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# RANGER DAILY TIMES

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## Fierce Battle Raging Near Nanking

### Ranger High School Admitted To Association

Dr. G. C. Boswell, Superintendent of Schools and President of Ranger Junior College, announced today the admission of Ranger High School to the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at the meeting of the association in Memphis, Tennessee, on December 2, 1948. Two Texas colleges, Howard Payne College and Lee Junior College, and two Texas high schools, Jasper and Ranger, were admitted at the meeting.

The requirements of the association are very strict, but since Ranger High School has been admitted, her graduates who have the required credits can enter any college or university in Texas or outside of Texas without question. The Southern Association requires that the superintendent and principal of the member high schools have at least a Master's degree, that the librarian have a Bachelor's degree with a major in library science, and that other faculty members be degree teachers teaching in their major or minor fields. The following are other high schools in this part of West Texas that belong to the Southern Association: Weatherford, Mineral Wells, Graham, Breckenridge, and Abilene.

### Former Resident Dies In Virginia

Word has been received of the death of Henry Alonzo Blankenship at Cedar Bluff, Va. Mrs. Blankenship, a former Ranger resident, died in Cedar Bluff Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1948.

John A. Blankenship, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blankenship and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Adams left for Cedar Bluff immediately after learning of the death. It was expected that services would be held today.

The deceased was born in Ranger May 10, 1895. At the time of his death he was railway agent at Cedar Bluff. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and of the Masonic fraternity.

Survivors are his wife and one son about 17 and one daughter who is married; his mother, Mrs. W. H. Blankenship of Ranger; a brother Fred L. Blankenship of Abilene and two sisters, Mrs. H. J. Adams and Mrs. Clem Kinyon of Lubbock.

### Two Executed At San Quentin

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Calif., Dec. 3 (UP)—Sam Shockey, 38, and Miran (Tex) Thompson, 31, ringleaders of the bloody Alcatraz prison riot of 1946, died side-by-side in the lethal gas chamber at San Quentin today.

The double execution began at 12:04 P. M. EST, and the convicted murderers were pronounced dead at 12:12 P. M.

## WEST BERLIN BRACES AGAINST ELECTION INTERFERENCE SUN.

BERLIN, Dec. 3 (UP)—West Berlin's full force of 10,000 German police was being mobilized today to block any Communist attempt to break up the Sunday municipal elections which Soviet authorities outlawed in their sector. Communist agitators had sought for three days to break up election rallies. West sector newspapers published warnings that they probably would try to interfere with the balloting and an administration rivaling the newly established government for the Soviet sector.

The Russian military government officially recognized the new Communist puppet regime, announcing it would get all the Soviet help it needed to carry out its tasks.

The final partition of Berlin into two cities crystallized further when the Western Powers announced pending financial reforms. They would withdraw west-

### Italian Army Chief Welcomed



General Efsio Marras, right, Chief of the Italian Army General Staff, is greeted by U. S. Army Chief of Staff General Omar Bradley as he arrived in Washington. With him is the Italian Ambassador to the U. S. Signor Alberto Tarchiani. General Marras is scheduled to make a three-weeks tour of American Army installations. — (NEA Telephoto).

## GRAND JURY SUGGESTS TIGHTER LIQUOR LAWS

The Eastland County Grand Jury Thursday, in its reports to Judge Geo. L. Davenport of the 91st district court make a number of recommendations regarding "stricter state laws dealing with the matter of liquor in dry territories and drinking drivers in all counties."

The report of the grand jury follows:

"We the Grand Jury, have returned six true bills and one no bill and have investigated numerous other cases involving both misdemeanors and felonies.

"We inspected the court house and recommend that the County Commissioners employ additional help if necessary, to bring the sanitary conditions of the rest rooms up to standard. We also recommend that the storage space for the old records be improved so as to eliminate any possible fire hazards.

"We recommend that the Legislature amend the liquor laws in the following respects and that a copy of this report be mailed to each representative from this county:

"1. Possession of any hard liquor in a dry area, beer or wine (except for religious or medicinal purposes) is illegal; and for medicinal purpose said possession shall be accompanied by medical prescription issued in duplicate by a licensed physician; and if for religious purposes, it must be in custody of the licensed minister of a congregation, duly approved by the Liquor Control Board.

"2. Transportation of any liquor, wine or beer in a dry area or in a wet area, is illegal except for religious purposes, as aforesaid.

"3. Sale provisions penalty to be raised from a misdemeanor to a felony.

"4. Consumption of any amount of intoxicating beverage in a dry area to be a misdemeanor, finable for first offense; second offense a felony.

## Chilly Week-End Due In Texas

By United Press  
Texas is due for a chilly week-end but the weather bureau said no sharp temperature drop appeared in sight.

A cool front was forming over the Rock Mountain area and was expected to bring colder weather to West Texas and considerable cloudiness with occasional rains Saturday in the southeast portion of East Texas.

Temperatures yesterday ranged from a maximum of 79 at Brownsville to a low maximum of 35 at Guadalupe Pass. The overnight low was 22 degrees at Salt Flat with Galveston's 50 degrees the high minimum.

Other early morning readings included 23 at Junction, 24 at El Paso; 27 at Mineral Wells, 30 at Big Spring, 32 at Waco, 33 at San Antonio, 35 at Dallas and 42 at Houston.

Yesterday's cool front covered most of the state, the weather bureau said. It brought some rain in East Texas and along the Gulf. Rain reported 1.8 inch at Galveston, 0.3 and Lufkin .01.

Generally fair weather was expected throughout the state this afternoon and tonight but colder weather is due in both east and West Texas by Saturday afternoon.

## Air Force Gets First Stratojet

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (UP)—The Air Force has accepted delivery on its first Boeing B-17 "Stratojet" bomber, a high-speed ship with 18 jet engines and swept back wings.

The stratojet is in the 600-mile an hour class with a cruising radius of more than 800 miles and a bomb capacity of 10 tons.

The plane recently completed tests at Moses Lake Air Force Base, Wash., and will be returned to the Boeing company for extending flight testing. The Stratojet will go into production at the Boeing plant at Wichita, Kan.

Rose Marie, 7, Russell, 4, Kenneth, 3 and Sandra, four months, died in the flames. Two others, Charlotte, 5 and Barbara, 2, were still alive when taken from the blazing building.

### J. Frank Dean Dies At Gorman; Funeral Sunday

J. Frank Dean, about 60, passed away at 11:00 p. m. last night (Thursday) at his home in Gorman. He had suffered for the past several years from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 Sunday afternoon in the Gorman cemetery.

Survivors include his widow, who is the former Miss Molly Alsbrook, two daughters, Mrs. Paul Ormsby and Mrs. Neil Rose of Gorman, a son, Jimmy of Waco, his mother, who resides at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, two or three brothers in Arkansas and four grand children.

The deceased was engaged in the mercantile business at Carbon for a number of years, moving from Carbon to Gorman in 1906 where he engaged in the same line of business for many years. He also was employed for a number of years with Higginbotham, general merchants, at Gorman.

He was superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school at Gorman for 25 years, resigning only after his health failed.

## Former Student At RJC Honored

Myrl Squyres, 1947 graduate of Ranger Junior College and senior in the School of Government of the George Washington University of Washington, D. C., has received notice that he has been recommended by the George Washington University for membership in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 1948-1949, and has been officially accepted.

Students are nominated to who's who among students in American Universities. In making their selections, college nominating committees are instructed to consider the student's scholarship, his co-operation and leadership in academic and extra curricular activities, his general citizenship, his promise of future usefulness.

This is the second great honor that has been conferred on Squyres this semester. He was recently elected president of Delta Phi Epsilon, foreign service fraternity of The George Washington University. In Ranger Junior College, Squyres was president of Phi Theta Kappa national scholastic honorary fraternity; president of the sophomore class; and highest honor graduate of the class of 1947. He is the son of Mrs. S. E. Squyres of Ranger.

## Six Children Die In Home Fire

OSHKOSH, Wis., Dec. 3 (UP)—Six small children were burned to death late last night when an exploding oil burner set off a fire in their home.

Their father, Arnold Carpenter, fought unsuccessfully to save them.

Firemen found four of the children dead in the blazing home. The two others died en route to a hospital. The mother was working in a factory at the time. He was hospitalized from shock when told all her children had died.

Carpenter, a machine operator, was home alone with the children when the fire started. A wall of flame blocked his rescue attempts. Although he was seriously burned, he refused hospitalization.

Rose Marie, 7, Russell, 4, Kenneth, 3 and Sandra, four months, died in the flames. Two others, Charlotte, 5 and Barbara, 2, were still alive when taken from the blazing building.

### Mme. Chiang To See Marshall Again Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (UP)—Mrs. Chiang Kai-Shek was expected to see a second conference with Secretary of State George C. Marshall today on more American aid to Nationalist China.

Mrs. Chiang, accompanied by Mrs. Marshall, visited the secretary for about an hour late yesterday at Walter Reed Army Hospital where he is undergoing a physical check-up. Reliable informants said she may call again today.

The length of the first visit indicated strongly it was more than a "courtesy" call. In any event her second conference was certain to be devoted to an appeal for quick and large-scale American support of her husband's faltering battle against Chinese Communists.

President Truman disclosed at his news conference yesterday that China's first lady would also meet with him at the White House. He didn't say when.

Despite visits with Marshall and the President, there was nothing to suggest the administration will change its belief that it could be futile to extend more than aid to the Nationalist regime as it now exists. It contemplates dramatic reforms are in order before China can make use of American assistance.

## Jaycees To Name Outstanding Men

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. Dec. 3 (UP)—Melvin B. Evans, president of the Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce, said today the Jaycees were attempting to find five outstanding young men in Texas to be honored with awards from the junior chamber.

The awards of gold trays will be made at a banquet in Victoria, Tex., on Jan. 22, and nominations must be received at the state headquarters of the organization in Abilene before Jan. 4.

Evans said all men in Texas between the ages of 21 and 35 were eligible and that nominations were being solicited from all sources.

He said judging would be on the basis of the nominee's contribution to community welfare, service to the state, participation in all-around activities and exhibition of leadership.

## COPS SPONSOR SPANKING

TACOMA, Wash. (UP)—Prowl car officers Henry Outout and George Edwards rushed to a home here after receiving a call from a small boy that a "big fight" was in progress. Upon arrival they learned that the boy had been whipped by his mother. Their recommendation: still more of the old-fashioned discipline.

## MORE HOLIDAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (UP)—President Truman today ordered a half-holiday for federal workers on the day before Christmas.

## UN COMMITTEE REJECTS PALESTINE MERGER PLAN

PARIS, Dec. 3 (UP)—The United Nations political committee today rejected an Anglo-American recommendation for merging the Arab half of partitioned Palestine with the Kingdom of Trans-Jordan.

The committee voted 26 to 18 with 12 countries abstaining against the Palestine-Trans-Jordan merger as originally proposed by the late Count Folke Bernadotte. Earlier, the United States and Britain also conceded defeat in efforts to inject Bernadotte's boundary plan into United Nations negotiations for a Palestine peace.

## ALL AVAILABLE STRENGTH MUSTERED BY BOTH SIDES

BY UNITED PRESS

An estimated 750,000 Chinese Nationalist and Communist troops were locked today in a fierce battle above Nanking that may determine the fate of that Nationalist capital.

Front reports said both sides have thrown all available strength into the see-saw struggle raging over a 40-square mile area along the Huai river 120 miles north of Nanking.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek was reported to have called reinforcements from as far as Sinkiang province to bolster Nanking's outer defenses. Part of the Nanking garrison already has joined the battle.

Nationalist military quarters conceded the outcome of the battle probably will determine whether Chiang can hold his capital through the winter.

The battleground centers around Suhsien, where 18 Communist columns are fighting to stem a northern assault by three Nationalist army groups under Gen. Tu Yi-Ming and a southern assault by forces from Pongpu.

Front reports said the Communists virtually have halted Tu's drive from the north, but the southern Nationalists had advanced 15 miles north of Pongpu and recaptured Taolochi.

The government belatedly admitted the fall of Suchow, 185 miles north of Nanking. The Suchow garrison has joined Tu's forces in the assault on Suhsien from the north.

The rush to leave Nanking was in full swing. It was estimated that 200,000 persons, mostly families and dependents of officials, planned to join the exodus. Twelve long trains were leaving every 24 hours on the 140 mile trip to Shanghai.

One source estimated that 750,000 men are involved in the battle, which is being fought in an area criss-crossed by the Nanking-Suchow railway and the Huai river, providing natural defense points for both sides.

An official government release placed Communist strength in the entire theater at 560,000 men. No figures were released on the size of the government forces, but Tu Yi-Ming's command previously was estimated at 200,000 men.

The government release said that 159,000 Communists and 98,000 Nationalists already have been killed, wounded and captured in the three weeks of fighting in this area that preceded the fall of Suchow.

An assessment against each well was made to provide a fund for the expenses of the committee's engineers, who will make an extensive study.

The Kirk pool was discovered last January and is along the boundary of Eastland and Comanche counties.

## Sixteen Killed In Berlin Crash

BERLIN, Dec. 3 (UP)—Sixteen persons were killed and seven seriously injured today when a Berlin-bound passenger train crashed into a halted passenger train in the Russian zone, just outside the city limits of Berlin.

German railroad headquarters said eight others were less seriously injured.

The Berlin express train, coming from the Baltic seaport of Rostock, was filled to capacity when it crashed into the standing train, it was said. It was running 25 minutes behind schedule.

Guests at the luncheon were J. D. Nichols and Pat Thomas who were introduced by the president, R. V. Galloway also announced the appointment of Charles Milliken as tax adviser to fill the vacancy created when Dr. Ray C. Ameen moved from Ranger to Houston.

### THE WEATHER

EAST TEXAS—Fair this afternoon and tonight, a little warmer in west and north portions. Saturday considerable cloudiness, occasional rain in southeast portion late Saturday. Colder in northwest portion Saturday. Gentle to moderate variable winds on coast becoming moderate to fresh southeasterly Saturday.

WEST TEXAS—Fair this afternoon and tonight. A little warmer this afternoon. Saturday partly cloudy, colder in the Panhandle and South Plains.

Temperature at 1:30 p. m. today: Maximum 64 Minimum 44 Hour's Reading 66 Temperature for the last 24 hours ending at 8:00 a. m. today: Maximum 60 Minimum 31



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## Texas Hunter Bags Deer With Bow and Arrow

STEPHENVILLE, Tex., Dec. 3 (UP) — Bagging a buck deer with a bow and arrow is a difficult feat that becomes even more of an accomplishment when you have to battle the wounded animal on ice.

But it's what happened to Franklyn (Jeff) Conley, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Conley here. And to add to the hazards, it resulted in Conley becoming the first bow and arrow hunter to bag a deer of the 1948 season in North Dakota.

Conley used a bow that he made while a Boy Scout attending Camp Wilderness in Minnesota. It was forgotten and little used since that time, but was called to mind again when Conley was

attending a Boy Scout meeting in Jamestown, N. D., recently.

Conley, who collected eight battle stars while serving 31 months with the Navy during World War II, currently is enrolled as a junior at Jamestown College. Conley made his kill at the Arrowood Refuge, north of Jamestown. The shaft pierced the animal near the heart, and brought down the four-point, 163-pound buck on the edge of Arrowood Lake.

The young hunter, who was with four companions, twanged his arrow into the deer from 20 feet, and the animal staggered and ran some 300 yards out onto the ice of the lake before falling to its knees.

But when Conley and one of his companions drew near the wounded buck, it got to its feet and charged Conley who was armed with a bayonet.

A blow on the head with the weapon stunned the buck, which dropped to its knees again. However, it quickly got up and charged

### AT YOUR ARCADIA FRIDAY & SATURDAY



WALTER BRENNAN takes tea with BARBARA BEL GEDDES in this scene from RKO's "BLOOD ON THE MOON," starring Robert Mitchum.

## Houston May Get Major Stadium

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 3 (UP) — A drive for a major stadium in Houston, whether it be a war memorial or not, was hinted today by Councilman William A. Kirkland, who first sponsored the idea. At a routine council meeting this week, Kirkland suggested a stadium seating up to 100,000 persons and built at a cost of between \$2,500,000 and \$5,000,000. The idea drew immediate endorsement from Mayor Oscar Holcombe and other council members, but opposition came from the Harris County Gold Star Mothers. They said such an installation would "lack dignity."

"The city needs a stadium of this type badly," Councilman Kirkland observed. "Other cities have them, and I believe Houston should, too." Kirkland, himself a war veteran, thought the stadium would be suitable for a war memorial, but suggested the plan could stand on its own merits, "even if it was a memorial to the county's war dead."

## Bowie Well Opens Up New Oil Field

BOWIE, Tex., Dec. 3 (UP) — A new oil well in what is thought to be a new field six miles southwest of Bowie was reported today. The well is the Joe Evans wildcat test drilled by the Starr Oil Co. It blew in late Wednesday night, spraying oil over a large area around the well.

The hole has been plugged back to the Caddo, after drilling to the Conglomerate. The Caddo formation was perforated at around 5,600 feet. No production tests have been made yet. The well is 1,200 feet northeast of the old Sinclair Prairie well drilled in 1942, and which still flows.

## Colorado Strike Holds Promise Of Big Boom

DALLAS, Tex. Dec. 3 (UP) — A new major discovery flowing 26 barrels of premium oil every hour may give Colorado a boom in black that will set its neighboring states "afire," oilman D. Harold Byrd said today.

Byrd returned to Dallas last night after flying over the S a n Juan basin in Montezuma county, where the strike was made.

The discovery is the Byrd-Frost Driscoll No. 1 on the Dove Creek structure. It was shut in Wednesday night, Byrd said.

"It's an awful big thing," he said. "It's opening up a whole oil province that had just been fooled with."

Byrd said the oil was tester at 68 gravity. "It should be worth from \$4 to \$5 a barrel," he said. Carbon dioxide gas was struck at 8,286 feet on the Mississippi river line. Then, Byrd said, operators plugged back almost 3,000 feet to where the premium oil was struck.

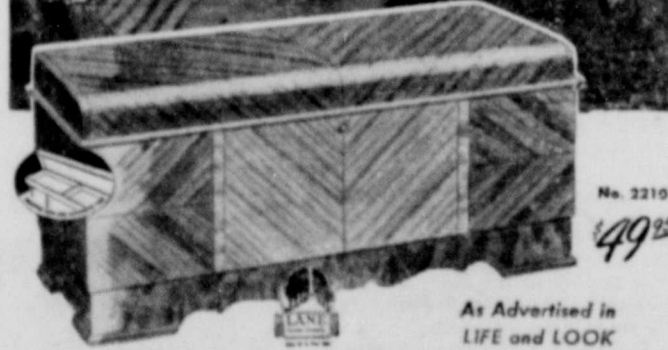
Byrd said his company had leased 43 structures in Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona and would extend its operations on the 40,000 acres surrounding the rich wildcat.

He said plans were being made to build a pipeline to Salt Lake City and then to San Francisco. "We've been drilling three years and this is the third field in five or six tries," Byrd said jubilantly.

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## Oil and Gas News

### Area OIL News

December 2.

Commercial Production Company No. 1 E. L. P. added Thursday morning using 2000 gallons. The well is cleaning itself out but does not look too strong. Commercial Production Company No. 5 J. C. Burns have run their potential. The well gauged 62 barrels of 42 gravity oil under a 10-64 inch choke, with 800 lbs. pressure on casing and 500 on tubing.

Luling Oil and Gas No. 1 Moate are still working on installing the tank battery and that battery is set toward the next location which may indicate that they intend drilling not too far into the future a second hole on this lease.

D. D. Feldman No. 1 Cooper are still working on installing tank battery. They will set on their No. 2 location within the next day or two.

R. H. Patterson No. 1 Davis drilling at 2400 feet. They finally found a shoulder firm enough in the sand to set their 8 inch casing.

National Cooperative Refinery Association No. 1 Krell are drilling out the plug preparing to drill perhaps another 20 to 30 feet below the show indicated in the bottom of the present hole and then to set and treat that bottom show.

Luling Oil and Gas No. 1 Rumph have moved their rig off this location and are waiting for completion units to finish this well.

Kirk and Haynes No. 1 Glover drilling at 2916 feet after having overcome a temporary setback during the last 24 hours due to machinery breakdown.

Gregg and Glass No. 4 Phillips drilling at 2400 feet.

Gregg and Glass No. 5 Phillips have set surface pipe and are WOC.

Gregg and Glass No. 1 H. O. Bailey are rigging up with Glass's rig doing the drilling.

In the bee family, the worker has 3,000 to 4,000 lenses in its eyes, the drone 7,000 to 8,000, a queen about 5,000.

IT'S AMERICAN IT'S OUT BERLIN, Dec. 3 (UP) — Chewing gum went on the verboten list in the Soviet sector of Berlin today.

"Chewing gum is American," a German policeman in the Russian sector told a reporter. "It now is against the law here."

## Bowery Social Register Revised

NEW YORK, Dec. 3 (UP) — The Bowery News announced the 1948 revision today of the "Bowery social register."

Kicked out were: Dan O'Brien, honorary hobo king, "for semi delinquency. He's become a bottle baby." Bozo, the hobo poet, for becoming a pearl diver (dishwasher) in a gandy dapper (railroad worker) camp. Admitted: Boxcar Betty, cigar smoking, 200 pound former hula-hula dancer, coal miner and snake charmer, for donating five city lots in North Brunswick, N. J., for a hobo's rest home.

Not ready until next April. Nelson Jones, Humble Oil attorney, said his clients would spend \$1,670,000 for compression facilities and \$150,000 for laying a pipeline to connect with the Tennessee Gas Transmission Co.'s outlet.

Jones said a shutdown of the well under the order would have halted oil production valued at \$13,500, whereas the total value of gas flared in the next five months would amount to less than \$9,000.

He said yesterday that the Heyser ruling will be appealed and the state "will follow through" on suits brought by the other operators.

Daniel estimated that the flaring of gas would equal, within five months, burning of 500,000 barrels of oil on the ground.

In fighting the close-in order, attorneys for the oil producers said their clients had not been able to obtain pipeline and compression facilities needed to handle the casinghead gas.

One attorney said facilities

Gus Schaefer, king of beggars, for "hitting the road again at 64 and showing daredevil achievement in stemming (panhandling) three Pittsburgh working stiff (laborers) only 10 feet from a bull (policeman)."

Hobo King Ben Benson "who at the age of 65 made a coast to coast trip without any money, despite rising living costs including demands for tips by flophouse attendants," and "now in Pershing Square, Los Angeles, defying all hobo kings to come out and fight."

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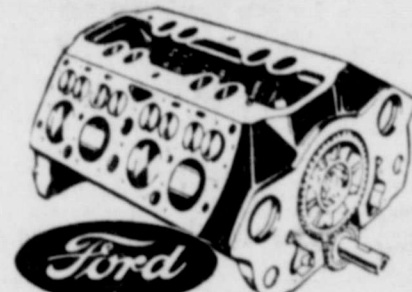
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## BLAIK DENIES RESPONSIBILITY FOR ARMY'S BOWL BID REFUSAL

By OSCAR FRALEY  
 United Press Sports Writer  
 NEW YORK, Dec. 3 (UP)—Stern with indignation, Army Football Coach Earl (Red) Blaik vehemently denied today that he had "anything" to do with refusing a bowl bid—of which Army had three—because she feared a possible meeting with powerful Notre Dame.

Blaik, who has turned out three undefeated teams at Army within four years, insisted that he "never was much of a bowl man." And he disclosed that when he coached at Dartmouth he personally had turned thumbs down on a Rose Bowl bid.

The Army coach was tight-lipped and grim-eyed as he refuted a New Orleans report that he had turned down a Sugar Bowl bid after Secretary of the Army Kenneth Royal and top academy officials had okayed the trip.

"On Nov. 9, Gen (Maxwell D.) Taylor announced that we were not interested in post-season games," Blaik said. "Later Secretary Royal called and asked Taylor what was our stand. Gen Taylor told him we were against such games and it was Taylor's decision—not Blaik's."

Three of the top bowls, excluding the Rose Bowl, had invited Army "several times" during the past couple of years and also this season, Blaik explained.

"There are always dirty innuendoes," he snapped.

"We are different than any other institution," the dark-haired coach added. "Our boys don't get to go home often. Christmas week is about the only time. Then, too, they have their written mid-year examinations in December—and it doesn't matter whether you play football or not if you fail them."

That, he explained, was the chief reason why Army has refused all bowl offers.

"Football still is incidental at West Point," he said. "And it should be. I believe the purpose of going to college is to get an education. These games extend the season but, more important, they might cause some cadet to flunk out of the academy. It wouldn't be worth it if one boy failed."

Blaik made these statements as he appeared to accept the Lambert award for Army as the outstanding team in the east this season.

"But I don't think we'll be back to claim it next year," he said.

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## Playoff Games Slated Today

By United Press  
 Playoff games in all three divisions of the Texas Interscholastic League's championship playoffs were scheduled for today or tonight, but most of the action will be in the class A section which is playing through to a state crown for the first time.

Two afternoon games today pitted Waco against Palestine at Waco in Class A with the Central Texas Tigers prohibitive favorites over Palestine and Monahans against Ballinger at Ballinger with Monahans the odds-on choice to make it 12 in a row this season.

Tonight there will be one game each in Class AA and city conference play. Dallas Woodrow Wilson will play host to Fort Worth Arlington Heights and rated only a slight edge over the unbeaten, but tied Fort Worth eleven. Denison meet El Paso Austin at Denison in the class AA game and will also rate a slight edge.

Six class A games are on tap tonight.

Bowie will be a nodding favorite over Irving a Fort Worth, New London will be a comfortable choice over Dekalb at Kilgore, Van will be a one-touchdown favorite over Lavaca at Van, New Braunfels will be a slightly better choice over Cameron at Cameron, El Campo about the same marginal favorite over Aldine at Houston and Fairfairs a close choice over Carrizo Springs at Fairfairs.

Tomorrow, Houston Lamar and San Antonio Jefferson meet at Houston in a city loop game and Phillips and Fort collide in the lone class A contest remaining.

In class AA, Wichita Falls goes to Odessa, Breckenridge to Highland Park, Fort Arthur to Bartown and San Benito to Austin.

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## Four More Nazis Hanged By U S

LANDSBERG, Germany, Dec. 3 (UP)—Four more Germans were hanged today by the United States Army for crimes against Allied airmen captured during the war.

They were: Erich Wintzel, naval lieutenant and adjutant of the naval Flak Battalion on Borkum island in the North Sea.

Hans Eichel, 58, police director of the protective police at Orrenbach, Germany, with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

George Eckstein, 46, a medical lieutenant and high ranking officer in the people's army at Wasser-Trudingen.

Josef Remmele, 45, SS sergeant assigned to the Dachau concentration camp and labor service and roll call leader.

The hangings took place without incident in one hour and 10 minutes in the cold prison courtyard, where numerous other Nazi war crimes have gone to their deaths.

Wentzel was on duty at Borkum when seven crew members of an American bomber were captured after making a forced landing.

He volunteered to accompany a guard detail along the route over which the fliers were to be marched through town. He led them over the longest of three possible routes, where 80 to 100 men of the German Workers Corps had formed two lines through which the fliers had to march. The Am-

ericans were beaten with fists and kicked by members of the corps without interference from the lieutenant or guard detail.

Eichel issued orders that captured Allied fliers be shot.

Eckstein beat and shot to death American fliers.

Remmele participated in mass atrocities at Dachau and selected invalids for extermination.

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**Personals**

Mrs. Pete Jensen has as her guests Dr. and Mrs. Frank Jensen of Newman Grove, Nebraska.

Mrs. Allie Faircloth has returned from Wichita Falls where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Billie Redd.

Mrs. Irene Finley to Morton Valley has received word that her son, Buster Gray, who has been employed at Hobbs, New Mexico, has reentered the service of the Army.

Lee Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Crawford and Howard Baggett, son of Mrs. Ila Mae Jones, have enlisted in the Army and have been assigned to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

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**VFW Auxiliary Has Meeting Thursday**

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Ralph McKinley Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars met Thursday night at 7:30 at the headquarters.

Mrs. Don Butler, president, presided and read a letter from national headquarters setting forth the opportunities the Auxiliary has for increasing the VFW membership during the Golden Jubilee year. The letter also pointed out the benefits offered by the VFW Auxiliary.

Mrs. Butler also read a letter and poem from the department commander, F. A. Childress, acknowledging a letter of thanks from the past commander, Don Butler.

An initiation ritual was conducted to take into membership, Mrs. W. F. Bonner, Mrs. J. W. Elder, Mrs. Charles Stafford, Mrs. S. J. Savage and Mrs. Kirk Wheat.

Mrs. Raymond Landroop and her membership team will entertain Mrs. Don Butler and her team, the latter having won the membership contest. A Christmas party for Dec. 16 at the headquarters is also being planned.

Members were reminded that dues expire on Dec. 31 and after that date members will not be in good standing unless the dues are paid.

**Julia Alexander Grove Has Meeting**

Members of the Julia Alexander Grove Number 1954 of the Woodmen Circle met Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Odd Fellows hall for a business session.

Mrs. Lillie Wilson, president, presided and heard sick reports and communications. Mrs. Laura Melton was admitted as a social member.

New officers were elected and those chosen were: president Mrs. Thelma Bott; past president, Mrs. Wilson; first vice-president, Mrs. Lena Patterson; second vice-president, Mrs. Mollie Patterson; corresponding and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruby Greer; chaplain, Mrs. Edna Williamson; musician, Mrs. Beattie Harris; treasurer, Mrs. Greer; captain, Mrs. Hattie Lester; attendant, Mrs. Mabel Greer; assistant attendant, Mrs. Laura Melton; secretary, Mrs. Harris; auditor, Mrs. Mable Greer; and reporter Mrs. Eula Blackwell.

Plans were made at the meeting for a Christmas luncheon to be held Wednesday, Dec. 8 in the home of Mrs. Wilson. Gifts will be exchanged.

Eleven members were present at the meeting Wednesday.

**Get a Brush-Off**

**PEABODY, Mass. (UP)**—A brush with a broom hospitalized Joseph Wodanoe, 64. Wodanoe stepped from a bus past as a street cleaner gave his broom a push and actually was swept off his feet.

**TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS**

**GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 3 (UP)**—A five-mile section of the Houston ship channel, between Baytown and Lynchburg, will be dredged at a cost of \$250,000, according to a contract award announced by the U. S. District Engineers here.

Successful bidder to remove 1,540,000 yards of silt from the waters was the Atlantic, Gulf & Pacific Dredging Co. Work is to start immediately after formal awarding of the contract by the engineers.

**AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 3 (UP)**—Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer, announced today that the third reported case of smallpox this year in Texas had been recorded in Palo Pinto County.

One case was reported last week in Tarrant County.

"Small pox," the state health officer said, "is now a 'rare' disease due to extensive vaccinations during past years."

However, he added, that the disease may again become "a menace if vaccination of everyone is not practiced." Vaccination, he said, should be given twice—once early in infancy and again when the child enters school.

**ODESSA, Tex., Dec. 3 (UP)**—The operator of an oil well which burned three hours after an explosion in a four-inch line believed today the explosion was set off by a spark.

The line was located between the well with nitroglycerin Wednesday night and it began flowing. The well then was shut down. Flames spread from the well to the tank after the explosion.

**AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 3 (UP)**—More people saw Texas' 36 state parks during the last fiscal year than ever before, J. V. Ash, chairman of the state parks board, has announced.

In a report of the board's activities for the year ending Aug. 31, 1948, Ash said that 2,588,503 persons passed through the gates during that period. And expenditures, Ash reported, averaged about seven cents for each park.

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**Purged Solon Faces Charges**

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (UP)**—Former Rep. Roger C. Slaughter, the Missouri Democrat whom President Truman helped "purge" from Congress, faced arraignment today on charges of illegal lobbying.

As Mr. Truman worked to tighten up federal lobby laws, Slaughter was summoned before Federal Judge Henry A. Schweinhart to plead "guilty" or "not guilty" to a grand jury allegation that he failed to influence legislation for grain interests.

Slaughter, an anti-administration member of the powerful house rules committee, was defeated in the 1946 Missouri primary by the pro-Truman candidate, Enos Axtell. Mr. Truman actively supported Axtell, but he was defeated in the general elections.

The indictment against Slaughter was returned last week. The grand jury charged that four grain firms paid him \$43,000 to work for the defeat or amendment of bills in which they had an interest.

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