

# 'Spirit of Texas' Hits Will at State Line

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Editor's Note—This dispatch, carrying the Fort Worth date line, is appearing today all over the United States. It was written by Will Rogers while in the city, Thursday night, and wired to the chain of papers using his service.

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FORT WORTH, June 22.—

Flew in last night from Vinita, Okla., against a head wind. On to Houston this morning. Was met at the field by the champion host of the world, Amon G. Carter; also by H. L. Mencken. Mencken says after seeing the South he is going to start picking on the North. We held a preliminary convention last night at Shady Oaks Farm (all us party advisors). It looks like a dry Vice President. Then those that are wet can go to the President's dinner, and those that are dry can go to the Vice President's. Texas starts entertaining you when you hit the state line. I thought the convention was held here the way they act. It ain't just Houston, it's Texas that will show you something.

Yours,

WILL.

# CANDIDATES IN FOUR RACES DEBATE

At least four hot races in county politics were brought to the fore on Thursday night at Grapevine in the initial speechmaking of Democratic aspirants touring the county. The candidates will appear at Mansfield tonight.

While the warmest debate was staged by R. A. (Bob) Stuart and Jesse E. Martin in the district attorney's race, forensics were employed in the county tax collector's contest, the race for judge of Ninety-sixth District Court and the sheriff's "battle royal."

In reviewing his six years in the State Senate, Stuart asserted he had aided in saving the taxpayers \$20,000,000. He declared that Martin had criticized him for being a Sunday school teacher. Stuart charged that Martin had tried only 190 felony cases during the past year and that of 52 indictments of driving while intoxicated and 41 of violating the liquor laws, not a single man was sent to the penitentiary.

## Martin Gets Applause.

In rejoinder, Martin met with applause and was heckled by one woman. Martin said that, in fact, he tried 290 felony cases last year, convicting 153 forgers and 55 burglars among them. He said that as far as he knew Stuart had never prosecuted a criminal case. As to Stuart's promise to close up gambling and bootlegging joints, Martin declared that Stuart had never committed any such information to the public for indictment of offend-

## Will Rogers Goes to Houston After Visiting Here and Attending Revue

His destination Houston and the Democratic convention, where he declared there are many laughs to be had, Will Rogers left Fort Worth in a Texas Air Transport mail plane piloted by L. S. Andrews at 9:30 a. m. Friday.

The Oklahoma wit spent the night in the city, making the trip to Fort Worth from Muskogee by plane Thursday afternoon to attend the Panther Revue Thursday night at the Pantages Theater. He reached the municipal airport at 5:30 p. m. in a Ryan monoplane flown by Chief Pilot Tom Hardin of the T. A. T.

Rogers was met at the airport by Henry L. Meucken, editor of the American Mercury magazine; Paul Patterson, publisher of the Baltimore Sun; H. M. Hyde, political writer, and Amon G. Carter.

Dinner was served at Carter's Shady Oaks farm, where each was presented by remote control over WBAP, The Star-Telegram and Record-Telegram radio station. The visitors attended the revue, where each was introduced. Rogers spoke several minutes.

Rogers spent the night at the Fort Worth Club.

At Houston he will write daily articles which will appear in The Star-Telegram.

## Earthquake Recorded.

LONDON, June 22.—The Kew Observatory recorded an earthquake of moderate intensity at 4:37 p. m. Thursday, its epicentral distance being estimated at 4,600 miles, probably in Alaska.