

October 3, 1942.

Mr. William Randolph Hearst,  
Wynton,  
McCloud, California.

Dear Mr. Hearst:

As you know, Will Rogers, Jr., is a candidate for Congress in the Los Angeles district. His opponent Leland Ford will have the support of the Los Angeles Times and no doubt the support of many substantial financial institutions.

In all probability if Will's Dad were with us he would not have permitted young Will to run for Congress, meanwhile I kind of feel that sweet ol' Will knows what is going on down here and would be pleased to know that his old friends stayed with the boy who bears his name.

Will Junior was through Fort Worth a short time ago enroute to Camp Hood, Killeen, Texas where he is taking training in the Tank Destroyer Unit. He is a fine youngster. He worked three or four months in our office a few years ago when he first came out of the Beverly Hills high school and I learned to like and admire him very much irrespective of the fact that he was Will Rogers' son. He is a deep thinker and would make a good Congressman.

This brings me up to the point - I wonder how you feel about Will Junior and as to whether your papers in Los Angeles could lend him a helping hand. I feel sure he is deserving of it and if you can consistently do so it will make all of Will's friends very happy. While I am sure you are familiar with the outcome of the primary, the following gives the results:

"16th District  
(646 precincts out of 646)  
Ford, Dem. . . . . 10,917  
Rogers, Jr., Dem. . . . . 30,841  
Ford, Rep. . . . . 21,775  
Rogers, Jr., Rep. . . . . 11,323.

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With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

AGC.KD