

Senator for 10 years

Dallas dinner to honor Tower

DALLAS—People all over Texas and government officials will gather in Dallas Thursday to honor U. S. Sen. John G. Tower with a "Decade of Service" dinner at the Fairmont Hotel.

The \$150-a-plate affair is sponsored by "Friends of John Tower," a statewide bipartisan committee. Dallas businessman William P. Clements Jr. is dinner chairman.

"We're very proud of our state's senior senator and want to have a truly outstanding event to commemorate his completion of

10 years' service in the U. S. Senate," Clements said.

The dinner date is exactly 10 years from the day John Tower won a close runoff election to fill the vacancy created by Lyndon Johnson's election as vice president. Tower was reelected in 1966 with 57 per cent of the vote.

When first elected at 35, he was the Senate's youngest member. He now ranks 50th in seniority among the 100 senators yet only 17 of his colleagues are younger than he.

Tower is third-ranking Republi-

can on the Armed Services Committee and is ranking GOP member on the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee.

An active senator, Tower has made numerous trips abroad to work with U. S. officials and the military to maintain a strong defense posture. These have included trips to Southeast Asia and Western Europe where he recently participated in his fourth NATO defense study conference.

Tower was born in Houston, the son and grandson of Methodist ministers. During his childhood, he lived in a number of Texas

communities including Doucette, Alvin, Jacksonville, Tyler, San Augustine, Douglassville and Beaumont.

At age 17 he enlisted in the U. S. Navy and during World War II saw combat duty as a seaman aboard a gunboat in Asian waters.

Tower received a bachelor's degree in political science from Southwestern University in 1948 and a master's degree, also in political science, from Southern Methodist University in 1953.

He did postgraduate work at the University of London and taught government and political science for nine years at Midwestern University.

He is a trustee of SMU and Southwestern where a "John Goodwin Tower Chair of Political Science" has been established. He is a 32nd-degree Mason and Shriner.

Tower and his wife, the former Lou Bullington of Wichita Falls, have three teen-aged daughters—Penny, Marian and Jeanne.

Library receives collection of J. Frank Dobie works

A collection of materials by and about J. Frank Dobie has been presented to Texas A&M by Jefferson C. Dykes and his daughter, A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams announced.

Williams said the gift of more than 600 items including a number of rare publications is one of the nation's significant Dobie collections.

The noted Southwestern folklorist and author inscribed many of the pieces in the collection to Dykes. Their friendship spanning several decades was ended with the death of Dobie in 1964.

Dykes, a 1921 Texas A&M graduate, and his daughter Mrs. Martha Ann Dykes Goldsmith made the gift of the Dobie collection.

A collector and dealer in western books, Dykes assembled the Jeff Dykes Range Livestock Collection acquired by Texas A&M. Announced early last year and now numbering more than 5,000 items, it has received national attention. The range livestock collection has since been used by researchers and students of several disciplines.

"The Dobie collection Mr. Dykes and his daughter are giving to Texas A&M is notable for varied reasons," commented John B. Smith, library director. "Among these is the inclusion of numerous items not listed in standard Dobie bibliographies. Dobie was a prolific writer and many of his writings were reprinted."

"This gift is further proof of Mr. Dykes' love for books and for Texas A&M," Williams said. He said the gift supplements the Jeff Dykes Range Livestock Collection, making the University Library Special Collections even more attractive for students and scholars.

Dobie was born on a South Texas ranch. His book "Cow People" sums up a lifetime of study and association with range people.

The Dyke gift includes copies of varied editions of 26 Dobie books, more than 150 copies of booklets, separates, broadsides, extracts, materials edited by Dobie or containing his contributions and more than 100 magazine articles he wrote.

The collection is also rich in

items about the folklorist, book catalogs devoted to Dobie or citing his materials and also includes several pieces given to Dykes by the famous author, Smith said.

A preliminary tally shows 478 titles are represented by the 618 items. The Dobie book list begins with a copy of the quite rare first edition of "A Vaquero of the Brush Country" published in Dallas in 1929. Two other editions of this title also are represented. All three are inscribed by Dobie, as are other pieces.

Among the more interesting inscriptions is one in a London edition of "Tales of Old-Time Texas." Dobie wrote: "Dear Jeff, ... In my opinion, I write in the tradition of the best English prose, not in the style of Westerns at all."

A 1937 book catalog issued in Baton Rouge contains a photograph of Dobie made on a hunting trip in Mexico. It is believed to be possibly the first photo of Dobie printed in a book catalog. Many dealers later devoted entire catalogs to Dobie.

Raymond L. Rogers retires, ends life of public service

Raymond L. Rogers spent most of his adult life in public service, yet he admits his greatest accomplishments are "having a wonderful family and a nice home."

"Gosh, you just can't beat that," the 68-year-old engineer said.

Rogers' friends honored him Friday with a retirement party.

He leaves the U. S. Department of Agriculture Southwest Veterinary Toxicology and Entomology Research Laboratory this week.

His work has included service to the state and federal governments, Texas A&M, the U. S. Army and several colleges.

Rogers was born May 11, 1903, in the small West Texas town of Gordon. His mother, Mrs. Dora Rogers, is 90 and still lives in Gordon.

Rogers first came to Texas A&M as a freshman in 1924. He left after the first year to work for two gas companies as a field engineer.

He met his wife Lois during the depression. Since jobs were not available, he returned to A&M in 1933 to complete his degree.

The couple lived in servants' quarters behind the home of M. L. Cashion, then YMCA secretary. The home was located where Dorm 14 now stands.

"We were a first for Texas A&M," Rogers related. "I was the first married student to stick it out and graduate."

He was a member of the Corps of Cadets, worked the first year in the mechanical engineering shops and the last two years Rogers ran the newsstand at Miller Hall.

"There were about 100 homes on the campus in those days," he reported "I had to start delivering papers at 4 a. m. every day to 90 faculty and staff homes."

"After a quick breakfast in Sbis Dining Hall, I manned the newsstands. We carried seven daily papers and all the magazines of that time," he said.

During the summer Rogers worked as a laborer in the erection of the Agricultural Engineering Building and Geology Building.

Rogers received a B.S. degree in mechanical and industrial engineering in 1936, at age 33. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Reserve and took the job of dormitory property officer from A&M Commandant Col. Frank Anderson.

Rogers said the other officer on Col. Anderson's staff was 1st Lt. Joe Davis, who was commandant at A&M during the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Rogers joined the old Building and College Utilities Department in 1930, working until 1940 as assistant to the superintendent.

One of his jobs was the profile on the 12-dorm area, built in 1941 when Rogers was in the U. S. Army.

He served as an ordinance officer from 1940 to 1948, including service with the 23rd Armored Corps in Europe. His family went to Europe in 1947 and stayed one year, when Rogers returned to the States to join the Fort Knox

Armored Force Board.

He left active duty in July, 1948, but remained a member of the reserves until retirement at the rank of colonel in 1959.

Rogers was city manager for College Station from 1948 to 1952. He was mechanical engineer for air installations at Bryan Air Force Base three years and returned to Texas A&M in 1955 as assistant manager of the Building and College Utilities Department.

In 1962 he joined the State Board of Control in Austin testing supplies for physical plant maintenance. From 1963 until 1965 he was physical plant manager at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin and in 1965-66 was physical plant director at Tarkio College, a Presbyterian four-year liberal arts college in Missouri.

He went to the University of Wisconsin in 1966 as physical facility specialist and assistant to the vice president.

He returned to Texas in 1967 to join the USDA here as general engineer.

Mrs. Rogers has taught Spanish and Texas history at A&M Consolidated High School for many years and she won't retire until 1972.

The couple has two children, Capt. Jude Rogers at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., and Mrs. Claire Dagg of Richardson.

The Rogers home, long considered one of the most beautiful settings in College Station, was hand built by the couple on the 1.5 acres tract.

"I haven't thought about retirement," Rogers admits. "But I'm sure I'll find something to do. I've been busy all my life."

Elmendorf signs with L. A. Rams

Dave Elmendorf, All-America safety for Texas A&M, has signed a multi-year contract to play for the Los Angeles Rams of the NFL.

A spokesman for the Rams said Elmendorf signed for an undisclosed sum which included a substantial bonus.

"Elmendorf is an exceptional young man in every way, and we're delighted that he is joining our organization," the Rams spokesman said.

"I'm as pleased as I can be," Elmendorf said from his home in Houston. "I went out to Los Angeles last weekend and met a lot of their people, and they seem to be a fantastic organization. I'm looking forward to going to camp."

Elmendorf said he probably would be worked at free safety. Current Rams safeties Eddie Meador and Rich Petitbon are both 12-year veterans.

Elmendorf, who graduated from A&M with a B. A. degree in economics, was named to the Associated Press All-America team after a senior year which saw him set a school record with 12 interceptions. He tied with teammate David Hoot for the SWC lead in interceptions with six.

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After graduation today, Martha dressed her little sister, Amy, in cap and gown and let her walk across the stage. Amy chortled all the way home, "I graduated, just like Martha."

Martha is a sweet big sister. She lets Amy watch while she gets ready for dates, makes clothes for her dolls and invents endless games designed to please a four-year-old. On the other hand, Amy adores the ground her "Marthy" walks on and listens to her advice before all others. It was Martha who straightened her out when she rebelled against church-going. "We go," said Martha, "not because we have to, but because we love God and want to be good."

How glad Bob and I are that we have always gone to church and taken Martha with us! Love of God is an essential part of her life. Now she is helping us teach Amy a similar understanding and reverence. Go to church, and take your child. Share with him the greatest wealth on earth.

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