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A WREATH FOR WILL—Hardy Murphy of Ardmore, Okla., holds the wreath he placed at the foot of the Will Rogers equestrian statue Sunday, Oklahoma Day at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show. With Murphy are Dr. George Cross, center, president of the University of Oklahoma, and Amon Carter.

Tribute to Favorite Cowpoke

Oklahomans Pause at Stock Show To Put Wreath at Will Rogers Statue

The folks from back home in Oklahoma paused along the trail Sunday afternoon to help speed their favorite cowpoke on his never-ending ride into the Fort Worth sunset.

While the red-coated members of the University of Oklahoma band stood stiffly at attention and a crowd of more than 100 Oklahomans here for the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show bared their heads to the biting wind, a wreath was placed reverently at the foot of the Will Rogers' equestrian statue in front of the coliseum and auditorium that bear his name.

Hardy Murphy of Ardmore, Okla., dressed in a white Western outfit held the wreath in one hand and a high-crowned 10-gallon hat in the other, as he said solemnly, the wind carrying his voice:

"When I think of Will, I like to visualize that old time cowboy, aboard his favorite cayuse, riding into the fading sunlight. This beautiful, magnificent col-

iseum and auditorium are living tributes to his memory. This statue, presented to the city of Fort Worth by Mr. Amon Carter, proves Will Rogers was loved—not only by Oklahomans—but by all Americans."

Murphy called on Carter for a few remarks.

"We are honoring America's greatest citizen here this after-

noon," Carter responded. "He lived in Oklahoma, but he stopped in Texas often. Many people called him a comedian, and that always sort of irritated me. He was really a great philosopher, a great humanitarian and a great citizen."

Dr. George Cross, president of the University of Oklahoma, here with the Sooner group for Oklahoma Day at the Stock Show, offered a final prayer:

"... We thank Thee this day for the life of him who brought hope, cheer and courage to millions. May the memories of his joyous spirit mellow our hearts; may the memories of his service to others widen our sympathies, and may we be lifted from our littleness into his greatness..."

Earlier, at an Oklahoma Day luncheon in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Texas, Carter presented Dr. Cross with a Shady Oak hat and made him an honorary vice president of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show.

"I appreciate the hat," Dr. Cross told Carter and the 250 Oklahomans at the luncheon, "and I shall place it beside and treasure it as much as another Texas hat I have."

The crowd, particularly the members of the University of Oklahoma band, roared. Dr. Cross was referring to a bronze hat which becomes the property of the school winning the annual Texas-Oklahoma football game at the Cotton Bowl. OU has won the hat the last two years.

Edgar Deen, general manager of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, and Ernest Allen, show vice president, brought greetings to the Oklahoma visitors at the luncheon. Mrs. Deen also was present.

SHOW CALENDAR

Monday.

Vernon, Baird, Post, Llano, Wellington, Eastland, Jacksboro and 4-H Club Day.

8 a. m.—Gates open.

8 a. m.—Southwestern dairy judging contest for senior agriculture college students, auction arena.

8 a. m.—General livestock judging contest for junior A&M and teachers college students, auction arena.

8 a. m.—Brahman cattle, Arena No. 2.

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8 a. m.—Open steer show, cattle arena.

8 a. m.—Quarter Horse mare halter classes, coliseum arena.

8 a. m.—Boys pig show, swine arena.

8:30 a. m.—Corriedale, Shropshire and Suffolk sheep, sheep arena.

1 p. m.—Swine open show, fat and breeding classes, swine arena.

2 p. m.—Rodeo and horse show, coliseum.

4:30 p. m.—Square dance contest, auditorium.

8 p. m.—Rodeo and horse show, coliseum.

Red Peace Bid Due, Say Swedish

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 29 (Reuter's).—The Swedish Socialist newspaper Aftontidningen quoted "rumors from London" Sunday that Russia is preparing "a new peace deal with a really generous offer to the United States."

The newspaper said Russia would probably propose an international conference to establish world peace when "the present purges" in the east European states were over.