

## Residents To Vote On Charter Jan. 8

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College Station residents will go to the polls Jan. 8 to vote on a proposed home rule charter prepared by a charter commission appointed March 12, 1951 by the City Council.

Three drafts of the charter were made and presented to the city council before the final draft were authorized to be printed in book-

lets and mailed to each qualified voter in the city.

If adopted by a majority of the voters voting in the election, the charter will become the law of the city of College Station.

Although the charter contains no provisions which will cause changes in the existing form of government, it is a symbol of the progress which after a period of 12 years may enable College Station to take its place among the self ruling cities of Texas.

College Station has become a long way since early in 1938 when a group of residents timidly asked the Board of Directors for the A&M System if they objected to the incorporation of the city.

Such a storm of protest and laughter arose that a list of 12 reasons was prepared by a committee of citizens representing the community, explaining the worthwhile services to be gained.

### Disagreement Arose

Even after the city was incorporated in October of 1938 and city officials elected, a disagreement arose which threatened to dampen enthusiasm for the new project. The question was raised if state employees could hold city offices. The entire administration was composed of college employees or men connected with the college.

In January of 1939, after a decision by the attorney general, the mayor and city council was installed.

Two years after its incorporation, College Station marched boldly but with some misgiving into debt. By the purchase of the utilities that served South Oakwood and the area south of the campus, and the water lines that served College Hills, a total expenditure of \$31,875 was made.

### Head Nodding

Despite the head nodding that accompanied this transaction, in six year College Station had reduced the debt to \$6,700. Five years hence in June of 1951 the combined balance sheet for the city showed a surplus of \$155,338.84 over liabilities amounting to \$241,368.19.

A general bond election authorizing \$100,000 for constructing improvements and extensions to the city's light, water, and sewer system was held in 1950.

Although College Station has a small amount of taxable property, and is a city of homes of moderately salaried people, it has a low tax rate, and is serviced by municipally owned utilities at rates below the average for the state.

Property is assessed at 50 per cent of value and the tax rate is \$1 on the \$100 valuation.

## New Year Rung In With Prayer, Noise

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Despite the grimness of world politics, people of nearly all nations celebrated Tuesday the arrival of a new year with a toast to peace and hopes for the best.

Many Americans observed the coming of 1952 with prayer at church watch night services. Others made merry at moist and noisy parties.

The occasion was dimmed by the usual holiday toll of several hundred auto accidents.

The first day of 1952 wore away like any other for soldiers sometimes fighting but often just sitting it out in Korea. Those able to get near a radio heard the truce teams had agreed to drag their talks on into the new year.

### Times Square

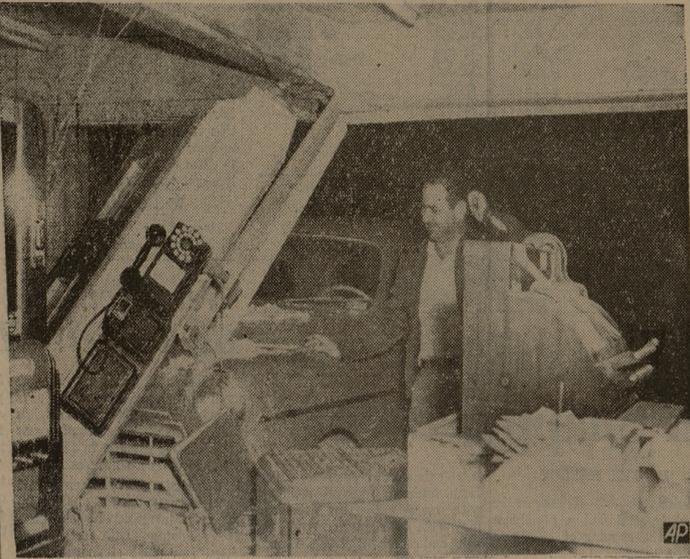
The most concentrated form of celebration anywhere was in Times Square, New York. Tens of thousands pushed into the neon-bright district for a mass rite of welcome to the new year.

In Berlin, police permitted cabarets to stay open all night, both in the east and west zones, Champagne flowed abundantly on the west side of the barriers dividing the city, but on the Communist-controlled side of town, the bubbling beverage was only a trickle compared to beer, schnapps—and vodka.

Some 6,000 merry-makers carried on at the notoriously rowdy Chelsea Art Ball in London.

England's Prime Minister Winston Churchill did his toasting to

## Unexpected Guest



Selvin Walton, owner of a drive-in cafe in Lubbock, said this isn't what he had in mind when he opened for business. Walton and his customers were surprised when a car drove into the drive-in causing about \$1,250 damages. A woman started her automobile while it was in gear.

## Teenage Couple Top Vaudeville As Dance Team

A teenage dance team which performed Saturday night in the MSC Ballroom was described by an onlooker as better than a vaudeville act.

Bobby Thompson of Baytown and Miss Camille Kennedy of Bryan went through two dance routines which spectators said had all the smoothness and polish of Fred Astaire.

In fact, Thompson teaches at the Fred Astaire dancing studios in Houston in addition to teaching at his own studio in Baytown, according to Manning Smith, local square dance teacher and caller.

The occasion for the performance was a dance for the Christmas Square Dance House Party attended by about 45 out-of-town square dance leaders.

About 25 spectators gathered to view the gaily dressed dancers who square danced not only to such pieces as "Alabama Jubilee," but to "Beautiful Ohio" which is a waltz, and to "Sorrento," a tango. The festival which commenced Friday, ended Sunday morning.

## Russian Air Power Tops U.S. In Korea

By C. YATES McDANIEL

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Korea has spelled out the hard military fact that Russia has jet fighters as good as America's best—and in ready-to-flight quantities that the U. S. cannot now match, at least in Korea.

American air chiefs have drawn this sobering lesson from the Soviet ability to throw 750 high performance MIG-15 jets into North-east Asia, apparently without seriously weakening the top priority security of the homeland or reducing the striking power of the Red air force in Europe.

### Mounting Threat

U. S. leaders began warning about Russia's mounting air threat months before Korea. But those earlier warnings were focused on the potential threat of a Red bomb falling on U. S. cities and vital industrial areas.

Then as now the U. S. air strategy sees its best hope for success in swift and deadly retaliation bombings of Russia's sources of military power. U. S. air chiefs are on record as recognizing, however, that the Red air build-up in Asia has wrought significant and perhaps sinister changes in the outlook for American victory through air power.

### Fast Performer

U. S. and allied jet fighter pilots have fought over North Korea against odds as high as four to one. They have met only the MIG-15, a faster performer at high altitudes than the U. S. F-86 Sabre jet. This country is developing planes that should out-perform the F-86. But many authorities believe that the Red air force already has quantities of jet fighters that are as good as the MIG-15, and may be even better.

Five new swept-wing jet fighters were observed at Russia's 1951 air show.

Soviet aid doctrine has historically assigned top priority to the defense of the homeland.

The air battle of Korea has also shed light on the pattern of Red air concepts and developments. Although the Communists have had some 1,500 planes of all types available in Manchuria, they have made few serious efforts to use

## US Warships Attacks Fish Or Submarine

Taipei, Formosa, Jan. 1.—(AP)—A U. S. destroyer depth-charged a supposedly hostile submarine in Formosa Channel Friday, a reliable source said today, but the target may have been only a porpoise.

Submarines and porpoises sound alike to a ship's listening devices. The source said the destroyer, believed to be the Higbee due in Hong Kong tomorrow, picked up on its sound equipment what appeared to be a submersible firing torpedoes.

## Rescue Parties Comb Arizona for Lost Plane

### Second Plane Discovered 14 of the 40 Aboard Alive

By The Associated Press

Search parties checked a new lead to the fate of a missing military plane carrying 28 persons today after another lost aircraft was found yesterday with 14 of the 40 aboard alive.

Meanwhile, hunts were continued for three more planes which have vanished with 11 persons.

Finding of the wreckage of a non-scheduled C-46 transport in southwestern New York highlighted yesterday's mass land-water-air hunts for the five planes from California to the Great Lakes and Arizona to Alaska.

Sixty eight rescue planes and a ground party were to renew their search in Arizona today for an air force transport missing since Sunday with 28 aboard, including 19 West Point cadets.

### Wreckage Sighted

A lone man on a search plane yesterday reported sighting the wreckage of an aircraft on 6,075-foot Iron Mountain, but it has been impossible to determine whether it is the missing plane, a C-47.

Clearing weather was expected to aid the search for the military plane that vanished in mist and rain near Phoenix. It was on a flight from Hamilton Air Force Base, Calif., to Goodfellow A. F. Base, Texas.

Rescue parties reached the crash of the C-46, near Little Valley, N. Y., yesterday after an injured passenger struggled to a farm house. The Pittsburgh-to-Buffalo Continental Charter Inc. plane crashed Saturday night.

### Spent Hours in Snow

The passenger, George Albert, 30, of Miami, Fla., and the other

13 survivors rested in a hospital today. They told of spending hours in the snow while huddled around a fire behind a makeshift shelter. Heavy sledges pulled by tractors were used to bring the survivors out from the rugged New York area.

Another C-46 transport, belonging to Transocean Airlines, has been missing since Sunday night on a Point Barrow-to-Fairbanks flight in Alaska. The airline said two crewmen were aboard, but that it had not determined whether there were any passengers.

### Signal Lights Flash

Flashing signal lights last night gave hope to search parties. But early today a helicopter pilot, who made a hazardous night flight up Chena River, reported that the signals were from a trapper in need of food.

The C-46 planes are the same type as the craft that crashed at Elizabeth, N. J., a few weeks ago with a death toll of 56.

In Washington, Civil Aeronautics Board Chairman Donald W. Nyrop said he and CAB investigators would conduct a probe at the scene of the New York crash. A CAB spokesman said Nyrop was concerned particularly because of the number of C-46 crashes.

## Aggie-Exes Set Jan. 12-13 For Officers Meet

The annual Club Officers Conference for the Association of Former Students will be held at A&M Jan. 12-13.

Sponsored by the Association for the benefit of former student club officers, the Club Officers Conference is held each year to give past, present, and potential officers of Aggie clubs a chance to discuss various problems of the club organization, according to The Texas Aggie, Association publication.

Officers of former student clubs with particular experience with club objectives, club finance, and maintaining club interest and activities will be invited to discuss these topics during the annual symposium.

Also to be included in the January meeting will be a description of the proposed sports coliseum to be constructed on the campus, a discussion of the 1952 Development Fund Objectives, the Chapel Building Program, the Football Circulating Library, and a guided tour of the college campus.

The Club Program Committee meeting in the MSC Nov. 10 decided to have the program. It was the consensus of the program committee that student leaders such as the cadet colonel of the corps, senior class president, corps chaplain, student senate president, The Battalion editor, and head yell leader be asked to participate in the program.

## Student Draft Deferments Numbered 7,817 Last Fall

Austin, Texas—A total of 7,817 college and university students in Texas have been deferred by state draft boards during the fall semester, Brig. Gen. Paul L. Wakefield, state Selective Service director, revealed today in a letter to college and university presidents.

The state draft director in his communication to the educational administrators, said the "college student deferment program is now functioning smoothly on the whole." He expressed appreciation for the cooperation of colleges and universities.

"The continued success of the program will depend very materially on the care with which the colleges and universities police it," General Wakefield wrote the college and university presidents.

"If a deferred student should leave school for any reason, or fail to pursue his courses satisfactorily, it is the obligation of the college to report that fact at once to the local board.

"No student must be allowed to drop out of school without the local board's knowledge and return to his community while continuing to enjoy a deferred status. This would seriously embarrass the local board.

"It would create ill will in the community toward the whole student program and might conceivably cause the local board to refuse to grant any further student deferments.

"The boards have cooperated very effectively in the plan so far, but they cannot be expected to keep on doing so if the deferment privilege is in any way abused.

"I am sure we can count on your continued help in controlling the program and making it the success it deserves to be," General Wakefield's letter concluded.

## European War Prevented, SHAPE'S Objective Seen

By PRESTON GROVER

Paris, Dec. 31.—(AP)—SHAPE was formed early in 1951 to prevent a war with Russia. As the new year began, many top officers believe 1952 will see the job largely done.

Some officers believe it already is so well done that Russia would not dare attack even now because of certain defeat.

## Reds to Supply Information On 50,000 Allies

Munsan, Korea, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The New Year opened with truce negotiations "in a dead stalemate" on how to supervise a Korean armistice.

Communist negotiators did agree to supply more information on 50,000 missing allies, mostly South Koreans, and agreed in principle on repatriating civilians.

The repatriation agreement opened a potential new dispute. South Koreans have charged the Reds "kidnapped" 113,000 civilians. Today for the first time, the Communists charged the Allies "took away" 500,000 North Korean civilians.

Simultaneously, Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, chief U. N. negotiator, said in a New Year's statement that it will take time, and lots of it, to negotiate "an honorable, equitable and stable armistice."

"Time is the price you pay for progress," Joy said in the tape recorded statement, broadcast to the U. S. "Unless you only short change yourself and cheat those who depend on you."

Joy said the armistice talks have been "painfully slow" but that progress has been made.

"Our main strength at the conference table lies in the time that you at home are wise enough to give us.

"You have been very generous in the past. We are counting on your support in the future.

Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, chief of staff for SHAPE, or supreme headquarters allied powers in Europe, said in a new year's statement that "the forecast for 1952 is bright."

### Forget Nightmare

Gen. Eisenhower told representatives of the 12 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) countries recently they could forget the nightmare of "A great Red horde moving irresistibly across Europe."

There are great flaws in the picture, but the progress is easily measured.

When Eisenhower came to Europe Jan. 7 to look over the prospects, he found a skinny seven divisions of allied troops in western Europe, badly armed, badly coordinated and badly scared.

Then, military experts say, the Russian armies could have rolled to the Pyrenees and the coast of Brittany as fast as their vehicles could carry them.

### Well Armed

By the end of the year there were 23 "combat-ready" divisions at hand, well-armed and with good morale.

Now, according to field commanders at the head of these divisions stationed in Germany, a Russian attack could be stopped at the Rhine.

Allied strength will increase during the next year. Eisenhower wants at least 20 more divisions in 1952. He may get only 10. To get even those 10, some terrific problems must be solved.

One is the bottleneck in equipment and munitions needed for 1952—95 per cent of which must come from the United States. Deliveries of it are four months behind schedule.

Another is getting German troops into uniform. Such a snarl has developed among the western continental powers on this subject that a year may elapse before German soldiers start drilling.

### 50 Air Bases

Yet a third is air-strength. Right now it is on the penny-ante level, disastrously far from enough to keep the Soviets from grabbing