

WILL ROGERS RAISES \$80,359 IN TEXAS

Vanderbilt Silent on Remark; Says He Met Il Duce

By Associated Press.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 31.—The silence Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr. has maintained over a remark attributed to him which Premier Mussolini of Italy was pictured as a hit and run driver was broken briefly Saturday in a denial of a statement from the Italian foreign office that he ever had met Mussolini.

Vanderbilt declined direct comment on his meeting with Il Duce but mentioned two cables from Rome in 1926 referring to the meeting and said "they were true."

"Any one has only to look up newspaper files of 1926," he said. "My interview with Mussolini was copyrighted. It was true."

He again reiterated his intention to say nothing about a story related by several persons in which he was said to have told a group of men that, while driving with Mussolini, the premier ran over a child and did not stop to render aid.

The story was repeated by Maj. Gen. Smedley D. Butler in Philadelphia, resulting in an official apology to Italy from the United States and command to Butler to appear for court martial.

Vanderbilt referred all questioners to his counsel, Frank O. Smith, who

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DROUTH FUND IS NEARLY RAISED

The Fort Worth-Tarrant County Red Cross chapter hopes to go over the top Monday with its \$28,000 drouth relief quota goal won. Only

TIME LIMIT ON PAYMENT OF TAXES EXTENDED

One day's extension of time for the payment of county ad valorem taxes without penalty and for automobile registration was announced Saturday night by County Tax Collector Card.

Saturday was to have been the last day for collection of taxes and for automobile registration without penalty, but the extension will give taxpayers until 5 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Poll tax collections still were lagging behind those for last year Saturday night. The tax office still was open at midnight, but a late check showed that 10,000 poll tax receipts had been issued during the day, bringing the total to approximately 31,150, which, with about 5,500 exemptions, will make Tarrant County's voting strength about 36,650. Last year's voting strength was 41,331.

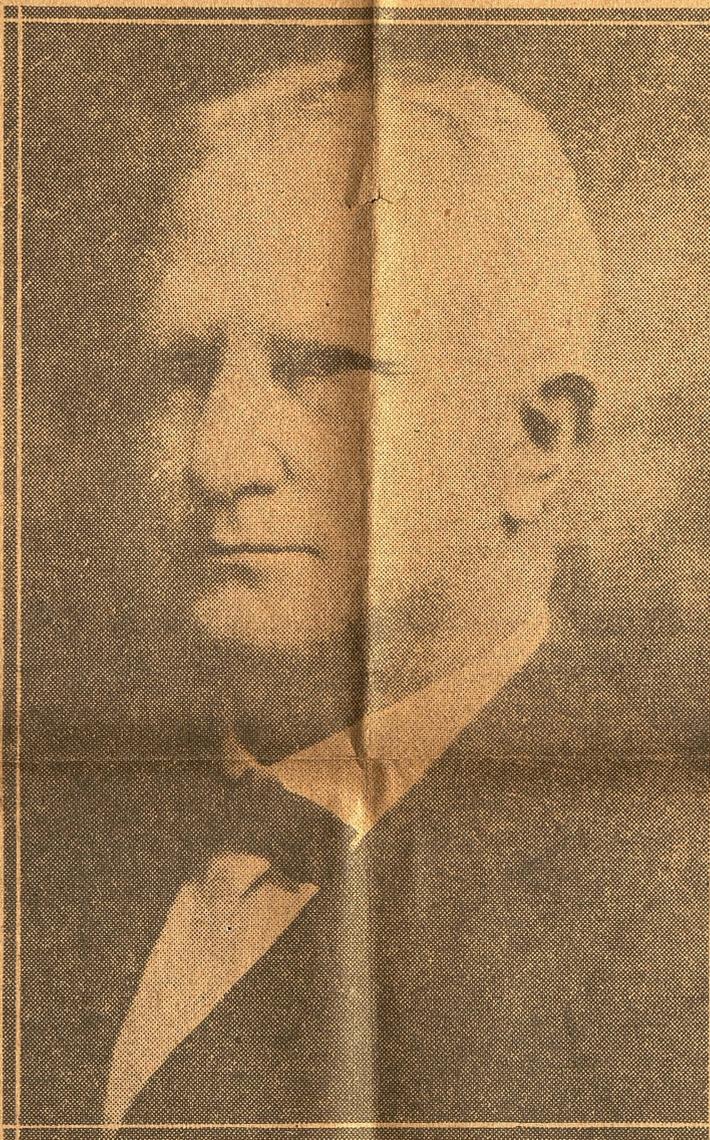
Approximately 4,000 auto registrations were made Saturday, bringing the total to 34,250 cars. When this count was made late Saturday, a long line still was waiting in the corridors of the courthouse basement. A long line also cluttered up the lobby of the city hall all day Saturday. Both a poll tax booth and an auto registration booth were located in the city hall.

Last year's auto registration was 36,400 cars. It is expected that this year's registration will almost tie that for last year.

Little could be determined Saturday night in regard to ad valorem tax payments, although it was estimated more than \$300,000 was taken in during the day. Friday's collections were \$294,597.76.

Mail bringing tax money into the office is yet to be opened and it is not likely that complete figures will be available until well into the week.

Death Ends Long Business Career



A. E. Want, 71, whose sudden death Saturday afternoon ended a long business career here.

A. E. Want, Wholesale Grocer, Dies in Auto

Alexander Edwin Want, 71, died suddenly Saturday about 3 p. m. while driving his car onto the premises of his country estate, Virginia Place, 10

STATE TOUR ENDS WITH \$4,435 AT WACO

Will Rogers' last appearance to raise money for the relief of drouth sufferers netted \$4,435 at Waco Saturday night, bringing to \$80,359 his total for 13 engagements in the State during the last week.

Mineral Wells contributed \$2,000 Saturday afternoon at a matinee appearance at which 3,500 persons heard the humorist and the corps of entertainers that accompanies him. He spoke at Convention Hall in that city.

The amounts his tour has raised from Texas citizens for the relief funds in the various cities in which he has spoken are as follows: Fort Worth, \$18,350; Austin, \$2,000; San Antonio, \$8,911; San Angelo, \$6,353; Abilene, \$4,599; Breckenridge, \$2,100; Dallas, \$3,856; Port Arthur, \$2,500; Beaumont, \$7,035; Houston, \$8,500; Wichita Falls, \$9,120.

After many hours of humorous monologue before his Texas audiences and hundreds of miles of travel by airplane and automobile, Rogers will rest here today before leaving the State for Oklahoma. There he will again take up his task of raising drouth relief moneys by the conversational method in a speech Monday night at Oklahoma City.

The humorist and his group of entertainers were heard over the Columbia Broadcasting System from the Waco auditorium Saturday night. He flew with Capt. Frank Hawks from Fort Worth to Waco in less than an hour, after hurrying here from his Mineral Wells matinee appearance by automobile. He took off from Fort Worth to face his last Texas audience at 5:57 o'clock.

A muddy landing field caused him to abandon air travel for his trip to Mineral Wells, and he arrived in that

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city shortly after noon by automobile. He spoke to 3,500 persons, and receipts for the drouth sufferers there amounted to \$2,000.

Hawks, Rogers Hop From Waco in 31 Minutes

Thirty - one minutes from Waco to Fort Worth was the flying time of Capt, Frank Hawks, in bringing Will Rogers and party to this city this morning. They left Waco at 11:40 p. m., arriving here at 12:11 a. m.

Rogers will spend the day here, going to Oklahoma City Monday morning where he is slated for a talk for relief of drouth sufferers.

Captain Hawks, who has piloted Rogers in a Navy plane between various cities in the State, accompanied him to Mineral Wells, where they had lunch with Mayor Brown before the address.

Rogers Posters

Gift of Evans

The large posters which displayed the likeness of Will Rogers previous to his appearance on his drouth relief tour in towns of North and West Texas and Oklahoma represented a gift of \$500 as part of the "mechanics" for raising money for the aid of sufferers.

They were prepared by J. G. P. Evans of Utter & Evans, Inc., Fort Worth, and distributed throughout this section. Half of the 500 lithographs were distributed in Fort Worth and the remainder were sent to Oklahoma City, Wichita Falls, Waco and Breckenridge to announce the cowboy humorist's appearances in those towns.

The likenesses were the largest four-color processed lithographs ever produced south of Chicago. It was necessary to run them through the press four times to produce all the colors. The posters, made at night by Evans, were produced, he said, both because of his desire to experiment with a lithograph of that size and because of a wish to aid in the Red Cross relief work. At commercial prices the work would have cost \$500.
