



PERSONABLE, hard-hitting General Dwight D. Eisenhower

## The Annual Banquet

**A new high in Chamber of Commerce meetings; 3500 diners hear General Eisenhower; 2000 others in balcony**

One of the largest dinner meetings of a Chamber of Commerce anywhere climaxed the most successful year in the history of the 67-year-old Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce when, on December 15, upward of 3500 members, their families and friends gathered at Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum.

The speaker was General Dwight D. Eisenhower who brought a warning that the "creeping paralysis of state paternalism can be as fatal as the sudden blow of an enemy." Amon G. Carter introduced the General.

The 3500 dinner attendance was limited to that number only because the service facilities could accommodate no more. Following the dinner doors were opened to the balcony and another 2000 persons were seated.

With President Web Maddox as toastmaster, the meeting was highlighted by the annual report of

William Holden, executive vice-president. This report was published in full in the December issue.

The Chamber of Commerce 1949 gold and bronze Award for Distinguished Service was presented by Mr. Maddox to Maj. Gen. Roger M. Ramey, commanding general 8th Air Force.

Members of the Chamber's top-flight continuous membership committee, whose method of operations has been adopted as a pattern by other Chambers of Commerce, some in cities many times the size of Fort Worth, shared the spotlight with the distinguished guests.

The chamber president paid special tribute to the work of the continuous membership committee in signing 1,013 new members during 1949.

Calling for the full membership committee to stand, he described it as "the most disrespectful and irrev-

### THE MESSAGE

## General Ike Brought to Fort Worth

**"Too Much Security,  
Too Little Opportunity Stressed"**

Impact quotations from General Eisenhower's speech in which he appealed for more stress on American "opportunity" and less on "security:"

"Creeping paralysis of state paternalism can be as fatal as the sudden destructive blow of an enemy.

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The fundamental principle of the dignity of the human soul written into the Constitution must be the daily guiding philosophy of every citizen lest we gradually lose the ability to think and act for ourselves.

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Since V-J Day there has been a constantly growing concern of the people and bewilderment and resentment because the great sacrifices of the war have not seemed to bring any sure answer to a number of problems. We have seen an ideology which is the avowed enemy of our government constantly creeping, advancing through Eastern Europe and over a great portion of Asia. We stand almost alone in the world today in

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erent, the most cheerful and energetic group of men I've ever known."

I. C. Parker, membership committee chairman, presented silver life membership cards to seven men on the committee who had enrolled more than 150 new members apiece.

The seven are Gerald O. Barney, Roy B. Miller, J. B. Parr, Bill Parr, George Addington, R. L. Kenderdine, and A. B. Sammons.

The dinner was served buffet-style by Walter Jetton with tables set up in the huge arena and in the boxes surrounding the oval. Flags and Christmas greenery turned the coliseum into a magnificent assembly room which was breath-taking for its beauty.



**OVERFLOWING** the Coliseum was perhaps the largest C. of C. dinner audience ever assembled in the Southwest.  
—Fort Worth Press Photo by Gene Gordon

defense of the principle of human dignity.

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We must reach some answer in the atomic shadow. Some say the atomic bomb is just another bomb—but I assure you it is quite enough, except for heroes, of whom there are only a few. Another school of thought says atomic warfare should mean the end of everything. The true appraisal lies somewhere between. But there remains the unanswerable question of what atomic warfare might mean if the other fellow used it against us by surprise.

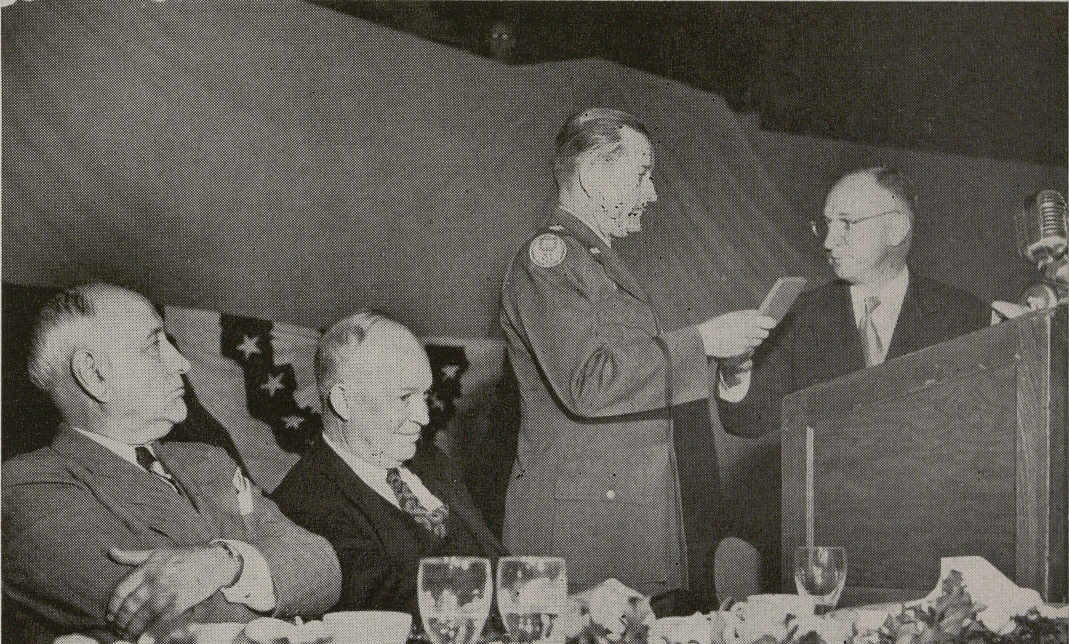
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I am an interloper among college president—really nothing more than an old soldier who has seen a lot of human nature, who has a tremendous love for America and the things for which it stands.

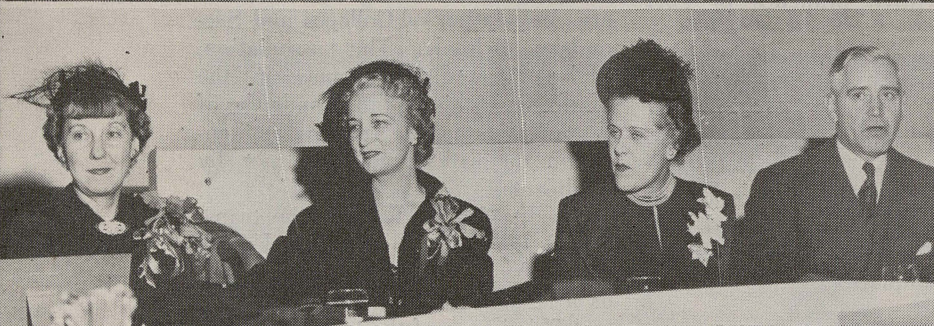
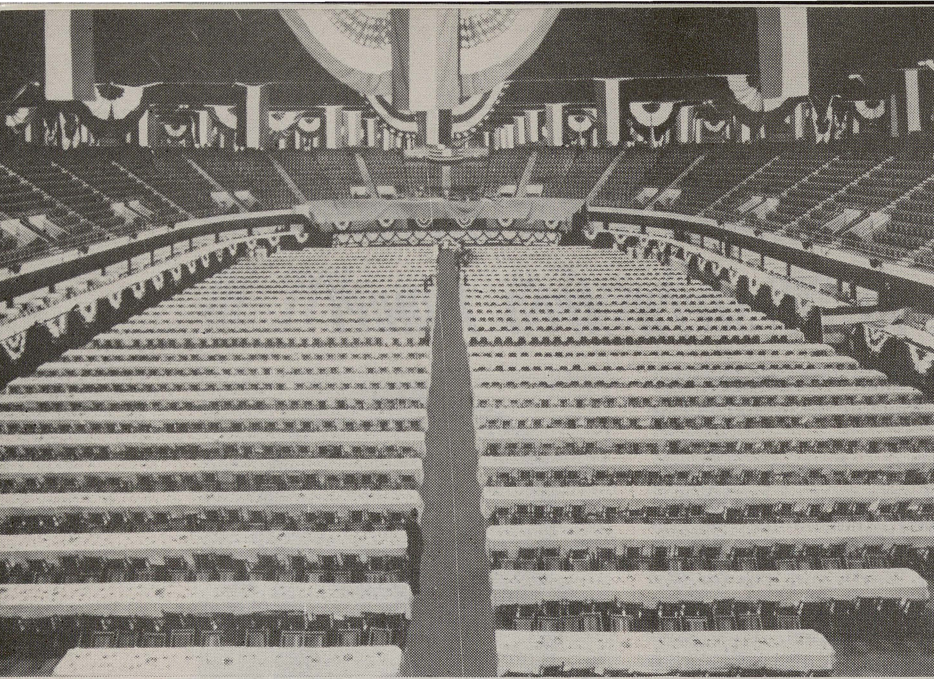
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In private life the individual who

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**MAJ. GEN. ROGER M. RAMEY**, commanding general, 8th Air Force, receives the 1949 Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award from President Web Maddox. General Eisenhower and Amon G. Carter are others in the photo.



**GENERAL EISENHOWER**, "back home in Texas" had a big time at the dinner, thoroughly enjoyed himself. The man at the mike who apparently caused the general's merriment is I. C. Parker, member of the Board of Directors and 1949 chairman of the continuous membership committee. His face half-turned from the camera, George Addington had just received his lifetime membership in the Chamber from Mr. Parker for having brought into the Chamber 150 new members. Gerald O. Barney and R. L. Kenderdine, other "150 Clubbers" are in background at right.

who have tried to picture the situation as a struggle between human rights and property rights. As I see it a property right is a human right—and without it, other rights disappear. The question now is how far can a government go in taxing away property without destruction of human rights and liberties?

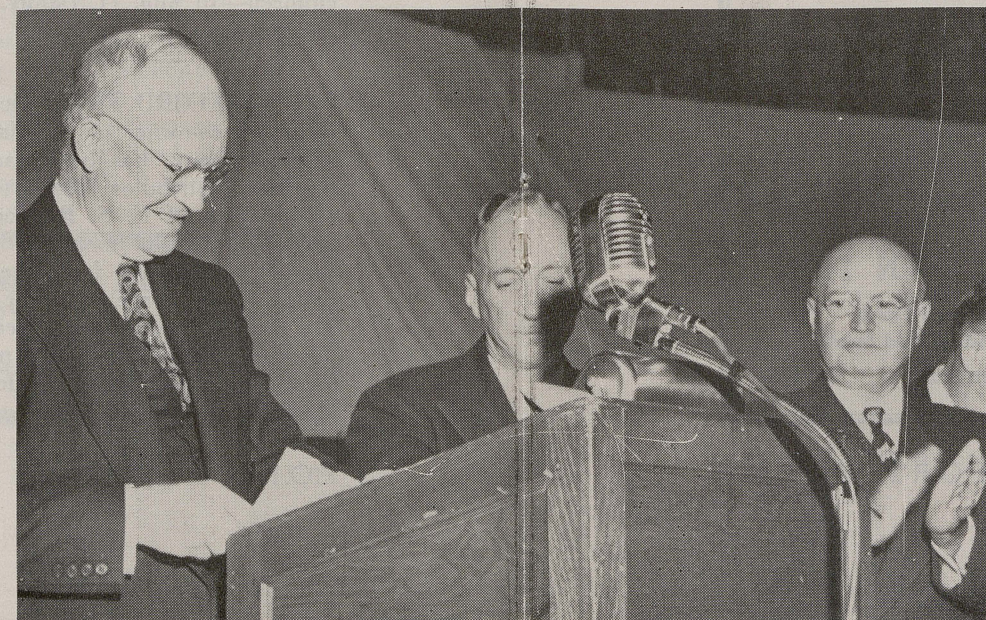
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A square deal for every citizen should be the guiding principle to apply to government spending, labor management problems, social security and medical assistance, education, soil and water conservation and other social problems.

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We can not go back a century and live by procedures and methods of that time. We do not now have the self-sufficiency of old-time Southern plantations or pioneer farms. Today great cities of workmen are built around factories and industries. The slightest dislocation brings distress. No government can ignore that sort of thing; but if a government itself takes over property, it takes over a

**INTRODUCING** General Eisenhower is Web Maddox, Chamber of Commerce president. William Holden, executive vice-president is at the right of Mr. Maddox.



power comparable to the responsibility it assumes. Then the citizen is dangerously close to the loss of liberties.

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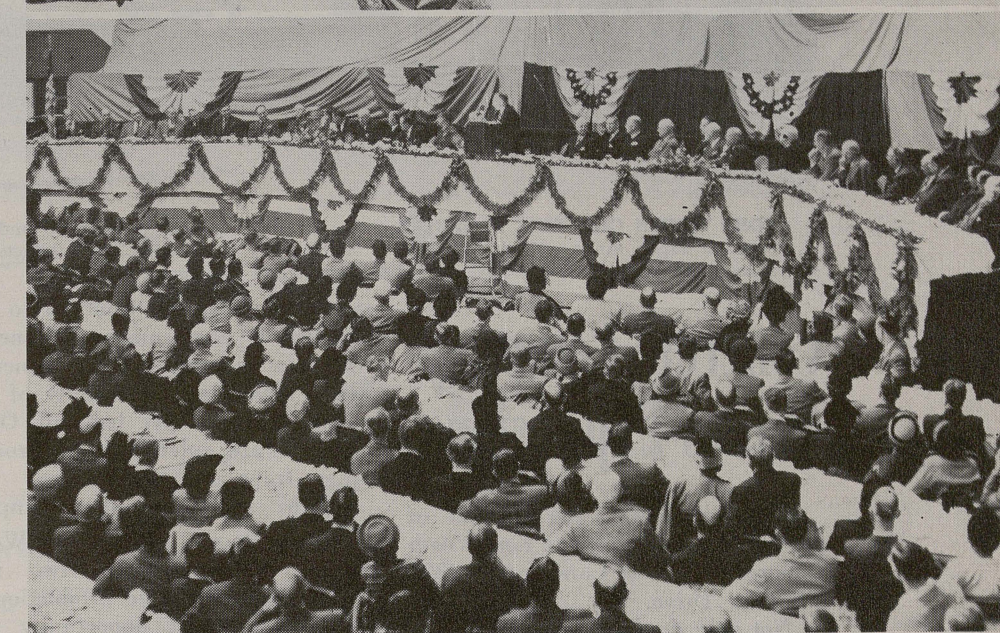
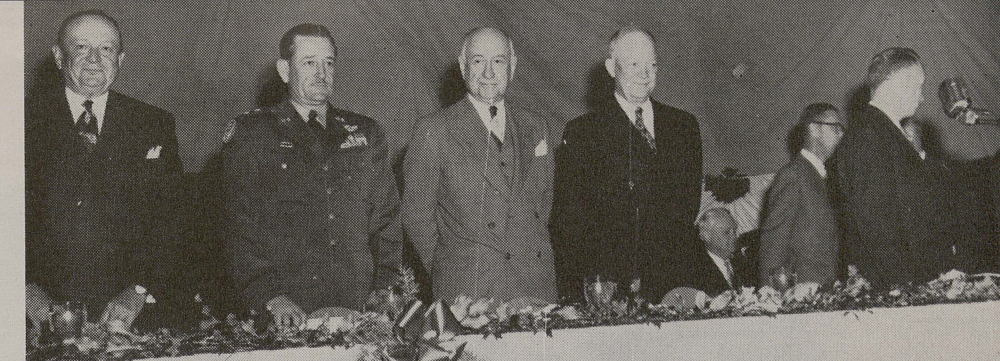
The nation's greatest asset is the genius of its people—a great spiritual, material force which is available, properly marshalled to solve all of our problems. We must attempt to solve them ourselves, because that is the type of government in which we believe.

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That baptism of suffering (The Revolutionary War) was in the minds of the framers of our Constitution when they were guided in writing it to safeguard the dignity of the individual man by dividing the government into three functional parts, mutually independent, to avoid the danger of power falling into the hands of one man. The Constitution sets forth: "All powers not herein specifically given to the federal government are reserved to the states."

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We should not forget those principles. There must continue to be



**AT THE SPEAKER'S TABLE** were, among others, Sid W. Richardson, host to General and Mrs. Eisenhower at his island home in the Gulf, Maj. Gen. Roger M. Ramey, commanding general, 8th Air Force, Amon G. Carter, General Eisenhower and 1949 Chamber President Web Maddox. Center view is a closeup of the speaker's table.

**HONORED AT THE DINNER** for having brought into the Chamber of Commerce 150 or more new members were these seven continuous membership committeemen. They received lifetime membership in the Chamber. They are: A. B. Sammons, Bill Parr, R. L. Kenderdine, Roy B. Miller, Gerald O. Barney, George Addington and J. B. Parr.

diffusion of the central government and vigilance to keep it out of the hands of the central government to the detriment of the individual. If we remember that and do not surrender responsibility, the capacity of the people to govern themselves will be justified.

No one in America who is fair thinking would admit that he is deliberately trying those principles.

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I recently read the essays of 19 high school students in the finals of

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**THE ARENA** of Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum was turned into a beautiful banquet hall by the decorators and the caterer for the Annual Dinner of the Chamber of Commerce. Photo at top is of the huge coliseum, just before the crowds trooped in. Don't be fooled with those vacant spots in the center photo. Just raise your eyes and you can see how diners at these tables left their places after the meal for more advantageous seats in the balcony where they joined 2,000 other Fort Worthins who came only for "the speaking."

**INTERESTING SPECTATORS** were, left to right, lower photo, Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Mrs. Amon G. Carter, Mrs. J. C. Gibson and Mr. Gibson, vice-president and general counsel of the Santa Fe Railroad.

### General Ike

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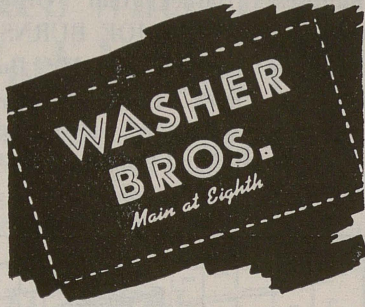
overspends can expect to have a visit from the sheriff, serving him with a foreclosure—and how can a nation (that's run on deficit spending) expect any different treatment?

Government spending should be viewed in the light of reason and true facts, not with the bias of partisan politics.

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## Rigg is New Head Of Exchange Club

William Rigg, partner in Glen Walker, Collett and Rigg insurance agency, began a six-month term as president of the Exchange Club this month. Mr. Rigg is a charter member of the club.

Other Exchange Club officers elected were W. Ridley Wheeler, A. T. Seymour, Jr., and Robert D. Goodrich, vice-presidents, and George W. Saams, secretary-treasurer.

The new president came to Fort Worth 39 years ago from Galveston. In the coast city he was employed in an insurance office. Since his arrival in Fort Worth, Mr. Rigg has been with the same agency. He is a Shriner and a member of River Crest Country Club and the Fort Worth Club. His hobbies include spectator sports and golf which he plays once or twice a week. Mr. Rigg and his wife live at 2410 Halloran.

DR. R. P. O'BHRANNON, staff radiologist at Harris Hospital and Harris Clinic, has been elected to

membership in the British Institute of Radiology at London. Dr. O'Bhrannon has been on the hospital staff here for 27 years and was one of the original members. He is secretary-treasurer of the Texas Society of Radiologists and is a member of the Tarrant County Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a fellow of the American College of Radiologists.

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a contest in which each was asked to write his idea of what the American system of government means. The word "security" appeared in practically every essay over and over, but the word "opportunity" not once. Parents need to go back to the old-fashioned American tradition of teaching their children what American opportunity and individual resourcefulness means.

We have the greatest of all assets and resources—we have the ingenuity of America. This America of ours is one that demands our attention every day, talking to our children and talking to the teachers who instruct our children."



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