889 and engaged in stock farming in Mulberry canyon, moving to Merkel in 1909.

He was first married to Miss Mary S. Bradshaw on July 9, 1865, and to his union eight children were born, six of whom are living: They are: Eli Cordill, Merkel; Will Cordill, Las Cruces, N. M.; Mrs. John Turner, Elida, N. M.; Ed Cordill, Lehigh, Okla.; Mack Cordill, Snyder, and W. T. Cordill, Los Angeles, Calif. He is also survived by 18 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

His first wife died Jan. 3, 1905. There was a second marriage in Dec. 1905 to Miss Rhoda Brandon, who preceded him in death. He is survived now by his widow, Mrs. Janie Price Cordill.

J. H. Blackburn

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Patterson, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. A. D. Barnes, went to Vera Saturday of last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Patterson's uncle and Mrs. Barnes' great-uncle, J. H. Blackburn, who died Friday at Seymour.

Mr. Blackburn, who was past 60 years of age, lived in the Canyon about 30 years, having left here about 20 years ago. He is survived by five children.

Mr. Blackburn was also an uncle of John S. Hughes and is the last of his immediate family.

W. H. BYRD

Mrs. W. E. Laney went to Willis Point last week for the funeral of her uncle, W. H. Byrd, 80, who died at his home there on Wednesday. The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon.

Dates for School Holidays Announced

The Merkel Public schools will discuss at the close of the school day on Wednesday, Dec. 23, for the Christmas holidays and re-open on Monday morning, Jan. 4, 1937, it was announced Wednesday by Supt. R. A. Burgess.

A REAL GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS—

Did you ever think how acceptable a subscription to the Merkel Mail would be to that son or daughter, brother or sister, living away from "the home town"?

Or you might take advantage of one of the magazine clubbing offers, or daily papers, in connection with your renewal to The Mail at your home.

BARGAIN RATES NOW IN EFFECT

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

A black-eyed pea caused the death of Shirley Yvonne Nelson, one-year-old Dallas child. Doctors believed that the pea lodged in her windpipe.

Louis J. Kirk, Amarillo bricklayer, was found guilty of the slaying, July 26, of his estranged wife, Florence, and was given a 15-year sentence.

Miss Virgie Ramsey, Cooper school teacher, was instantly killed when the car in which she was riding plunged ten feet into a creek on an abandoned highway loop near Lufkin.

The highest office in the Masonic Grand lodge of Texas was given Thursday to Galloway Calhoun, prominent Tyler attorney, when he was elevated to the post of grand master.

The Zephyr, crack Burlington Rock Island streamlined train, fatally injured J. C. Davis, a rural route mail carrier, in a railroad crossing accident at Dacus, 55 miles north of Houston.

Representative Bryan Bradbury of the 116th district is in Austin, working on a bill he will offer in January for repeal of legalized race track betting. The democratic platform calls for repeal.

Wanda Mae Jones, two and one-half years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jones, died in a Cisco hospital from burns received when the family home 12 miles east of Moran was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. H. J. O'Hair, 67, of Coleman, former president of the Texas Women's Press club and the only woman ever to serve on the University of Texas board of regents, died Saturday at her home.

The Texas' Managing Editors' association will hold its 1937 convention in Tyler. All officers were re-elected at the annual meeting in Houston. James R. Record, managing editor of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, is president.

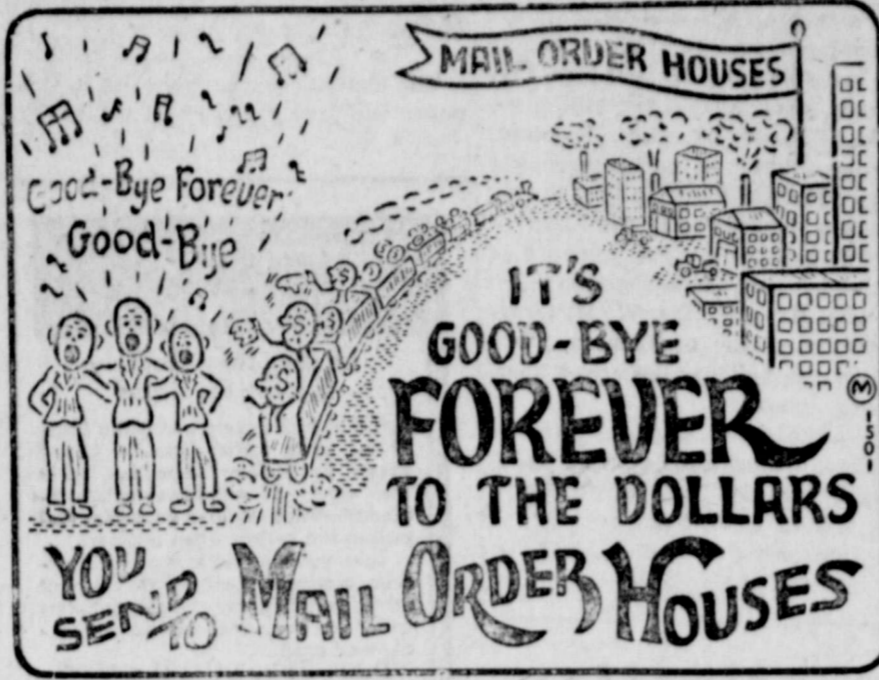
D. E. Shark, oil truck driver from Lufkin, was found dead early Sunday in his overturned truck two miles north of Alto. His neck was broken.

Investigators said apparently he had dozed at the wheel and the truck ran into the ditch.

John Conley of Fort Worth, linotype operator and former president of the Fort Worth Trades and Labor council, has been selected by the executive board of the Texas Federation of Labor as its executive secretary and legislative representative.

Oral request of Coach Jack Chevigny of the University of Texas that he did not wish to be considered an applicant for re-appointment was accepted by the athletic council Wednesday night and the university formally went on the market for a football coach.

Award of the distinguished flying cross to Major Barney M. Giles of Mineola, Wood county, Texas, for assisting in the rescue of seven CCC enrollees stranded on an ice floe in Cape Cod bay was announced Monday by the war department. His present station is Langley field, Va.



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BANQUET FOR DEER HUNTERS

Homer Patterson and Paul Douglas Hosts for Congenial Group of Sportsmen and Wives.

As congenial a group as ever gathered around a banquet table, Merkel's roster of deer hunters were guests of a venison supper Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson, with Messrs. Patterson and Paul Douglas as hosts.

Naturally the theme of conversation never drifted far from the chase, and merriment was added as first one and then another recounted humorous incidents of the open season, including several queries at the expense of one of the hosts, who it is alleged got lost.

Rev. R. A. Walker, as master of ceremonies, called on several for impromptu talks, Booth Warren having been selected as the special speaker of the evening. Games of "42" and dominoes afforded diversion in the late hours.

The guest list included the following deer hunters and their wives: Mesdames J. L. Winter, John Shannon, R. A. Walker, A. B. Patterson, Bill Fugat, Howard Laney, W. H. Laney, P. H. Douglas, Homer Patterson, Carl G. Douglas, Abilene, and Miss Dorothy Lee Shannon; Rev. R. A. Walker, Messrs. S. O. Owens, A. R. Booth, Howard Laney, Joe L. Speck, A. B. Patterson, Claud Comegys, John Shannon, C. K. Russell, W. L. Fugat, V. Garner, T. F. Harwell, Joe H. Higgins, C. G. Douglas, N. A. Dowell, Booth Warren, C. H. Jones, Jinks Winter, W. H. Laney, A. J. Canon, H. B. Robertson, I. I. Vancil, Houston Robertson, P. H. Douglas, Homer Patterson.

Merkel HDC Members Express Thanks for Splendid Co-Operation

In appreciation of the co-operation of the business men of the city who closed their stores two hours Tuesday afternoon so that their employees might assist in the movement to clean up and beautify Rose Hill cemetery, the Merkel Home Demonstration club, as sponsors of the movement, have prepared the following expression of thanks:

"We want to thank each and every one that co-operated with us in any way, by donations or work in helping us clean up our cemetery.
"We hope that God will bountifully repay you."

I. X. L. Program to Feature Spelling Bee

An old-fashioned spelling and arithmetic contest has been scheduled by the Parent-Teachers association of the I. X. L. school for Friday night of this week. The following week, a program and community Christmas tree will be held Dec. 18.

Plans for the entertainment were formulated at a meeting of the association last week when organization was perfected and the following committees selected: program, Mrs. Elsie Seymour, chairman, Mrs. Willie Matthews; radio, Mrs. A. R. Toombs, chairman, Mrs. Fern Latimer, Mrs. Jim Perry; publicity, Nell Hughes, chairman; hospitality, Mary Katherine Cole, chairman, Mrs. Carrie Latimer, Jimmie Dell Perry.

MOTORISTS ARE CO-OPERATING

Mayor Elliott Extends Thanks to Automobile Public; Officials Continue Safety Drive.

"We take this method to thank the general automobile public for their co-operation in observing traffic regulations, after the city officials called their attention to them," Mayor W. M. Elliott said in a statement furnished The Mail for publication.

"These regulations are made for every one's safety," he continued, "and it is not the desire of your officials to be hard on any one in the enforcement of them. Your officials have been complimented for our efforts to enforce the ordinances, even by most of those who were given traffic tags."

"We desire again to call your attention to the traffic ordinances and ask you to please co-operate with us by observing them.

"Remember the stop signs and stop. Remember not to turn around in the middle of a block.

"Remember not to park in the middle of a street, or to double park.

"Remember not to drive too fast. Always drive right and remember your fellow-drivers.

"We are continuing our enforcement, so be careful.

"Make your town a safe place for women and children."

Only 8,000 Receive Less Than \$10 in Monthly Pensions

Austin, Dec. 10.—In a brief pension survey this week, Acting Director Orville S. Carpenter, of the Texas Old Age Assistance commission, gave a comparison of the amounts of individual payments to 89,696 persons who will receive December assistance checks totaling \$1,384,199.

The survey revealed that 53,175 people get \$15 or more each month, that 81,509 receive \$10 or more, and that only 8,187 grants are less than \$10 monthly.

WOW Officers Named For Ensuing Year

W. L. Blair was re-elected council commander at the annual election of the local camp of the Woodmen of the World held Tuesday night, Dec. 1. Other officers named were:

R. H. Mathews, adviser-lieutenant; A. D. Fulton, banker, (re-elected); W. M. Elliott, financial secretary, (re-elected); Seth Morgan, watchman; Claude Derrington, secretary; C. P. Church, manager, who takes the place of W. H. Barnett. The two others serving with him are A. D. Barnes and Dent Gibson.

Final Estimate 1936 Crop 12,407,000 Bales

Washington, Dec. 10.—A 1936 cotton crop of 12,407,000 bales, the largest since 1932, was forecast Tuesday by the crop reporting board in its final estimate for the year.

Production exceeded that of any previous year in which the department of agriculture has stressed crop control, despite one of the most severe droughts in many years.

The 1935 crop was 10,038,391 bales, while the 1934 yield was 9,636,000, with a five year average (1928-1932) of 14,667,000 bales.

PEP SQUAD "IN- HONOR" BANQUET FRIDAY EVENING

Don H. Morris, vice-president of Abilene Christian college, is to be the guest speaker for the Pep Squad banquet, one of the annual highlights of high school life, which is to be held Friday night of this week at the High School gym.

With Miss Betty Grimes as toast-mistress, the program includes: invocation, Herbert Patterson; "Toasts": "To Team '36," Elma Mae Gamble; response, Murphy Dye; "To Coach," Robert Grimes; response, Rex Myers; "To Pep Squad," Stanley Toombs; response, Hollis Perry; "Resume of Games," Sylvan Mellinger.

Two song numbers, "A Dutch Romance" and "Wiegenlied," will be rendered by Frances Higgins, Bonnie Church, Pearl Mathews, Pauline Joyner, Mary Jo Russell and Phyllis Smith, with Mrs. Comer Haynes as accompanist, and Tiny Brown and Topper Largent are featured in another song number.

Badger Cagers Meet Roby in First Game

Opening game of the basketball round robin in district 6-B was to be played Thursday night of this week, the Badger squad going to Roby for the first encounter.

On Tuesday night of next week, Merkel plays Lorraine here and on Thursday night in the same week goes to Snyder for their third game.

Rotan will come here on the night of Thursday, Jan. 7, for the first game in the new year.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Perkins, of the Divide, Thursday, December 3, 1936.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Townsend, Comper, Thursday, December 3, 1936.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sellers, residing northeast of town, Thursday, December 3, 1936.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crews, residing northwest of town, Monday, December 7, 1936.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. John Grable, Monday, December 7, 1936.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Comper, Tuesday, December 8, 1936.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Farrow, Tuesday, December 8, 1936.

Debs' Widow Dies.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 10.—Mrs. Katherine Debs, 79, widow of the former socialist leader, Eugene Debs, died at her home here Monday night.

Sales Shoved Near Peak.

New York, Dec. 10.—Retail sales in the United States this year should reach 75 per cent of the peak touched in 1929, the 1937 market guide of "Editor and Publisher" estimated.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, December 8, 1916.)

Last Wednesday morning the brick masons began work on the new building of the Anchor's; brickwork will be rushed and the promoters expect to see same completed by the 10th of January.

The entire upstairs of the G. F. West building over the Woodroof Dry Goods Co., has been leased by Drs. Adkisson and Miller. These doctors already have their offices there, but owing to the need of a re-arrangement they have leased the whole floor.

When carpenters have completed the new offices, the dental parlors of Drs. McMaster and Gabel will occupy a portion of the lease and Drs. Miller, Adkisson, McMaster and Gabel advise us that they will install a great deal of electrical and mechanical apparatus.

Saturday, December 16th, between the hours of 3 and 4 o'clock p. m. I will sell to the highest bidder on the streets of Merkel one good organ, graphophone, buggy and harness and many other articles too numerous to mention. R. E. Counts.

At the home of his parents De Verle Johnson entertained a number of his friends last Friday evening. In the early evening games were played during which time refreshments of cake and punch were served. When this pleasure began to lag, in jest chaperoned by Mesdames T. A. Johnson

80 AT FATHER- SON BANQUET FFA CHAPTER

Occasion also Featured by Crowning of Betty Grimes as Queen and Naming Louise Richie as Sweetheart.

One of the first activities planned by members of the Merkel chapter, Future Farmers of America, was a "Father and Son" banquet and this affair, so capably arranged and carried out, took first place on Friday's calendar, when some eighty guests were entertained by the Future Farmers at the Lions club hall.

Under the direction of Waymon Adeock, the president, the formal FFA opening ceremony served to introduce the thoroughness of methods and training followed in FFA procedure, which is national in scope. After roll call, the following honorary members of the chapter were introduced: Stanley King, R. T. Gray, Joe P. Self, Booth Warren and C. J. Glover.

Next came the crowning of the queen, an event of the evening, as this was the first announcement of the selection of the chapter queen. The honor fell to Miss Betty Grimes, a Senior, who responded cleverly. Miss Louise Richie, a Junior, was similarly honored as the chapter sweetheart. To Griffin Barnett was assigned the privilege of crowning the queen.

The program included: invocation, by Charles Shouse; "FFA History," M. C. Church; "FFA Creed," Morris Clack; "Purposes of FFA," L. B. Gibson; "Projects," Norman King; humorous poem, Don Warren.

Guest speaker was J. Bryan Bradbury, representative from the 116th district, who told of the scientific developments which had brought farming to its modern stage, congratulated the Merkel schools for the addition of vocational agriculture to its curriculum and commended the Merkel

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Dedicate New School House at Tye Friday

Dedication of the Tye school building, costing \$8,000 for the structure and furnishings, has been scheduled Friday night of this week at 8 o'clock.

L. R. Thompson, Taylor county auditor, is to be the principal speaker. Other speakers will be: W. M. Warner, head of the board of trustees; Mrs. Katy Causeaux, supervisor, and Tom C. McGehee, county superintendent. J. H. Kellitt, superintendent, will be in charge.

The structure has four classrooms, auditorium, storage quarters and superintendent's office. Classes have been held there since opening of school, but dedicatory exercises were delayed until all furnishings were installed.

and W. L. Harkrider, the entire party went to the skating rink where the remainder of the evening was spent.

Those present were Misses Irene Hairston, Gladys Haynes, Jewel Toombs, Ruby Hamm, Pearl Toombs, Beatrice Nidiver; Messrs. Booth Warren, William O'Brian, Emzi Burroughs, Jake Walters, Stewart Grimes, Roy Adams, Bill Brown and the host.

Following is the standing of the leaders in the doll contest at Behren-McMillin Furniture Co. A full count can be seen at the desk where you register.

Contest closes Thursday, Dec. 21st.	
North Side.	
Maggie Compton	465
Wynona Patton	449
Grady Billingsly	166
Alma Patterson	147
Jewel Chadwick	171
Hallie Pike	136
Irene Hatfield	131
Merkel.	
Missie Dye	472
Mary Elaine Bankhead	467
Frances Marie Church	287
Anna Bell Thomas	107
South Side.	
Oleta Moore	353
Taylor Diltz	311
Nedra Paul	258
Ruth Anderson	112

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shaffer left Tuesday for Hico, Texas, to spend the winter.

Tells of Symptoms of Roup, Best Treatment

The symptoms and suggested treatment for roup, (infra-orbital sinuses), are discussed in this week's article by Vocational Agriculture Director C. H. Collinsworth of the High School staff.

"Already there are poultrymen," he says, "reporting cases of roup in their flocks. Besides causing losses from death in a flock, higher losses financially caused by decreased egg production in flocks should cause every farmer or poultryman to try to control this trouble.

"Cause: Generally speaking, exposure to cold, dampness and drafts, and also crowding and poor ventilation aid in the development of roup.

"Symptoms: The first symptoms are very similar to those of an ordinary cold, but there is more fever, dullness and general listlessness on the part of the bird. In two or three days the thin watery discharge from the nose becomes thick and has a very disagreeable odor. The inflammation that begins in the nasal cavity soon extends to the eyes and the spaces just below the eyeball, causing swelling that may become as large as a hickory nut. The eyes may swell completely together, which may cause the complete loss of sight. The closing of the eyes naturally makes it difficult for the bird to find or pick up its food. The continued accumulation of mucus in the nostrils will soon fill the nostrils and the bird has to open its mouth to breathe. Some affected birds may recover, but others may die or continue to have a chronic form of the disease.

"Treatment: Sick birds should be removed from the flock and put in a warm, dry, well-ventilated room free from drafts. The affected mucus membranes should now be washed with a good antiseptic solution by the use of an eye dropper or a syringe. Another method is to submerge the bird's head in a bowl of the solution for several seconds.

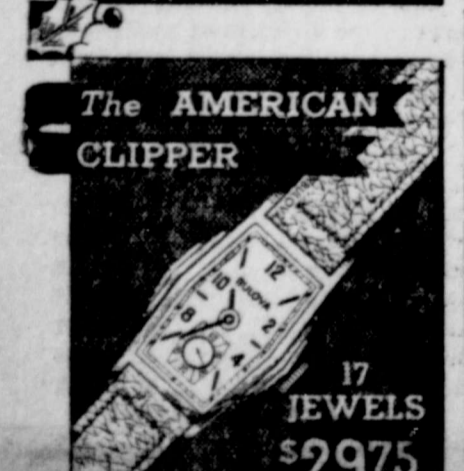
"Some good antiseptics to use are: boric acid, 1 oz., water, 1 qt., or peroxide of hydrogen, 1 oz. water, 3 oz. A 15 per cent solution of argyrol dropped in the eye regularly is also considered valuable. If there is a swelling under the eye it should be opened with a sharp, clean knife, remove all watery accumulations and then wash the opening out good with one of the above antiseptic solutions. If the bird is not considered a very valuable one and has gone unnoticed long enough to have a severe case of roup, it is often considered best to kill the bird and destroy the carcass."

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HEBRON NEWS

Rev. E. H. Scott of Big Spring filled his regular appointment at the Hebron church Saturday night and Sunday. He and Mrs. Scott were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smith and daughter of Goodman attended church at Hebron Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Carr of Lubbock visited a day or two with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark and family spent Sunday with H. D. Clark of Merkel, who is ill.

Making a trip to Big Spring Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris were Bill Harris of Merkel, Miss Sybil Harris and Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr., and little son, Jimmy Gordon.

Miss Alice Carey went to Hermleigh Monday and is spending a week with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lofton.

(Omitted Last Week.)

Sunday School at B. T. U. met as usual, with Rev. Houston Scott of Big Spring preaching at the morning hour.

Only a few from here attended the B. T. U. convention at Abilene. Mrs. J. M. Williamson attended on Thursday and Misses Blanche and Alice Carey went Friday. "It was good to be there."

Mrs. V. L. Merritt and son, Burnel,

and C. L. Tucker spent Thanksgiving Day with the former's grandmother, Mrs. Flora Hogue, and other relatives at Granham.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Deen Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Deen and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Reece and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Deen and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Deen and son and Mrs. H. ...

We are glad to report that Mrs. Lige Harris is better at this writing. A sister, Mrs. Moore, of Amarillo, came Saturday night and a brother and Thomas Harris of near Big Spring spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lofton of Hermleigh spent Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey and family. Carey of Lamesa, who came for the holidays, returned home Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey and two daughters visited Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith and family of Cross Plains.

The Intermediates of the Hebron B. T. U. gathered at the Brown ranch for

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TEXAS ALMANAC.

Every home should have a copy of the Centennial edition of the Texas Almanac. For sale at the office of the Merkel Mail for 65c per copy.

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Watch Your Kidneys!

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DOAN'S PILLS

CLAMMY CLOTHES

Experience teaches us that one sure way to "catch cold" is to venture out of doors wearing damp clothing. You may have an equally unhealthy condition right in your own home if you are troubled with "sweating walls."

All air contains some moisture. If the air contained no water vapor it would be exceedingly unhealthy. On the other hand, there is an erroneous impression that the higher the moisture content, the more healthful the atmosphere. It is especially unhealthy to permit the humidity or moisture content to reach the point of dampness. No doubt you have noticed the damp, clammy condition that exists in the room atmosphere when "sweat" collects on doors, walls and windows when heated rooms are tightly closed during the winter season. Under this unhealthy condition the clothing of those remaining in the room becomes partly saturated with water vapor. As the persons go from a heated room into a cold one, the water vapor condenses into moisture. The chilling effect is the same as going out into cold weather with damp, clammy clothing. The possibility of serious results to health is obvious.

"Sweating" walls are most commonly experienced in homes that use open flame types of individual room heaters exclusively but fail to provide adequate ventilation. The unvented open flame heater is practical and can be used with great satisfaction if applied properly. Excess moisture in the air of the home can be reduced to a minimum. Simply provide adequate ventilation in the room through a slightly opened window. Keep connecting doors open so that a natural circulation of pure, warmed air prevails from one room to another.

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GIRLS' CHORUS ENJOYS "LOVELY LADY HOUR."

The second of the series of special studies by the Girls' Choral club proved to be unusually interesting. So appealing was the theme of this particular hour that the club voted to call every first Monday of each month "Lovely Lady Hour."

Sis Gamble, the program chairman, brought these well-prepared contributions to the club:
 Brief roll call—Alto group.
 Poem—Gay West.
 Music—James Williams and Herbert Rogers.
 Songs—Girls' sextet.
 Short talk, "Why I Want to be Called a Lady"—Fannelle Gray.
 Duet—Billy Largent and Etyl Church.
 Duet—Pauline Joyner and Frances Higgins.
 Duet—Bonnie Church and Mary Jo Russell.

PERSONALITIES.

Weldon Davis.
 This year Weldon is president of the Senior class. During his High School life he has made many friends, and M. H. S. will surely miss him next year. Last year he was the Senior declaimer who went from here to the county meet in Abilene. For two years he has been in the Spanish club, Dramatic club and has come out for track and basketball. We wish Weldon success!

Ina Mae Berryman.
 During the four years Ina Mae has been in M. H. S. everyone has learned to think a great deal of her and has also found her to be a true friend. She has been in the Pep Squad three years, Choral club four years and Home Economics club one year. When she finishes school she plans to be an interior decorator. Luck to you!

HANGING AROUND THE SIDELINES.
 (By Sylvan Mellinger.)
 This is Graham's first year to play on the Badger team. He plays tackle. Arthur fills up those holes and gets those tackles on defense, and opens up those holes on offense. Graham has another year with the Badgers.

"Preacher" Windham, as he is called,

plays end. Preacher came in from Blair this year. He has shown up well on his end position. Norman also has another year with the Badgers.

"Hymie" Russell, as he is known, is fullback or half. He is a good line smasher as well as a hard man to stop in the open field. James is also a good blocker. He has another year.

DRAMATIC CLUB.
 The Players' club will meet on the Friday night before Christmas. The committee on plans is expecting another good meeting with the same enthusiasm that was shown at the first meeting.


The club has been asked to give several numbers for local programs. They appreciate the privilege, as they believe that the additional work is all to their advantage. Not a week passes without some play rehearsal. Two plays are now in progress. One group brought Christmas cheer to the First Baptist church Sunday night, Dec. 6, 1936. Frances Higgins, Pauline Joyner and Pearl Mathews opened the program with a trio. Doyle Gray, Mary Jo Garland, Weldon Davis, Pauline Joyner, De La Vergne-Teague, Dick West and Roy Hagler presented a short one-act play built around the Christmas spirit.

JOKES.
 Mr. Burgess (during lecture in civics class): "I don't mind it when a student takes out his watch and looks at it once in a while, but I see red when one takes out his watch, shakes it and then puts it up to his ear."
 Sumpy (pointing to Dick): "See that boy over there? He's captain of the football team."
 T. C.: "Well, what about it?"
 Sumpy: "See the pipe in his mouth?"
 T. C.: "Uh huh."
 Sumpy: "See the smoke coming out of it. It's lit."
 T. C.: "Sure."
 Sumpy: "Well, he did that with my match."

Always, when you have to borrow, borrow from a pessimist—he never expects to get it back anyway.

Mattie Lou: "Gosh, you're dumb!"

A Paying Investment
 A five per cent dividend and a \$500 business.
 That's what the campaign against tuberculosis paid in lives saved in 1934 when the death rate was forced down from 53.5 deaths per 100,000 to 56.6. Christmas Seals that good investment, helped to bring this about.



"Why don't you get an encyclopedia?"
 Billy George: "Shoot, no! The pedals hurt my feet."
 Dick: "What made you late?"
 Junior: "My conscience bothered me, so I flipped a coin to see whether I should study or come to the show. And would you believe it, I had to toss it 27 times before it fell right."

BLAIR ITEMS

A three-act play, "Old School of Hickory Hollow," will be staged by the elderly people of Blair at Blair school building on Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, at 7 o'clock. Everybody will want to see this play, because it re-enacts the school days of 50 years ago. There will be an admission charge of 10¢ for the benefit of the school, Principal T. R. Francis states.
 The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell at Blair was the scene of a happy family reunion Sunday when a bounteous dinner was served to a number of relatives and visitors.
 Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Graham and granddaughter of Temple, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson and daughter of Brownwood. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan and

family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and family, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer and family of Butman, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton, and Rev. Roy Anding, Baptist pastor at Blair.

(Omitted Last Week.)

The unfavorable weather here Sunday failed to cut down the attendance at the Fifth Sunday singing convention, as the auditorium was filled to its capacity and there was ample talent of the highest quality to fill all the time that could be taken by the program.

The meeting was very ably presided over by President T. H. Spears, who carried the program through with dispatch and ability. He is to be complimented on the kind of event that was had, and local people thanked heartily those from a distance who lent the benefit of their presence and ability to the success of the convention.

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Father and Son

(Continued From Page One)
FFA chapter for such progress in its first year.

Short talks were also made by C. H. Collinsworth, vocational agriculture director of the High school and adviser of the FFA chapter; Supt. R. A. Burgess, and two visitors, J. I. Moore, and D. C. Cox, VA teachers at Abilene and Tuscola, respectively.

Assisting in serving a turkey menu with accessories, and pie with whipped cream and coffee, were the following waitresses: De La Vergne Teague, Elma Mae Gamble, Vernell Bland, Laverne Hughes and Nadine Clack.

Others registered on the guest list, besides those already mentioned, were: L. V. Perkins, Lewis Farmer, Woodrow Barnes, A. D. Barnes, Vincent Barnett, W. H. Barnett, Reed Whitley, W. L. Whitley, Paul Riney, J. P. Rudd, Herbert Patterson, O. J. Adeock, E. R. Clack, Clyde Desvers, Jr., Clyde Deavers, Sr., Dent Gibson, W. C. Church, La Roy Hester, J. D. Sandusky, J. D. Sandusky, Mark Malone, Mark L. Malone, Harrison Malone, H. C. Chaney, A. A. Connell, Jr., A. A. Connell, Eldwood Cox, Box Murphree, Pal Watson, C. E. Shouse, Arthur Lee Graham, E. G. Graham, Woodrow Clark, J. H. Clark, Ralph Russell, S. G. Russell, Roy Lee Martin, H. B. Robertson, Glenn Robertson, Francis Harris, R. E. Harris, A. C. Sears, Clyde Sears, Roy Hunter, R. D. Hunter, W. H. Ensminger, Wade Ensminger, Jr., Dearward Gilbreath, Lum Gilbreath, C. M. Hughes, J. W. Hughes, Ford Smith, Jack Smith, W. A. Harrison, J. W. Harrison, Dwight Curb, Otis Odum, Jr., Otis Odum, A. C. Bland, H. P. Allen.

PERSONALS

Miss Floreine Livengood of Tuxedo is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Britt Baker.

Word has been received here that Rev. and Mrs. Roy Patterson were moving from Hereford to Booker, Texas, to which latter place Roy has been transferred from the Hereford circuit. Mr. and Mrs. Norman T. Hodge and two children made a visit last week to her mother, Mrs. T. A. Clarida, at Terrell.

Friends will be glad to learn that condition of J. Lee Coffman, High School teacher, was enough improved that he could be brought home Monday from the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene.

Homer Easterwood of Taft spent Wednesday of last week here, being accompanied home by his wife and two children, who had spent a week with relatives here.

After a week's visit with relatives in Western Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Kerns and two daughters are again at home.

Miss Margaret Turner, who is employed as traveling representative of the Fox Studio company of St. Paul, Minn., and who has visited many towns over the Texas territory in the past few weeks, is home until after the holidays.

Mrs. Bill Harris, who was called to Brenham by the death of an aunt, left Friday, but did not arrive in time for the funeral, which was held that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Boney and two sons, who have been the week's guests of his mother, Mrs. A. C. Boney, and other relatives here, returned Thursday to their home at Taylorville, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker of the Warren community were Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Campbell.

Week-end guests in the J. L. Tucker home were their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Tucker and family of Plainview, and Mrs. Mary Tankersley and children of Fort Worth.

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OES Study Club
To Elect Officers
On Friday Night

The Florence Read study club of Merkel chapter 212, O. E. S., will hold a meeting Friday night, Dec. 11, when officers will be named for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Bessie Merritt, worthy matron, requests all officers to be present to practice in preparation for receiving deputy grand matron, Miss Minnie Higginbotham, of Abilene, in January. Stated meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday nights. Members of other chapters living in Merkel are cordially invited.

F. E. Church Wins Trip
To Annual Convention
Southwestern Life

Dallas, Dec. 10.—F. E. Church of Merkel is in Dallas this week attending the thirty-third annual convention of the Southwestern Life Insurance company, which he represents. Mrs. Church accompanied him.

After J. Miles Abell, Houston agent and president of the Southwestern Life club, opened this morning's first business session and the response was made by E. J. Tucker, Houston agent, in behalf of the agents, C. F. O'Donnell, president of the company, in his annual talk, thrilled the crowd with the announcement that Southwestern Life had recently gone over the mark of \$300,000,000 life insurance in force. More than 500 Texans representing the company are attending the Centennial-year convention, and as these agents earn their trips to the annual meeting by the volume of insurance written during the year, this large attendance indicates a great year for Southwestern Life, which does business exclusively in Texas.

Lennah Bradshaw Wed
To Wilmer Westbrook

Marriage of Miss Lennah Deane Bradshaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Ashby, and Wilmer Westbrook was solemnized Saturday afternoon at the Baptist parsonage, with Rev. C. R. Joyner, the pastor, officiating. The bride was born and reared in Merkel and attended the public schools here, but for the past several years had attended the Noodle school.

Mr. Westbrook is a farmer, until recently of the Trent section, but he is now engaged in farming north of Abilene, where they will make their home.

Senator Tom Connally
To Speak Over WFAA

Marlin, Dec. 10.—Senator Tom Connally will speak on "The Next Session of Congress," on Wednesday night, Dec. 16, from 9:30 to 9:45 over Station WFAA at Dallas, according to announcement today. The senator will discuss legislative matters which will receive the attention of Congress when it convenes on Jan. 5.

Senator Connally is at present in Texas and will remain in the state until the senate convenes.

"Fair Trade" Upheld.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The California and Illinois "fair trade" acts which prohibit the sale of standard products at less than a price fixed by the producer were held constitutional Monday by the supreme court.

Last of the Ringings.

New York, Dec. 10.—John Ringling, whose name was synonymous with the "big top", sawdust ring and circus spangles from coast to coast, died here. He was the last of the seven Ringling brothers.

"Dog Tags" for Hunters.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 10.—Michigan deer hunters are wearing their license numbers. If a hunter doesn't wear the number on his back while in the field he is subject to arrest by conservation officers. The measure was adopted as a means to reduce illegal hunting.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

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White Church News

(Omitted Last Week.)

A few of the farmers are sowing grain since the showers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Watkins are spending a few days in Sweetwater at the bedside of their sister, Aunt Laura Brown, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Mose Brown visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown, of Sweetwater Sunday.

Several from here attended the Fifth Sunday singing at Blair Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Pressly were week-end visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mondel Rogers, of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and sons and F. H. Harris spent Thanksgiving in Blackwell visiting their daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kelly. Mrs. F. H. Harris accompanied them home.

Johnny Frazier, Ted Windham and Wade Ensminger spent several days in El Paso on business this week.

Misses Esther Harris and Aileen Frazier and Ted Windham visited Sunday afternoon with Miss Fern Evans of Sweetwater, who accompanied them back for a visit for several days in the home of J. C. Frazier.

Mr. and Mrs. Mondel Rogers and daughter, Gerry Ann, spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Morris Pressly.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harris and children of Merkel spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Harris and daughters spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Fort Worth visiting friends and relatives.

Misses Aileen and Glynn and Harrison Bickley from the Plains spent several days visiting with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method to thank each and every one that so kindly helped us during the illness and death of our mother, Mrs. N. C. Smith. We certainly appreciate your kind deeds and the beautiful floral offerings.

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CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the sympathy and for the assistance and many kindnesses shown us in our recent bereavement, the loss of our dear husband and father; also thanks for the beautiful floral offerings.

May God's richest blessings rest upon every hand that assisted us in this occasion.

Mrs. F. M. Cordill and Children.

FOR STUDENTS.

The Centennial edition of the Texas Almanac is filled with valuable information for students. For sale at the office of the Merkel Mail for 65c per copy.

Bereavement acknowledgment engraved cards, with envelopes to match, 50 cents per dozen at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday the 12th day of January, 1937, at 6 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Herein fail not but have before said Court at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 1st day of December, A. D. 1936.

Belle Wellborn, Clerk,
District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Zola McKee, Deputy.

"Big Broadcast" Sets New High in Big Names

An all-time high in big names assembled for a motion picture was scored recently by Paramount in garnering the talent for the lavish "Big Broadcast of 1937," which plays at the Queen theatre Saturday prevue 11 p. m., Monday and Tuesday.

Heading the list is Jack Benny, recently acclaimed by America in its own poll of radio favorites as among the top notchers. He carries the role of a radio station master in "The Big Broadcast of 1937," similar to the one he played in another radio film last year.

A close second to Benny in the ranks of popularity are the inimitable George Burns and Gracie Allen. This pair also are not new to the movies, having appeared in Paramount short subjects about five years ago. This was before they were on the air, having come to Hollywood via the vaudeville route. They also were starred in other big pictures, notably "The Big Broadcast of 1936," by the same producers, last year.

Bob Burns, "Bazooka" virtuoso and spinner of homespun philosophy, comes to the screen for the second time in "The Big Broadcast of 1937," after having scored a hit in a featured role he was given in "Rhythm on the Range" with Bing Crosby. With him is Martha Raye, the vivacious youngster who appeared with him and Crosby in "The Music Hall of the Air." She, too, went to fame in her first motion picture effort "Rhythm on the Range."

Benny Goodman, "King of Swing," and his orchestra are other radio favorites who appear in this picture. Leopold Stokowski, internationally famous concert conductor, makes his screen debut in this picture. Benny Fields, the popular singer, also makes his debut in this picture. Another newcomer of note is Frank Forest, famed concert singer. Stan Kavanagh, the internationally famous comic juggler, also appears before the cameras for the first time in this picture.

Beautiful Shirley Ross, an exquisite dancer and an unusual singer, gets her first stellar assignment in "The Big Broadcast of 1937," supplying the love interest opposite Ray Milland, English actor who is already on his way to stardom. Miss Ross has been in pictures only a short time but has already scored great successes. She is regarded in Hollywood as a certain "comer."

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Tire Industry Expects Yule Buying Season

The necktie, toy and jewelry businesses are not the only industries that can count on a heavy rush of trade in the approaching heavy spending Christmas season. The tire industry expects to show some healthy sales increases as well.

Authority for that statement is S. M. Hunter, local Goodyear dealer, who has announced that he is preparing for a gala Christmas buying season.

"Many local families have evidently decided that it is unwise to buy Dad something that may be soon forgotten and tucked permanently out of sight two weeks after Christmas. Consequently, utility is the watchword this Christmas, for there is more money in circulation and people are planning to spend some of that money on articles they have needed but have postponed buying.

"Some of that money is going to be spent on tires, and we have prepared for the season with special merchandising arrangements. A tire is a better and more acceptable Christmas gift than might appear at first glance, for the man who through unavoidable reasons has been perhaps risking the lives of his family by driving on worn smooth tires will get deep and lasting satisfaction from a new tire which he knows will stop his car quickly when he needs to stop in a hurry. Accessories—heaters, cigar-lighters, etc.—are going to account for an appreciable amount of business as well."

DORA DOINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Perkins announce the arrival of a baby son at their home last Friday.

Mrs. Albert Elliott is in Sweetwater, staying with her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Richardson, who has an infected foot that is giving her some trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Whiteaker were business visitors in Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Whiteaker are entertaining a baby daughter at their home since Friday.

Clifford Wright was a visitor in San Angelo Tuesday.

Our girls basketball is sponsoring a tournament at the Divide gym, beginning Thursday night and continuing through to Saturday. So, if you are looking for this kind of sport, come over and, any way, your home team might be there.

Several around killed hogs Monday and now you can hear sausage sizzling in the pan.

The turkey crop is moving slow, the price being so low that no one could get excited or in a hurry about it.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Carpenter

have moved into our community for another year, coming from Shep. To them we extend a hearty welcome.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank in Merkel, Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank the second Tuesday in January, 1937, being the 12th day of the month, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Polls open between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m.

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Abilene, Dec. 10.—The West Texas Utilities company, soon after declaring preferred stock dividends totaling over \$109,000, announced it will observe its Silver Anniversary this week, choosing the Christmas season for the event.

This pioneer utility organization had its origin 25 years ago—1911—at Abilene. It has since expanded to include 160 communities in 49 counties, stretching across Central West Texas from Kimble county on the south to Dallam county in the Panhandle. General offices are in Abilene; district offices are located in McCamey, San Angelo, Ballinger, Cisco, Stamford, Quanah, Childress and Dalhart, as well as in Abilene.

It has provided Merkel with electric power for many years.

Publication of an anniversary sou-

venir in the form of a newspaper magazine section is one of the main features planned by the company to celebrate the birthday. Over 50,000 copies were sent out to customers and stockholders in the 45,000 square-mile territory.


President Price Campbell announced that intensified efforts will be made during the forthcoming years to multiply the uses of electricity, and spread the benefits to more users, declaring that "the greater the benefits, the greater the consumption, and in turn the lower the steps in unit costs of electric service thereby all four interested parties profit (1) this "Land of Opportunity" West Texas territory, (2) the customers, (3) the employees, and (4) the stockholders."

He reminded the quarter million people served by the company that "average rates have been lowered 70 per cent during the last 15 years—never raised." The recent dividend, he said, was declared in the face of government interference and increased taxes, amounting the last three years

to 1.7 times—near twice as much for government tax expenditures as has been paid to all shareholders—owners of the company. This preferred stock dividend was made possible by unusual operating economies and intensive new business efforts of the organization. No earnings are yet possible for the common stockholders and none have been for five years.

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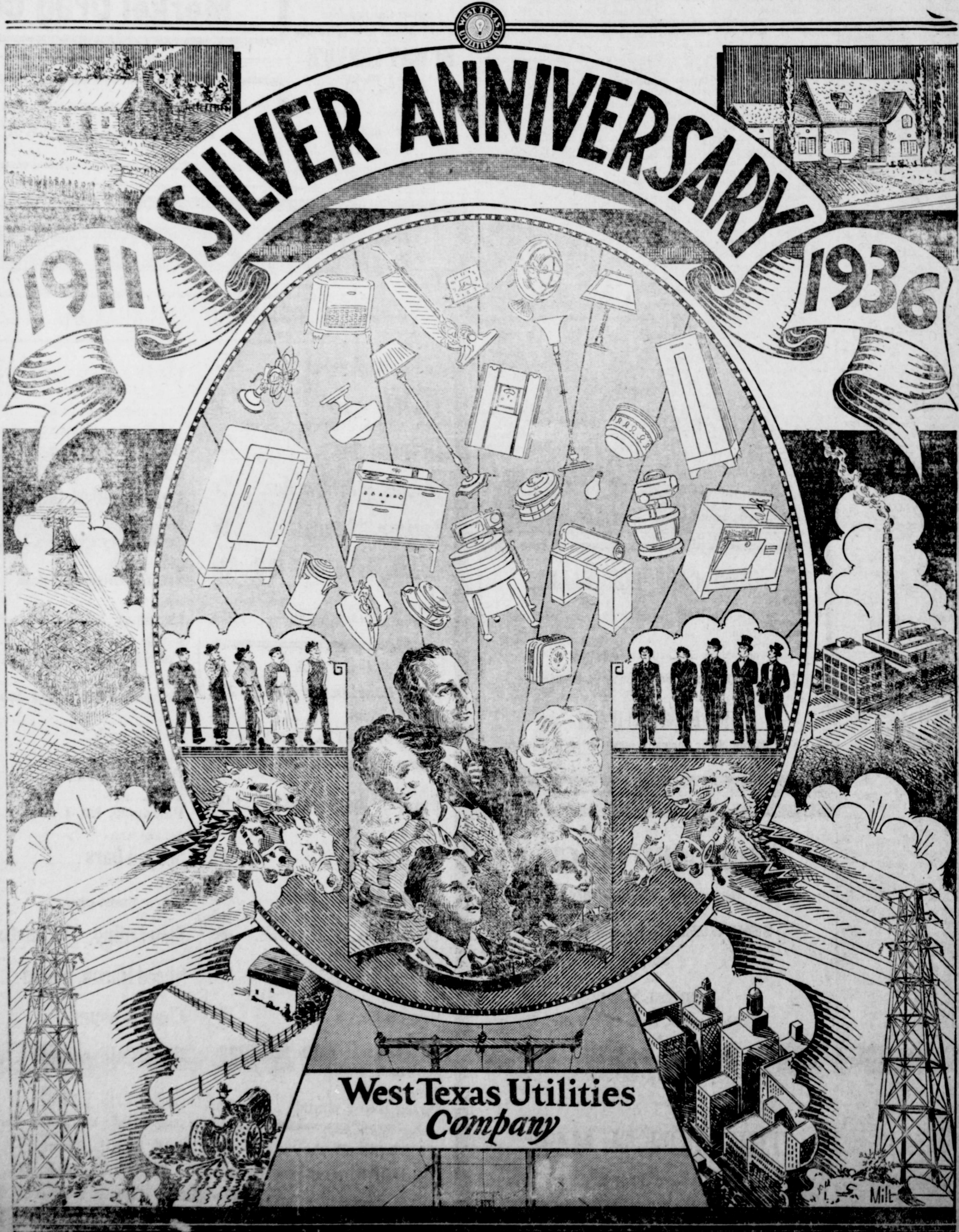
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Buddie Burks of Burnett is spending a few days here with relatives.

Supt. and Mrs. G. W. Scott have received the announcement of the marriage of their son, Winfield, to Miss Loraine Slater, which was solemnized in Tucson, Ariz., on Nov. 25, where Mr. Scott is employed. Mrs. Scott is from Ft. Smith, Ark., and was a student of Abilene Christian college, where their romance started. They will make their home in Tucson.

Mrs. Hosea Wiza and children spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Annie Boone, and other relatives.

Mrs. Twyman Collins of Merkel visited her mother, Mrs. J. I. Leamon, Sunday.

Mrs. Eva Hampton and Mrs. Lucille Richards of Big Spring were in Fort Worth and Dallas Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. C. T. Beckham had as her guests Tuesday her sister, Mrs. G. L. Lancaster, and daughter, Lois, also Mrs. H. S. Mabre and daughter, Betty Ann, all of Mountain View, Ark. They were removing to San Diego, Calif., to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Duncan of Coleman were visiting relatives here the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hamner and family of Wink spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamner and Mrs. E. Brown and Miss Winnie Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Steen of Denver, Colo., are visiting her sister, Mrs. John Strawn. Mr. Steen will remain here while Mrs. Steen continues her trip to Detroit, Mich., to spend a few days with her parents.

Homer Easterwood of Taft visited with John A. Woodard on Wednesday of last week.

CHRISTMAS TREE.

Plans are being formulated for a Christmas tree at the Methodist church Sunday evening, Dec. 20, at 8 o'clock. A short program is being arranged and gifts will be distributed from a brilliantly lighted tree after the appearance of Santa Claus.

SCHOOL AUTHORITIES TO SPONSOR SHOW.

A musical comedy, "Race Time," will be presented here Tuesday and Wednesday evening under the auspices of the athletic fund of the Trent Public school. Miss M. Martin, representative of a national producing company, is directing the performance. Local people will be members of the cast, which is as follows:

Pa Perkins, Joe Nalley; Ma Perkins, Mrs. Jannita Payne; Rose Perkins, Mrs. M. Bell; Jerry Hunter, M. Bell; J. D. Jones, John Hamner; Mlle. Deauxville, Sally Roberts; Babe Turnette, Elsie Bishop; Percy Peabody, Johnnie Terry; Squint Smith, Jack Bowers; Props O'Reilly, Bob Taylor; gossies, Winnie McDonald, Lucille Howell; musician, Vera Wright.

The cast will be assisted with snappy song and dance numbers by a chorus and specialty numbers by local talent dressed in pleasing costumes.

An admission charge will be made at the door and proceeds of the performance will be used for school purposes. The public is invited.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A group of little friends helped to celebrate the fifth birthday of Joy Lansford Dec. 3 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lansford. The little guests arrived at 2 o'clock and were entertained with various indoor games, directed by Herbert Deene West and Johnnie Roberts.

They were then invited into the dining room which was decorated in Christmas regalia. The table was laid with a lace cloth with table runners of Christmas colors of red and green on a snow white background. The birthday cake was white, with rosebuds of pink and blue with green candles. Punch and angel food cake were served with tiny dolls as favors. A number of gifts were passed and admired.

The guest list included: LaNelle Edwards, Tilda Lou and Weldon Steen, Robertus McRee, Peggy and Barbara Rogers, Jean and Joyce Payne, Cliffla Jean Estep, Jackie Boone, Ann Murdock, W. E. Hamner, Iln Gardner, Alta Grace and Margaret Woodard, Patricia Ann Beasley, Eldon Beasley, H. L. McRee, Camilla and Emilie Gordon, Bruce Gordon, Wayne Hamner, Lyndell Quattchaum, Francis Stevens, Booth West, Shirley Ann Wrinkle, Wilda Bowles, James Lewis Wilkes, June and Joy Utche, Martha Ann Winn of Sylter and Billy George Reid of Mer-

Iders present were Mesdames H. C. Reid of Merkel, L. Beasley, M. Beasley, C. C. McRee, Hamner, Quattleum, L. Gordon, Clarence Gordon, Wynne Woodard, Steen, Wilkes, Rogers, George West and Herbert West.

WOODMEN ELECT OFFICERS.

Officers for 1937 were elected by

the local Woodmen of the World camp here Thursday night. A. C. Terry, Sr., was made council commander; A. W. Woods, adviser-lieutenant; Earl Stevens, banker; J. P. Stevens, auditor; Bob Billington, escort; John Terry, sentry, and David Boyd, watchman.

J. R. Gafford was re-elected secretary. He has served the Trent camp in that capacity 17 years. L. D. Bishop and Robert Taylor were initiated. Homer McLeod and Delmer McLeod were balloted on and will be received later. About 50 members were present.

BUFFET SUPPER.

(Omitted Last Week.)

Mrs. Priscilla Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. Bert McRee were hosts for a lovely buffet dinner on Monday evening preceding Thanksgiving. Mrs. McRee carried out a color scheme of brown and yellow with tones of tan in her table decorations. She combined the traditional with the ultra-modern to inject an informal note in the menu she introduced, setting the table with modernistic design, yet serving the old-fashioned menu of baked turkey with all accessories. The table was laid with ecru lace, with lovely candelabra of pewter with yellow candles. Plain china was used for service dishes while tall crystal glasses adorned attractive places about the table, places being marked with almonds in dull brown containers.

The guests were served with coffee or hot chocolate and pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream from a lovely sideboard.

Informal games were the evening's diversion until a late hour, when adieu were said by Rev. and Mrs.

A. H. Carlton, Messrs. and Mesdames A. W. Wood, Joe Nalley, Malcolm Beasley, Lesley Beasley, H. R. Poor, C. C. McRee, Louie McRee, Bob Dennis, W. L. Matheny of Abilene, Allen Terry, O. A. Smith, Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., Mrs. Frank Allen, and Mrs. Asha Steadman.

FAREWELL SHOWER.

(Omitted Last Week.)

On last Friday afternoon Mrs. L. E. Adrian, assisted by Mrs. Joe Nalley, gave a farewell shower to Mrs. Herman Abernathy, who is moving to Wichita Falls.

Games were enjoyed in which Mrs. Ethe Winter won high score and Mrs. C. L. Simmons the booby, after which the appropriate and lovely gifts were presented the honoree.

Delicious refreshments were served in the beautifully appointed dining room of Mrs. Adrian's home. Varied fruits formed the centerpiece and lovely chrysanthemums and Thanksgiving place cards decorated the lace covered table.

Guests attending were: Mesdames O. L. Reaves, G. W. Scott, Wash, Cal Hamner, Doris Dowdy, Era McLeod, E. L. Falkner, Ed Springer, Ethe Winter, J. F. Abernathy of Merkel, C. L. Simmons of Abilene and Mrs. R. F. Smith of Anson.

Those remaining gifts were Mesdames Mary Archer, R. B. McRee, Jr., and Mrs. Annie Boone.

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LOVE-FEAST.
The "Annual Love Feast" by members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class of the Baptist church is always one of the most auspicious occasions of the church year. The basement of the church was beautifully decorated with a silver and blue theme; silver reindeer, blue candles and holders and other Yuletide emblems centered the table while a silver tree lighted in blue carried gifts for the church kitchen. A sumptuous turkey menu replete with holiday viands was served at one o'clock, the regular business meeting occupied the afternoon hours.

Out-of-town guests were Mrs. L. B. Scott of Anson, Mrs. John Tombs and Mrs. Geo. McDonald of Abilene, and Mrs. Lige Gamble was also a guest. Class members present were Mesdames Self, A. D. Barnes, E. B. Barnes, Booth, Clark, Deavers, Joyner, Swann, Renfro, Miller, Large, Warren, Brown, Dye, McFarland, Stevens, Barnett, Teague, Collins, Angus, Childress, Winters, Fulton, Ford, Carey and Miss Maxie Banner.

CHILDREN'S PARTY.
Little Miss Anne Booth was the honoree for a lovely Christmas party on Wednesday afternoon when her mother, Mrs. A. R. Booth, invited fourteen little friends in to help in the celebration of her third birthday. The house was decorated in poinsettias and holiday attire and lighted by a pretty Christmas tree from which Santa Claus, upon arrival, delivered each little guest a stocking of fruits and nuts with a doll and horn for all. Anne was the happy recipient of many birthday remembrances and, following an hour of indoor games, a huge pink birthday cake was served with strawberry- Whip and reindeers as favors to Anne Booth, Sandra Sadler, Sue Mayfield, Creta Key Case, Gene Acton Jowers, Billie Mae Sheppard, Marjorie Ann Walker, Jomaryn Tipton, Tommy Webb, Y. E. Brown, Patsy Swann, Larry Largent, Joy Frances West and Helen Haynes.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.
At the ranch home of Misses Fanny Belle and Sis Boaz, R. D. Ely was complimented with a birthday dinner last Sunday. A delectable turkey menu was served, with interest centering in the cutting of the birthday cake. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugat, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch, Misses Lois Whiteley, Mary Collins, Messrs. J. W. Justice, Firman Scroggins of Abilene, the honoree, and Misses Fanny Belle and Sis Boaz.

NECROLOGY

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noon from the First Christian church at Wills Point. He is survived by his wife and six children. Mr. Byrd was the only brother of Mrs. Laney's mother, Mrs. M. E. Hubbard, who lives at Willow, Okla., but who on account of illness was unable to attend the funeral.

R. E. Golightly

Letters have been received by relatives here telling of the death of R. E. Golightly, which occurred at a Plainview hospital on Friday of last week. He had been injured about two weeks before in a car wreck at Roswell, N. M., and died of blood poison. He was buried at Floydada, his home. Mr. Golightly will be remembered by many here, as he formerly lived in Merkel. A wife and five children survive.

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New Officers Elected By Woodmen Circle

Merkel Grove No. 563 Woodmen Circle met in regular session on Thursday, Dec. 3, with Guardian Katie Church presiding, the main object being the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following by majority vote were named:
Mrs. Winnie Turner, guardian; Mrs. Katie Church, past guardian; Mrs. Nancy Polley, adviser; Mrs. Bettie Allday, chaplain; Mrs. Lillie Barnett, attendant; Mrs. Bertie Coats, assistant attendant; Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth, secretary; Mrs. Lila Rea, banker and reporter; Mrs. Lillian Mathews, captain; Mrs. Alice Wallace, junior supervisor; Mrs. Zella Ellerbee, inner sentinel; Mrs. Shouse, outer sentinel; Mrs. Rena Keifer, organist; Miss Luna White, Miss Maurine White, Mrs. Sallie Gant, auditors. Installation of these officers will be held in January, the date to be named later.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. BTS at 6:15 p. m. WMU Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. No preaching service, morning nor evening, as it is the pastor's day at Baird. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Every one is cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. each Sunday by Brother A. J. Rollings. Young people's program 6 p. m. on Sunday. A service of song, prayer and preaching for each Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. You are cordially invited to all these services. The Elders.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.
Preaching Saturday night at 7 o'clock. Sunday School 10:15 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Brother E. B. Early of Brownwood will be with us Sunday to begin our mid-winter revival.

Prayer meeting Wednesday night. All are cordially invited to be with us. R. C. Reagh, Supt.

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Bananas, doz. 15c
- Marsh Seedless
Grapefruit Bu. 6 for 19c
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Apples, 2 doz. 25c
- California med. size
Oranges, doz. 15c
- Red Emperors
Grapes, 3 lbs. 25c
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Apples, doz. 30c
- Large size
Tange'ines, doz 25
- Fresh
Coco'nuts, 3 for 25

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