

# ROGERS HERE, CALLS HOME OF WAGGONER

First Word Is Inquiry About  
Pioneer Cowman; Says He  
Will Be at the First Race.

Humorist Hurrying Home to  
Start New Film; Lauds  
Courage of Roosevelt.

Will Rogers, king of the wise-crack realm, stopped in Fort Worth long enough last night to call the home of W. T. Waggoner, an old friend, and to reassure the wealthy pioneer cattleman, ill since Thursday, that together they would inaugurate a new era of horse racing in Texas.

"Tell him," said Rogers to Guy Waggoner, a son, "that he and I will be sitting side by side out there at Arlington Downs when they pull the barrier on the first race. We're going to make things hum around here."

Rogers expressed extreme concern over the condition of Waggoner when he stepped from a Bowen Air Lines plane at Municipal Airport. The voice accustomed to joke and chuckle held only seriousness as he inquired:

"Tell me, how is Mr. Waggoner?" He seemed much relieved when informed that Waggoner's condition has shown gradual improvement.

"That's fine," was his comment. "He's too tough a cowman to be down long, no matter what hits him."

**Starts New Film Thursday.**

Rogers is hurrying home to California to start work on a new movie Thursday. But today will be a holiday and the first thing the cowboy humorist plans to do this morning is to hop into riding togs and get astride a polo mount.

"I been foolin' around up yonder a long time—got to get to work now," he said. "Yep, I think Mr. Roosevelt's got the situation in hand."

The new picture, yet unnamed, will be a tale about an oldtime doctor—called "Doc Bull."

"You know, the last time I was in Fort Worth here I went out to Webb Walker's house for dinner just to see how an old doctor like that acts when he don't think nobody's watchin'."

Rogers was whizzed to the Fort Worth Club by Amon G. Carter for a hasty meal before continuing his westward flight. He recalled a more leisurely meal at the White House last Wednesday. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt, Rogers and Mrs. Rogers, Edward Flynn and Mrs. Flynn, Carter and several others were present.

**President's Courage.**

"That President of ours," said Rogers, "has the world beat when it comes to cheerfulness and—and courage. He laughed and joked—say, he can tell more and better jokes than anybody you ever saw. He sat there and enjoyed himself completely the whole evening—we musta stayed until after 11:30—and didn't act like he had a care at all. You know, this here country'd be 200 per cent better off if

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# Will Rogers

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the rest of us, with our little two-bit worries, had his outlook.

"They said," he continued, "that the President couldn't last at the rate he was going. Take it from me, he'll go right on and when he's through pullin' this country out of the ditch he'll be just the same fellow he was last Wednesday night.

"Like I said, the President—this is the way he puts it—is just planting seeds in newly plowed ground, and if some of the seeds don't come up he's just going to plant some more."

Rogers has two more Sunday night radio broadcasts to make. He'll talk to a "mike" at his home the next two times, he said. Three broadcasts have been from New York, one from Washington and the fifth from Chicago.

## Wire From Amos and Andy.

He intended Sunday night to talk a little about J. P. Morgan but the alarm clock cut off his program before he was through.

While here Rogers received a telegram from Amos and Andy from Chicago commenting on his remarks on the two radio stars in his broadcast from Chicago Sunday night.

The telegram follows:

"Dear Will: Appreciate what you said and have heard grand comments on the broadcast. Thanks and don't forget we're for you always. Regards.

"Amos and Andy."

Rogers declined to comment when asked about the report that he was to receive \$50,000 for the series of broadcasts but it is generally understood that he is to get this amount for the seven 30-minute talks and that he has contributed \$25,000 of it to the Red Cross and the other \$25,000 to the Salvation Army for relief work.

At 8:20 p. m. he resumed his homeward journey aboard an American Airways, Inc., plane.