

French Gifts of Gratitude to Texas Ready for Shipping to Fort Worth

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AUSTIN, March 17.—French "Gratitude Gifts" sent to Texas and the shield-bedecked French boxcar which brought the gifts to the Lone Star State Thursday were ready for shipping to Fort Worth for the first official exhibition since the car was unsealed and unloaded here last month.

A state committee named by Governor Jester and composed of members of the Grand Voiture of Texas, 40 & 8, honorary society of the American Legion, released

a representative group of the gifts for the Fort Worth exhibition, which will be held at the Fort Worth Children's Museum, and also granted temporary custody of the French boxcar to the Amon G. Carter Foundation. The exhibi-

tion will be set up as quickly as possible at Fort Worth, hours of the showings to be announced by the arrangements committee.

Fort Worth was designated by the state committee for the first exhibition of the French Merci (thank you) Train shipment to Texas in recognition of that city's generous response to the appeal made in 1947 for carloads of food for the Friendship Train. The train was assembled and the food shipped to France to aid Frenchmen in their "war against starvation."



Gracie Allen

SAYS:

HOLLYWOOD, March 17.—I see where a smart little Chicago girl has opened a dog-sitting business, in which she takes care of Fido and entertains him with reasonably bright conversation. If this idea catches on, it might bring about the biggest change in the American home since Marconi invented soap opera.

Many a husband's domestic outlook has been soured because he had to take his wife's Pekingese for a walk every evening. And many a husband has sulked because of the pooch getting baby talk and sugar plums he thought should come to him.

Now, if someone would only start a husband-sitting service! I'd feel a lot better when I have to go away alone on trips, if I knew my husband was being protected against the electric toaster, cronies who drop in to play poker, and young men working their way through college selling tip sheets on horse racing.

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Of the 46 carloads of food sent from Texas as a part of the Friendship Train, 19 carloads were provided by Fort Worth, with the Amon G. Carter Foundation contributing 15 of the carloads. Fort Worth's contribution, the national committee reported, was the largest of any city in the United States.

When the "Gratitude Car" arrived in Texas last month it received its official state welcome at Fort Worth and then was brought on to Austin to be unsealed and unloaded. Governor Jester officially accepted the gifts on behalf of the people of Texas. The state committee, headed by Walter C. Wolff of San Antonio, then arranged for the gifts to be catalogued and the letters and notes attached to them to be translated at the Texas Memorial Museum here. This work has been completed under the supervision of Museum Director E. H. Sellards.

In releasing the first exhibition to Fort Worth, the state committee designated J. Lee Johnson Jr.

Will Be Official; as Winter Goes

All over town, you could tell (apologies to Swinburne) that the "Hounds . . . were on winter's traces."

You could tell it on the lawns (with no apologies to the city water department), in the plum blossoms and in the greening elms. As another man had said, it was time again to "Believe anew all that the seed catalogues say."

And who, it would seem, hadn't had his say about it?

"Full of sweet days and roses—a box where sweets compacted lie," one character described it. Another had looked into its "deep blue eyes," and still another had

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president of the Fort Worth Children's Museum, and John B. Honts, president of the Fort Worth Council of Lions Club Presidents and president of the Downtown Lions Club in Fort Worth, as co-chairmen to name an arrangements committee for the event.

The "Gratitude Car" and other items being sent to Fort Worth will make the trip from Austin as a part of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railway's fast freight train, the "Katy Komet."
