



HOMECOMING OF GENERAL—The homefolks turned out in great numbers, forming the biggest crowd ever assembled in Parker County, to "hail 'Hood' and his fighting 9th" when Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson came back to his native Weatherford Wednesday. Umbrellas raised against the bright sun, part of the crowd is seen

in the upper photo as it pressed closely about the platform on which General Simpson appeared. At center is another view of the crowd that assembled at the southwest corner of the four-acre courthouse square. Below, the tall general leans down from the platform to grasp the hands eagerly outstretched to him. (Staff Photos.)

Parker County Returns to Gathering Peaches After Big Simpson Celebration

WEATHERFORD, June 29 (Sp1). Weatherford's courthouse square had resumed its normal appearance Friday after witnessing the greatest gathering in Parker County history at Wednesday's homecoming celebration for a native son—Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson, leader of the 9th Army's drive into Germany.

Back at the job of disposing of the county's record peach crop was a large part of the crowd which, by the most conservative estimates, numbered between 10,000 and 15,000. Some placed the figure even higher, estimating that it came within hailing distance of equaling Parker County's population of 22,000.

Oldtimers agreed that no previous event ever had filled the courthouse square with so many people, including hundreds who were kinsmen, neighbors and friends of the "hometown boy" who became a fighting general.

Conduct of the crowd, which lined Fort Worth Avenue and the streets about the square, and then pressed about the speakers' platform at the southwest corner of the courthouse, won the compliments of Mayor Conrad Russell.

"I have never seen a more orderly gathering," Mayor Russell said, "and there was no difficulty in

handling it. Chief of Police Bert Reynolds reports that the crowd cooperated fully with him and his men, in spite of its eagerness to see and hear General Simpson."

Motorists, excluded from the courthouse square during the entire day, also showed excellent cooperation, Russell said, undergoing the inconvenience of detours to side streets without complaint.

Russell also expressed thanks to Camp Wolters, which furnished a band and motorized equipment for the parade and the field pieces that

fired a salute in his honor, and to Fort Worth and Mineral Wells for their help and participation in the celebration.

"The friendly co-operation makes us proud to have such fine neighbors," the mayor said.

The town meanwhile waited for a showing of newsreel shots of the celebration, including views of the record crowd and of General and Mrs. Simpson sampling the quality of peaches from the 500,000 to 750,000-bushel crop being produced in Parker County this year.

DOG IS GUARDING ABANDONED AUTO

DALLAS, June 29 (AP).—An abandoned automobile with a faithful dog standing watch had Deputy Sheriff Pete Ballard investigating Friday.

The car has been parked at the side of a road near White Rock Creek for three days and nights. Friday Ballard stopped to investigate. The dog was curled up on a front cushion.

Ballard found a driver's license in the glove compartment. It bore the name of an Athens man. He is making

3 POWs Hang Selves Rather Than Go Home

FORT DIX, N. J., June 29 (INS). Three Russians captured by U. S. troops while serving in the German army and held as prisoners at Fort Dix committed suicide Friday rather than return to Europe.

The deaths by hanging occurred during a riot staged by 154 simi-

Senate Lauds Vandenberg's Charter Plea

WASHINGTON, June 29 (AP).—The "heart and core of humanity's hope for tomorrow" lies in the peaceful adjustment of international disputes pledged in the United Nations Charter, Senator Vandenberg of Michigan declared in the Senate Friday.

As silent, attentive colleagues listened and finally rose with thunderous applause when he concluded, the Michigan senator put non-partisan endorsement on the document he helped fashion at San Francisco with the assertion he will support its ratification "with all of the resources at my command."

"I shall do this in the deep conviction that the alternative is physical and moral chaos in many weary places on the earth," he said in a voice made hoarse by the fatigue of nine weeks of conferences at San Francisco.

While crowded spectators in the galleries, many of them in uniform, bent forward to listen, the chairman of the Republican senatorial conference continued:

"I shall do it because this plan, regardless of infirmities, holds great promise that the United Nations may collaborate for peace as effective as they have made common cause for war. I shall do it