



—Star-Telegram Staff Photo.

"GRATITUDE CAR" ARRIVES FOR EXHIBIT—Committeemen were on hand Saturday at the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railway freight station when the French "Gratitude Car" arrived from Austin. A heavy rigging power crane of John H. Maxwell & Co., contractors, prepares to lift the boxcar from the railroad flatcar. Crouched on the trailer truck is Bob Wilson, foreman of the Maxwell crew. The committeemen, left to right, are Eddie Compton, museum board member; T. L. Berry, traffic manager for the Maxwell company; William E. Grace, executive vice president and general manager of Hobbs Manufacturing Company; Miss Ella J. Smith, J. B. Parr, Forrest Hurley, John B. Honts, co-chairman; Roy K. McDonald, Katy general freight and passenger agent; J. Lee Johnson Jr., co-chairman and museum president, and E. A. Schiffers, chef de gare, Fort Worth Voiture, 40 and 8.

'Merci' Car at Museum; Gift Exhibit Opens Monday

The first official exhibition of French gifts and the "Gratitude Car" in which they were brought to Texas will be formally opened at 5 p. m. Monday at the Fort Worth Children's Museum, 1306 Summit.

The little French boxcar with its "armor" of colorful shields representing the 40 provinces of France was delivered here Satur-

day aboard the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railway's "Katy Komet," was unloaded and trucked to the museum by John H. Maxwell & Co., heavy rigging contractors, and will be open for inspection on the museum grounds Sunday from 2 to 5 p. m.

Selected Gift Group.

A selected group of the French "merci (thank you) gifts," sent to America by the French people out of gratitude for the Friendship Train of food sent to starving Frenchmen in 1947, will be presented in an exhibit room of the museum beginning Monday. The exhibit will be here for a limited time—10 days or two weeks—and will be open for inspection from 4 to 9 p. m. Monday.

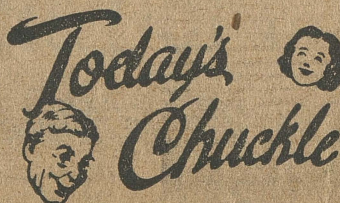
The state committee of the Grand Voiture of Texas, 40 and 8, has granted temporary custody of the French boxcar to the Amon G. Carter Foundation. The foundation contributed 15 carloads of food to the Friendship Train, making a total of 19 carloads contributed by Fort Worth, the Lions Clubs here raising funds for the others. Lions Clubs sponsored the Friendship Train movement throughout Texas. A total of 46 carloads was sent from Texas. The national committee said Fort Worth's contribution was the largest of any city in the United States.

French Boxcar Quaint.

It is worth a trip to the museum just to view the quaint little French boxcar, but the museum also offers many other attractions of interest to youth and adult alike.

The French exhibit in the museum will be open from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. daily, Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free to all exhibits at the museum.

A committee on arrangements for the French exhibit is headed by J. Lee Johnson Jr., museum president, and John B. Honts, president of the Downtown Lions Club and the Fort Worth Council of Lions Club Presidents.



"May I have Tuesday off?"
 "And why, if I may ask?"
 "It's my 25th wedding anniversary."
 "What! Are we going to have to put up with this every 25 years."
 —The RHC News.

37 TONS LIFTED

A-Bomber Launched Off Carrier

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP).—A long-range bomber of a type which the Navy says can handle atom bombs took off from a carrier early this month, it was learned Saturday. The plane was the heaviest ever launched in that fashion.

Navy officials, in answer to questions, said a Lockheed Neptune P2V-3C—weighing with its bomb load and fuel approximately 37 tons—flew off the carrier Coral Sea March 7.

The bomber, after a 2,000-mile flight, dropped a load equivalent to 10,000 pounds of bombs, then landed at the Patuxent, Md., Naval Air Base.

Party Crashers Rob Guests of \$4,000

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., March 19 (AP).—Bandits crashed a birthday party at Willowbrook Farm near here Saturday night, robbed 15 guests of \$4,000 in cash and jewelry, then herded them into a basement and tied them up.

State police later arrested four men at a roadblock north of Hawthorne, N. Y., and held them for investigation.

Hellman Snubs Aid in Case Against Heiser

District Attorney Hellman Saturday had refused to permit the firm of Hardin, Hardin and Bransford to act as special prosecutors in trial of River Oaks Police Chief Fred Heiser and two aides.

Trial is set for March 31 in Criminal District Court No. 2 for Heiser, F. E. Dailey and Wilmer Wade Dillard on charges of false imprisonment.

Ross Hardin said Saturday his firm was employed by used car dealers in the city to act as special prosecutors. When Hardin notified Hellman, the district attorney "absolutely objected," Hardin said.

"He said it would probably involve politics and that special prosecutors aren't needed in minor cases," Hardin stated.

After Hellman's refusal, Hardin notified his clients and returned the law firm's retainer fee, he said.

Hellman said he believed his office can handle the cases, and that they will be prosecuted by Assistants Tolbert, Aultman and Power.

"Special prosecutors are all right when a crime of violence is involved and an aggrieved family is upset," Hellman said. "Then I always respect their wishes. But this is just a normal, ordinary, routine case."

The River Oaks officers were indicted by the county grand jury March 10 on the complaint of R. D. Ryno, North Side used car dealer of 508 Frontier. Ryno said that he was held in jail all night after refusing to sign a ticket for speeding and going past a traffic stop light.

He said officers "cussed" him and refused to permit him to call his home or an attorney.

Inflation Seen If Rent Curbs Are Dropped

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP). The Senate banking committee said Saturday removal of rent controls now would boost rents 25 to 100 per cent generally and perhaps touch off strikes and a new wage-price spiral.

Immediate rent decontrol would deal the entire economy "a severe blow," the committee told the Senate in a formal report recommending passage of its bill to extend rent controls 12 to 15 months.

The bill would allow some rent increases up to 10 per cent. In general there would be none before Oct. 1, 1949. The committee said "any increases in rents today would be at the expense of diets, medical care, clothing and other necessities of life of millions of American citizens."

It said outright junking of controls at this time might set off inflationary pressure that would require restoration of price controls.

The present rent law expires March 31. The Senate will start debate on the committee bill Monday. The House already has passed a 15-month extender. Both bills permit "home rule" decontrol, but go about it in different ways.

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