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# Vernonites Attend Ceremony Unveiling Will Rogers Statue

A delegation of Vernon notables including Mrs. Electra Waggoner Biggs, noted sculptress, attended the unveiling of the life-size statue of Will Rogers, famed humorist and philosopher, at Fort Worth Tuesday. Mrs. Biggs created the statue at the commission of Amon Carter, owner and publisher of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. The masterpiece was nine feet and 11 inches high and weighed 3,200 pounds.

Notables present included General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower who unveiled the statue; Miss Margaret Truman, daughter of the President of the United States, who sang "Home on the Range;" F. J. Adams who presented the statue and portrait to the city, Mayor Deen and Mrs. Biggs.

It was Mr. Adams who pointed out how fitting it was that Mrs. Biggs was commissioned to sculpt the statue of the beloved cowboy humorist and outstanding philosopher. Being the daughter of E. Paul Waggoner, noted rancher and authority on cowboy

attributes and range subjects, Mrs. Biggs had the needed background to create the statue as only one versed and trained in this environment could create, it was emphasized.

Mayor Deen, in accepting the statue on behalf of Fort Worth, commented on the naturalness of the creation.

Vernonites present for the unveiling were Mr. and Mrs. Biggs, R. B. Anderson, Killen Moore, Ike Moore and Miss Helen Waggoner.