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THE RANGER DAILY TIMES is the oldest daily newspaper in Eastland county, the first edition appearing on June 1, 1919. World news is furnished the readers through United Press daily wire service.

## Chiang Rushes Forces To Defend Nanking

### OVER HALF MILLION TROOPS LOCKED IN APPROACHES TO GOV'T CAPITAL

#### Cuban President Guest Of Truman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (UP)—President Truman will drive to National Airport this afternoon to greet Carlos Prío Socarras, president of Cuba who arrives for a state visit.

President Prío, traveling aboard Mr. Truman's special plane, The Independence, will arrive here from Cuba at 4 P.M.

#### Japs Pass Quiet Pearl Harbor Day

TOKYO, Dec. 8 (UP)—The anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack passed here without incident or notice and the only comment on the subject by Japanese was in response to questions by foreigners.

#### Baptists Elect Ft. Worth Pastor

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 8 (UP)—Election of the Rev. Floyd Chaffin, pastor of Polytechnic Baptist church here, to the second highest office in the Texas Baptist Convention was announced today.

### LOWEST TEMPERATURES DUE IN STATE TONIGHT

A fast moving cold front will bring the lowest temperatures of the fall to the state as a whole tonight but no severe weather is in sight, forecasters A. M. Hamrick of the Dallas weather bureau predicted today.

#### Report On Sec. Marshall Bright

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (UP)—Secretary of State George Marshall today is making "an uneventful recovery" from his serious kidney operation.

#### Johnson States Stand On Issues

Dallas, Dec. 8 (UP)—Senator-elect Lyndon Johnson today was on record for Texas ownership of its tidelands and against federal action in the civil rights field or repeal of the Taft-Hartley law.

#### Legion Meeting Thursday Night

The regular meeting of the Carl Barnes Post of the American Legion will be held Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Legion Hall.

#### TO BECOME CITIZEN

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 8 (UP)—British author James Hilton disclosed today he has taken out his first naturalization papers after 14 years residence in the United States.

#### THE WEATHER

BY UNITED PRESS  
East Texas: Partly cloudy, warmer in the north and west, central portions this afternoon, and in the east and south portions early tonight.

### Last Rites For S. R. Black Held In Ranger Today

Funeral services for S. B. Black Sr. of Ranger were conducted this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Church of Christ in Ranger with Floyd J. Spivy, minister of the church officiating.

Mr. Black died at his home Tuesday about noon. He had been in ill health for sometime. He was born in Red Rock, Texas, June 12, 1876. He had lived in Ranger 31 years and had served as the first justice of the peace in Ranger after the town was incorporated during the oil boom.

### Underwood On County Board Of Education

I. C. Underwood of Gorman, was appointed a member of the Eastland County Board of Education, succeeding his fellow townsman, J. Frank Dean, recently deceased, at a meeting of the Board held in Eastland Monday, according to an announcement of Carl Elliott, Eastland County School Superintendent.

### St. Rita's Play Tonight Only

Through error the annual Christmas play at St. Rita's was announced as being for tonight and Thursday night when as a matter of fact it will be presented tonight only.

## RUSSIA CURTAILS MAIL EXCHANGES BETWEEN EAST AND WEST SECTORS

BY WALTER RUNDLE  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
BERLIN, Dec. 8 (UP)—Russia has halted the exchange of mail between the eastern and western sectors of Berlin in the first step to impose even greater sanctions against the Western Powers because of last Sunday's anti-Communist elections, it was announced today.

### Bodily Ejected



A Communist agitator, one of five who at tempted to interfere with a Social Democratic Party election rally held in the British sector of Berlin is forcibly ejected from the meeting by German police.

### Hiss Ready To Face Grand Jury

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (UP)—Donald Hiss, former government official and brother of Alger Hiss, today entered the chambers of the grand jury investigating Communism and espionage.

### Winds Hindering Soil Moisture

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 8 (UP)—High winds are rapidly depleting available soil moisture in all areas of Texas, the United States Department of Agriculture reported today.

### Phone Workers Vote For Strike

DALLAS, Dec. 8 (UP)—R. A. Hackney, Texas director of the Independent Communications Workers of America Union, said today that members had voted 4-1 to strike if wage negotiations with Southwestern Bell failed.

### Highway Patrolmen To Inspect School Buses In County

Highway Patrolmen are making inspections of the county school buses. Today they are inspecting the buses at Cleo, Rising Star and Scranton.

### SIDE WHEELER TO PLOW WATERS OF LAKE TEXOMA

DENISON, Tex., Dec. 8 (UP)—An old Mississippi River boat, a side-wheeler, is at home in Lake Texoma.

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Well... I Dunno, But...

Through the courtesy of Joe N. Graham, manager of the Ranger J. C. Penney Company Store, we have a complimentary copy of Norman Beasley's book, "Main Street Merchant."

Credit for the success of J. C. Penney and the chain he helped to build is given to hard work, honesty, a desire for service to mankind and the adherence to the policy for finding and training the right men for key positions in the chain.

Repeatedly throughout the book it is emphasized that money is secondary in any business. That money comes as a natural result from the above mentioned qualities.

We certainly agree with Mr. Penney. Our monetary rewards come from honest hard work and doing our job, whatever it is, to the best of our ability and with the idea of service to others in our minds.

And naturally the author of the Penney story uses that story as a "big stick" to shake at Communism. He holds it up as an example of free enterprise as Americans understand it and uses it as a mirror in which to reflect the impossibility of such success under the Communist form of government.

But we guess that the thing that we liked about the story is that it is America. The reflection of an era of progress in this country that was built on the hustle and ingenuity of the individual.

Reckon from the type of mail that we're getting and from the rumors we hear, that Cupid must have chain store ideas, himself. At least he's operating on an expansive basis, dangling tempting ideas in prospective takers faces, and generally making his presence felt.

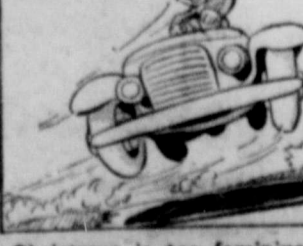
A few letters to Santa Claus have strayed our way and it's very flattering even to get his mail, much less be taken for the dear old Saint.

Be assured, though, that such correspondence is being immediately forwarded to Santa Claus with a "please" postscript from the editor, and strictest confidence is being observed as to contents.

Some of the writers must have a very close connection with Santa because their letters are coded and we claim no key for unlocking the secrecy of the same.

But for instance, this morning we forwarded a letter from Linda Drennan to St. Nick—a letter which had been addressed in care of the Ranger Daily Times. Linda appealed not only for herself but for her sister, Donna, and sister, Carol and brother, Jimmy.

### 14 SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS



Christmas is too feminine-like. You always hear about Christmas Eve, and nobody ever mentions Adam.

# Ranger Daily Times

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## Dallas Tops Omaha In Cellar Battle

By United Press  
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**LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND**

"battle of the cellar" in Omaha last night by defeating the northern representatives of the United States Hockey League 4 to 2.

Dallas, the door mat of the league's southern division, had little trouble in dumping their counterparts from the north country. The Knights succeeded in knotting the count at 1-1 in the second period, but pin-sharp shooting by the Texans soon iced the contest.

In another inter-divisional set, St. Paul and Tulsa could do no better than tie, 3-3.

Tonight, Dallas moves still farther north to Minneapolis. Omaha plays in Kansas City in the only other scheduled game.

### BARBER STAYS PUT

AUBURN, N. Y. (UP) — Arthur Derling, 84-year-old dean of Cayuga County barber still gives haircuts in the same shop he opened 40 years ago.

**CHRISTMAS TREAT ALWAYS POP'S**  
**JOLLY TIME POP CORN**  
**CRISP-TASTY-TENDED**

## RANGER DAILY TIMES

# SPORTS

MARVIN GROSS  
Sports Editor

## BULLDOGS BEAT WEATHERFORD IN OPENING COURT GAME, 28-14

By MARVIN GROSS

The 1948 basketball Bulldogs open their campaign somewhat timidly last night at the Recreation Building but broke loose from an early 4-4 deadlock to roar for 18 consecutive points and thump Weatherford, 28-14.

As usually typifies opening games the play was ragged with both squads blowing easy layups but the Bulldogs blew far less to coast to the win.

Once over their early case of jitters the Bulldogs had the Kangeroos gasping with their fast breaking style. And the game was salted away in the second quarter as Weatherford was held without a marker while the Bulldogs led by Kenneth Williams, E. P. Robinson and R. C. Smith moved for 12 points.

The Kangeroos had dripped Cleburne 31-29 in their opening effort and coasted a few skyscrapers and some clever ball handlers—but nothing would drop for the Weatherford leads. And the half-time Bulldog lead of 16-4 was too much to overcome.

In this opening tilt, Sam Aills first showed much promise. He fended a fine floor man in E. P. Robinson who snared rebounds with clockwork consistency. Keith Munnerlyn, lacking in experience, has a hard-driving aggressive style that should improve. Kenneth Williams who took high scoring honors with five field goals for 10 points was a demon under the basket while R. C. Smith chipped in with six points and a cool floor game.

Although heavily outscored from the floor, Weatherford might have made a battle of it if they would have rang the bell on a majority of their charity tosses. In 23 free throw attempts the Kangeroos made the cords ripple on but five occasions.

However the Bulldogs were only slightly better along the foul lanes. In 45 attempts they dropped only six—Munnerlyn's three for three steppup the average.

After three minutes of mad scramble, Weatherford's Chuck Elders broke free for a lay-up and a 2-0 lead. Seconds later Robinson with a push shot from the foul line evened the count. Kenneth Williams and Elders again matched twin-pointers for a four-four stymie at the quarter.

The Bulldogs shifted into a zone defense-causing more than a little confusion among the Kangeroos. Keith Munnerlyn's conversion gave the locals a 5-4 lead and it was a romp thereafter.

It became 22-4 early in the third quarter before Elders broke the string with an one-hander and then followed with a repeat job for 22-8. The Weatherford five drew to 24-14 in the final period on Fred Wiggs' double conversion but a couple of tosses by Buddy Hamrick ended the stretch drive.

### LINE-UPS

Ranger	g	f	ft	tot
R. Williams	0	0	2	0
K. Williams	5	0	2	10
R. C. Smith	2	2	4	6
R. Hamrick	2	0	2	4
E. P. Robinson	2	1	2	5
J. Comacho	0	0	0	0
K. Munnerlyn	0	3	3	3
<b>Weatherford</b>				
C. Elders	3	0	3	6
O. T. Cuk	1	0	5	6
Pete Hill	0	1	3	1
R. Shackelford	0	0	1	0
F. Wiggs	1	3	10	5
R. Pitchford	0	0	0	0
S. Moughon	0	0	1	0
B. Farris	0	0	0	0
5 4 23 14				

## Rice And Baylor Drop Court Tilts

By United Press  
The Rice Owls and Baylor Bears licked their wounds today after decisive losses to strong opponents Tuesday night.

The Bears came out on the short end of a 59-44 cage contest score against the St. Louis University Billikens, National Invitation Tournament basketball champions, while Rice was losing to Texas Tech by 46-39.

Non-conference play will continue tonight with the University of Texas colliding with Oklahoma at Norman, Okla., and Texas A. & M. meeting Sam Houston State College at Huntsville.

Some 10,186 St. Louis fans watched Baylor put up a game fight against the St. Louis team until the closing minutes. The half time score read 21-20.

High scorer for the night was St. Louis' All-America center Ed McCauley, with seven field goals and six free throws for 20 points. Jim Owens led the Bear hoopsters with 18 points.

## Death Sentence For Car Slayer

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 8 (UP)—A 23-year-old hitchhiker slayer today faces death in the electric chair for shooting to death the man who gave him a ride.

A district court jury, in one hour and four minutes, ruled late yesterday that Max Eugene Klettke, 23, Lansing, Mich., must die for killing a New York retired railroad man on Nov. 2, near Arcadia, Okla.

The victim was Carl Beach, Corfu, N. Y. Klettke sealed his own fate when he said from the witness stand, "Yes, it's my gun. I never fired it, however . . ." he paused . . . until that day out near Arcadia.

Formal sentencing of the slayer will be Dec. 13. His case likely will be appealed and clemency asked of the state pardon and parole board and Gov. Roy U. Turner.

## VETERAN SQUAD BOOSTS RANGERS COURT HOPES

Although the entire cloud of the stunning Navarro defeat hasn't blown away Coach Boone Yarbrough is plunging heavily into a new assignment—basketball as he readies his charges for Friday's opening action in a tournament at Clifton.

Eight veterans from the successful team of last season are back to try and improve on that 20 wins in 25 starts mark of the past campaign.

From the Football squad come Junior Arterburn, Jimmy Crawley, Charley Sullivan, Ben Blitch, Frankie Ford and Candy Walker. All alternated as starters and all are looked to improve on 1947 performances.

Other returns includes Cled Heathington, and Ray Blackwell. The Rangers capped the central zone crown last season but lost out to Wayland College of Plainview in regional play.

Remaining candidates for the quintet are Dale Jones, Jackie Wright and Howard Frazier—all grid stars—and Wayne Brown, Delbert Boney, Don Ford, J. W. Harper and Doc Milligan.

This central zone conference is a seven team affair—teams aside from Ranger include Cisco, Clifton, Weatherford, Decatur, Hillsboro and Temple. Temple is the only team not a member of the football conference.

Ranger Junior College will play host to an invitational tournament to be held December 16-18. Wayland College, winners last year will be on hand to defend the crown.

Regular conference play starts Jan. 3 with Weatherford at home.

Following s the Rangers will journey to Clifton then return home for a game with Temple.

## Steers To Have Havana Holiday

DALLAS, Dec. 8, (UP) — A holiday in Havana, the day after the University of Texas tangles with Georgia in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day, was in the cards today for the Loughorn players, their wives and their friends.

The team will fly to Miami Dec. 29 on two special Braniff International planes, and their families and friends will follow a day later.

The party will be flown to Havana Sunday, Jan. 2. "After an all-day and early evening schedule of sightseeing and relaxation, the planes will fly them home."

## Henderson Added To Bowl Make-Up

ATHENS, Dec. 8 (UP) — Henderson County Junior College had an invitation today to play in Conroe's "Little Oil Bowl" Dec. 16.

Navarro Junior College, which defeated Henderson 14-7 Thanksgiving Day, probably will oppose Henderson.

Henderson Coach Wallace Johnson said he had been told the game would be played at night.

## NOTICE OF SALE

Warehouse Laws of the State of Texas:

Article 5644 Title 93

Satisfaction of Lien

A. H. Brink; last known address: General Delivery, Odessa, Texas. Household effects to be sold for warehouseman's lien. Sale to be held at Ranger Transfer and Storage Wednesday December 22, 1948 at 8:00.

### ALLEY OOP

Panel 1: "LOOK! THEN STUPID LEMANS GOT WE SURE GAVE THEM IN OL HEAVE! NO IMAGINE THEM THINKIN' WE WOULD AGREE TO LET 'N OOP COP THEIR PRISONER BE!"  
Panel 2: "YEH! AN WIN THE BEST WARRIDE I GOT!"  
Panel 3: "I FIGGER I'M GONNA BE NEEDIN HIM BAD RIGHT SOON!"

### BY V. T. HAMLIN

Panel 3: "YOU MEAN THAT LEMAN MISSLES THROUGH MOO SWEET AIR SOON WILL SOON?"  
Panel 4: "WHY DON'T HE SAVE HIMSELF?"  
Panel 5: "I FORGOT YOU HADN'T BEEN TOLD BUT ALLIGES COP, HES STILL GOT COLD!"

### FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Panel 1: "DRIVING ALL OVER THE COUNTY LOOKING FOR-A ZITHER! I'LL MEANS A SA AFTER ALL!"  
Panel 2: "IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, SUGAR!"  
Panel 3: "I GOTTA HAVE DOUGH TO BUY A CHRISTMAS PRESENT, DON'T I?"  
Panel 4: "OKAY, BUT THIS IS POSITIVELY GRUBBLE'S LAST STAND!"  
Panel 5: "HODGE PODGE SHOP"

### BL MERRILL BLOSSER

Panel 1: "ZITHER? HIM DON'T RECKON I HAVE YOUNG FELLER--BUT I GOT A FEW MODERN GAMRACKS, BUGGY WHIPS, SELF TRENING LAMPS, STREAM-LINED BUTTONHOOKS, AN----"  
Panel 2: "HU! PAL!"

### VIC FLINT

### BY MICHAEL O'MALLEY and RALPH LANE

Panel 1: "MAKES ME A LITTLE DUTY LOOKING DOWN NO DRINK, WHINY, YOU'RE FROM HERE, CIDDLE, KNOCKED OFF FOUR SHOTS IN FIVE MINUTES SINCE WE CAME UP TO THE TOWER ROOM."  
Panel 2: "GUESS YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH!"  
Panel 3: "I'VE GOT A LITTLE MUCKY HERE, BUT I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO DOWN IT MYSELF."  
Panel 4: "WHADDYA MEAN, WHO SAYS WINNY GALLI CANT HOLD HIS LIQUOR?"

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Beginning Friday, December 10, 2 to 4 and 8 to 10 p. m.

This sale runs daily until all merchandise is moved.

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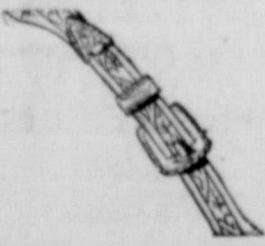
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## ★ FOR RENT

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## ★ LOST

**LOST** — Blue fountain pen on Main Street Monday afternoon. Return to West Texas Hospital. Reward.

## ★ NOTICE

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## Others Talk

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## Forget Dynamite But Stop Whistle

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 8 (UP)—The dynamiting didn't bother them so much, but the warning whistle did, residents near where an east-west expressway is under construction complained today.  
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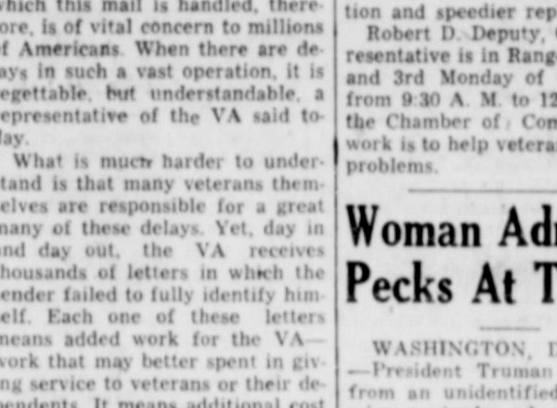
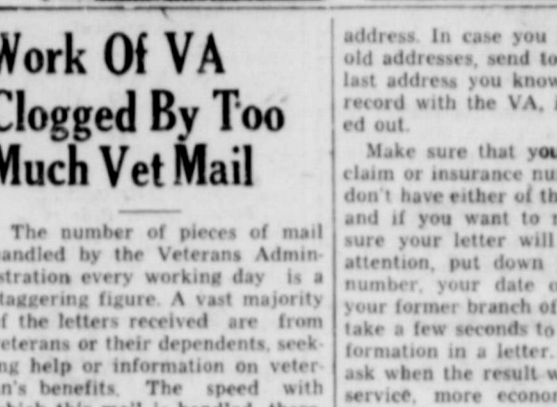
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## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



## Work Of VA Clogged By Too Much Vet Mail

The number of pieces of mail handled by the Veterans Administration every working day is a staggering figure. A vast majority of the letters received are from veterans or their dependents, seeking help or information on veteran's benefits. The speed with which this mail is handled, therefore, is of vital concern to millions of Americans. When there are delays in such a vast operation, it is regrettable, but understandable, a representative of the VA said today.

What is much harder to understand is that many veterans themselves are responsible for a great many of these delays. Yet, day in and day out, the VA receives thousands of letters in which the sender failed to fully identify himself. Each one of these letters means added work for the VA—work that may better spent in giving service to veterans or their dependents. It means additional cost to the taxpayers. Worst of all it means unnecessary delays, it was said.

The rules to avoid such waste and delay are simple. In every letter you write the VA, give your full name and address. And here is something of particular importance: If you are requesting a change of address, be sure to send your old address and your new address.

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## Would Avert SP Railway Strike

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (UP)—President Truman will appoint an emergency board to stop a threatened shutdown of the sprawling Southern Pacific Railroad if the labor dispute is not settled before the Dec. 15 strike deadline.  
 Chairman Frank P. Douglas of the National Mediation Board told newsmen after a White House conference it would be "natural" for Mr. Truman to name an emergency board if the dispute remains unsettled.

Officials of the National Mediation Board revealed they are sending one of their agents in San Francisco immediately to intervene in the threatened strike of 2,000 firemen and engineers, scheduled to begin a week from today.

These officials said the board mediator would attempt to revive stalled company-union negotiations to bring about a peaceful settlement. The dispute might force Southern Pacific to stop its trains in California, Oregon, Nevada,

Arizona and Texas. Announcement of the strike deadline came from David B. Robertson, president of the Independent Brotherhood of Firemen and Engineers.

The dispute does not involve wages or hours. It concerns failure of the union and railroad to settle grievances of seven hundred union members which arose from differences in interpretation of their contract.

**Woman Admirer Pecks At Truman**  
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (UP)—President Truman got a kiss from an unidentified woman admirer yesterday when he dropped in at a Democratic ladies' tea.

After the President had proposed a toast to the guest of honor Mrs. India Edwards, executive director of the Democratic National Committee's women's division, one of the ladies rushed up and kissed him.  
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**Society-Clubs**

**Rebekah Lodge To Meet Tuesday**  
The Ranger Rebekah Lodge No. 244 met in the odd fellows hall Tuesday evening with past noble grand Mabel Southers presiding. Mrs. Blanche Nicols was voted to become a member by defunct certificate. Mrs. Maudie Young will be initiated at the next meeting by the Brownwood past noble grand degree team. The following officers were elected to begin terms January 1, 1948: Noble grand — Mabel Southers; vice grand — Carla Daniels; secretary — Irene Sides; treasurer — Suddie Strong; deputy — Jessie King; representative — Clara Ivy; auditor — Anna Mae Robinson; team captain — Eula Blackwell. The members voted to organize a club January first for Rebekah members only. Officers-elect plan to attend a school of instructions in Fort Worth, Texas on December 15. Rebekahs and Odd Fellows plan to have a Christmas party on December 21 and exchange gifts. The penny prize was furnished by Aileen Mitchell and won by Hattie Lester. Thirty six members were present.

**Scott's Employees Have Xmas Party**  
The annual Christmas party for employees of Scott's store was held Tuesday night beginning at 7 o'clock. Employees were first entertained at a dinner party at the Lone Star Chicken Inn after which they went to the home of Mrs. Viola Johnson where a Christmas tree had been arranged and from which gifts were distributed. Those attending were Meses. Mary McCollum, Doris Sharp, Hazel Pittman, Jean Vaughn, Gladys Allen, Helen Vinniker, Zora Lee Wheat and Misses Camilla Gordon, Nancy Phillips, Evelyn Obel, Ora Mae McGee, Anna Basham and Velma Brown and Jimmie Centella.

**Colony H. D. Club At County Party**  
Members of the Colony Home Demonstration Club were among those in the county who were attending the County wide Christmas party at the First Christian Church Annex in Eastland today. Each member contributed a home made gift to the party. Plans for the party were made at a meeting of the club held last Wednesday in the home of Mrs. J. F. Mosley. At the meeting Mrs. Charles Mahaffey gave a report on the recent cake show in which Colony won second place. Those attending the Wednesday meeting were Meses. E. L. Danley, K. F. Kirk, R. D. Baggett, H. G. Ramsey, Mahaffey, L. B. Gordon, Edd Hadley and Opal Little.

**Personals**  
Mrs. C. L. McKinney and Mrs. Leo Hise spent Monday in Fort Worth.  
B. E. Garner has returned from a business trip to Dallas.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gholson of Jackson, Miss. are the guest of Mr. Gholson's mother, Mrs. John M. Gholson.

**Suggest Changes In Primary Dates**  
AUSTIN, Tex. Dec. 8 (UP) — Primary elections in Texas should be advanced at least a month and held in May and June, Gov. Beauford Jester's committee on revision of election laws was told today. The suggestion was made by H. Grady Chandler of Austin, after the committee unanimously named him chairman at the group's initial session. Chandler, immediate past president of the State Bar Association, said that holding the primaries earlier would "give plenty of time for contests" before the general election. He said that primary elections should be held a month, or possibly two months, earlier than the present system, in which they are held in July and August. The newly-elected chairman read a series of suggestions for changes in the state's election laws to the 11-member committee, named by Jester to recommend revisions and "needed changes" to the legislature. Jester told the committee that he thought "this is a start toward the thing the people of Texas wanted the legislature to do. This committee can suggest a system of workable election laws, and one in which the public confidence can be established."

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**EASTLAND COUNTY GORMAN AREA**  
Dec. 7th. St. John No. B1 Calloway set surface pipe Tuesday.

Coast Oil No. A3 Griffin have run a Potential test. The well gauged 240 barrels, under a 16-64 choke in a 24 hours test. The oil was 42 gravity and there was 550 pounds pressure on casing and 210 pounds pressure on tubing. The pay formation ran from 2743-2785.

Coast Oil No. 4A Griffin are drilling ahead at approximately 2000 feet.

Haynes & Kirk No. 1 Glover still WOC.

Kadane & Sons No. 1 Whitesides are setting pipe and will be WOC before the day is out. The show seems to be very good, according to Mr. St. John who was the contractor on the job.

D. D. Feldman No. 2 Cooper will probably start up next week at the latest, there has been a slight hitch between headquarters information and the local operators about data, but it will be straightened out within a few days.

The show out on the Whitesides is making at least one operator who holds adjoining leases begin to cast around for drilling contractors and to prepare to drill his obligations out.

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**See No Increase In SW Conference**

DALLAS, Tex. Dec. 8 (UP) — The applications of Texas Tech and Hardin-Simmons for admission to the Southwest Conference came up before the faculty representatives at the annual fall meeting here this week-end, but observers predicted no increase in conference membership. While such predictions were merely suppositions, those observers felt that the seven conference members wanted to keep the present alignment so that each club would have a chance to schedule four outside games. There was speculation, too, on whether the conference would flatly reject the applications or merely defer action on them until a later meeting—if no enlargement was approved.

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