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Fort Worth Meets Hollywood As Top 90 Stars Arrive For World Premiere

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FORT WORTH —(AP)— The eyes of Texas met the eyes of Hollywood Thursday and Texas and Hollywood seemed to like each other.

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, Lillian 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.

Stars Share Honors

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, conductor 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.

To Dallas Friday

The Hollywood delegation motors to Dallas Friday 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.