

**WEATHER.**

(United States Weather Bureau Forecast.)

Local thundershowers late today or tonight; tomorrow partly cloudy, probably followed by rain; not much change in temperature.

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# ROGERS AND POST KILLED IN CRASH



# HUMORIST AND FLYER PERISH NEAR POINT BARROW, ALASKA

**Entire Capital  
Shocked by  
Tragedy.**

**HIGH OFFICIALS  
MOURN LOSS**

**'Sage of Oklahoma'  
Was Confidant  
of Presidents.**

From the Winter when he toured Europe as the "unofficial ambassador at large" of President Coolidge, Will Rogers, eternal foe of the boiled shirt popular among orthodox diplomats and statesmen, was a confidant of Presidents and a familiar and well-loved figure about the Capital.

"Silent" Calvin Coolidge, "Texas Jack" Garner, Hoover, Roosevelt, "Pat" Hurley, the late Dwight Morrow and a host of others—he kidded them all and liked them all, and they all liked him.

#### Garner Is Grieved.

Vice President Garner bowed his head this morning when he heard the news of the death of his fellow hater of dress suits.

"Awful bad, awful bad," was all he could say. Bow-legged Will boomed Garner for President three years ago, and the two had a rollicking time January 17 of this year on the Washington Hotel roof with Rogers' jibes at the President during the Garner dinner for Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt enjoyed it so much he lingered long past the hour he was supposed to, and Garner, who usually goes to bed at 10 o'clock, was still awake at 3 in the morning.

#### Senate Pays Tribute.

As soon as a quorum was assembled in the Senate chamber, Party Leader Robinson rose from his chair directly in front of the Vice President.

"Probably the most widely-known citizen of the United States, and certainly the best beloved, met his death some hours ago in a lonely and far-away place," he said, as other Senators listened in complete silence.

"We pause for a moment in the midst of our duties to pay brief tribute to his memory and that of his gallant

(See COMMENT, Page 4.)

**WINNIE MAE BILL  
PASSED BY SENATE**



Will Rogers and Wiley Post laughed at each other's stories while mechanics prepared their plane at Seattle last week, preparatory to the flight into Alaska which cost their lives. —A. P. Photo.

**Bodies Found  
in Wrecked  
Plane.**

**SHIP CRASHED  
INTO STREAM**

**Dropped in River  
From 50 Feet in  
Taking Off.**

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BARROW, Alaska, August 16.—The beloved humorist, Will Rogers, and Wiley Post, the aerial world girdler, were killed in an airplane crash at the "top of the world" last night.

Their crushed bodies were taken from the wreckage of Post's new monoplane at the mouth of a small river 15 miles southwest of here. Post's wrist watch had stopped at 8:18 p.m. (P. S. T.)

Native runners brought word of the accident to Barrow late last night and Staff Sergt. Stanley R. Morgan, Signal Corps operator, stationed at this, America's most northerly white settlement, hired a fast launch and went to the scene.

Natives camping there reported Post and Rogers had landed in the river to inquire the way to Barrow. After a brief stop during which the flyer tinkered with his plane and Rogers chatted with the natives, the pair got into the ship for the short hop to Barrow.

#### Plane Falls Only 50 Feet.

The trim seaplane, which Post had built for a leisurely flight to Alaska and Siberia, developed engine trouble soon after it took the air and plunged, head-on, into the right bank of the river from an elevation of only 50 feet.

Both men were killed instantly.

The motor was driven back into the fuselage by the force of impact and the right wing was sheared off.

Personal belongings in the plane were scattered in the crash.

Sergt. Morgan first removed Rogers' body from the smashed cabin. He then was obliged to tear the plane apart to recover Post's bruised body, trapped at the controls by the plane's engine.

The wreckage was partly submerged in 2 feet of water.

Sergt. Morgan brought the bodies to the Presbyterian Hospital here, most northerly in the world, and

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## Families of Rogers and Post Numbed by News of Crash

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# Crash

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placed them in care of Dr. Henry W. Greist, medical missionary in charge.

## Post Bound for Siberia.

Thus ended the aerial jaunt of thousands of miles of the noted comedian and explorer of the stratosphere.

Post had said he intended to fly to Siberia to hunt and fish after touring Alaska with Rogers, who joined the flight "between pictures" after Post had reached Seattle August 1 on his way north.

Fog and low clouds menaced the flyers from the time they left Fairbanks yesterday.

After flying only 50 miles the plane was set down on Harding Lake, while Post inquired about the weather ahead over the mountain range which separates the Arctic slope from the interior of Alaska.

The flyers encountered fog again as they reached the ice-choked Arctic coast and visibility was so bad they had lost their way when they stopped at the native camp.

Early plans for the flight included arrangements for Mrs. Post, the flyer's wife, to accompany them. At the last moment Mrs. Post withdrew, and Post and Rogers flew into the North Country alone.

A Coast Guard cutter, the Northland, was ordered to turn back to Point Barrow, which it left yesterday, to pick up the bodies and bring them to Seattle.

The Department of Commerce at Washington, through Secretary Roper, ordered inspectors to proceed at once to the scene of the wreck.

Rogers had been especially anxious to get to Barrow, the small settlement 11 miles from where Point Barrow juts into the Arctic Ocean, for he wanted to chat with Charles Brower, known throughout Alaska as the "King of the Arctic."

## Plane Was New.

Brower has lived 51 years within the Arctic Circle. He operates a trading post and whaling station at Barrow.

The plane in which the Oklahomans went to their sudden death was a new one, having been constructed at Burbank, Calif., especially for the Alaska-Siberian flight.

It was of a distinctive model, of low wing construction, and resembled the plane used by Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh in their 1931 flight to Japan and their 1933 flights across the North and South Atlantic.

Mrs. Post, the flyer's widow, was prostrated by grief at Ponca City, Okla., to which city she went a day or two ago to avoid publicity attendant upon her husband's flight. Also at Ponca City is L. E. Gray, Post's brother-in-law.

## Planned Winter in Alaska.

It was generally understood that Rogers planned to go to Siberia with Post, but before they left Fairbanks yesterday the humorist said he had not definitely decided. Two days ago in Anchorage he remarked that he might spend the Winter in Alaska with "sourdoughs denned up in their cabins" along the Yukon and Mackenzie Rivers.

Once before Wiley Post "cracked up" in Alaska. That was when his red monoplane, the Winnie Mae, was damaged in a forced landing near Flat, in Central Alaska, on the round-the-world flight which set the record—a record still unbeaten.

Post was unhurt then, repaired his plane and resumed his flight with a loss of less than a day's time.

The famous Winnie Mae, in which Post then made his famous flight and which he said a few months ago was about through as a vehicle for further air adventures, survives her master.

She rests today in a Los Angeles hangar, while the man who sent her racing through the skies around the world lies dead in the Northland.

Grief that came to the entire world when news of the tragedy spread was reflected in comment from all ranks of life—from members of the Congress that Rogers so drolly and good-naturedly lampooned to the home folks of Claremore, Okla., and Rogers, Ark., where the humorist was married 27 years ago.

## Hollywood Stunned.

Darryl F. Zanuck, Hollywood film magnate in charge of many of Rogers' successful movies, was too choked with emotion to make an immediate statement. All Hollywood was stunned and grief-stricken. Rogers was one of the biggest "box office" actors in pictures.

"The Royal Aero Club is deeply grieved to learn of the death of this marvelous pilot," the secretary said. London papers displayed the story over all others.

Clyde Pangborn, himself a round-the-world flyer, who even now is planning a flight to beat the Post record, said the tragedy in Alaska was "the worst since the Knute Rockne crash from a public viewpoint." Pangborn is in New Jersey, testing his new plane.

Former President Hoover, in Chicago, said news of the deaths was "a terrible shock to me."

"I have long known these two fine Americans and have long been appreciative of their accomplishments. In origin and accomplishment they

## Associated Press First With News Of Tragic Crash

SEATTLE, August 16.—News of the death of Wiley Post and Will Rogers in an airplane crash near Point Barrow, Alaska, today was first flashed to the world by the Associated Press.

Its report at 9:48 a.m., Eastern standard time, from the United States Army Signal Corps was 40 minutes or more ahead of all other press associations.

were typically American. \* \* \* They were great souls and I feel a sense of deep personal loss in their passing."

## SECRECY MARKED TRIP.

### Rogers Continually Denied Plans Made to Accompany Post.

LOS ANGELES, August 16 (AP).—The departure of Will Rogers with Wiley Post on the preliminary legs of Post's projected flight to Russia was guarded by the strictest secrecy.

The Associated Press was informed in advance of the actual take-off that Rogers, noted screen comedian and writer, would accompany his old-time Oklahoma friend on the hazardous flight. Rogers denied he planned to make the trip and Post said he knew nothing of it.

Shortly in advance of the flight North, Post, Mrs. Post and Rogers left Union Air Terminal, Burbank, heading North, but landed in New Mexico for a brief fishing excursion.

Returning here, the three left for the North, but Mrs. Post left her husband's powerful new low-winged monoplane at Seattle.

Rogers and Post both had aversions to being greeted by crowds at airports. Post, especially after the failure of his four attempts to span the country in the stratosphere this year, refused to discuss his plans.

Rogers probably flew more miles than any other person in the United States not actually connected with an air line. He made all his business trips by air. He had complete confidence in Post and referred to him several times as one of the best pilots in the business.

## PATMAN SEES PASSAGE OF BONUS NEXT YEAR

### Representative, in Radio Address, Appeals to Veterans to Continue Fight.

By the Associated Press.

In an appeal for veterans to continue advocacy of bonus payment, Representative Patman, Democrat, of Texas, predicted last night in a radio address that within two weeks after Congress meets next January the House would pass his new bill.

Patman added the forecast that within 30 days after the next January meeting of Congress the Senate also would pass the bill, "and it is my opinion further that the veterans will get their money a short time thereafter."

"Before this session of Congress ends we will have enough signatures to a petition to force consideration of the bill within 10 days after Congress meets," he said.

## HOOVER DENIES PLANS FOR MIDWEST PARLEYS

### "Conferences Are News to Me," Says Former President En Route West.

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, August 16.—Former President Herbert Hoover arrived by train today from New York en route to California and denied any knowledge of reported plans to confer with Midwestern Republican leaders during his stay here.

"Any conferences are news to me," he said, adding that he had seen "the reports in the papers."

Asked if he planned any addresses during the next few months attacking the New Deal, he said:

"I have nothing in mind."

The former President was met by his close friend, Arch Shaw, a Chicago investment broker, and was driven from the railway station in a taxicab to Shaw's office.

## SOLBERG LANDS PLANE

### North Atlantic Flyers Short of Norway Goal.

By the Associated Press.

COPENHAGEN, August 16.—Thor Solberg, nearing the completion of his flight across the North Atlantic, set his seaplane down at Thorshavn, Faroe Islands, at 1 p.m. (8 a.m. E. S. T.) today.

Solberg and Paul Oscanyan left Hornafjord, Iceland, at 10:45 a.m. (5:45 a.m. E. S. T.) and were expected to reach Bergen at 5 p.m. (noon, E. S. T.), completing a flight from Brooklyn started July 18.



# Families of Rogers and Post Numbered by News of Crash

## Flyer's Parents Mourn at Maysville, Okla., Farm Home.

By the Associated Press.

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Both Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Post, who received the word at their little farm 2½ miles from here, stood the shock without flinching.

Mrs. Post was working in the kitchen when the party arrived at the farm house. The news was given first to Arthur Post, the flyer's brother, who was working in the yard. Wiley's father arrived a few minutes later.

Temporarily overcome by the blow, Mrs. Post said over and over again, tears coursing down her cheeks, "Oh, can it be so? I hope it isn't so."

Stolidly holding back his grief, Father Post said the family "had been living in dread of this for years and years, but it is such a shock to know that our boy has been killed."

As the word of Wiley's death spread throughout the Maysville farming section, where the flyer had always been "just a home town boy," scores of friends and neighbors dropped their tasks and hurried to the Post farm to offer their sympathies.

It was too early to learn what funeral arrangements would be made. members of the Post family said they did not know whether the body of the flyer would be brought here for burial.

At Oklahoma City, Gordon Post, 35, oil rig worker and younger brother of Wiley, displayed the typical Post silence today when he read a news dispatch of the world flyer's death.

He read the story in utter silence, gazed at a wall, lit a cigarette with a steady hand, and said, barely audibly: "I can hardly believe it."

He turned to his wife, also speechless, and said, "I wonder if anybody has told the folks?"

Some one had.

At Dallas, Tex., deaf and almost blind Mrs. Cenie Post, 95-year-old grandmother of Wiley, sat in calm meditation for almost 30 minutes after being informed of his death today. Then, as she slowly talked of Wiley's past, she wept.

"I'm sorry May (Mrs. May Plane Post, the aviator's widow) didn't get to fall with him instead of Mr. Rogers," the grandmother said. "She'd always told us she wanted to die with him when he crashed. And I know she hates to be left like this."

## Humorist's Widow Will Leave Maine Immediately for Home.

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At the Maine town, where she is with her daughter, Mary, Mrs. Rogers telephoned that she would leave for the Coast not later than tomorrow.

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Mrs. Rogers and her daughter will be accompanied West by Dorothy Stone, daughter of Fred Stone, and who danced in the 1928 musical comedy hit, "Three Cheers," which starred Rogers.

The Rogers' youngest son, Jimmy, was at a Manhattan hotel when informed of the death of his father. News of the tragedy was brought to Jimmy by an official of the hotel.

"He went right out then," a hotel employe said. "We don't know where."

Another son, Will Rogers, jr., was at Joplin, Mo., en route to the Philippine Islands when told of the tragedy. He had planned to join his famous father somewhere in the Orient. Mrs. B. W. Quisenberry, sister of the humorist's wife, said here today.

## Frog Hordes Dashed to Death.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, August 16 (AP).—Frogs, hundreds of them, met death beneath the wheels of automobiles after a heavy rain on highways between here and Circleville last night, a motorist reported.

## Public Good Will

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# ROOSEVELT SHOCKED AT NEWS OF CRASH

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Rogers and Post Outstanding  
Americans, He Says, When Told  
by Associated Press.

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HYDE PARK, N. Y., August 16.—President Roosevelt expressed the shock of the Nation today upon learning of the death of Will Rogers and Wiley Post, whom he said were "outstanding Americans and will be greatly missed."

He made the statement:

"I was shocked to hear of the tragedy which has taken Will Rogers and Wiley Post from us. Will was an old friend of mine, a humorist and philosopher beloved by all. I had the pleasure of greeting Mr. Post on his return from his round-the-world flight. He leaves behind a splendid contribution to the science of aviation. Both were outstanding Americans and will be greatly missed."



# Will Rogers' Rise to Fame

## An Oklahoma Cowboy, His Sage Wise-Cracks Made Him Famous.

By the Associated Press.

Will Rogers was given the imposing name of William Penn Adair Rogers but everybody called him Will. He was a cowboy, humorist, writer, lecturer, philosopher, polo player, world traveler and flyer, but he went up in the air only as a passenger.

He was born at Oologah, Indian Territory, November 4, 1879, but he called Claremore, Okla., his "home town" and he was a legal resident of Oklahoma although he spent most of his time at his ranch between Beverly Hills and Santa Monica, Calif.

He had Indian blood in his veins and was proud of it. One of his best wisecracks was based upon this ancestry as he said that his ancestors did not come over on the Mayflower, but they met the boat.

### Education in Easy Stages.

His education came, he said, by easy stages. "I studied the fourth reader for 10 years," he told an interviewer, but he was a "kidder" on and off the stage and many of his boasts of being "ignerant" could be taken with a grain of salt.

After he left the fourth reader behind him he went through the Willow Hassell School at Neosho, Mo., and Kemper Military Academy at Booneville and if he did not make a remarkable record for scholarship, he did not fail.

His mother wanted him to become a Methodist minister, but Will had learned to ride a horse and throw a rope on his father's ranch, so he went back to the range. Then starting with medicine shows and carnivals he went on along the road that finally brought him to the very top of his profession as an actor.

### Jained Wild West Show.

A rancher, Zach Mulhall, organized a Wild West show and Will joined it, finally reaching New York. There is a tradition that he first attracted public notice on a large scale when he lassoed a wild steer that broke loose at Madison Square Garden and was about to dash through the crowd.

Certainly shortly after his first appearance at "the garden" he was on the vaudeville stage. Charley Mack of Moran and Mack told of Will's initial efforts in vaudeville. He was pretty bad, said Mack, and grew discouraged. He talked it over with Charley.

"Where are you going?" asked Mack. "Back to Oklahoma." "Been fired yet?" "The manager said I was pretty punk."

"Yeh, you're all of that; but has he actually told you that you are fired?" "Well, no."

"Don't quit till he tells you; maybe you can stick it out to Saturday night. That will be three days more pay."

### Wisecracks "Made" Him.

Before the week was out, Will happened to make a wisecrack about something he saw in a newspaper, an observation shyly delivered of something that struck his fancy. The audience laughed, Rogers tried some other joshing remarks, and was "made."

It was a short step to Hammerstein's Roof at \$150 a week and then he spent six years as the star of Ziegfeld's Follies.

He ventured into motion pictures, but failed to score the success expected. The silent screen gave the comedian no chance to convulse his audiences with his homely observations rendered in a drawl that only Rogers knew. But when talking pictures appeared, Rogers became a box office riot and thereafter the legitimate theater saw little of him.

### Subbed "for Old Fred."

When his friend, Fred Stone, was injured in an airplane accident, in

1929, just before he was to open a new play in New York, Rogers rushed across the continent, took the role "for old Fred" and scored another hit.

He continued, however, to go on "lecture tours," packing great crowds into theaters, auditoriums, school houses and churches. He raised a small fortune for the drought sufferers in 1930, and in his quiet way gave thousands of dollars of his private fortune to charity.

His wealth was estimated by his friends at several million dollars and he carried life insurance of approximately \$1,000,000. He never talked about his money, but he was a high salaried actor for years. His salary was \$25,000 a week when he worked. He was paid \$2,500 a week for stage appearances and he was understood to have received \$15,000 for eight radio broadcasts.

### Too Bashful to Propose.

He met Betty Blake at a candy pullin' in Oologah, but it took him a year to win her. He was too bashful to propose and finally he worked his way to South America and Australia learning new rope tricks and riding stunts. Finally he came back, proposed, was accepted, and they were married November 25, 1908. Three children were born to the union, Will, jr., Mary and Jimmy. All three followed the hoof beats of their father and became expert polo players, and for a time the Rogers family could put a good team on the field.

"Had to break it up," Will kidded. "Mary went society on us."

He wrote a dozen books and for many years wrote a short daily "box" for a number of newspapers, containing sage comment on the day's happenings.

He was seriously mentioned as a candidate for the presidential nomination in 1931, but laughed the suggestion off by saying:

"A comedian can only last till he takes himself serious or his audience takes him serious, and I don't want either one of those to happen to me until I'm dead (if then), so let's stop all this foolishness right now."

### Father Was a Leader.

Clem Rogers, father of Will, played a part in adopting the first constitution of the State of Oklahoma and a county was named for him. Of this Will said:

"Heck, they had to; nobody could pronounce the old name—Coowees-coowee."

In Claremore a hotel is named the Will Rogers, a six-story building which the comedian boasted had more bath rooms than Buckingham Palace.

"I used to envy Gen. Grant and Jesse James because they had cigars named after them. But, shucks, now I've kinda got it on 'em."

He couldn't be bothered with grammar, either in his writings or "lectures." Once an interviewer suggested he took too many liberties with the laws of syntax.

"What's that?" he asked. "Sounds like bad news."

The other explained it meant grammar, whereupon the sage laughed and replied:

"Didn't know they was buying grammar now. I'm just so dumb I had a notion it was thoughts and ideas."

His most repeated remark was, "All I know I read in the papers," and he

read practically every word in every available paper wherever he happened to be each morning. Once he was asked if he read any fiction. He replied, "Sure, the newspapers."

He was an ardent admirer of Mark Twain, and on a visit to Virginia City, Nev., where the great humorist once lived, he tried to find a bed Twain had occupied. The quest was vain, for he was ~~not there~~ when the writer lived here he has too poor to own a bed. He always denied that he was an actor.

"I'm not smart enough to act," he said. "If they can find a role that's sort of like me, I'm all right. Otherwise, I'm punk."

His employers in the motion picture industry never bothered to write dialogue for his films. He couldn't or wouldn't remember. He said just what seemed about the right thing to say at the time.

### Shunned Milking Contest.

His studio prepared a "grand" place for him to occupy on the lot. A sanded garden decorated with cactus plants surrounded an adobe hut dressed up with an electric kitchen and a living room filled with Western and Indian trophies. Rogers looked in, said it was "swell" and never went back until former President and Mrs. Coolidge came to call. He ushered them into the house, saying "they had to set somewhere, didn't they?"

He could do almost anything with a rope and was a great horseback rider, but once while a guest at Hoot Gibson's ranch he had to decline to enter a milking contest, being forced to admit he never learned to milk a cow.

He found his recreation in playing polo and, unlike other stars of the motion pictures, he could take chances without fear of injury maiming his features and hurting his career.

"Couldn't make my mug look much worse, no matter how I hurt it," he said.

He owned a hurdy-gurdy, piano, violin, banjo, drums, mandolin and guitar and could not play any of them.

### Disliked Interviews.

Rogers disliked interviews, but was always ready to talk on homely subjects.

Polo long was regarded as his most cherished pastime. Yet, while his love of horses was the most predominant thing, next to his love of his family, aviation in late years seemed to share his passion.

Time after time he told his friends that his "best quips were written in the air."

Of recent years he never would take a train or boat, if an airplane was available.

Piloted by Frank Hawks, he made an aerial tour of the territory affected by the Mississippi flood in 1931 in the interest of the sufferers. Since that time he seemed to want to fly any where there was anything interesting happening.

### Friend of Lindberghs.

He was a warm friend of the Lindberghs. The colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh visited him many times. In their hours of their suffering following the kidnaping of their child they

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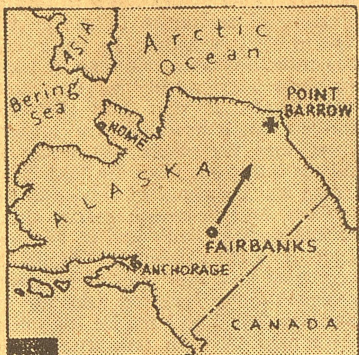
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Cross marks the spot where Wiley Post and Will Rogers crashed today.

were guests at his ranch, secluded from all visitors.

His only pets were horses, chiefly polo ponies.

Despite his fortune, Rogers was a frugal liver. His clothing testified to that. In fact, he often remarked that it cost him more for newspapers in a year than for clothes.

It was long ago that a friend suggested the possibility of danger in air flights. Chewing gum, Rogers paused, smiled and commented that he bore a charmed life and expected to live to be at least 100 years old.

## HURLEY PAYS TRIBUTE

Predicts Oklahoma Will Place Rogers' Statue in Capitol.

Patrick J. Hurley of Oklahoma, former Secretary of War and friend of Will Rogers, said today his State's "quota of illustrious sons in Statuary Hall at the Capitol will now be filled.

"Beside the statue of Sequoyah, in the very near future, will be that of Will Rogers. Oklahomans, I know, will want it so."

Each State is permitted statues of her two most illustrious sons in Statuary Hall. If Rogers' statue is placed there, Oklahoma will have as her representatives a Cherokee Indian chief and one with Cherokee blood.

## SISTER REMAINS CALM

CHELSEA, Okla., August 16 (AP).—Mrs. Tom McSpadden, aged sister of Will Rogers, famed actor who died with Wiley Post in an airplane crash in Alaska, bore up stoically under news of the tragedy.

Several years ago Mrs. McSpadden lay at the point of death for weeks from a serious illness.

## PLANE LICENSED AUG. 8

Commerce Department data on the Rogers-Post plane showed it was licensed only on August 8. It had a cabin with seats for three.

It was a Lockheed Orion, powered with a Pratt-Whitney 550-horse power engine.

Licensed especially for long-distance flying and test work, it was of latest design and scheduled for Post's use in flying to Siberia.



# OFFICIALS HERE TOLD OF CRASH

## Signal Corps Offers Aid in Transporting Bodies From Alaska.

By the Associated Press.

Signal headquarters were notified by the Seattle office today of the finding of the bodies of Will Rogers and Wiley Post where their plane crashed in Alaska.

Shocked by the news, officials said notice of the tragedy had already been dispatched to the widows of the two by the Army.

Col. Dawson Olmstead of the Signal Corps explained today that the Army maintains a wireless station at Point Barrow, the point farthest north in Alaska, where any Army activities are carried on, for the purpose of gathering and transmitting weather reports.

### Only One Man on Duty.

Sergt. Morgan is the only Army man on duty there.

There also is a small hospital, with Dr. Greist in charge, and an American school teacher. All others in the vicinity of Point Barrow are Eskimos or Indians.

Stephen Early, a secretary to the President, communicated with Mr. Roosevelt's aides at Hyde Park in an effort to notify the President.

### Roosevelt to Be Told.

At the time of the call Mr. Roosevelt was on an automobile trip and was not immediately informed.

Stephen B. Gibbon, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of Coast Guard, instructed the service to do anything possible to facilitate transportation of the bodies.

The Coast Guard said its cutter Northland was thought to be in the immediate vicinity and would proceed to help.



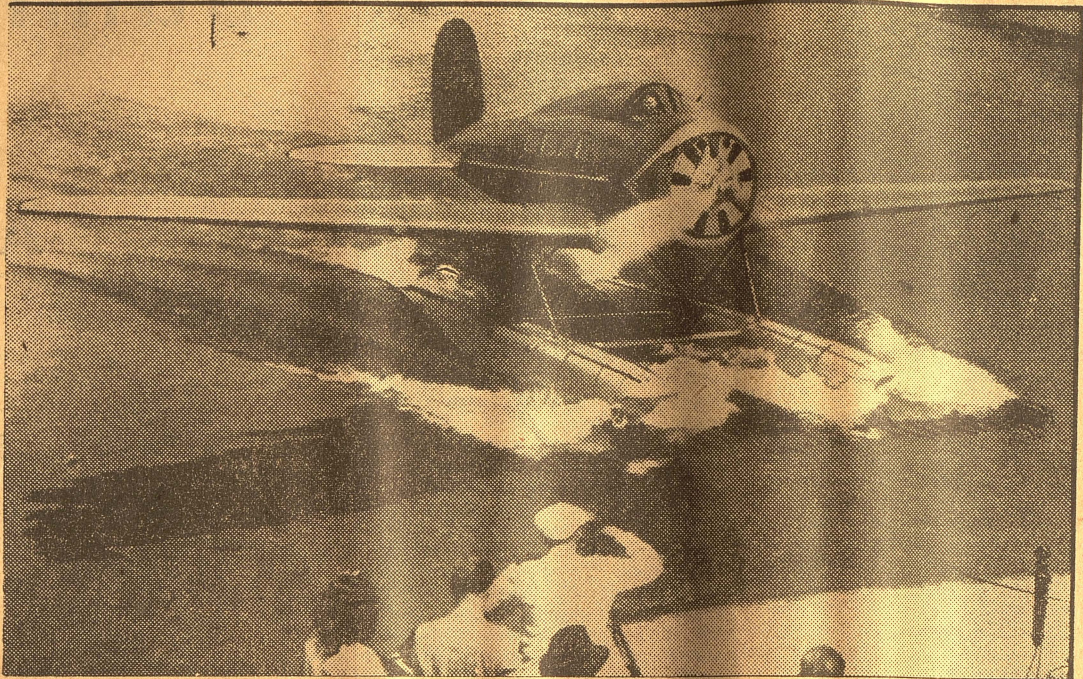
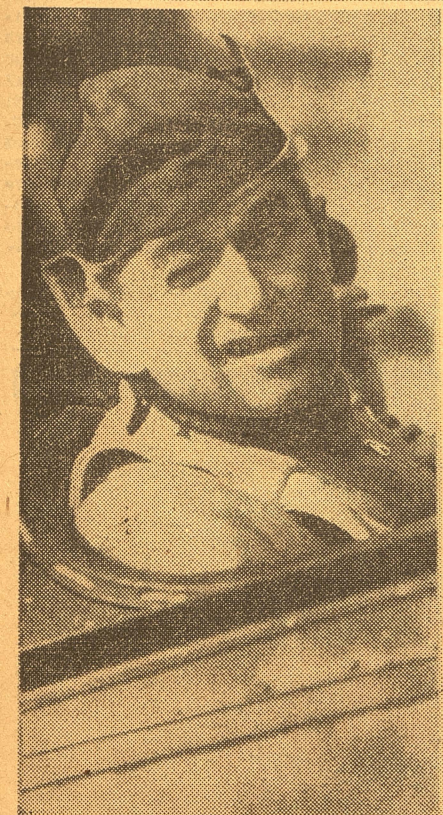


Photo taken last week at Renton Airport, Wash., showing Wiley Post taxiing back to the hangar in his new Lockheed plane after a test flight just before taking off with Will Rogers on their fatal Alaskan flight.

—Wide World Photo.



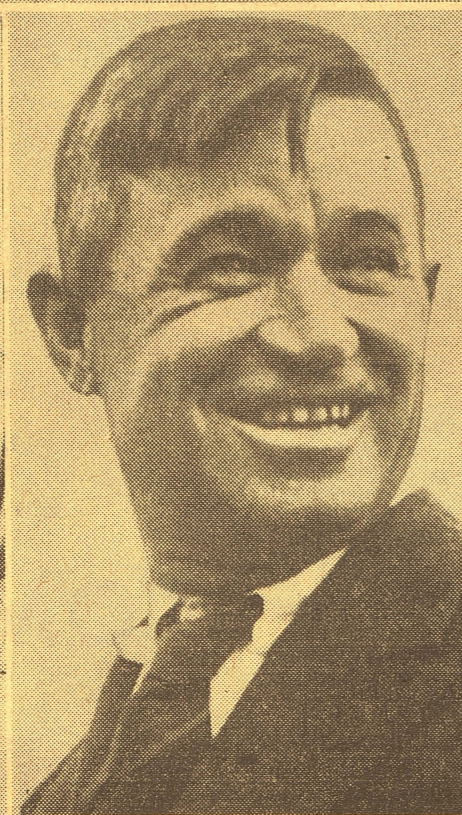
# Glimpses in Career of Cowboy-Humorist-Actor-Flyer Who Died in Alaskan Air Crash



As a pilot.



A cowboy in the "Ziegfeld Follies."

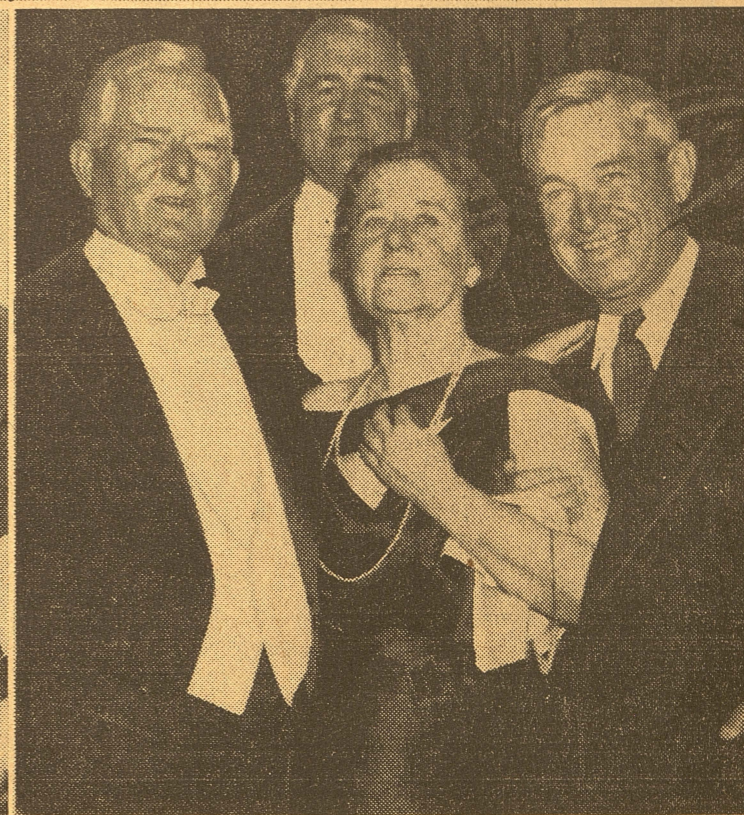


Preparing a wisecrack.



Recent photo with his wife.

—A. P. and Wide World Photos.



On one of his numerous visits to Washington, posing with Vice President Garner, Mrs. Garner and Jesse Jones.



As the Boss in "A Connecticut Yankee."