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**AIRPORT DEDICATION**—Rep. Carl Hinshaw of California addresses the crowd witnessing the dedication of Greater Fort Worth International Airport. Others on the speakers' stand are, left to right, John W. Carpenter, president, Dallas Chamber of Commerce; City Councilman Edwards; Amon Carter, Brig. Gen. C. S. Irvine, Carswell Air Force Base commander; Marvin Leonard, Mayor Deen, Amon Carter Jr., Mrs. J. Lee Johnson III, Raymond Buck and D. W. Rentzel, Civil Aeronautics administrator. Below is part of the crowd that jammed one side of Highway 183, where the ceremony was held.

## New Airport Dedicated for 'Peace Or War'; Soil Turned for Building

The Greater Fort Worth International Airport was dedicated for "peace or war" Monday and ground was broken for the Amon Carter Administration Building and Airfield.

A crowd of approximately 500, including many municipal, state and national notables, attended the ground breaking ceremonies on Highway 183, a mile east of Euless, alongside the huge airport.

The spectators, honored guests and their automobiles filled the area, causing police to detour traffic on the highway. Rain in the area Monday morning caused removal of the ceremonies to the pavement.

"I am delighted that the name of my good friend, Amon Carter, was selected for the airport," said Rep. Carl Hinshaw of California, an aviation leader in Congress and member of the atomic energy committee.

John W. Carpenter, president of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, expressed appreciation "to the people of Fort Worth for wise and valuable leadership, not only for Fort Worth but for the interests of the United States."

"Amon Carter not only is a citizen of Fort Worth and Texas but one of the great Americans and the great men of the world. As a citizen of Dallas I think highly of his leadership," Carpenter added.

### Geographic Center.

Carpenter pointed out that the new airport is located at the approximate geographic center of the Western Hemisphere and said it will be truly international in scope.

Delos W. Rentzel, of Washington, D. C., administrator of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, pronounced the formal dedication of the airport and said it would be one of the "top 20 in the world."

"Maybe it will be one of the top 10 by the time Mr. Carter gets through with it," he added. "Mr. Carter is not only a citizen

of Fort Worth—he belongs to everybody."

George Thompson Jr., president of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, pointed out that the dedication was an honor to Mrs. Carter, too.

"It must be a great satisfaction to her for our other municipal field to be named for her father and for this new airport to be named for her husband," Thompson said.

Carter expressed his thanks to "the mayor, the City Council, those instrumental in presenting the petition and many others to whom I give my profound thanks."

He said transportation systems of all kinds are essential to the development of the city and state. "You can't have too good a transportation system," Carter added.

"I'm mindful of this great com-

pliment to my wife, son and daughter and family," he added. "I hope I can live up to the confidence you have displayed in me."

Carter traced the early aviation history of Fort Worth, beginning with the 1911 flight of Roland Garros and the International Fliers to the 1949 round-the-world flight of the B-50 Lucky Lady II, which started and ended in Fort Worth.

### Cities Together.

Fort Worth and Dallas are growing together, Carter declared, "and one day you won't know when you leave one and enter the other." He said he hoped "the hatchet is buried for good" by the two cities.

The ceremonies were opened with an invocation by Councilman Edwards, and the playing of the Star-Spangled Banner by the Carswell Air Force band directed by Chief Warrant Officer Henry H. Gawers.

Raymond Buck was master of ceremonies.

"In a critical hour of our na-

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## THINK IT OVER

BY B M STANSIFER

No one ever got dizzy going around doing good.

## COUNTY TAXES CUT; 88-CENT RATE SET

Tarrant County's 1950 tax rate was set at 88 cents Monday by a unanimous vote of Commissioners Court.

The tax scale for the coming collection year is a 2 cent decrease from last year's rate.

Based on estimated property valuations of \$231,106,893 the rate is estimated to bring in \$1,871,595, an increase of \$81,908 over last year's tax collections.

County Auditor Williams explained the 2 cents tax rate cut was available by decreasing the sinking fund. Commissioner O'Farrell made the acceptance motion on the auditor's figures,

pointing out that a total of 9 cents had been cut from the county tax rate during the last four years.

Increased anticipated collections were based on a \$15,000,000 increase on property valuations supplied by the tax office during the last nine months, Williams said.

Tax collections will begin Oct. 1 based on a 60 per cent assessment. The state tax rate, which will be assessed on a \$161,511,703 valuation figure here, will be announced within 10 days by the State Board of Control, Williams said.

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tion, this ceremony marks the fulfillment of a great purpose," Buck said.

"This great facility will serve the safety and convenience of all who fly and swell the pride of the Fort Worth citizens who are gathered here as well as those who could not attend and the unborn generations who are to follow.

"This is more than just the start of a new building or the opening of a new place of travel," he continued. "It is the attainment of a high goal through the teamwork of city, county and federal officials, the Chamber of Commerce, our citizens, Congress and the Civil Aeronautics Administration."

Newspaper flash bulbs popped, WBAP-TV cameras whirred and radio transcription facilities recorded during the ceremony.

## Crowd Present.

Speakers stood on a platform on a truck opposite a huge billboard showing a picture of the terminal building. Between 400 and 500 persons clustered near the platform and a line of autos stretched one-half mile down Highway 183.

Buck introduced City Manager W. O. Jones, O. M. (Red) Mosier, American Airlines and Overseas Airlines vice president; Brig. Gen. Robert J. Smith, Pioneer Airlines president; Marshall Kennedy, Republican committeeman; Congressman Hinshaw of California, atomic energy committee member and congressional aviation leader; George Halde- man, CAA chief of aircraft and early trans-Atlantic flier; Brig. Gen. C. S. Irvine, Carswell Air Base and 7th Bombardment Wing commander; Marvin Leonard, board chairman of the terminal association; Maury Huffman, terminal executive director; Mrs. Amon Carter, Mrs. J. Lee Johnson III, Amon Carter Jr., Sid Richardson, terminal director, William Holden, Chamber of Commerce executive vice president; J. Lee Johnson Jr., chairman of a citizens' committee that went before Congress in the airport's interest and Thompson.

## Directors Listed.

Leonard read a list of terminal directors, which included Lionel Bevan, Buck, F. L. Carmichall, Carter, R. E. Cox, William Fleming, M. A. Fuller, R. E. Harding, J. Clyde Jones, John P. King Jr., Marvin Leonard, O. P. Leonard, Web Maddox, J. C. Maxwell, R. J. Mayer, Otto W. Monnig, Richardson, Arch Rowan, W. L. Stewart, Will K. Stripling, Stanley Thompson, R. F. Windfohr and Ed H. Winton.

During the program an Air Force B-29 and a 4th Army helicopter from Fort Sill, Okla., flew overhead.

Jones read telegrams from dignitaries unable to attend.

They included J. B. Adoue Jr., representing the Dallas city council; Congressman Wingate Lucas, called back to Washington because of the press of the international situation; C. E. Woolman, Delta Air Lines president; C. R. Smith, American Airlines president; Senators Tom Connally and Lyndon Johnson and House Speaker Sam Rayburn.

## Rayburn's Message.

Rayburn's message said, "My sincerest congratulations on a high and well-deserved honor to an outstanding citizen and American."

Carter used a silver-plated spade to turn the first earth for the terminal building. He was

joined by Carpenter, Rentzel and other dignitaries.

City Council named the nearly \$2,000,000 structure "Amon Carter Air Terminal," and the field "Amon Carter Airfield," when a petition urging the honor was introduced by a group of civic leaders and business men.

The petition said "Amon Carter brought the first aviation to Fort Worth and for 40 years he has tirelessly devoted his money and energy and his own boundless to the purpose of building here a great aviation center."

Carter's "exceptional effort," the petition added, "has brought to Fort Worth a cash flow of several billion dollars for payrolls, materials and supplies . . ."

## Distinguished Guests.

The history of the airport, constructed on a mutual cost sharing basis by the city and federal governments, was related by Thompson.

Thompson pointed out that the airport facility, which will rank with the finest in the United States, will serve an area populated by more than 1,000,000 persons.

City Council's resolution, adopted after Carter telephoned his appreciation for the honor from South America, was read by Mayor Deen, who then presented the silver-plated spade to Carter.

The latter returned from South America Saturday to attend the ceremony.

## Resolution Read.

The resolution read by Deen follows:

"Resolved that the City Council of the City of Fort Worth does hereby officially acknowledge Mr. Amon Carter's expression of appreciation of its action in officially naming the Greater Fort Worth International Airport Field and the Administration Building in his honor.

"Such prompt and gracious response coming by overseas telephone to Mayor Edgar Deen from Buenos Aires, Argentina, exemplifies the soul of the man who by constant service and immeasurable loyalty to this city has built into its brick and stone and in the hearts of its citizens a perpetual and living memorial of his own great contributions to mankind.

"The City of Fort Worth, by official action of its council, hereby testifies to and evidences its pride in naming these great and modern aviation facilities for its favorite citizen whose untiring effort has made them possible and whose vision is always and ever upward and on into the skies from which use them.

"Done pursuant to unanimous action of the council on motion of Councilman Crowder and second by Councilman Martin in meeting duly and legally assembled in the Municipal Building in Fort Worth, Texas, this fifth day of July, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty."

## Finished Like Hotel.

The three-story airport terminal will be one of the nation's outstanding aviation facilities. It will be furnished like a luxury hotel, completely eliminating the confusion, noise and drab surroundings usually associated with transportation facilities.

The terminal, designed by Architects Joseph R. Pelich and Preston Geren, will have more than 150,000 square feet of space, constructed to permit later en-

largement to more than twice that figure, if necessary.

The control tower will rise 75 feet above the ground. The building will be of Southwestern interior design, will have a red tile roof, brick exterior and stone trim. Window frames will be aluminum, to emphasize the design, and there will be terrazzo floors and marble wainscoting in the main concourse.

The terminal will be a civic meeting place in addition to housing the most modern equipment for safety and comfort of passengers. Fashionable shops for men and women, a huge spectators' deck, and outdoor dining terrace, six private dining rooms for use of luncheon and civic clubs, and soft background music for all public chambers are planned.

Murals by famous artists and western paintings by Charles M. Russell, Frederic Remington and Tenney Johnson will decorate the concourse.

Arrangements are being made with a nationally famous restaurateur to operate the restaurants at the terminal, which will consist of a snack bar, public dining room, outdoor dining terrace, private dining rooms and an employees' cafeteria.

## Offices Provided.

The terminal also will house offices of the airport managing director, city officials, the U. S. Weather Bureau and the CAA.

In the control tower will be centered the most modern navigational aids to make the airport one of the safest in the world.

These include radar, radar

# Funeral to Be Held For Boy Drown

Funeral services were to be held at 3 p. m. Monday in Polytechnic Baptist Church for Robert Frizzell, 13, of Tarrant County Children's Home who was drowned Saturday 45 miles north of Clayton, N. M., where he and a group of approximately 30 boys from the home and Home Superintendent Hugh L. Inman were camped.

Six boys from the home were to serve as pallbearers. They were Charles Reed, Donald Noles, Odell Mitchell, Brady Hicks, Sherman Glass and Carlton Bishop. Rev. Bruce McKeever was to officiate and burial was to be held in Garden of Memories.

search, ground control approach, an instrument landing system, high intensity lead-in and runway lights.

Indoor parking space for more than 200 passengers' cars will be a feature of the terminal. That means passengers can drive up, turn their cars over to attendants for indoor storage, make their air trips and pick up the cars on their return.

The passengers will be under shelter at all times. The ramp for cars will lead directly to the concourse.

Outdoor parking space at the terminal will accommodate approximately 1,000 cars.

West of the terminal building, a community center and shopping district will be developed.

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