



The Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium and Coliseum. Below: Life-size statue of Will Rogers, by Electra Waggoner Biggs.

Fort Worth Unveils Will Rogers Statue



THE picture at the top of the page was taken on November 4, during the unveiling ceremonies at Fort Worth, Texas, of a life-size bronze statue of Will Rogers in front of the massive coliseum and auditorium which bear his name.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower delivered the address in honor of the humorist-philosopher, paying tribute to his discernment, humaneness, and homely phraseology, and declaring that Rogers' advice to the United States about settling post-war problems, if he

were alive today, would be to "get at it and do it."

"The problems of peace are no more difficult than those of war if we jump on them in the same way," the Army Chief of Staff declared. "What wise-crack would he (Rogers) have shot at us on a dozen differences in the United Nations; what kind of needling would he have used to awaken us to the relationship between maintenance of our liberties and a decent life for others who desire also to remain free?

What quip would he have employed to shame us into greater saving of food for the needy; what shaft would he have launched to inspire us to greater cooperation at home?"

Mayor F. E. Deen accepted the 3,200-pound statue of Rogers on behalf of the people of the city, thanking the donor, Amon Carter of Fort Worth, who had commissioned the statue and a painting of Rogers displayed at the main entrance of the coliseum and auditorium.

Wild-Life Sanctuary Established by Stone Harbor

THE Borough of Stone Harbor, in Cape May County, N. J., has taken an important forward step in the enactment on October 11 of an ordinance which will preserve as a public park, for use as a wild-life sanctuary, an exceptionally beautiful tract of seashore land within the borough limits.

In the opinion of Dr. Horace E. Wood, II, Professor of Biology at Rutgers University and Research Associate of the American Museum of Natural History, it is difficult to exaggerate the scientific value of this area; centuries-old fixed sand dunes, copped by the best (and now, almost the last) barrier island forest association still left along the Jersey coast, and occupied by a rookery of not less than 500 herons of four species (including the

American egret) which nest there. There is a holly tree at least 200 years old and dwarf cedars more than 170 years of age.

Acquisition of the site was facilitated by the fact that the borough held title to the whole area through tax foreclosure. When the proposal was originally presented to the Mayor and the Council in August, several other scientists appeared in support of the measure, including Dr. Thurlow C. Nelson, Professor of Zoology at Rutgers University and chairman of the Division of Water Policy and Supply of the New Jersey State Department of Conservation; Thomas F. Shea, secretary of the Witmer Stone Club; Howard Cleaves, well-known wild-life photographer and lecturer, and others.