

October 31, 1950

Mrs. Paula McSpadden Love, Curator,
Will Rogers Memorial
Claremore, Oklahoma.

Dear Mrs. Love:

In compliance with your telegraphic request for information concerning Mr. C. R. Smith, Mr. Sid Richardson, Electra Waggoner Biggs (Mrs. John Biggs), and Mrs Carter I am sending you brief memorandums which I hope is the kind of data and information you desire.

Also attached is a memorandum concerning Mr. R. B. Anderson who is making the trip up with Mr. and Mrs. Biggs - I think.

Mr. Carter is not sure that Mr. Richardson will be able to come up.

If you need any other data please let me know.

I hope and know you will have a very fine ceremony.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Secy. to A. G. Carter.

Electra Waggoner Biggs (Mrs. John Biggs)

The granddaughter of a Texas cattle king has literally carved out a name for herself in sculpture as Electra Waggoner Biggs of New York and Texas.

She is the granddaughter of the late W. T. Waggoner, who had amassed one of the largest fortunes west of the Mississippi River at the time of his death in 1934, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Paul Waggoner of Fort Worth and Vernon.

Electra Waggoner (Mrs. Biggs) has won national acclaim for her art work which she began studying in New York in 1934.

She has exhibited medallions, cast stone and bronze busts, plaques, figurines and other items. One of her largest commissions -- and one of her favorites -- is an equestrian statue of Will Rogers in Fort Worth. It required five years to execute. During the work, Mrs. Biggs used 200 photographs of the humorist-philosopher and visited the Rogers' home in California where she made sketches of Will Rogers' horse "Soap Suds".

Among her best known works are bronze likenesses of former vice-President John N. Garner, Knute Rockne, Brooks Bromley of Philadelphia and Victor McLaglen.

Her favorite is a head of her Negro maid, titled "Enigma" which won a prize at the Salon d'Automne in Paris.

Amon Carter, publisher of the Star-Telegram, called the "range boss of West Texas," has been goading Fort Worth and Texas into self improvement for 45 years.

His achievements are legendary. ~~A^t least five major oil companies established headquarters in Fort Worth at his insistence.~~ He obtained a federal narcotics hospital for the city and was instrumental in the building of the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum and Auditorium, the Hotel Texas, ^{Melrose} Harris Hospital, the YMCA, the Texas Christian University Stadium, encouraged the development of the giant Convair plant, manufacturers of the B-36, and campaigned for the ~~main~~ establishment of Texas Tech at Lubbock.

U.S. Senator Tom Connally once said, "The Treasury Department puts on extra guards when he comes to Washington because they know he will take back some money for civic improvements in West Texas."

Carter has served as director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, ^{at} director of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, ^{was} chairman of the board of Texas Tech and president of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. He ^{has} ~~was~~ president of the Fort Worth Club for more than ³⁰ ~~25~~ years.

The ~~energetic~~ energetic publisher sparked the celebrated rivalry between Fort Worth and neighboring Dallas. Stories are told he takes his own lunch to Dallas so he will not have to spend money there.

Carter entered the advertising field in San Francisco. He came to Fort Worth in 1905 and became the one-man advertising

staff of the old Fort Worth Star. He acquired controlling interest of the Star-Telegram in 1923.

Hundreds of famous men have been entertained at his Shady Oak farm near Fort Worth. Paul Whiteman donated the flagpole on the lawn. Will Rogers contributed the branding irons around the fireplace. Shelves along the wall hold hats left by celebrities who ~~exchanged~~ exchanged their own for a Shady Oak special.

Carter has been an aviation booster since the first airplane flew in Texas. He has served as director of American Airlines since its organization. On the lawn of his ~~Shady Oak~~ Shady Oak farm stands an old plane that brought the first air mail into Fort Worth.

⁷² Has made most all of the ~~travels~~ ^{travels} trips over the road

New York
C. R. Smith of Chicago, president of American Airlines and ~~American Overseas Airlines~~, grew up with commercial aviation in the U.S.

A native of Minerva, Texas, Smith attended Texas schools and entered aviation in 1928 when he became treasurer of Texas Air Transport in Fort Worth. The company later became part of American Airlines which was organized in 1934.

Smith has been president of the company since 1934. He spearheaded a ~~re-equipment~~ re-equipment program to provide all AA routes with modernized planes of the latest type and directed the opening of AA's southern trans-continental route from New York to Los Angeles.

Smith left American in 1942 to serve with the Army Air Transport Command and was released from the service three years later with the rank of major general.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for organization of Military Transport Services, the Legion of Merit for supply activities in North Africa, the Air Medal for rescue operations in Burma and participated in the Distinguished Unit Citation for the transportation of supplies to China.

R. B. Anderson

Forty-year-old R. B. (Bob) Anderson of Vernon, Texas, manager of the famed W. T. Waggoner Estate, has an impressive group of achievements in Texas.

Long a civic figure, Anderson is president of the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association and is chief policy maker for the State Board of Education.

Anderson began law practice in Fort Worth at the age of 22. He served as a member of the Texas Legislature, as an assistant attorney general, state tax commissioner, state racing commissioner and as chairman of the Texas Unemployment Commission.

He became general attorney for the Waggoner Estate at Vernon in 1937 and became manager of the estate in 1941.

He is director and deputy chairman of the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, director of Texas Wesleyan College of Fort Worth, director of McMurry College of Abilene, director of the American Petroleum Institute, vice president of Associated Refineries Inc. of Duncan, Okla. and director of the Northwest Broadcasting Company Inc. of Vernon.