

## MACHINERY IN ACTION

# Hundreds Witness Conservation Work

Hundreds of West Texans today were taking advantage of an opportunity to witness application of man-made device for protecting the source of vegetation at a soil conservation field day on the C. A. Denton farm about four and a half miles east of Big Spring.

Multiple demonstrations which began at 10 a. m. were to continue until 3 p. m. at the field day site following a lunch furnished by local implement dealers. The event was arranged under joint sponsorship of the implement dealers and supervisors of the Martin-Howard Soil Conservation district.

## NO TRAFFIC DEATH IN YEAR

Big Spring Thursday entered upon its second year without a traffic fatality within the city limits. It was Dec. 8, 1947 when the last traffic fatality within the corporate limits occurred, and the completion of one year without a repetition of this loss marked the first time in many years Big Spring has been able to achieve such a record.

Police Chief Pete Green urged motorists and pedestrians, for their own sakes, to "keep the record going." He pointed out that the only thing needed to prevent needless loss of life was "care, alertness, courtesy." With the Christmas season at hand, he urged special caution on the part of motorists and pedestrians to prevent accidents, with attendant property damage, injuries and possible loss of life.

## Solons May Be Asked To Patch Election Laws

### Committeemen Will Not Try For New Model

AUSTIN, Dec. 9. (AP)—It looks like the legislature will be asked to patch up Texas' creaky election law machinery and not try for a new model.

A committee appointed by the governor to study the election laws voted yesterday to stay within the framework of existing statutes in suggesting reforms. It agreed it should act as quickly as possible to rub out conflicts and fill in obvious gaps, especially those of a mechanical nature. Whether or not it would undertake the tougher task of suggesting changes in such instances as a campaign expense law that is almost universally ignored remained in doubt.

# Spy Hearings Again Called Red Herring



TEARFUL RUNAWAY — Five-year-old David Garland tearfully clings to trainman John J. Keating in Portland, Maine, after the youngster gave up his plan to make a trip alone to visit his sister in Camden, Maine. David boarded a train alone in Portland but his youth led railroad officials to question him in Waterville, Me., and Trainman Keating was detailed to escort the lad back to Portland. (AP Wirephoto).

## Truman Repeats Earlier Charge

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9. (AP)—President Truman again called the congressional spy hearings a red herring today and said the committee conducting them is a dead one.

That brought an angry flare back from members of the House Committee on Un-American Activities who in the past 10 days have turned up allegedly stolen secret State Department documents and say they are about to expose the people who stole them. Rep. Nixon (R-Calif.) said that in the light of evidence the committee has uncovered "the President's statement is a flagrant flaunting of the national interests of the people."

## Red Espionage Charge Hurlled At Wadleigh

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9. (AP)—Henry Julian Wadleigh, a former State Department employe, was put on the stand in the congressional spy hearings today and accused of slipping secret government papers to a one time Red agent.

## Jewish Bid Doomed For U. N. Admission

PARIS, Dec. 9. (AP)—Israel's bid to become the 59th member of the United Nations this year appeared today to be doomed to failure. It is stymied in the Security Council.

A move to slash all controversial features from Britain's resolution for a Palestine settlement, already twice revised, developed as the General Assembly sought to clear up its work for adjournment Saturday night.

## Arabs Scrapping Among Themselves Over Palestine

CAIRO, Dec. 9. (AP)—Smouldering Arab differences over control of Palestine flared anew today. This time Abdullah, king of Trans-Jordan, was on the receiving end.

The issue resolved itself into a dispute between the Palestine Arab government—whose present whereabouts appears to be a mystery—and the Palestine Congress, a body of delegates from Palestinian political organizations and municipalities. The congress claims to represent all Arab Palestine.

## Vital Codes Under Constant Check By U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9. (AP)—State Department officials said today their vital codes are under constant checks to prevent the betrayal of American secrets to foreign governments.

Whether prewar diplomatic messages between Washington and American embassies abroad were as secure from prying eyes as in grave doubt as a result of disclosures during the congressional spy inquiry. However, Acting Secretary of State Lovett said yesterday the whole system of safeguarding such messages has been transformed in recent years. He declared the codes now are as secure as experts know how to make them.

## CROWDS PACK COURT Gibson Maintains Mind Went Blank

Samuel B. Gibson, 22-year-old Negro college boy on trial for his life, steadfastly maintained he could remember nothing from the time the sun went down Nov. 6 until the following morning at which time he awakened in a cell of the city jail when he appeared in the witness chair in 70th district court this morning.

Gibson is accused of the knife slaying of Juan Olague, 14, at the home of the latter's parents the night of Nov. 6. Gibson appeared cool and collected when he told the court he had been drinking heavily during the few hours before the death of the young Olague. He would not associate himself with the attack on the youth. The state had been attempting to establish a motive for the slaying.

## Truman Will Discuss Aid

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9. (AP)—President Truman said today that aid to China will be taken up when he meets Madame Chiang Kai-Shek at a tea tomorrow.

That was his reply when asked at a news conference whether the matter would be discussed at the affair which he and Mrs. Truman are holding for China's first lady. China aid is what Madame Chiang is coming to see him about, Mr. Truman told reporters. He added that it still remains to be seen whether he'll have further talks with her.



WELDS TRAP — Gen. Chen Yi (above), Communist commander in China, was credited with welding a trap of steel for the Suchow garrison after his troops smashed to Nanking some 10 miles to the Hwai River line. (AP Wirephoto).

## Sand Truck Slams Into Embankment

A sand truck driven by Newton King went into the ditch and slammed into an embankment approximately 1/4 mile east of the city limits Wednesday afternoon.

King, who escaped with injury, said he was forced to swerve to avoid a car which turned in front of him and lost control of his vehicle.

## Blame Japanese Diet For Strikes

TOKYO, Dec. 9. (AP)—A spokesman for allied headquarters labor division today blamed the Japanese Diet and cabinet for labor strikes threatening Japan's industrial program.

He said failure of the Japanese government to balance its budget and hold down prices has resulted in calls for four strikes to enforce demands for wage increases.

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## GIANT'S PERFORMANCE IMPROVES B-36 Makes Greatest Flight From Fort Worth To Hawaii

FORT WORTH, Dec. 9. (AP)—The biggest bomber has made its greatest flight. The Air Force announced today that its giant pride, a B-36, flew non-stop from Fort Worth to Honolulu and return, breaking its own record.

## Chinese Admit Heavy Losses

NANKING, Dec. 9. (AP)—Government military sources admitted today Chinese Communists have inflicted heavy casualties on three encircled army groups on Nanking's approaches.

They said the 16th Army Group was believed to have been virtually wiped out. The 16th and the two other groups garrisoned Suchow until last week, when they withdrew southward in an effort to relieve the trapped 12th Army group in the Suhsien sector.

## NO 'MOTHBALLS' U. S. S. Missouri Will Lead Cruise

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9. (AP)—The Battleship Missouri heads an impressive fleet that will put to sea next January on a Caribbean training cruise.

## Will Complete Home Started By Fireman Killed In Blaze

FREMONT, O., Dec. 9. (AP)—Residents of this town of 14,000 are going to complete the home that Fireman George Kettner started before he was killed in a blaze Monday night.

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## Two-Way Radio Speeds Service

Newest voice on the air in this area is station KCPO (and allied units), a commercial broadcast unit added by Texas Electric Service company to expedite service.

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The station, serving the Big Spring district headquarters, transmitter (KCPO-1), has been in operation for more than a fortnight and already TES officials can see definite possibilities of stepping up the pace of service in the field.

Broadcasts, on a shortwave frequency assigned to utilities, work in cooperation with a mobile unit (KCOS), giving two-way communication from the service department and its crews in the field.

Contacts have been made with this mobile unit at Hermleigh, O'Donnell, Snyder and Garden City. In almost every instance they have enabled TES to save hours on service calls.

No later than last week a transformer near the W. E. Carnrike blueprint shop in Big Spring went out. Carnrike put in a frantic call to TESCO. A flash went out to the service car and in seven minutes the car radioed back that power was restored.

Formerly, it might have taken several minutes to an hour or more to locate the service car in the field and dispatch it to the scene of trouble.

Although the communication system is in its infancy, there have been instances where crews, many miles removed from Big Spring, have been contacted to attend to other calls in that area. Previously, they might have returned to Big Spring only to have to turn around and go back. Another advantage is that if additional help or materials are needed on a job, they can be ordered and rushed to the scene without work halting.

The two-way hook-up can be of invaluable service to TESCO in handling interruptions during electrical storms. In such times, regular communications are usually disrupted and frequently instant contact is lost with workers as they hasten from one trouble spot to another. Now, stand-by units can work in zones, rushing to areas of trouble in their territory, or helping out in others.

TESCO has added the broadcast to help serve its expanding system. The Big Spring district has almost tripled in customers in the past 15 years. By coordinating with KCLD, a unit to go in at Odessa, and one to go in at Midland, work in general can be expedited in this area.



**HANDY PARTS PLACE**—Yes, Walker Auto Parts store at 409 E. 3rd street is handy in more ways than one. It is almost diagonally across from the city auditorium, and on Third street, handy from the point of location. Its stock is complete for all parts and accessory needs. The prices are reasonable and the service is prompt and courteous. (Jack M. Haynes Photo).

them we can, since they are not plentiful, and we just hope that enough will be on hand to fill the orders when the time comes." The Wooten Produce Co. is accepting orders now for dressed turkeys, and the firm will keep the birds on storage until patrons are ready to pick them up.

For the farmers and ranchers facing livestock feeding problems this winter, Wooten has built up an exceptionally large stock of all types of feeds. Included are the usual general type feeds as well as specialized preparations for poultry, dairy cattle, beef cattle, rabbits, sheep, goats, etc.

Also, Wooten reports that price scales for feeds have not advanced as they usually do with the approach of winter. Most feeds remain substantially lower than they were six months ago.

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### Solon Predicts A Rebellion Against AMA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9. (AP)—Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.) predicted today that more than half of the members of the American Medical Assn. will refuse to contribute to a fund to oppose a government health insurance program.

The association's house of delegates decided last week to assess each of the 140,000 AMA members \$25 to finance such a campaign.

Dingell, one of the sponsors of legislation under which wages and payrolls would be taxed to meet hospital and doctors' bills, called the organization's action "a declaration of war."

"Mr. Average Citizen is going to have to accept the challenge," he told a reporter.

Dingell said nearly all doctors he has talked to are in sympathy with the legislation, once it has been explained to them, "but they don't have a free expression."

"In my opinion," he added, "far more than half of them will not contribute to the war chest which the AMA says it is going to raise."

In Boston earlier this week, Dr. Channing Frothingham, two-time president of the Massachusetts Medical Society, somewhat similarly predicted "a gross roots rebellion" against the AMA proposal.

Frothingham is chairman of the committee for the nation's health, which he described as a nationwide organization of doctors and laymen in favor of compulsory health insurance.

Dingell said some doctors may feel they must contribute to the AMA fund lest they be barred from hospitals.

"The hospitals will have to take stock," he said, "and decide whether they are going to be tools of the AMA or semi-public institutions."

### Berlin Bickers Over Garbage

BERLIN, Dec. 9. (AP)—Bickering in Russian-blockaded and divided Berlin centered on mail and garbage today.

The Soviet-controlled state railway refused to provide freight cars to carry away garbage from the two-thirds of Berlin under British, French and American occupation.

The deadlock over mail distribution meanwhile swamped post offices on both sides with undelivered letters and packages.

Many Berliners living in the Russian sector were unable to pick up gift parcels from abroad because east sector postal officials refused to handle notice cards from West Berlin post offices.

East and West traded accusations over responsibility for the mail mix-up. The Communist rump government insisted exchange of mail would not be resumed until a guarantee was given that mail trucks would be returned from the western sectors.

The legally elected government of Western Berlin charged that the east had been confiscating mail trucks, although the West said the East already had more than its share.

### Grand Jury Pushes Spy Investigation In New York City

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. (AP)—A federal grand jury pushed ahead with its spy probe today, the identity of some witnesses a closely guarded secret.

Government sources were silent on progress of the investigation. They also declined to name persons called for questioning today.

At least four new witnesses appeared yesterday, including a newspaper copyreader, a Manhattan attorney and an attractive "mystery brunette."

Donald Hiss, former State Department official and now a Washington lawyer, also was a surprise witness during yesterday's five-and-a-half-hour jury session.

He has been accused by Whitaker Chambers of being a pre-war member of a Communist network in the federal government along with his brother, Alger Hiss.

### Wanted In Oregon, Man Waives Hearing

SHERMAN, Dec. 9. (AP)—Cecil Melzo, Turman, under federal charges in Oregon and under arrest here, says he will waive an examining hearing in order to go back to Oregon for trial.

Turman, charged with intercepting U. S. mail and taking and forging a U. S. treasury note payable to another man, was arrested in Sherman Monday.

### Truman Surprises President Of Cuba

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9. (AP)—President Truman surprised the president of Cuba last night by awarding him the legion of merit.

The award to Dr. Carlos Prío Socarras was made at a stage dinner given by Mr. Truman a few hours after the Cuban leader's arrival here for a four-day visit.

### Marshall Improves

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9. (AP)—Walter Reed Hospital reported today that Secretary of State Marshall, who underwent a kidney operation two days ago, "enjoyed his breakfast this morning."

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ABILENE, Dec. 9. (AP)—You can't have a wet norther, a blue norther and an Amarillo blizzard all at once, Mr. Barnard.

That's the sage advice of Editor Frank Grimes of the Abilene Reporter News. He's a veteran of 34 West Texas winters—and a lot more of the milder Bell County variety.

## Minister Can Now Meditate

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9. (AP)—A minister meditated on speeding and judges and sacrifice today—in a jail cell.

The Rev. Harold A. Lindsay, Pasadena minister, pleaded guilty yesterday to speeding 70 miles an hour on a parkway and to other traffic violations. Judge Roger A. Pfaff fined him \$50.

"Your honor, I thought I would get more consideration," said the minister.

"An automobile driven 70 miles an hour is just as dangerous in the hands of a minister as any other man," said the judge.

"You're being sacrilegious," said the minister.

"Don't call me sacrilegious in my court," snapped the judge. "I'm going to give you three days in jail to meditate about your attitude toward this court and our traffic laws."

## Screen Actress Denies Taking Part In Double Beating

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9. (AP)—Madge Meredith insists that her presence at the scene of a kidnaping and beating was merely coincidental and that she had no part in it.

The 27-year-old actress appeared yesterday as a witness at a trial of a \$56,732 damage suit brought by Verne V. Davis, who with Nick Gianacis, former manager of Miss Meredith, was beaten in the alleged attack last June 30.

## Joan Davis Gets Divorce From Hubby

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9. (AP)—Comedienne Joan Davis' divorce from her ex-vaudeville partner, Si Willis, is final.

The final decree was entered yesterday at her request. She and Willis, now a screen writer, were married in Chicago in 1931.

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## Burning Evidence Proves Costly

DECATUR, Ill., Dec. 9. (AP)—Police broke up a party at John McKinney's home because, they said, they were suspicious of his new-found wealth.

There was an abundance of food, two live chickens and wine for the seven friends McKinney was entertaining.

Police Lt. Howard Bridges said McKinney told him he made the purchases with \$200 he found in a purse he had stolen. McKinney told Bridges he burned the purse.

At police headquarters, where McKinney was charged with grand larceny, he met Miss Blanche Daniels, a cafe operator whose purse had been stolen. She told McKinney when he burned the purse more than \$400 also went up in smoke. The money was in a secret compartment.

## Wichita Falls Area Drouth Hinders Crops

WICHITA FALLS, Dec. 9. (AP)—The worst fall drouth on record is causing serious damage in seven counties in this area.

The situation grows more and more serious, a survey by the Wichita Falls Record News showed. Stock tanks have dried up, pasture grasses are skimpy and brittle, and prospective wheat profits have been cut by thousands of dollars.

Discouraged farmers pointed out that the area is just now entering into the period—December, January and February—when normal rainfall is scanty, anyway. Crops usually depend on fall and spring moisture.

Only two and one-half inches of rain has been measured at the local U. S. Weather Bureau between Sept. 1 and Dec. 8.

## Chicago Enforces Jaywalking Rule

CHICAGO, Dec. 9. (AP)—For the first time since passage of a jaywalking ordinance nine years ago a pedestrian yesterday was handed a traffic violation ticket—after he had been struck by an automobile.

The ticket charged Charles Wagner, 47, with failing to yield the right of way to a vehicle. Police said it was the first time that the jaywalking law, passed, Aug. 30, 1939, had been invoked.

## Model, Indian Prince At Parting Of Ways

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9. (AP)—The eight-month-old marriage of Model Ann Wells, 25, and her East Indian prince husband, also 25, is on the rocks.

She sued Prince Padmanabna Krishna Satyapal, an officer in the Royal Indian navy during the war, for divorce yesterday. She asked superior court to restrain him from injuring her.

Both have figured in some of Hollywood's famous night club battles. Once the prince felled a heckler who chided him about his turban. Another time, before they were married, Miss Wells slapped both the prince and his girl friend of the evening. She also threw a glass of scotch in his face.

## Aggies Entertain ACC Wildcat Five

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 9. (AP)—The Texas Aggies will play their first home basketball game of the season Saturday night when they take on the Abilene Christian College Wildcats, defending champions of the Texas Conference.

Last year, the Aggies outlasted the Abilenians, 63-54, here in both teams' season opener.

## Transit Employee Demands Hamper Transport Worker Convention

CHICAGO, Dec. 9. (AP)—The tangled question of demands on transit companies next year hurried today's closing sessions of the CIO Transport Workers Union convention.

The demands were presented to the sixth biennial convention by the new officers. Their report and program supplanted one offered earlier in the week by the ousted left-wing executive board.

What the wage demands would be remained a secret but it was unofficially learned that the figure would be in the neighborhood of \$2 an hour for a 40-hour week. The union scale now varies. New York subway motormen get \$1.59 an hour, including the 24 cents gained last spring, and \$1.50 for bus drivers.

But the entire question of new contract negotiations is complicated by a situation in which old contracts have not yet been completely negotiated. The union is still dickering with New York transit organizations as to retroactivity of the last wage increase, working conditions and various fringe issues.

President Michael J. Quill said the retroactivity negotiations cover periods ranging from two to seven months, but that the wage increases were put into effect last

## McAllen Schools Back Gilmer-Aiken Plan

McALLEN, Dec. 9. (AP)—Unofficial approval of the Gilmer-Aiken public school plan has been expressed by the McAllen Independent School District.

Supt. T. E. McCullum said he figured the formula would add \$100,000 to school funds here without raising taxes.

## Search For Two Boys After Car Stolen, Ditched

FRISCO, Dec. 9. (AP)—The brush country west of this north central Texas town was still being searched early today for two boys who ditched a stolen car near here yesterday and took off on foot.

The car was stolen from a filling station at Tufsa, Okla., yesterday. McKinney officers started chasing it when the driver got gas in a McKinney filling station yesterday and then sped away without paying. The car was ditched about 2 1/2 miles west of Frisco.

Competition in 12 intercollegiate sports is sponsored by Michigan State College. Last year they drew a total of 1,533 candidates.

## Courthouse Employee Charged With Theft From Blind Man

MACON, Ga., Dec. 9. (AP)—A veteran Bibb County courthouse employee was charged yesterday with stealing from a blind man who operated a concession stand in the legal building.

Henry Hysler, 3200-a-month courthouse custodian, was charged with theft by Talmadge Shepard, the blind concessionaire. Sheriff E. Julian Peacock said he saw Hysler take a package of cigarets without paying Shepard.

Hysler, who had been custodian for 24 years, was suspended by Clerk of Court Commissioners Marvin L. Newberry pending further investigation. He was at liberty on a \$150 bond.

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Children's sizes only in this special price grouping. Sizes 8 1/2 to 3.  
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# "Charm" Is Subject For Sorority Program

Adelene Marek of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority spoke on the subject, "Charm," at the Tuesday evening meeting of the Texas Alpha Eta Chapter of the Nu Phi Mu in the YMCA.

## Teacher Gives Party For Class

Mrs. R. A. Humble, teacher of the Northside Baptist Intermediate Class, entertained with a Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Walker, 1010 Sycamore.

## Band To Attend Texas Tech Clinic

J. W. King, Jr., director, said Thursday that he would take 41 members of the Big Spring municipal high school band to Lubbock Friday for the annual Texas Tech band clinic.

## Christmas Formal Held In Legion Hut On Wednesday

Over 100 members and guests attended the Christmas formal held at the American Legion Hut Wednesday night. Jack Free and his orchestra provided the music.

Completed for the Christmas evening social to be held following the regular business session Dec. 21 in the home of Marilyn Martin, 800 E. 13th. Secret pals will be revealed at that time.

It was announced that a pie and cake sale will be held at Furr's Food store Saturday, Dec. 11. The traditional bridal gift, decided on by the group, will be a silver bon bon dish engraved with the Nu Phi Mu letters.

## Birthday Observed

Mrs. T. M. Culwell honored her daughter, Katholene, with a party given Wednesday afternoon at their home, 1908 Scurry, in observance of her eleventh birthday.

## Transferred

GARDEN CITY, Dec. 9.—Mrs. P. M. Cunningham has received word from her son, Dick, who is in the Navy, that he has been transferred from Guam to Siam.

# Wedding Vows Read

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Margaret Allen Baker, daughter of Mrs. C. E. Southworth of Big Spring and J. A. Baker, and Don Roland Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Evans of Big Spring.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose for her wedding a winter white cashmere street length dress, with a double-strand pearl necklace and black and gold accessories.

## Bykota Circle Has Breakfast, Study Session

Members of the Bykota Circle of East Fourth Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. Curtis Reynolds for breakfast and Bible study Tuesday morning.

## Christmas Party Plans Made At Business Meeting

Plans were made for a Christmas party to be held in the Maverick Room of the Douglass Hotel on December 14 at 8 p. m. when members of the Big Spring Business and Professional Women's Club met in the Settles Hotel for a regular business session.

## To Have Party

The December meeting of the executive committee of the Friends of the Howard County Free Library association will be held at 4 p. m. Dec. 14 in the office of the county home demonstration agent Mrs. T. C. Thomas, president, announced.

## Eager Beavers Have Meeting

Mrs. Joy Burnett, 709 Douglass, was hostess to a regular meeting of the Eager Beavers held Wednesday afternoon. Refreshments were served to the following: Lois Jernigan, Evelyn Johnson, Dale Proctor, Vera Bruton, Lola Mitchell, Norma Findley and Sarah Findley.

# Man At Crossroads With Great Power, Declares Minister

Man, being "fearfully and wonderfully made," has tremendous power within himself with these forces within his hands. Whether momentous questions of the day.

## Final Tributes Will Be Paid Mrs. H. Johnson

Final tributes will be paid Friday to Mrs. Hattie E. Johnson, 87, who died here at 8:45 p. m. Wednesday in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Guley, 1710 Main.

## Child Study Club Meets In Boykin Home Wednesday

Mrs. Charles Watson discussed the subject, "Mistletoe," at the meeting of the Child Study Club in the home of Mrs. Zolla Boykin, 529 Hillside Drive, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. John Dibrell served as co-hostess.

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# Guest Tea Plans Are Completed By Club

Final plans for a guest tea honoring all members of federated clubs and special club guests were made when the Music Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Omar Pittman, 1411 Rannels, for a business meeting and tea Wednesday afternoon.

## Demonstration Club Has Meeting

VEALMOOR, Dec. 9. (Sp.)—Mrs. Bert Massingill was hostess to the local Home Demonstration club meeting in her home Thursday afternoon.

## Gideons Have Largest Meet

The Big Spring Gideon camp had the largest attendance in its history this morning when 34 men gathered at the First Methodist Church for Bible reading and prayer.

## Sale Planned

Nu Phi Mu will sponsor a pie and cake sale at Furr's Food Store Saturday, according to an announcement made Thursday morning by a sorority representative.

# Home League Has Regular Meet

Sheets and pillow cases for the Salvation Army emergency shelter were made when the Ladies Home League met at the Citadel Wednesday afternoon. It was announced that Mrs. T. E. Sanders will be in charge of next week's meeting.

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