

# Parker County Folks Cheer Gen. Simpson

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WEATHERFORD, June 27.—Weatherford saw and heard Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson Wednesday—and General Simpson saw and heard Weatherford.

Along the four sides of the courthouse square, crowds from his native Parker County jammed to cheer him as he rode slowly past in a parade, waving and smiling from the back seat of a red, topless automobile.

They pressed closely about a flag-decorated platform as he told them the huge homecoming was such as he never dreamed of when he left Weatherford for West Point 40 years ago.

The banks of service ribbons on the breast of his trim uniform and the three stars on his shoulders did not affect General Simpson's obvious joy at being home again, or his eagerness to grasp the multitude of hands thrust out at him.

Some of the handshakers were schoolmates of his boyhood at Weatherford and Aledo. Many others were old-time family friends. A good number were General Simpson's relatives (I didn't realize I had so many," he said). Others were members of the younger Parker County generation who wanted to shake the hand of the

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**TRIBUTE TO A TEXAN**—Summed up in this plaque was all of the acclaim heaped upon Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson when he came home to Texas from the battlefields of Europe Tuesday to be greeted by a spirited celebration in Fort Worth. With Amon Carter, left, General Simpson is admiring the plaque, presented to him by Carter in ceremonies at the Municipal Airport, after they arrived at the Fort Worth Club for a reception honoring the general and his party. Mrs. Simpson is in the background. (Staff Photo).

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commanding general of the conquering 9th Army.

General Simpson paused at one point to shake hands with a group of Parker County mothers who have lost sons on the battlefields of the war, and to offer them a few words of sympathy.

At General Simpson's side during the celebration was his gracious, smiling wife, and on the platform was his 87-year-old mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson, who offered him help and encouragement in starting his military career.

Presented to Simpson by George Fant, Weatherford banker, was a awlnut-based trophy, with an eagle at each side and surmounted by a "victory" figure. It was inscribed:

"Presented to Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson in commemoration of a big job well done. From his Weatherford and Parker County friends, June 27, 1945."

## Mother of Fort Worth Man Buried in Denison

DENISON, June 27.—Funeral services were held here Wednesday for Mrs. Beatrice Collet, 80, Denison resident since 1872.

Surviving are a son, J. N. Collet, Fort Worth and a daughter, Mrs. W. B. Perry, Balboa, Panama Canal Zone.



**WITH MOTHER AGAIN**—General Simpson smiles at his 87-year-old mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson of Aledo, after a joyful reunion at the home of his brother, John N. Simpson, 5533 Byers, Tuesday night. Mrs. Simpson's first words to her son as she rushed to the porch to greet him were a thankful, "Son, I was afraid you wouldn't return." (Staff Photos).