



**BREAKFAST-GREETERS**—Texas Western College Freshmen Julia Nelson, left, and Connie Young, right, tie a neckerchief around Art Winther, center, at the Rancho breakfast for members of the New Mexico Mining Assn. convention meeting here.

### Police Ask Artist To Sketch Killers

Investigation Bogs Down in Brutal Murder of Woman

Police have located two more youths in Miss Refugio Prieto's grocery store just before she was murdered.

City detectives admit that they are facing a blind alley in tracking down the killers who murdered Miss Refugio Prieto, 64, in the living quarters in back of her store at 613 Myrtle street early yesterday.

Police called in Dick Robbins, art editor of the Ft. Bliss News, to draw a sketch of the two teenage youths who were loitering in the store when she left.

**Only Identification**  
Mrs. Camacho is probably the only person who can identify the two killers, police said.

Robbins, an art graduate of Temple University, is drawing the sketch as Mrs. Camacho describes the two youths who were loitering in the store when she left.

Detective Captain C. C. Key said three suspects arrested and questioned will be released from the City Jail. One suspect resembled one of the two teenage youths seen in the store by Mrs. Esther Camacho who was the last person to see Miss Prieto before she was beaten to death with a soft drink bottle.

**Biggest Puzzle**  
The biggest puzzle of the case is \$80 found in Miss Prieto's fishing tackle box which was used as a cash box.

The killers—believed to be teenagers—were in the murdered woman's store at 613 Myrtle avenue about 7:30 a. m. yesterday. They bolted the door, gagged the woman and forced her back into the living quarters at the rear of the store, where they beat her to death.

Pennies were scattered from the store to the back of the living quarters and three pennies were found beneath her body by detectives.

Friends told police that Miss Prieto kept big sums of money in her cardboard box at times. When Miss Prieto's mother died, a neighbor saw her take \$1000 out of the box to pay funeral costs.

"Why don't you put the money" (Continued on Page 18, Col. 3)

## 'Confidence' Woman Fools U. S. Officers; Jailed in El Paso



**SURROUNDED BY GOLDDIGGERS**—Ex-Student Jack Nelson, Class of '27, is surrounded by Goldiggers just before Texas Western College's Homecoming Parade. From left, Sandra Weck, Ruthie Kaplan, Erma Clark, Brenda Grose, Janice Frei and Sally Eiber.

### Fake Playgirl Tripped By Hot Checks

Charming Defendant With Fantastic Record Admits Guilt

**By MARSHALL HAIL**  
To a group of Federal agents in Chicago she was a U. S. attorney and a charming neighbor.

To New York socialites and cafe society she was a lively playgirl from a wealthy background.

To some of America's top golfers she was an ardent golf fan with whom they liked to play poker after a hard day on the links.

To others she was a civil engineer.

In El Paso today she was a convicted hot check artist with a fantastic record as a confidence woman who has been in and out of prisons for years.

**Gift of Gab**  
Her name—the one she is using at El Paso County Jail—is Lois Pauline Laukner. She is 37, a sexy blonde with a gift for convincing gab.

She pleaded guilty in U. S. District Court yesterday to transporting forged checks in interstate commerce. Federal Judge R. E. Thomson appointed a psychiatrist, Dr. J. Edward Stern, to find out what Mrs. Laukner really is, before he passes sentence.

Mrs. Laukner pleaded guilty specifically to giving the Hilton Hotel a bogus check for \$129 drawn on the Bank of America at Santa Monica. She denied most of a record of her past activities introduced in court.

"She had been misrepresented," she told Judge Thomson in a long speech.

According to the record compiled by investigative agencies, Mrs. Laukner posed as a U. S. attorney in the Land Division of the Department of Justice while living in an apartment house with 15 Federal officials, including some of the nation's top sleuths. She won the (Continued on Page 18, Col. 4)

### Mining Men Elect Officers

A ban on imports of minerals from any Communist country, except when the minerals are needed for defense, was urged by the New Mexico Mining Assn., which ended its convention in El Paso today.

The New Mexico group, meeting as part of International Mining Days, adopted a set of resolutions covering many phases of the mining industry, including tariff protection and right to work legislation.

**Elect Officers**  
Russell Haworth of Carlsbad was elected association president, succeeding J. K. Richardson of Hurley.

Other officers elected: T. O. Evans of Santa Fe, first vice president; A. L. Greslin of Questa, second vice president; and W. F. Darnitzel of Santa Fe, executive director.

Directors elected or re-elected: James I. Craig of Hanover, M. H. Bolton of Shiprock, T. M. Cramer of Carlsbad, Mr. Evans, Earl H. Miller of Carlsbad, J. C. O'Kelly of Carlsbad, L. W. Swent of Grants, J. E. Tong of Carlsbad, Mr. Richardson, E. C. Skinner of Carlsbad, W. Aubrey Smith of Carlsbad, J. A. Russell of Santa Fe, W. G. Word of Silver City, and L. H. Chapman of Vanadium.

The New Mexico group adopted a resolution urging control of metal and mineral imports to maintain a healthy domestic industry, favoring a sliding scale excise import tax on metals and metal products when the domestic price drops below the "peril point."

**Adopts Resolutions**  
The association, in urging right to work legislation in New Mexico, said the right of persons to work "should not be denied on account of membership or non-membership in any labor union."

Other resolutions adopted in (Continued on Page 18, Col. 4)

### U. S. First Team In Sputnik Race

**By JIM G. LUCAS**  
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—The United States is sending what many scientists believe is its first team into the earth satellite scramble with Soviet Russia and her Sputniks.

That is the U. S. Army, its Huntsville, Ala., ballistics missile agency and the Werner von Braun team of German-American scientists.

Until yesterday, however, they spent much of their time on the bench.

Now they're in the game. Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy announced yesterday that he had ordered the Army to prepare to launch an earth satellite. The surprise Defense Department announcement said the Army would use a "modified Jupiter-C test vehicle."

Although the Pentagon's attempts to make it appear routine and its insistence that the Army's entry into the game would merely "supplement" efforts of the Navy, McElroy's decision was a dramatic reversal of all that has gone ahead.

As recently as nine months ago, the Budget Bureau sent agents to Huntsville to be sure that the Army spent no money on such a project.

In June, Army Secretary Wilber Brucker said that for the Army (Continued on Page 18, Col. 2)

### Disease Groups Plan Separate Fund Drives

Four groups outside the United Fund today were making plans to stage separate campaigns for more than \$117,000.

Many former contributors have given assurances that they will support the four independent campaigns, leaders said.

The four organizations that have stayed out of United Fund are the El Paso County Tuberculosis Assn., El Paso Chapter of the American Heart Assn., El Paso Chapter of the American Cancer Society, and El Paso County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The United Fund has allocated \$98,500 of its \$865,549 goal to the tuberculosis, heart, cancer and polio "causes."

If the four organizations dedicated to those causes refuse to accept the United Fund money it will go somewhere else, UF officials have said. Just where is not certain.

**Send T. B. Seals**  
Doyle Gaither, president of the Tuberculosis Assn., said TB Christmas seals will go in the mails Nov. 16. In former years sale of Christmas seals has brought in \$18,000 to \$21,000 annually.

"We have had innumerable calls about our plans to raise funds and all were favorable," Mr. Gaither said. "Some have told us they will not support us if we do join the United Fund."

"The Tuberculosis Assn. has been in existence 31 years. The Christmas seals are a registered copyright item. They can't be incorporated into another fund-raising drive. If we don't have the drive the seals will be mailed out from Austin. The money will go to Austin and little will get back to El Paso."

**No Duplication**  
Mr. Gaither said he does not know where money raised by the United Fund for the TB "cause" could be allocated, since no other (Continued on Page 18, Col. 2)

### Daniel Calls Another Session

**By United Press**  
AUSTIN, Nov. 9.—Governor Price Daniel, accused by a legislator of "killing his fool self" to be re-elected to a second term, said last night he will call another 30-day special session.

Daniel gave up hope of passing an anti-troop bill at the current session, which ends Tuesday, and announced he will call another session starting Wednesday in order that the Legislature may consider it and give final action to three remaining bills in his five-point plan.

The House yesterday passed with heated debate a Senate-approved water bill. That left the lobbyist control bill, the bill requiring registration of persons who practice before State agencies, and a bill authorizing construction of a building for the Insurance Board yet to be passed.

### SAE Float Wins Parade Contest

"First Co-Eds," a float entered by the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity in the Texas Western College Homecoming Parade, was the sweepstakes winner, judges announced today.

The float depicted the two co-eds enrolled in TWC, then the College of Mines, in the early days.

Other winners: First, fraternities, Kappa Sigma; a "steamroller" driven by football players, all in orange, black and white colors.

First, sororities, Delta Gamma; "flying saucer," in shades of red with girls in devil costumes on it.

First, non-Greek, Pre-Med Club, depicting medical scene.

Special award: Zeta Tau Alpha, football field with sorority girls on field. Papier mache head of Football Coach Ben Collins, to whom float was dedicated, at one end of field.

Delta Delta Delta Sorority received a special trophy from the judges for its float.

Chill winds threatened to tear the floats, and builders were busy (Continued on Page 18, Col. 1)

### INSIDE WASHINGTON

Weekly Size-Up by Washington Staff of Scripps-Howard Newspapers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Here's what to expect if Dr. James R. Killian, new science and technology adviser to the President, gets a free hand:

—More money budgeted for basic research and for missiles.

—End to rivalry among the services on weapons development.

—Request to Congress for Federal scholarships to help promising high school graduates; more science and math courses in secondary schools.

—Renewed drive for federally aided school construction.

—Rallying of our best scientific brains to chart a long-range plan for putting us ahead in the science race.

Killian urged all these—and other things—in Senate testimony in June, 1956. Some of them are likely to show up in Ike's second speech of science and security next Wednesday at Oklahoma City.

Killian warned last year that nearly half our most brilliant high school graduates do not go to col-

lege; that Russia requires far more science and math in grade schools than we do. He suggested 9000 scholarships a year, financed partly from private sources, partly by the Government.

Health Education Welfare Secretary Folsom also has warned that we are wasting "the nation's most valuable resource—brainpower of its youth." But administration has proposed no plan for correcting this.

Representative Carl Elliott, Alabama Democrat, who ever since he was elected in 1948 has been worrying about scholarships for youths with demonstrated ability, has a bill drafted and has held hearings for past two months on it. It will be ready for action when Congress comes back—but Office of Education in HEW never has made a report on it.

This bill would give scholarships worth \$32 million first year, \$54 million second year, and \$128 million annually after that.

Note: Some existing laws could be used to speed up training of young scientists if Administration desires. They are Smith-Lever and Smith-Hughes Acts, passed originally to help train scientific farmers, provide schooling in home economics. Slight changes would make land grant college law also usable.

**OHIOANS ARE** calling the U. S. satellite "Civil Service." Reason: "You can't fire it, and it won't work."

**ABOUT IKE'S SPEECH:**  
The missile "nose" unveiled to TV audiences was made of ceramics—basically clay. But important thing was its shape. The blunt nose "spreads" the heat generated when missile re-enters earth's atmosphere; dissipates 90 per cent of it in the form of shock waves. Rounded nose idea was conceived five years ago by H. Julian Allen of Ames Aeronautical Laboratory, California (who got the DSM for it) but it has been top secret.

John McCone, under secretary of (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4)

### Mrs. Patterson's Relatives Sought

**By CLIFF SHERRILL**  
The long search for Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson, strangely missing since March 6, is handicapped by failure to learn whether Mrs. Patterson has any living relatives—by failure even to learn her maiden name.

Investigators of the Patterson case say there is no available information on where Mrs. Patterson was born, whether she has any relatives who could shed light on her present whereabouts, or in any way aid the search for the missing couple.

In business dealings, Mrs. Patterson signed her name Margaret M. Patterson.

Ever since the sheriff's office was asked in August to try to locate the Pattersons—then missing five months—the investigators have sought to learn whether Mrs. Patterson has relatives, and if so where they are. They set out to learn what the M. in her name (Continued on Page 18, Col. 3)

### Airliner Down With 44 Aboard

**By United Press**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 9.—A double-decked Pan American Airways Stratocruiser with 44 persons aboard was "presumed down" in the Pacific between Honolulu and San Francisco today as a massive air-sea search was underway.

The huge four-engine plane was scheduled to arrive today at Honolulu from San Francisco at 10:45 a. m. El Paso time.

The plane, piloted by Capt. George H. Brown, of Palo Alto, Calif., carried eight crewmen and 36 passengers, including two large families—Hugh, Scott, Nancy, Kimi, Bruce and Anna Clark of Midlands, Mich., and Robert, David, Margaret and Judy Alexander of Los Gatos, Calif.



**LITTLE LIZ**  
The only exercise some people get is running out of cash.



**WINK PRINCESS**—Miss Marion Evelyn Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Drake Brown, will represent Wink as a Sun Princess in the 23rd annual Southwestern Sun Carnival here Dec. 26 through Jan. 1. Miss Brown, a senior at Wink High School, is class treasurer.



**T. OR C. PRINCESS**—Miss Alice Suzanne Barnett, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Barnett of Truth or Consequences, N. M., will represent that community as a Sun Princess in the 23rd annual Southwestern Sun Carnival Dec. 26-Jan. 1. She attended high school in Silver City, N. M.

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### British Experts Due

**By United Press**  
LONDON, Nov. 9.—Britain will send a hand-picked team of experts to the United States shortly to help organize a joint scientific general staff, official sources said today.