

*The Times Herald Stands for
Dallas as a Whole*

*God washes the eyes by tears until they
can behold the invisible land where tears
shall come no more.—Beecher.*

**Fitting Tribute to Memory
Of Will Rogers**

THE TRIBUTE paid to Will Rogers in Fort Worth Tuesday by Gen. Eisenhower was not only appropriate but thought-provoking. Dallas joins the Panther City in thanking the general for coming to Texas for this occasion.

Will Rogers, during his lifetime, was beloved by the Southwest and internationally famous. However, we realize now perhaps more clearly than we did, that he was not only a humorist but a philosopher.

Through the years, the equestrian statue of the cowboy philosopher who was the friend of presidents and kings and men and women of every rank, will be an inspiration to new generations. It and the portrait, both presented the City of Fort Worth by Amon G. Carter, publisher of the Star-Telegram, will be treasured by all Texans, and will be pointed out with pride to visitors to this state.

**Water and Sewerage Needs
Are Fundamental**

THE IMPROVEMENTS which are to be financed from proceeds of the \$11,000,000 revenue bond issue proposed by the City Council must be made if Dallas is to continue to grow and prosper.

Dallas has many needs, but some are fundamental and must be given priority over others. They include an adequate supply of water with facilities for distribution and sanitary sewerage to protect public health.

These bonds will be expended for water mains and purification equipment and sewer lines and disposal plants. In the not-distant future, additional bonds will be necessary for reservoir construction, but, before reservoirs can be used, mains within the city must be provided.

To retire these bonds and pay interest on them from water department revenue will eventually push water rates upward, but the cost of essential construction must be met in one way or another. It may become necessary for the city to devise a rate schedule to accommodate huge industries that use a great volume of water. Concessions to larger consumers are made now, but further concession may be desirable.

There are other types of fundamental improvement, including street revision and storm sewers, for which bonds also will have to be issued. This only stresses the importance of being careful not to run up the city's bonded debt for projects that can be safely postponed.

To issue revenue bonds on a scale as large as this is a new practice by the Dallas municipal government. Our bonds in the past, except in one or two instances, have been based on tax revenues. However, in spite of this, water bonds have been retired by water revenue. For this revenue to carry sanitary sewer bonds is also relatively a new policy, but there is a close relation between water and sewer service.

We take pride in the fact that Dallas is growing rapidly and has gained sharply in recent years, but growth requires heavy expenditures by the city government. We might as well reconcile ourselves to this. It does not mean that every proposed bond issue should be approved. On the contrary, it means that the authorities should plan carefully and that the public should be on guard and give approval first to projects that are first in importance.