

THOUSANDS OF WILL ROGERS' FRIENDS POUR INTO DOWNS

Thousands of friends of Will Rogers were pouring into Arlington Downs early Thursday afternoon and indications were that the biggest midweek crowd of the racing season would attend the one-day Memorial Meet that will bring the Fall racing to a close at the Downs in a swirl of color and pageantry.

Many of the cars, moving in an endless stream, double file, along the Fort Worth-Dallas Pike, were from dozens of West Texas cities, bearing citizens anxious to have a share in the tribute to the memory of a great American, and Fort Worth, too, was responding with a great outpouring.

Sunny skies gave assurance of an ideal background for the eight attractive races which drew debutantes, social, business and professional leaders of this section of Texas to the magnificent plant of Guy and Paul Waggoner, who are paying all expenses of the day's meet. Full proceeds of the ticket sale will go to the fund to perpetuate the memory of "Fort Worth's best friend"—Rogers, philosopher, comedian and lover of fine horses.

Debutantes were to present the winning horse in each of the races with ribbons and flowers.

Post time for the first race was advanced from 2 to 1:45 o'clock.

Nine were nominated to contest in the Will Rogers Memorial Handicap, for 3-year-olds and up, at

one and one-eighth miles for a \$700 purse. Mrs. Raymond Pollard's Onrush was assigned top weight, 110 pounds, and T. C. Worden's Navanod, with 106, drew second highest impost.

The Wiley Post Purse, subfeature of the afternoon, had 12 entries, 3-year-olds and up, over the mile and 70 yards.

At noon the city hall and the courthouse closed and numerous stores operated with skeleton forces, so that the attendance at the memorial meet might be swelled. Box holders include many social leaders of this section and the occasion was in the nature of an outdoor fashion review.

Bank Clearings Up 20 Per Cent in Year

NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (AP).—Bank clearings for the third week of November exceeded by more than 20 per cent the volume of the corresponding week in 1934, Dun & Bradstreet reported Thursday.

The total for the 22 leading cities was \$5,576,438,000, against \$4,584,949,000 a year ago, an increase of 21.7 per cent. For the preceding week the advance was 23.1 per cent.