

# Head of Airport Executives Tells About Iowa Big Things

An Iowan demonstrated to a roomful of people in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Texas Tuesday night that not everything in Texas is the biggest in the world.

The man from the tall corn country, Walter E. Betsworth of Waterloo, Iowa, retiring president of the American Association of Airport Executives, told a convention banquet, "I keep hearing all about the great things in the great State of Texas. Well, we have a few things in the great State of Iowa."

With that he turned to the banquet toastmaster and host, Amen Carter, and declared, "In Waterloo, Iowa, we have the world's biggest independent meat-packing plant under one roof and I'd like to present you with one of its products."

He handed Carter a king-size ham.

Replied Carter, "I've been called a ham in my time, but never with so much pleasure."

Continued Betsworth, "In Waterloo, Iowa, we also have the world's biggest farm tractor factory in the world."

And he handed the toastmaster a large box containing a miniature tractor and two other pieces of farm equipment manufactured by the John Deere Company.

"You say you've never made a profit off your farm," Betsworth told Carter. "Maybe you haven't been using the right kind of equipment."

Earlier, Carter, in a reminiscent mood, described the early days of aviation in Fort Worth. He wound up by inviting the 300 persons present to attend the opening of Greater Fort Worth International Airport in October.

"You'll see a pretty fair country airport," he promised.

Philips Moore, chief of the office of airports for the CAA, Washington, told the group, who will visit the new airport Wednesday, "You have a real treat coming up."

Others who were introduced and spoke briefly were Brig. Gen. Harold R. Maddux, deputy chief for air installations, and Brig. Gen. Lacey V. Morrow, commanding general of the 18th Air Force, which is participating in Exercise Long Horn; Capt. Ed Lanigan, office of the chief of naval operations for air; Col. Frances Nolte, director of women's activities, Civil Air Patrol, and L. C. Elliott, 4th regional CAA administrator here.

Also introduced were Mrs. Betsworth, Mrs. Elliott, Louis

Inwood, Kansas City director of aviation; Don Martin, Wilmington, Del., past president of AAAE; George Haddaway, editor and publisher of Flight Magazine, Dallas; City Manager Jones, City Aviation Director Fuller, William Holden, executive vice president and general manager, Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Webb Walker, Mrs. Mary Brants; Maury Huffman, executive director of Fort Worth Air Terminal, Inc., Mrs. Huffman, Mrs. Katrine Deakins and Mrs. Carter.

## Petty Says Mind But Can't Recall

Ted S. Petty, accused wife slayer, was a man with a clear present and a clouded past Tuesday.

"I can think all right now," the 38-year-old former North Side tavern owner said in county jail, where he is awaiting an April 10 sanity trial.

But Petty, who was returned here Monday from Terrell State Hospital, said he couldn't remember shooting his wife to death here on Aug. 29, 1950.

He said it was nearly three months ago that he realized his mate, Mrs. Ruby Maud Petty, was dead.

**Doesn't Know Why It Happened.**

"My folks told me about it," he said. "I just don't know why that thing ever happened."

"I've died a thousand times over the thing. I wouldn't have harmed a hair of her head if I had been in my right mind."

He also said he had no recollection of a hearing a month after the shooting in which he was adjudged insane.

Petty's statements gave the key to his courtroom defense.

Although he will not contest having his sanity legally restored at the forthcoming hearing, he will plead he was insane at time of the slaying when he faces trial for murder.

**Insanity Defense.**

The jury that ruled on his sanity after the slaying said he was sane at time of the shooting but insane at time of the hearing.

But his attorney, Clifford Mays, said he will contend again that Petty was of unsound mind when he shot Mrs. Petty to death on a downtown street here.

Physically, Petty appeared to be a new man.