

SEC Permission Sought in Texas Gas Transaction

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (AP).—Testimony that the proposed acquisition by the Community Natural Gas Company of the Texas Cities Gas Company would benefit investors and would not affect consumers was given the Securities and Exchange Commission Thursday.

The statement was made by D. A. Hulcy of Dallas, president of the Lone Star Gas Corporation, which owns both of the companies concerned.

The community company is seeking SEC permission to take over, for \$8,769,241, distributing equipment and assets of the Texas Cities Company in El Paso, Galveston, Waco, Paris and Brenham.

Hulcy testified before Examiner William W. Swift that the only effect on investors holding stock in the parent corporation would be favorable, through contemplated expansion of operation.

He explained that common ownership of the two companies eliminated the necessity for payment of fees or commission in connection with the transaction.

'Westerner' Stars Dined

Celebrities Are Entertained at Shady Oak Farm as Part of Premiere Festivities.

Stars and other celebrities associated with "The Westerner," which was given its world premiere Thursday night at three Fort Worth theaters, were given a taste of Shady Oak Farm hospitality Thursday afternoon as guests of Amon Carter.

About 150 of the Hollywood visitors and others connected with the elaborate arrangements for the premiere, made an inspection of the farm and attended an informal dinner on the horseshoe veranda at Shady Oak.

Honored guests of the occasion were Samuel Goldwyn, producer of "The Westerner," and Gary Cooper, star of the picture. Goldwyn was presented with a hand-carved leather belt with silver buckle.

Gratitude Is Expressed.

Cooper was presented with a full membership in the Texas Cowboy Reunion Association, Carter turning over to him a membership certificate signed by Ellison Carroll of Big Lake, association president, and Charles E. Coombes of Stamford, secretary. Carroll and Coombes authorized the presentation in a letter to Carter. Cooper was so pleased with the award that he inquired about dates of the Texas Cowboy Reunion, held each July at Stamford, and expressed the hope he will be able to attend one of the reunions soon.

Both Goldwyn and Cooper expressed deep gratitude for the hospitality extended them.

"Except for Fort Worth's interest and enthusiasm in bringing about the world premiere of "The Westerner," it is doubtful that such an event would have been held anywhere outside Hollywood," Goldwyn said.

Birthday Club



One of the Birthday Club members congratulated on a celebration Friday is Avis Carolyn Hollopeter, pictured here. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hollopeter, 2300 Mistletoe Avenue.

For anniversary greetings Friday the Birthday Club names these members:

Eobby Eugene Whitworth, 8.
George Norris Foshee, 15.
Joy Sann Cromer, 11.
Jeanie Marie Spence, 8.
Mary Leroy Perkins, 11.
Nellie Marie File, 14.
Alice Harris, 11.
Winston Hightower, 3.
Lloyd Rupert Sandusky, 5.
Shirley Jean White, 4.
Mary Elizabeth Lipscomb, 5.
Bobby Eugene Whitworth, 8.
Avis Carolyn Hollopeter, 3.

'High Priced' Show Is Free

Capacity Crowd of 7,500 Jams Coliseum as Stars Make First Appearances.

Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum had its highest priced show in history Thursday afternoon, but there wasn't a paid admission in the capacity crowd of 7,500 persons.

The greatest collection of motion picture stars ever assembled in Fort Worth went on free exhibition for Tarrant County's orphans and residents of homes for the aged.

It was Gary Cooper's show and the star of "The Westerner" was in the center of a screaming throng of youngsters during the entire performance.

But he had a co-star that absorbed almost as much of the limelight—Comedian Bob Hope whose flippant microphone kept the crowd in a hilarious uproar throughout his brief appearance on the speakers' platform.

Hope 'Plugs' Program.

"I'm very happy all you folks came out to see ME today," Hope cracked as he grabbed the mike, and the show was off to a merry riot.

"I never saw such a crowd," he raved on. "It's a shame they had to hold this fine parade on Dollar Day."

"It gets any bigger, Billy Rose will muscle in on it."

Hope also took occasion to plug his radio program (a toothpaste) with the remark he would be back on the air next Tuesday night. "I don't mind the work on Tuesday night, though. It's the other six days of the week that I spend in the factory screwing tops on the tubes," he added.

Cooper spent most of his time busily autographing the astonishing number of books, scraps of paper, and cards thrust at him by the admiring throng of youngsters.

Speaks from Horse.

He spoke briefly, while still on horseback, and remarked he was having a wonderful time, but "my seat's a little sore."

Cooper had to be persuaded to circle the arena on the horse so that all of the wildly cheering crowd could get a better view.

"I'll fall off," he protested.

But he made the circle with Amon Carter and resumed his place near the speakers' platform.

One of the biggest rounds of applause, as the parade entered the arena, went to Edward Arnold, the husky favorite of young and old.

Others introduced included Walter Brennan, another "Westerner" star; Doris Davenport and Lillian Bond of the same cast; Charles Ruggles, Chil Wills of "The Westerner," Bruce Cabot, Amon Munson, and the producer of "The Westerner"—Samuel Goldwyn—and the film's director, William Wyler.

Cooper Leads Parade.

"Haven't had so much fun since I had the measles," Ruggles quipped as he was introduced. Miss Bond and Cabot also spoke briefly.

The long procession that had paraded through Fort Worth's main business district entered the coliseum with Cooper and Carter in the lead, closely followed by United States Marshal Wright, Sheriff Carter and Chief of Police Howard, all on horseback.

The Goldwyn and Brennan carriages were well in the parade front.

Parker Wilson's radio musicians started the proceedings with Frank Weatherford as master of ceremonies, "God Bless America," with the entire audience joining in the singing, marked the program's official start after the arena had been filled with parade participants.

The Cowboy Band of Hardin-Simmons University of Abilene and the Texas Christian University and Texas Wesleyan College bands of Fort Worth also supplied music. The Cowboy Band featured Joedene Probst of Flora, Ill., as soloist.

'Typical' Girls Presented.

Numbers by the Fort Worth Junior Chamber of Commerce male chorus, attired in traditional western garb, closed the program.

More than a score of "typical Texas girls" from all over the State, competing for the honor of statewide supremacy, were introduced to the crowd.

Harry Crocker introduced a number of nationally known newspaper men and women who were present.

Boxes around the arena were reserved for residents of the Tarrant County Orphans Home, Tarrant County Old Folks Home, Lena Pope Home, Eastern Star Home and Masonic Home and School, and for members of the Panther Boys Club.

The crowd was augmented by thousands of others admitted free, most of them children. Classes were dismissed in public schools for the afternoon to enable students to view the parade and show at the coliseum.

Everybody Is Happy at Luncheon for Movie Stars

Gary Cooper Poses With Twins; Brennan Finds Friends, Ruggles Gets Razzed, and Goldwyn Receives Song Wire.

Looking in on the luncheon at the Fort Worth Club Thursday where Samuel Goldwyn was a principal attraction, Gary Cooper dangled twigs on his knees and Walter Brennan went for three hours without smacking a stranger.

The luncheon given by the Chamber of Commerce for the Hollywood invasion that moved in by plane Thursday morning for the world premiere of "The Westerner," was no joke there. Monoco, the newsboy, saw the mob on West Street and began shouting a new headline, "Everybody Is Happy here for the world premiere."

The celebrities got to the luncheon in time to sign their names to cowboy hats, fill up their plates with chicken in aspic, sweet pickles and home smoked turkey, and the newspaper folks and the bander and speaker their piece on a 15-minute radio program.

You can see that they got there early.

Gary Cooper, best-looking cowboy in town full of them ambled in with spurs clanking about 11:15 a.m. Amon Carter, looking out for the interests of the Typical Texas girl who were gasping for a chance to see Cooper, led the towering star of "The Westerner" to a raised platform.

"Girls Get Good" Look.

Cooper on a raised platform is the thing to the Washington Monument, so every girl in the Fort Worth Club dining room had a good look. They cheered until they cracked in the chandeliers, then they cracked in their autographs.

Typical Texas girl and every Chamber of Commerce director with a good excuse (such as a small daughter or son at home) got to Gary Cooper for an autograph.

Accumulated enough fuzz off of 30-gallon hats to stuff a sofa pillow.

Ruth Evelyn Foote of Abilene (one of the Typical Texans) loaded up a plate at the mammoth buffet table and presented it to Goldwyn.

All was confusion with Walter Brennan because nobody took anybody but Chill Wills of Seagoville, Texas, to be Walter Brennan. Chill Wills had a sparse growth of red hair and the guy in "Boom Town" remember?) and could have been Brennan easy as not.

But Brennan was somebody else again. A smooth-shaven, nice-looking, youngish sort of guy with spectacles.

Edward Arnold was recognized by his laugh first. He spent the luncheon hour trying on cowboy hats. Every time he tried one on it was a little funnier. He was doing the heartbreak scene from "Diamond Jim Brady" before it was over.

Lady in Black.

Doris Davenport, the lovely in "The Westerner," was no cowgirl but a lady in black. She wore a dramatic black cape, big wide-brimmed black hat with turn-down edge and looked like something out of a Russian spy movie.

Luckiest girl in the bunch was Amon Munson. Just along for the ride she wore a big black John Frederick version of a cowgirl's sombrero with a red jersey sash around it ending in a scarf tied under her chin. The noted hat designer made the hat especially for her when he heard she was coming to Fort Worth.

Lillian Bond, the Jersey Lily of "The Westerner," was a picture in red felt hat, black crepe frock and big roomy red purse to go with it.

Though most of the luncheon and press conference was as informal as a farm hands' reunion, the high-jinks went on the air at 12:30 p. m. with Parker Wilson holding the reins. The program was fairly earnest at first, but then Bob Hope and Charlie Ruggles came on.

Carter introduced R. J. O'Donnell, vice president and general manager of Interstate Circuit, who introduced Sam Goldwyn. The three preliminary speakers explained the significance of the occasion. Carter welcomed the visiting celebrities to Fort Worth. O'Donnell named Goldwyn as "the man who has produced more great movies than any other person in Hollywood" and Goldwyn told how he happened to choose Fort Worth for the world premiere.

Premiere in Dallas.

"I was at a publishers' luncheon in New York," he said, "and Amon Carter was there. I happened to mention that I might hold the 'Westerner' premiere in Dallas."

"Dallas?" said Mr. Carter.

"Why?"

The producer went on to introduce the star of the picture, Gary Cooper. Cooper took the microphone with admitted nervousness.

"I ought to be good at this," he said. "I've just finished a picture in which I do a lot of radio talking. But the experience hasn't helped me much. I'd just like to say, though, that I find things very lively in Fort Worth and everybody very happy—me included. My head's even dizzy already. It does give me a feeling of great warmth and happiness, though, to land right here in the middle of the United States and find everybody as gay and happy as they are in Fort Worth."

Walter Brennan came on next, almost in character.

"I tell you, folks," he said, "I been in town here three hours and I haven't met a stranger yet. But don't keep me on the air. There's a very lovely little girl over there, Doris Davenport."

Miss Davenport came on just swallowing a turkey sandwich and said: "Say, one more lunch like that and I'll lose my contract. They tell me these Texas girls have three or four lamb chops for breakfast with hot butter and syrup. . . . Tell me how do they eat like that and keep so lovely?"

The typical Texas girls cheered for that one, and Charlie Ruggles was next. He gave a sour look toward Bob Hope.

"There's just one fellow in this

Army to Fire Alien Workers

230 European-born Canal Zone Employees Lose Jobs Today, Officials Announce.

BALBOA, Canal Zone, Sept. 19 (AP).—The United States Army announced Thursday that 230 European-born aliens employed in the Canal Zone will be discharged Friday.

The order climaxed weeks of exhaustive investigation.

On Monday, a group of 134 aliens found to be residing illegally in the Canal Zone were sent to Ellis Island, in New York Harbor, aboard an army transport.

Officials declined to give detailed reasons for the discharges but said they were "in the national interest."

A number of the 230 have permanent or temporary Panama visas, but some of these are expected to be cancelled by Panama authorities. What will happen to them is nebulous, since at least some probably are unable to return to their homelands.

For the most part, those to be discharged are construction workers or employed in army post exchanges, barber shops and tailor establishments. Officers said none had been on jobs where they might have had easy access to secret military information.

Most of them were said to be Germans, Czechs or Yugo-Slavs.

Record Tax Paying Pace Is Continued

Current city tax collections, booming along at a record pace, Thursday had sent total collections within \$12,000 of the figure for the corresponding date in 1939.

Total tax collections, including current city and school and delinquents, were \$4,878,087.96 after an addition of \$11,203 to current figures released Wednesday. The total figure at this date last year was \$4,890,703.81.

The difference was in delinquent tax collections, which continued to lag behind similar payments in 1939. The city, emphasizing current payments ahead of delinquents, has boosted the current revenue mark to \$4,216,671.97, more than 88 per cent of the adjusted levy and a new all-time record. The old high was in 1929 when the city collected 87.97 per cent of the current tax levy. Current collections this date in 1939 were only \$3,999,253.06.

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Ancient Planes Land at Hicks

The last three of the United States Army Air Corps' 12-year-old "Consolidated PT 3" type planes still in usable condition were flown to Hicks Field Wednesday from Dallas, the flight being the last that will ever be made by this class. Several thousand of them were built for pilot training in 1928 and have been in use by contract aviation schools in various places recently.

None of these old ships has been utilized for instruction at Hicks Field, W. B. Click, superintendent of maintenance there, said, although about 20 have been stored outside one of the hangars. They were originally brought to Hicks Field to lessen congestion at Love Field in Dallas, where about 50 still remain. Some of them have been used for pilot training there, but henceforth they will be out of service and are not being removed because of the inconvenience of such a transfer.

One of the planes arriving at Hicks Field Wednesday afternoon bore the numerals "13." It had never figured in an accident in 10 years of use. The four instructors of the Hicks Field staff who effected the transfer, one of them accompanying the party in a new plane, were C. C. Walling, O. H. Cook, Creighton Guthrie and John O'Neill.

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