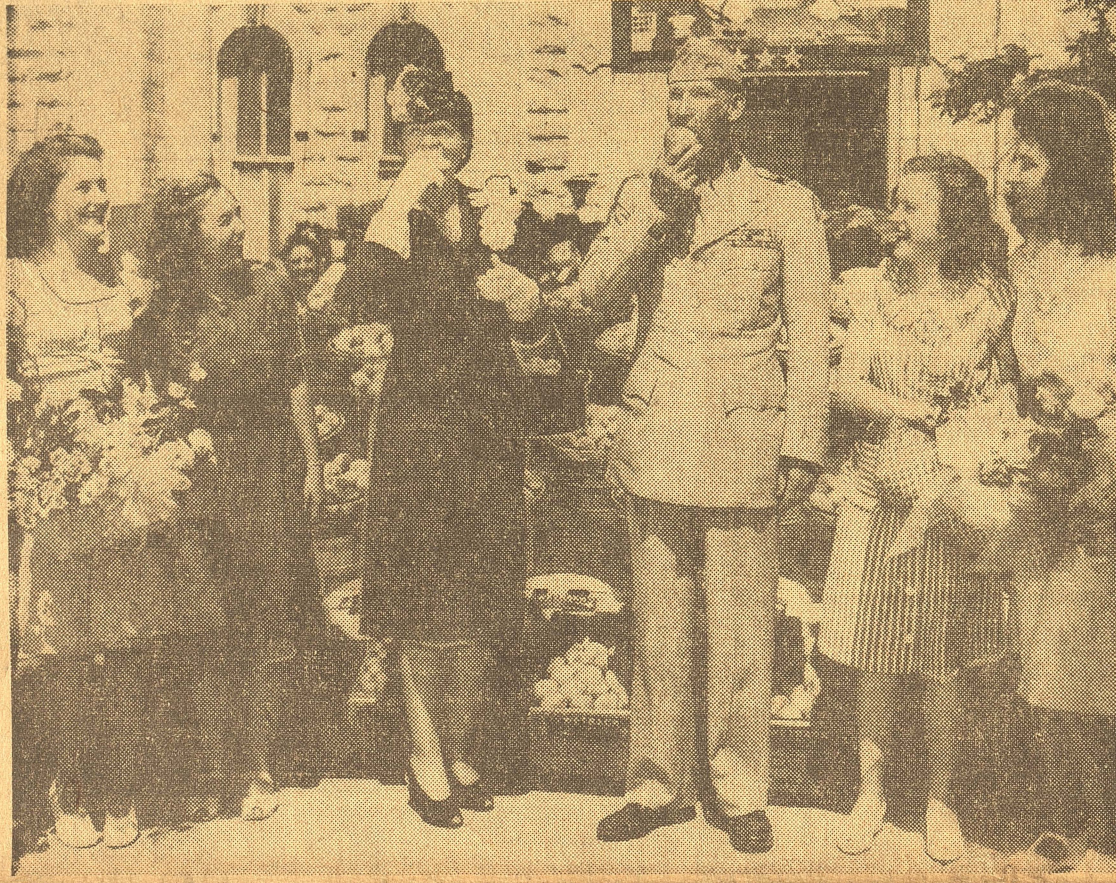




**TALKING OVER FESTIVITIES**—Mrs. William H. Simpson (center), discusses the day's activities with Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson, 87-year-old mother of the general. General Simpson is seated at his wife's right, his face hidden. At left in the same group, George Fant, president of the 1st National Bank at Weatherford, talks to Congressman Fritz Lanham, seated. (Staff Photo).



**FAMOUS PEACH FOR FAMOUS GENERAL**—General and Mrs. Simpson rediscover the flavor of Parker County peaches after selecting some choice ones from an exhibit in front of the courthouse steps. Looking on are, left to right, Patsy Rodehaver, Joy Roark, Eleanor Jenkins and Ann Newberry, who were with the group of Weatherford girls who scattered flowers in the path of the general and his wife as they approached. (Staff Photo).

## While Crowds Cheer Simpson and 9th, General Praises Civilian War Job

BY B. C. UTECHT.

While enthusiastic Texas crowds and old friends paid high tribute to Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson in Fort Worth and Weatherford Tuesday and Wednesday for the accomplishments of his 9th Army in taking German troops to a complete licking, the general himself threw bouquets at the Texas civilian population.

Overlooking himself, Simpson in speech as well as in interview gave full credit to the officers and men serving under him for victory, and he then emphasized the teamwork in Texas that supported the armies.

Armies themselves can not produce because their one job is fighting, and without adequate support from the people back home, fighting spirit goes to low ebb, he explained. But encouragement and 100 per cent backing on the part of Texas and other states, kept the United States troops in great shape physically and built up morale, the general said.

Since the United States entered the war against Germany and Japan, the average citizen hardly grasps the extent to which Texas went to provide this necessary backing, but Simpson was aware of it, he said.

The records show Texas has placed in the armed services about 700,000, more than 10 per cent of the Texas population and more than any other state, but it is

what Texas civilians and industry accomplished that Simpson called attention to.

"The folks back home have done a great job in producing for us, meaning our armies, such a large amount of equipment and food that we couldn't be stopped in Germany," he said. "But we must not forget we have knocked out only one enemy and we still must defeat Japan. So Texas must keep up its good work. There is no question that we will defeat Japan, but it must be a thorough job."

Simpson said he was referring to these war production records by Texas: an abundant supply of oil which kept the motored equipment on the move; manufacture of high octane gasoline for airplanes for bombing raids over Germany and Japan; more petroleum and high octane than from any other state; manufacture of magnesium in enormous quantities for planes; manufacture of synthetic rubber by Texas plants to meet the necessity of war, when the natural supply was cut off.

Production of meat and food from Texas ranches and farms, without which an army would lose its efficiency; production of wool, more than any other state, for the manufacture of uniforms and blankets, along with hides for Army shoes; manufacture of planes for the Army and Navy; assembly and quick shipment of jeeps to the

various fronts; manufacture of millions of shells and bombs in Texas plants; manufacture of steel; liberal purchase of war bonds.

While Fort Worth, Weatherford and Mineral Wells were demonstrating their pride in Simpson, the general was equally proud of the record made here in backing up his 9th Army and other American armies in Europe.

Cavalry was not needed much overseas in this war, but Simpson has not lost his interest in horses. At the Fort Worth Municipal Airport Tuesday 20 cowboys rode 20 good cow ponies, and after the speechmaking had ended the general got off the platform and gave the horses a close inspection. They were all good horses, he said, and he would liked to have got aboard one, but a jeep was waiting to carry him downtown for the parade.

### Tennis Star Sued by Wife

SANTA ANA, Cal., June 28 (AP). Tennis Star Fred J. Perry was charged with cruelty in a divorce complaint filed by Mrs. Dorothy Breaux Perry Wednesday. They separated 10 days ago.

Married in Mexico in 1941, they reported the ceremony at Elkton, Md., Jan. 11, 1942. Perry formerly was married to Actress Helen Vinson.

## McNARNEY PLEDGES EARLY TRIP HOME FOR 89,000 SOLDIERS

WASHINGTON, June 28 (AP).—Gen. Joseph T. McNarney reported Thursday that 89,408 soldiers in the Mediterranean area are eligible for discharge and that all of them will be homeward bound in September.

McNarney, deputy Allied supreme commander and chief of U. S. forces in the Mediterranean, said there were 508,000 Americans in that area at the time of Germany's surrender.

"I'm doing my best to get everybody out as soon as possible, especially the high point men," McNarney told a news conference.

By December, he said, only 50,000 Americans will be left in the area, and by the end of January

the number will be cut to 2,680 salvage troops. In addition, he said there will be 5,000 Air Corps troops left there but they will be under the command of the European Theater occupation air force.

McNarney said there is a possibility that it will be necessary to retain one division in Italy since Americans have been assigned a part in the occupation of the Trieste area. It may be the 10th Mountain Division, the last division to arrive in Italy, McNarney said.

The general, who expects to return to Italy about the middle of July, said 50,000 service troops already have been shipped from the

Mediterranean Theater direct to the Pacific area.

McNarney reported that American casualties in the Mediterranean from the time of the landings in North Africa in 1942 until V-E Day totaled 186,616, including 30,910 killed, 108,271 wounded and 47,535 missing. These included casualties suffered in southern France up to Nov. 20 when command of that area was turned over to the European Theater.

The best estimate of German casualties during the same period in that area, McNarney said, was 1,341,000 killed, wounded and missing. He gave no breakdown on that total.





**GENERAL GREETED BY OLDTIMER**—General Simpson chats for a moment with A. J. Vestal, 85-year-old cousin of the general's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson. (Staff Photo).

# Home Town Settles Down After Cheering Simpson

BY STAFF WRITER.

WEATHERFORD, June 28. — Weatherfords pulse was resuming its normal beat Thursday after the tumult of Wednesday's all-out homecoming celebration for Parker County's favorite son, Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson.

The trappings which provided a gala setting for the occasion are being hauled down and tucked away, but memories of the event still linger on.

General Simpson left here Wednesday night with the acclaim of his friends and neighbors still ringing in his ears and with a slightly swollen right hand that ached more from the sting a bee or some other insect inflicted as the 9th Army commander left his car to attend the colorful and thunderous "Here's Your Infantry" war bond show which concluded the homecoming.

### Committee Praised.

Fellow townsmen of Mayor Conrad Russell, Chamber of Commerce President W. D. Newberry, War Bond Chairman George Fant and other committeemen still were heaping praise on them Thursday for the successful event. The folks turned out by the thousands from Parker, Palo Pinto and Tarrant Counties, and the crowd was sprinkled with friends and admirers of Simpson from other points, too.

Take D. C. Thurman of Menard, for example, who played right guard on the old Weatherford College football team on which Simp-

son played end. Thurman said he drove all night to get here. C. P. Clayton of Bryson, quarterback on the same team, also was on hand.

From Mineral Wells came Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crumbie, Mrs. Paul Crouch, Allan Guinn, Ernest Mims, Vernon Moore, Charlie Lee, M. P. Hines and others. Among those from Aledo were Alfred Rosse, rancher, and J. A. (Peck) Nichols, county commissioner, who used to ride horseback to school with Simpson.

### More Friends of Simpson.

Other friends of Simpson for many years who joined in hailing him were Rep. Arthur Cato; Tom Gray, former constable at Aledo, out of the hospital for the first day since an operation; J. O. Browning, 75-year-old retired farmer, and his 78-year-old sister, Mrs. J. M. Bacon, formerly of Weatherford and now of Wellington, Kan.; Jim McFarland, rancher; Ben E. Young, 67-year-old former schoolmate of Simpson; Knox Childress, grain man; Mrs. W. R. Vivrett, the former Vesta Putman, who was one of Simpson's school teachers; Edgar Dowden, the goods merchant, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Lucas, formerly of Aledo, and their two daughters, Christine and Joyce Lucas, both teaching school at Weatherford, and Harry C. Hunnewell, barber, who recalled trimming Simpson's "heavy shock of hair" when Hood was a boy.

The Palace Theater's marquee bore a greeting to General Simpson as the parade circled the square. After the ceremonies the same marquee billed the current picture, "U. S. Marine on Parade."

### Impressive Parade.

It was an impressive parade and the throngs along the sidewalk and atop buildings cheered lustily. One spectator, straining his eyes in the bright sunlight, even swore he saw a sudden movement of the armored knight that has occupied a decorative niche in the face of the Knights of Pythias Building on the square for years. "He saluted with that silvery sword as General Simpson went by," he said. The heat was rather intense out there on the square.

The large pencil portrait of General Simpson that occupied a place of honor on the speaker's stand was done by E. Lee Patterson, commercial artist. It was his gift to the occasion and will be used at a forthcoming war bond rally, he said. It will go to the high bidder—in war bonds.

Not on the program of the homecoming but rather significant was the view a truckload of German war prisoners had of the scene of celebration a few minutes after the ceremonies ended and the crowd was dispersing. They stared in silence as the truck rolled past the welcome signs and the waving flags. They were being returned from a work assignment on a Parker County farm.

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she thought some one in the neighborhood was shooting cats.

Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Witt had spent the night at the home of Mrs. D. F. Mallory, 3106 6th Ave. They played bridge and Mrs. Newton, according to Mrs. Witt, interrupted the game and said: "I have the strangest feeling I should be home."

Mrs. Newton went to the house of her mother at about 7:15 a. m. and found the front door open but the screen door latched. She rang the bell but got no answer.

She returned an hour later with Mrs. Witt, who is employed in a beauty shop Mrs. Newton operates at 710 8th Ave.

Mrs. Witt, after trying the door, went to the back of the five-room frame house and looked through the bedroom window.

Turning to Mrs. Newton, she said:

"Don't look; there is something wrong."

After Mrs. Newton had visited the house the first time she had called Mrs. Witt and asked her to go there with her again. She told Mrs. Witt she felt like "something is wrong."

Investigating officers said three fired shells were in the pistol they found. They also found a glass, turned top down, on the kitchen sink. Harris said a white powderish residue was in it.

The note asked that the writer be given a private funeral with only relatives and a few friends present and requested "the songs I've always loved." The writer asked that reporters "or anyone else who wants to read it" be shown the note.

Police Officer Ruddle Thursday said he answered a disturbance call to the residence around midnight about two months ago. He declared Morrow told him he had placed the call and expressed the fear that he was "going to be killed."

Ruddle said Mrs. Morrow denied to him that she had a gun.





# HOME VISIT ENDS, SIMPSON FLIES EAST

BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

WEATHERFORD, June 28. — Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson, who led the jumpoff of American armies into Germany, was ready Thursday for an early return to military duty after receiving the cheers and handclasps of hundreds of friends and admirers in his home town of Weatherford.

The general had a last visit with his 87-year-old mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson, after his strenuous homecoming celebration Wednesday, and left for Fort Worth before taking off for Washington for return within a few days to Europe. His plane left the Fort Worth Municipal Airport at 9:30 a. m. Thursday.

At Weatherford, which was in patriotic dress to receive him, General Simpson paraded before a huge Parker County crowd, obligingly sampled a juicy peach for the benefit of newsreel cameras, and shook hands with hundreds of friends, relatives and well-wishers who crowded around him.

The good-natured, smiling general and his wife moved with difficulty through the crowd, grasping outstretched hands and recalling the faces of those who knew him in boyhood at Weatherford and Aledo.

## Comforts Mothers.

From a flag-decorated platform on the courthouse square, beneath a giant photograph flanked by the words "Hail to Hood Simpson and the Fighting 9th," he began a brief address to the assemblage with "My old friends and neighbors."

"This day," he said, "brings me back to old, familiar ground—back home."

The speech over, he paused to shake warmly the hands of a group of Parker County mothers whose sons have died in the war and gathered them close about him to offer a few words of comfort.

"The only consolation you can have," he said, "is that your sons died for a worthy cause, that they paid the supreme sacrifice for the safety and peace of their country. You can be proud of them, and in your sorrow you have our sympathy."

He prescribed a formula for the home front's part in finishing the war with Japan—"Continued united support, work, encouragement of your sons in the war, and buying bonds."

## For Universal Training.

General Simpson took time out from his greeting of old friends to declare himself strongly in favor of universal military training as a protection to the country and a preventive of future wars.

Saying such training would make "gangster nations" unwilling to risk war, General Simpson added:

"Universal military training would be far less costly than maintaining an enormous standing army. I am emphatically in favor of instituting the system as soon as it properly can be done."

This view was underlined by a statement in his speech lauding the home-front achievement in supplying arms and equipment for the fighting forces and commending the training program for soldiers in this war.

"With their superior training and weapons, any division in the 9th Army could have chewed up the 33rd Division of World War I, of which I was a member, or any other division in that war," he said.

"I want to thank you and all others in this country for contributing the food, clothing, ammunition and equipment which our soldiers have used so skillfully and effectively against the very best the Germans had to offer."

Congressman Lanham, also a Weatherford native, introduced General Simpson and other speakers and guests, some of them former schoolmates of the general.

General Simpson was given a 15-gun salute as he entered the town, and waved to the crowd from the back seat of an automobile as the parade moved around the courthouse square. In the parade were State Highway Patrol motorcycles, Army tanks, jeeps, trucks, artillery, two Army bands and the Weatherford High School band. Planes flew overhead, dipping in salute.

## Trophy Presented.

He was presented a gold trophy on a walnut base, inscribed "In commemoration of a big job well done," by his Parker County friends. The presentation was made by George Fant, Weatherford banker and boyhood friend of Simpson.

Seated with Simpson on the plat-

## Lanham Urges Public Works

Congressman Lanham of Fort Worth said Wednesday that states, counties and municipalities should complete plans at once to fill in the unemployment gap for the post-war period. This, he said, will be the principal factor in averting a depression.

Lanham pointed out that Texas as well as other states need many public projects, including the construction of highways, schools and public buildings, which when undertaken will provide employment for millions.

"The federal government is prepared to help financially, but it can not do the whole job, for the federal government has a staggering war debt to pay."

Lanham is chairman of the House Committee on Public Buildings and Lands. He came home to attend the Fort Worth and Weatherford homecoming events for Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson.

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E bonds to their associates and employees.

"In all preceding campaigns, Fort Worth has surpassed by generous margins both her E bond and general quotas," he said. "Although the E bond deficit at this time is 1,388,400, I know Fort Worth will not fail."

By Thursday, Tarrant County bond buyers had purchased 84.1 per cent of the series E quota, or a total of \$7,511,600 in E bonds.

William Monnig, president of the Retail Merchants Association, asked all merchants and their employees to co-operate to their utmost in stimulating series E bond sales on Friday.

E bond rallies on downtown streets Friday will be in the form of actual machine gun sieges. Fifty men with 20 machine guns from Camp Howze will arrive in Fort Worth early in the morning to help stimulate sales. They will fire blanks periodically, while Red Cross Motor Girls, stationed at each gun, take orders for the bonds.

## Plea Made: Pay Motor Tax Now

An appeal to motorists to beat the July 1 deadline on the purchase of \$5 motor vehicle use tax stamps and avoid long lines, which last year extended outside the building, was voiced Thursday by Postmaster Young.

The stamps may be purchased at the Internal Revenue Department office in the U. S. Courthouse and at the Postoffice and substations. Sales so far of 11,501 stamps are far behind last year's total at this time.

form were his wife and mother; two brothers, John N. and C. C. Simpson of Fort Worth and their families; an aunt, Mrs. R. H. Chatham of Aledo; Mayor Conrad Russell of Weatherford; Orval Shore of Mineral Wells; Dr. J. N. R. Score, president of Southwestern University at Georgetown and Weatherford College; County Commissioner J. A. Nichols of Aledo, another of General Simpson's boyhood friends; Homer Covey, president of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, and Amon Carter of Fort Worth.

Maj. Gen. Bruce Magruder of Camp Wolters was present with nine members of his staff to honor the leader of the 9th Army.

General Simpson and his party were guests at a dinner and later attended a bond show in which returned combat soldiers demonstrated modern infantry weapons.





**COMFORT FOR GOLD STAR MOTHERS**—Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson and his wife took time at the general's Weatherford homecoming celebration Tuesday to meet and express sympathy to each of 11 Gold Star mothers whose Parker County sons died in the war. Left to right, Mrs. G. B. Kemp of Weatherford, Mrs. D. H. Gordon of Fort Worth and Mrs. H. S. Doyle and Mrs. A. K. Cruce

of Mineral Wells (all formerly of Weatherford), Mrs. Roy A. Knight of Millsap, Mrs. W. E. Newsom of Weatherford, General Simpson and Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. S. E. Cummings and Mrs. Mattie Bailey of Weatherford, Mrs. L. Y. Crosier of Mineral Wells (formerly of Weatherford), and Mrs. C. C. Reeder and Mrs. Rosa Current, both of Weatherford. (Staff Photo).