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ABILENE GIRL WINS CONTEST

Thousands See Premiere At Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, Sept. 19. (AP)—Miss Evelyn Foote, 18, of Abilene, was named the winner of the Miss Typical Texas contest which was held in Fort Worth Thursday night in connection with the world premiere of Samuel Goldwyn's "The Westerner" moving picture.

Miss Foote, who won over 23 other contestants, will receive as her award a trip to the New York world's fair. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Foote and is a graduate of Abilene High school and a freshman at Hardin-Simmons university.

(Miss Maxine Fuson was the Wichita Falls entry in the contest).

The winner is 5 feet 6 inches tall with light brown hair and weighing 117 pounds. She is no novice in beauty contests. After being crowned queen of the North Central District fair of 1939 she went to Dallas the same year and won a beauty contest in connection with the Texas State fair.

Thousands of Fort Worth citizens and visitors thronged the streets in western attire Thursday night as a triple premiere showing of the picture was held at three theaters.

This city, selected for the world premiere presentation of a new movie with a Texas historical background, played enthusiastic host to movie celebrities and press correspondents who arrived in three planes chartered by Samuel Goldwyn, producer of "The Westerner."

Crowds waited at the airport to cheer Gary Cooper, Bob Hope, Edward Arnold, Chill Wills, Charlie Ruggles, Walter Brennan, Bruce Cabot, Doris Davenport, Lilian Bond and others. Ten-gallon hats, colorful cowboy shirts,

boots and spurs, worn by the visitors and many of the visited alike, revived some of the spirit of Texas frontier days.

Cooper and Hope appeared to divide equally the plaudits of the local feminine contingent as they signed autographs, gave interviews, and made informal speeches at the airport, at a chamber of commerce luncheon, and rode in a frontier days parade.

One of the girls entered in a typical Texas girl contest, conducted in connection with the premiere, was heard to ask the actor if Mrs. Cooper were with him. Answered in the negative, the girl sighed "Oh, goodie, goodie!" But the comedian Hope had his coterie of admirers too.

The day's festivities included a free show after the parade at Will Rogers coliseum, followed by a western party at Shady Oak farm, home of Amon G. Carter, publisher of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, screening of the film at three theaters, and a movie ball.

The Hollywood delegation motors to Dallas tomorrow for further celebration and screenings of the film. For Chill Wills, native of Seagoville (near Dallas), and member of the cast, the visit will be in the nature of a homecoming.

William Wyler, director, and Mrs. Wyler (Margaret Tallichet) flew from New York with others to join the Hollywood party.