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ROGERS,' POST'S BODIES START HOME

Type of Boat That Recovered Bodies ---- Pilot of Funeral Plane



PILOT BRINGS HIS MOURNFUL CARGO INTO FAIRBANKS

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FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Aug. 17.—The first lap of his sorrowful mission ended, Pilot Joe Crosson brought his plane with the bodies of Will Rogers and Wiley Post to Fairbanks at 7:35 a. m. (Alaska Time) Saturday from Point Barrow.

Crosson, veteran of hundreds of Alaskan flights and close friend of the two, landed his pontoon-equipped plane on the Chena River, fronting the city. He had left the bleak and barren Arctic outpost four hours and a half earlier.

He taxied up to a landing. Members of a Fairbanks mortuary staff took the broken bodies of the two men from the plane to their establishment.

Fairbanks was the first stop en route to Seattle. The exact time of arrival in Seattle was not announced.

The dozen white settlers of Point Barrow and a crowd of natives gathered on the bleak Arctic shore as the bodies, wrapped in white linen, were placed in the ship.

Farewell honors were accorded the humorist and his aviator friend and companion.

Post's Alaskan Friend.

Crosson, Post's Alaskan friend and an aviator, too, and Robert Gleason, a radio operator, flew over the mountains and through fog across the tundra wastes Friday to take the bodies back to civilization.

It was Crosson, veteran of unnumbered Alaskan flights, who bade them goodby at Fairbanks and warned them against the hazards of the fog at Point Barrow.

The broken remains of Post and Rogers, whose names were known throughout the world, lay in a warehouse after Dr. Greist and Charles Brower, grizzled "king of the arctic," prepared them for the journey home.

In this same warehouse last May the bodies of 14 Eskimo victims of an influenza epidemic were laid out in plain board coffins.

Brower was the man whom Rogers said he was flying to Barrow to visit. For 51 years, Brower has operated a whaling station and trading post on the lonely, northernmost tip of Alaska.

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CENTENNIAL LOAN OF \$687,500 FROM PWA ASKED BY CITY

The city's application for a loan of \$687,500, with which to stage its part of the Texas Centennial next year, was filed with PWA headquarters Saturday morning.

This loan, the Government's grant of 45 per cent and the \$250,000 appropriated by the State Centennial Commission, would bring the total amount to \$1,500,000 to expend on the show.

A bond issue to secure the PWA loan will be voted upon Sept. 3 and Friday Councilman Monnig was selected to head a campaign committee which will work in the interest of the bond issue.

Items Are Listed.

The application specifies that the site is to cost \$150,000, the construction \$1,376,378, and overhead \$68,819. The structures are described as follows: Coliseum and auditorium, 90,792 square feet, to cost \$532,378; agriculture and general exhibit building, 144,072 square feet, \$200,900; cattle exhibit and building, 123,280 square feet, \$160,000; sheep and swine exhibit building, 91,080 square feet, \$140,000; horse show building, 63,480 square feet, \$80,000; poultry exhibit building, 27,600 square feet, \$34,500; draft and rodeo horses and mule barns, 51,528 square feet, \$70,000; rodeo livestock pens, ground area 31,600 square feet, \$21,600; auction arena, 7,566 square feet, \$30,000; pens for carload cattle, 347,000 square feet, with 214 pens each 40 by 30 feet, \$25,000; pens for carload sheep and swine, 30,000 square feet, \$20,000; fences, \$12,000.

Support Is Offered

SEEK OWNERS OF AUTO PARTS

With two men under arrest in Dallas and one in Fort Worth and two truckloads of stolen auto parts recovered in Dallas, detectives Saturday continued the tedious tasks of locating persons who have lost automobiles or parts in the two cities in recent months.

City Detectives Reagan and Kennedy have found that at least five cars stolen from here were among the loot seized by police in Dallas. Two of the owners are known. They are Dr. W. F. Armstrong, 2130 Warner Road, whose car was stolen from its parking place in front of the Baptist Hospital on Tuesday, and Cleo Mann, operator of a used car lot at 1015 West

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A suspect was placed in the city jail here Friday night and was being questioned by Reagan and Kennedy Saturday. The two men held in Dallas, already charged with complicity in the thefts, are Joe O'Neal, charged with auto theft in three cases, and Cliff Doggett, charged with receiving and concealing stolen property.

The stolen cars and parts were recovered in various junk yards around Dallas. It required two vans to transport the loot to the Dallas County courthouse.

Reagan estimated that 2,000 persons would view the automobile parts in an effort to identify them.

A complete automobile, stripped, brings only \$55 to the thieves, the detective revealed.

\$300,000 Allowed for Flood Repairs

The sum of \$300,000 has been allocated to the WPA in this district for repairing damage caused by the recent floods, District Administrator George L. Dickey wrote to all county judges, commissioners and school authorities in the district Saturday.

He said that application for money must be filed in the regular manner except that the projects are not to be submitted to national headquarters in Washington. Dickey said that immediate action is necessary.

BANK CLEARINGS HERE SHOW \$904,002 GAIN

Fort Worth bank clearings for the week ending Saturday were \$5,703,934, showing a gain of \$904,002 over the corresponding week last year. The daily record: Monday, \$854,246; Tuesday, \$964,130; Wednesday, \$968,341; Thursday, \$962,782; Friday, \$865,848; Saturday, \$1,799,932.

Wallace Malone Hurt in Quarrel at Courthouse

Wallace Malone, attorney and former member of the Legislature, was injured in an altercation which took place in the first floor corridor of the courthouse about 6 p. m. Friday.

Lon Heed, night custodian of the courthouse, was charged in county court Saturday with aggravated assault. He allegedly struck Malone with a broom.

The altercation is said to have started when Malone objected to efforts to put "sleepers" out of the courthouse. He was treated at City-County Hospital for a long gash on the head and a bruise on the arm. Physicians said three stitches were taken to close the cut.

At one time Malone was a candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

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Support Is Offered.

Representatives of various civic groups attended the meeting in The Star-Telegram clubroom at which Monnig was selected. All but one expressed unqualified support of the issue. Oliver Shannon, representing the North Fort Worth Kiwanis Club, declared he had come to discuss sites, adding that members of his committee were of the opinion that unless the site for the show was not settled before the election the North Side would be against the bond issue.

Monnig replied that all sections of the city would be accorded equal opportunity and consideration in selection of a site.

Councilman Martin, who also is on the city council's site committee, said that 15 sites have been proposed, six of them on the North Side.

Martin said it was almost unthinkable.

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Bookies, Barmen Hard Hit in Raids

HOUSTON, Aug. 17.—Bookmakers and liquor dealers in this city Saturday mournfully contemplated the wreckage of their places of business, caused by the crusading Texas Rangers who swooped down upon them Friday and left havoc in their wake.

Headed by Sergt. Sid Kelso, the Rangers visited nearly a dozen places, confiscating liquor and bookie shop equipment. Any illicit paraphernalia too large to carry away was smashed to bits.

Sergeant Kelso said he will hold the liquor until after the State's vote on repeal Aug. 24.

"If Texas goes dry, I'll file charges against those who possessed the liquor," declared Kelso. "If the State goes wet, I'll return it to them."

Roosevelts to Hold Family Reunion

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Aug. 17 (AP).—President Roosevelt set aside this afternoon for a family reunion celebrating the twenty-first birthday of Franklin Jr., his third son.

Detailed plans for the quiet family get-together were not revealed but it was understood the plans of Mrs. Roosevelt called for a picnic lunch at the cottage about a mile across the fields from the Hudson River home.

Other members of the family present include the President's mother, Mrs. James Roosevelt Sr.; the first son, James, and Mrs. Roosevelt, and John Roosevelt, youngest son.

British Troops Move in India.

SIMLA, India, Aug. 17 (AP).—British troops and planes were dispatched from here Saturday in an effort to disperse 2,000 tribesmen reported to be concentrated in a threatening manner on the Gandab road in the northwest frontier province.

EAST AFRICAN FIGHT KILLS 100

By International News Service.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—A Reuter's dispatch from Rome Saturday reported 100 killed in a battle between Ethiopian and Assamara tribesmen in East Africa.

The report, which Reuter's said was contained in a semi-official statement issued in Rome, said the battle occurred "near Adagalle, in French Somaliland," but it was pointed out maps do not show an Adagalle, but do locate Adagalla, which is in Ethiopia, a full 50 miles from the French Somaliland frontier.

The story was reported in the following Italian semi-official statement, dated Djibouti:

"It is reported from Harrar that Abyssinian tribesmen attacked Assamara tribesmen near Adagalle, in French Somaliland.

"About 100 were killed, including 20 French subjects.

"The government of French Somaliland is opening an inquiry."

ITALY TO FILE PROTEST OVER CONSULAR OFFICIALS IN JURY.

ROME, Aug. 17.—Italy will file a formal protest with Ethiopia regarding a dispute between an Italian consular official of Aden and an Ethiopian, it was announced.

The dispute occurred Thursday at Direadawa, Ethiopia, and ended in a scuffle in which both men were injured.

FRANCE GIVES ITALY PROPOSED SOLUTION.

PARIS, Aug. 17 (AP).—Premier Pierre Laval Saturday submitted to Italy a rough outline of a proposed solution of the Italo-Ethiopian difficulty. It was handed to the Italian delegate to the three-power negotiations here, Baron Pompeo Aloisi, who was expected to telephone its contents to Premier Mussolini in Rome.

The plan provides:

1. French and British renunciation of further Ethiopian economic privileges in favor of Italy.

2. Italy to be aided in floating loans for colonial development in Ethiopia.

3. Italy to be given political rights in the appointment of technical advisors to Ethiopia and department heads of the customs.

CLIPPER SETS RECORD IN WAKE ISLAND HOP

WAKE ISLAND, Aug. 17 (AP) (By Pan-American Radio).—Pan-American Airways clipper flying boat rested on the waters of Wake Lagoon Saturday, 4,992 miles from United States shores, with another pioneering record chalked up on her log.

The big plane alighted here at 12:25 p. m. Saturday (7:25 p. m. Friday, Central standard time), completing a flight of 1,191 miles from Midway Island that took it over a previously uncharted air course. The trip required eight hours and four minutes.

Joe Crosson, veteran Alaskan aviator and friend of Wiley Post, who is flying the bodies of the Oklahoma globe-girdler and Will Rogers from Point Barrow back to Fairbanks and may continue on to Seattle as funeral pilot. Post met the Alaska Airways flier on one round-the-world journeys.



Gas Company Claims Attacked by Chemist

Through Chemist W. S. Mahlie the city Saturday struck at statements made by the Lone Star Gas Company in newspaper advertisements as to the effect the city's antidilution ordinance would have on the gas supply.

Mahlie was the city's third witness at the hearing before a special master in Federal Court on the gas company's application for an injunction to restrain enforcement of the ordinance.

The chemist was handed newspapers of Aug. 15, 1934. He testified that he interpreted advertisements of the gas company to mean that the dilution ordinance would

exclude West Texas and Oklahoma gas from Fort Worth. Mahlie testified the advertisements said Oklahoma gas would be excluded because the heat value was not as high as that specified in the ordinance (1,000 BTU).

Second Statement.

E. F. Schmidt, general superintendent of the gas company, has previously testified that Oklahoma and Shamrock gas coming into Fort Worth averaged 1,020 BTU.

The second statement, on which Mahlie was asked to testify, was that in which the gas company al-

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A native skin canoe, of the type above, bore the bodies of Will Rogers and Wiley Post over the 15 miles of water from the scene of their crash near the mouth of a small Alaskan stream, into Point Barrow. The canoe is made from native wood and covered with reindeer hide. This photograph, which was taken at Nome, Alaska, by H. S. Jones after he and Reg L. Robbins failed in their attempted nonstop flight from Seattle to Tokio, shows also the hazardous nature of the Alaskan shoreline. In the distant background is the town of Nome. This picture was taken early in the Summer, when the ice was beginning to break up into small floes. The Eskimo, shown here, has just speared a seal and is detaching the spearhead from the shaft.

RICH AND POOR MOURN 2 MEN

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (AP).—For Will Rogers and Wiley Post, the beloved humorist and the courageous flier, funeral and memorial services will embrace an audience of prince and pauper the world over.

Wherever the two were known—and there were few places in the civilized world where their names were not common currency—moments of respectful silence will mark their burial.

Services for Rogers, gum-chewing philosopher of the homely phrase, were yet to be arranged Saturday.

But for Wiley Post, the Oklahoman who banked an aviation career on a shoestring and won, his home folk already had decided that burial will take place in Oklahoma City. Those who watched the stocky little aviator attain worldwide fame on wings will gather at a small grove before the farm home of Post's parents, near Maysville, Okla., to pay him tribute.

"I think the best place is right here at home," said gray-haired W. F. Post, Wiley's father, with characteristic simplicity. This was in keeping with the parents' wish, and the flier's wife was anxious to assent.

At Claremore, Okla., which Rogers always looked upon as "home," a memorial service was planned. The town will close up shop because, as Joe Martin, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce put it, "we want to pay tribute to the man who meant so much to us in the best way we can."

The Weather

Sun sets today 7:13 o'clock. Sun rises Sunday 5:54 o'clock. Maximum Friday, 96 degrees; minimum Saturday morning, 78 degrees.

Fort Worth and Vicinity—Partly cloudy and not much change in temperature tonight and Sunday.

East Texas—Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday.

West Texas—Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday, probably showers in extreme west portion.

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Graphic Description of Tragedy Wirelessly

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP).—A graphic description of how Will Rogers and Wiley Post met their death in an airplane accident near Point Barrow, Alaska, was wirelessly to the War Department Saturday by Staff Sergt. Stanley Morgan, in charge of the Army's radio station at that outpost of civilization.

The story, obtained from awe-struck Eskimos who saw the accident, follows:

"At 10 p. m. last night (Thursday) attracted by group of excited natives on beach. Walking down, discovered one native all out of breath gasping out in pidgin English a strange tale of 'airplane she blew up.'

"After repeated questioning, learned this native witnessed crash of an airplane at his sealing camp some 15 miles south of Barrow and had run the entire distance to summon aid.

"Native claimed plane flying very low appeared from the south, apparently sighting tents. Plane then circled several times and finally settled down on small river near camp, two men climbed out, one wearing 'rag on sore eye' and other 'big man with boots.'

"The big man then called native to water's edge and asked direction and distance to Point Barrow. Direction given, men then climbed back into plane and taxied off to far side of river for takeoff into wind.

"After short run plane slowly lifted from water to height about 50 feet banking slightly to right when evidently motor stalled, plane slipped off on right wing and nosed down into water, turning completely over and native claimed dull explosion occurred and most of right wing dropped off and a film of gasoline and oil soon covered the water.

"Native frightened by explosion turned and ran but soon controlled fright and returned, calling loudly to men in plane. Receiving no answer native then made decision to come to Barrow for help.

"With completion of story we knew plane to be that of Post and Rogers and quickly assembled a crew of 14 Eskimos and departed in open whale boat powered with small gas motor. Hampered by recent ice floes and strong adverse current, took nearly three hours to reach destination.

"Dense fog with semidarkness gave upturned plane most ghostly appearance and our hearts chilled at thought of what we might find there.

"As we approached nearer the plane we soon realized no human could possibly survive the terrific crash. The plane was but a huge mass of twisted and broken wood

and metal. "The natives by this time had managed to cut into the cabin and extricated the body of Rogers, who had apparently been well back in the cabin when the plane struck and more or less protected by the baggage carried therein.

"We soon learned we would have a difficult job freeing Post from the wreckage as the plane had struck with such terrific speed it had forced the engine well back into the cabin pinning the body of Post securely.

"With some little difficulty we managed to tear the plane apart and eventually released the body of

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STAMFORD,

July 4.—Cowboy sports and contests are about the most popular thing there is, especially where they know what it's all about. I had often heard of the great time this little city holds every year; it's called a cowboy reunion and it is; it's put on by real ranch hands. This is the heart of the old Texas ranch country. The outfits send in their chuck wagons and they have a great time. Lots of good horses and lots of good ropers. Grass is high and cattle are a good price and everybody feeling fine. If

Mr. Brisbane don't want to use his old slogan any more I will take it. "Don't sell America short."

Editor's Note—Some of the significant dispatches, which Will Rogers wrote in recent months, will be reproduced by The Star-Telegram for the next few days. This one was of particular interest to Texans as it dealt with his visit to Stamford.

GRAPHIC STORY OF TRAGEDY IS WIRELESSED

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Post. Both bodies were then carefully laid and wrapped with eider-down sleeping bags found in the wreckage and then carefully placed in the boat.

"It is believed the natives felt the loss of these two great men as keenly as we and as we started our slow trip back to Barrow one of the Eskimo boys began to sign a hymn in Eskimo and soon all the voices whined in this singing and continued until our arrival at Barrow when we silently bore the bodies from the beach to the hospital where they were turned over to Dr. Greist, who with the kindly help of Mr. Brower prepared and dressed the bodies.

"It is doubtful if a person in this little village slept that night, all sat around the hospital with bowed heads with little or no talking."

Gatty Lauds Post as Flying Leader

MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug. 17. Harold Gatty, who flew with Wiley Post on his first trip around the world, said Saturday the American was "a leader in world aviation."

"His courage, experience and enterprise will be greatly missed," said Gatty.

"Always a free lance, he was a pioneer in stratosphere flying."

Gatty was deeply affected by Post's death.

"Wiley was an extraordinary man," he asserted. "He possessed an unprecedented capacity for becoming part of his machine.

"The absolutely nerveless manner in which he overcame his disability, teaching himself to judge distance and size with one eye, gives an indication of his character.

"He was one of the best friends I ever had. We remained the closest friends, although of late our interests had been widely separated.

"Will Rogers was American aviation's best friend."

DUNHAM CASE TO BE CALLED DURING FALL

The case against E. J. Dunham, charged with aggravated assault on Mrs. Kathryn Henry, relief worker, will be set down for trial in the Fall in County Court at Law No. 1 and handled in the usual order for all cases, District Attorney Parker said Saturday.

When the Citizens Constructive Association met Friday night at the Courthouse it was unanimously decided to ask that Dunham be tried. L. O. Bearden, president of the organization, said that several attorneys have volunteered to defend him.

Mrs. Rogers, Daughter Arrive in New York

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (AP).—Mrs. Will Rogers and her daughter, Mary, arrived in New York Saturday after a hurried trip from Maine, en route to their California home to lay to rest the remains of husband and father.

With Dorothy Stone, daughter of Actor Fred Stone, an intimate of the dead comedian, Mrs. Rogers and Mary motored into the city from Stamford where they left the train which had brought them from Oakland, Maine.

Here, in New York or a suburb, they went into seclusion, avoiding the public gaze and—friends said—hiding their grief even from persons closest to them. They will await the arrival of the eldest son of the philosopher-humorist, Will Jr., arriving by airplane tonight from the west coast, before completing plans for the trip to Santa Monica.

Will Jr. is scheduled to arrive on a United Air Lines plane at Newark, N. J., tonight.

At the hotel where Jimmy Rogers, another son, still was registered today, it was said he had not returned.

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ROGERS COINED LAUGHTER FROM RAW METAL IN NEWSPAPERS

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 17. (AP)—Will Rogers, who once said he had studied the fourth reader for 10 years, claimed he didn't know much about books.

"All I know is what I read in the papers," he often remarked.

It was from the daily press that the philosopher-actor gathered material upon which to base his opinions.

"Will Rogers' remarks," said the late President Wilson, "are not only humorous—but illuminating."

He was a true American. There was Indian blood in his veins.

"Maybe my ancestors didn't come over on the Mayflower, but they met the boat," he once declared.

War-torn Europe had a chance to chuckle in 1914 when Rogers, then in the Midnight Follies in New York, commented on Henry Ford's peace ship to Europe.

"If he'll take these girls we got right here in this show and let 'em wear the same costumes and march 'em down between the trenches, believe me, the boys will be out of the trenches by Christmas."

Of the peace covenant, he wrote: "It says in there, 'There is to be no more war.' and there is a paragraph further down telling you where to get your ammunition in case there was one."

Irvin S. Cobb, now an actor in

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"AW, I CAN'T WRITE!" ROGERS ONCE TOLD SYNDICATE HEAD

Friday, when word was received that his father had died in an airplane crash, he left immediately for an unannounced destination. It was assumed he had joined his mother and sister. With them, too, was Miss Theda Blake, sister of Mrs. Rogers.

At the Stone home in nearby Forest Hills, it was explained that the Rogers family was anxious to leave New York on their sad journey to Southern California with a minimum of preparation. Inquirers were told that the family merely was "in seclusion," that Mrs. Rogers, Mary and Jimmy were not staying with the Stones and that they intended leaving for the West shortly.

MRS. ROGERS WILL FLY TO LOS ANGELES.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 17.—Mrs. Will Rogers has booked passage on a Transcontinental and Western Air plane to leave New York for Los Angeles at 6:30 p. m. tonight, it was announced by TWA headquarters here Saturday.

The ship will be routed via Kansas City, stopping here at 12:06 a. m.

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BODIES OF POST, ROGERS ON PLANE CHEMIST HITS AT CLAIM OF GAS CO.

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Sgt. Stanley R. Morgan, United States Signal Corps wireless operator.

Hastily mustering a party, Morgan engaged a fast motorboat and set out in the gathering darkness for Walakpi, a tiny native settlement at Refuge Inlet, where the tragedy occurred. His journey was slowed by floe ice.

Eskimos already had removed Rogers' body from the wreckage, but the sergeant had to use ropes to pull the shattered plane apart before Post's body could be lifted from beneath the motor in two feet of icy water.

The bodies and personal effects taken from the plane were placed in a native skin boat and towed to Barrow.

News Shocked Nation.

Sergeant Morgan flashed the word by wireless to Col. George E. Kump, in charge of the Alaska Telegraph System headquarters, operated by the Signal Corps, in Seattle.

The Signal Corps notified Mrs. Post in Ponca City, Okla., and the Rogers family in Skowhegan, Maine.

"I wish to God I had been with him when he crashed," Mrs. Post cried, when she learned of her husband's death.

It was only through a last-minute decision, prompted by the jesting of Rogers and her husband, who said the trip was not one for a woman to take, that Mrs. Post stood by the plane and waved goodbye to the travelers when they took off Aug. 1 from Renton Airport on Lake Washington for Juneau.

The Rogers family was stunned. Mrs. Rogers started for California with her daughter, Mary Rogers, 19. Will Rogers Jr. was in California, but headed East by plane. The other son, James, already was in the East.

At Oklahoma City Harry Fredrickson, oil man friend of Post, disclosed the two were planning to fly over much of the world in a carefree two-month trip. From Alaska they had intended to fly across to Siberia, down the China coast and into Russia.

News of the tragedy shocked the Nation.

President Roosevelt, Vice President Garner, Governor John W. Troy of Alaska, celebrities, friends and neighbors of Rogers and of Post joined in expressions of sorrow. **Nome Cancels Reception.**

The entire populations of Juneau, capital of Alaska where the aerial vacationers spent a night as guest of Governor Troy, of Dawson in Yukon Territory, Aklavik on the Arctic delta of the Mackenzie River, Fairbanks and Anchorage had shouldered Post and Rogers around when they dropped in on their casual tour of the North.

Nome, to the westward, sorrowfully canceled arrangements for a giant reception. Rogers had said jocularly during his flight toward Alaska that he wanted to "rope a

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legedly claimed it was not consulted on the ordinance and that no hearing was held.

Mahlie said that the ordinance was passed on July 18, 1934, and that in April of that year the City Council discussed the question of gas dilution.

Attending the meeting, testified the chemist, were several gas company officials, including L. B. Denning, president; W. F. Wright, distribution manager for the Fort Worth-Dallas area, Schmidt and others; representatives of the Texas Railroad Commission, and Dr. E. P. Schoch of the University of Texas.

He said the dilution ordinance was discussed at length and that Dr. Schoch described the old city ordinance as a "joke" and said there should be a new one.

Sent to Washington.

Mahlie said he was then sent to Washington to gather information on which to base the new ordinance. He said he conferred with officials of the Bureau of Mines and the Bureau of Standards, including E. R. Weaver, head of the gas division, who was the city's principal witness at the hearing Friday.

The witness said the question of quality of gas supply was first brought to his attention in 1927 when he made an investigation and reported to then City Manager O. E. Carr. Gas company counsel objected to his stating what the report contained, on the grounds that the report was based on information other than his own observation.

Quality of Gas.

The investigation which resulted in the new city ordinance was begun late in 1933, said Mahlie. He said he made an analysis of 10 samples of gas and found they contained an average of 14.75 per cent nitrogen.

O. K. Shannon Jr., attorney for the gas company, promptly seized upon statements made by Mahlie in the report on which he said the anti-dilution ordinance was based. He admitted including in the report such statements as the following:

That the pressure maintained by the Lone Star Gas Company here is generally satisfactory.

That the heat value of the gas rarely falls below 1,000 BTU, which he described as gas of good quality.

That a reduction in rates is of far more importance than the dilution question if the standard of service at that time, June 6, 1934, was maintained.

That from a study of gas pressure conditions here he could see no cause for complaint.

Analysis of Complaints.

Letter From Mrs. Post Denies Rift With Flier

SAN ANGELO, Aug. 17 (AP).—A letter from Mrs. Wiley Post to her parents was offered Saturday as proof that reports of a rift between the dead flier and his wife were not true.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Laine, owners of a small farm near Nolan, said a letter from Mrs. Post, written a few days before she left Los Angeles for Ponca City, Okla., assured them the talk started by a radio broadcast from New York was unfounded.

The letter blamed some of the trouble upon San Francisco reporters.

Mrs. Post said newspapermen there had asked her questions in such a manner that no matter how she answered them the inference was that all was not harmonious between the couple.

"I do not know what Wiley will say about it when he hears of it," the letter read. "I think the San Francisco reporters got mad because Wiley would not tell them Mr. Rogers was with him, and decided to take it out on me. I intended to go to Alaska with them, but for some reason Mr. Rogers didn't want me to go, and, after all, he is paying all the expenses for the trip and what he said had to go."

Although she warned him to quit flying—that some day he would make one trip too many—Mrs. Laine said, Post always laughed at such statements.

An airplane defect brought death to Post and Will Rogers, famed comedian, in Alaska, and an airplane defect was responsible for the marriage in Wichita Falls of Mr. and Mrs. Post.

The couple had started to the Laine farm for the ceremony when plane trouble developed at Wichita Falls. They decided to be married there and get parental blessings later.

Mrs. Post's parents, without telephone or radio, were notified by a neighbor of the deaths of the round-the-world flier and his companion.

MRS. POST ABANDONS PLAN TO FLY TO SEATTLE.

PONCA CITY, Okla., Aug. 17 (AP). Mrs. Wiley Post Saturday abandoned her plans to fly to Seattle to meet the body of her husband.

Instead, the widow of the intrepid flier will rest here Saturday, going to the farm home of Post's parents near Maysville Sunday, there to await the body of the man she married after an aerial elopement.

CITY ASKS PWA FOR \$687,500

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able that anyone would vote down the issue.

"We are at the cross roads," he said, "and it is a matter of going ahead or going backward. The school bonds carried by a vote of two to one, and the grant was only 30 per cent. Now we can get a grant for 45 per cent from the Federal Government and another \$250,000 from the State."

Enlargement Urgent.

Monnig expressed the belief that almost everyone who visits the Texas Centennial Exposition will also see the Frontier Days pageant and stock show in Fort Worth. He said that enlargement of the stock show is urgent.

Among other speakers were E. O. Gillam, president of the People's Progressive League, who said he is for every kind of improvement; Hal Ashburn, East Fort Worth Lions Club, who said a bigger and better stock show is necessary; Councilman Brown, who urged that the committee organize at once to put over the bond issue; Dr. W. G. Phillips, president of the Riverside Civic League, who said it would be a calamity for the stock show issue not to carry, and Robert K. Hanger, who called for a demonstration of civic leadership in the campaign.

The meeting also was attended by Ed H. Winton, G. C. Cole, A. S. Bil-

Rogers' Estate Estimated at 2 1/2 to 6 Millions

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Aug. 17 (AP) Will Rogers left an estate unofficially estimated at between \$2,500,000 and \$6,000,000.

From close business and financial associates of the humorist it was learned Rogers' wealth consisted of extensive real estate holdings here and in Oklahoma, government bonds, life insurance totaling \$800,000—not counting recent maturities of \$200,000—and annual income from motion pictures, radio and his syndicate writing at upwards of \$600,000.

Extremely closemouthed in discussing his financial activities, just as he was in revealing his innumerable charities, Rogers won the respect of business men as a shrewd investor.

The actor's wife and three children are beneficiaries of the bulk of the life insurance. Fifty thousand dollars of the amount is payable to the actors' equity fund.

U. S. Asks Permit for Crosson Plane

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP). — The State Department Saturday requested permission of the Canadian government for an American plane to fly over Canada to return the bodies of Will Rogers and Wiley Post from Alaska to the United States.

SUICIDE NOTE DISCOUNTED IN TRIAL

GATESVILLE, Aug. 17 (AP).—

Damaging prosecution testimony closed the trial of Mrs. Ethel Johnson Saturday when two witnesses said they did not believe the accused woman's slain daughter-in-law wrote a purported suicide note.

Mrs. Johnson of Dallas, wife of a Federal Radio Commission inspector, is charged with slaying Bernice Blankenship, her daughter-in-law.

William Davenport, father of the slain girl, answered the prosecution's question of "was the purported suicide note written by your daughter?" with:

"It was not. I know my daughter's handwriting as well as I know her face."

Edward Toby, handwriting expert, substantiated this testimony by saying that, in his opinion, the note was not written by the deceased. He made contrasts of handwriting characteristics on cross-examination and admitted that no person writes his name the same way two times.

Arguments were expected to start during the afternoon.

The defense rested Friday.

M'CRAW FINDS DESK LOADED WITH GIFTS

AUSTIN, Aug. 17.—Attorney General McCraw had a second celebration Saturday of his thirty-ninth birthday.

Returning to his office after a birthday dinner in Dallas Thursday and a trip to San Antonio Friday, McCraw found his desk stacked high with presents from friends. The centerpiece was a huge watermelon.

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The Citizens Constructive Association met Friday night at the Courthouse it was unanimously decided to ask that Dunham be tried. L. O. Bearden, president of the organization, said that several attorneys have volunteered to defend him.

Although present at the meeting, Dunham did not speak. Members of a committee stated that Dunham's case had been investigated and that it was one worthy of aid.

Several spoke against the local relief organization. Pat Petty was applauded when he said that the majority of people prefer work to relief.

RUSSIAN POLAR FLIER PAYS TRIBUTE TO POST

MOSCOW, Aug. 17 (AP).—Sigmund Levaneffsky, the Soviet airman who recently was forced to turn back from a projected flight to America via the North Pole, paid tribute Saturday to Wiley Post's ability as a flier.

"His name will long stand in the history of aviation," he said.

Rogers' Ranch Is Desolated by His Untimely Death

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 17 (AP).—A warm California sun, rising over the Santa Monica Mountains, swept away gray mists Saturday from the grief-stricken ranch where Will Rogers lived and played.

His favorite rocker on the big veranda of the rambling frame house stood empty. Silence gripped the green polo field and the calf-roping ring that usually rang with early morning shouts.

Bud Sterling, a former world's champion roper, hurried down "Bootlegger," the comedian's favorite polo pony, but not for its owner.

There was a rough-hewn log cabin newly built standing desolately by a shady stream. It never will be used as the retreat for which it was erected.

Rogers made the original purchase of 200 acres of the ranch, which now embraces almost 1,000 acres, early in 1927.

The home was in two separate buildings. One was given over to a huge reception and dining room with a kitchen in back. The other housed Rogers' study and the family bedrooms. The keynote was like Rogers' life—simplicity.

Within shouting distance stood the stables where he kept his string of 20-odd combined polo and cow ponies. A dozen others browsed over the broad acres, pensioned after active service in the polo wars.

Near at hand spread the turf of his polo fields, one of the finest in the world, with a bottle-neck calf-roping ring and a nine-hole golf course, greens and fairways well kept.

Although Will neither played golf nor cared much for the game, he kept the course in top shape for those guests and members of the family who did.

"AW, I CAN'T WRITE!" ROGERS ONCE TOLD SYNDICATE HEAD

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 17 (AP).—Will Rogers, who greeted an offer to write a daily column for newspapers of the country with the remark, "aw, I can't write, but I'll try," was one of the two highest paid syndicate writers in the world at the time of his death.

Charles B. Driscoll, editor of the McNaught Newspaper Syndicate and journalistic mentor of the famous Will, visiting here Saturday, told of the comedian's writing career and rise to fame.

It was more than 20 years ago, Driscoll related, that Rogers, then a "fill in" entertainer at the new Amsterdam Theater in New York, was offered a chance to do a daily newspaper feature by V. V. McNitt, president of the MacNaught Syndicate at the time.

Appearing at first under the reading, "the worst story I've heard today," the title was changed two years later after Rogers cabled from London:

"I've run out of stories and will have to quit."

It was then McNitt suggested a daily feature of remarks on current news topics, which grew into the popular "Will Rogers remarks."

The feature grew and more than 500 newspapers printed the column, Driscoll said.

"Conservatively, the Will Rogers feature had the greatest circulation of any newspaper feature published in the world," the editor said.

Several years ago Rogers strolled into the syndicate office, and

SLAIN JOURNALIST'S BODY IS IDENTIFIED

KALGAN, Inner Mongolia, Aug. 17 (AP).—Emissaries sent to Paochang to identify the body of a slain white man telephoned Saturday that it was the body of Gareth Jones, kidnaped British journalist and one-time secretary to David Lloyd George.

The man, shot to death, was found four days ago near Paochang. Some authorities believed his captors killed him because they suspected treachery from those who sought to ransom him.

MANY NOTABLES ON MEMORIAL PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (AP).—Will Rogers' and Wiley Post's friends—leaders in all walks of life—paid them tribute over the radio waves that have carried much of Rogers' humorous philosophy into millions of homes.

Fred Stone, Senate Leader Joseph T. Robinson, Senator Thomas P. Gore of Oklahoma, Speaker Joseph T. Byrnes, George M. Cohan, Thomas Hitchcock Jr. and many others joined in a memorial service for the pair Friday night over the network of NBC.

somewhat bashfully, exhibited a new suit.

"How do you like it?" he asked Driscoll. Assured he was sartorially perfect, Rogers added:

"Well, I decided all of a sudden to go to London and I didn't have any clothes with me so I went out and bought two suits. Paid \$22 apiece for 'em, but I had to wait a spell to have 'em cut down to fit."

And that, Driscoll said, was the start of Rogers' trip to England to attend the London peace conference, where he mingled with the diplomats of the world—and kept the world informed on the conference.

WIDOW BENEFICIARY TO \$800,000 IN INSURANCE.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (AP).—John J. Kemp, insurance brokers, disclosed Saturday that Will Rogers named as sole beneficiary to about \$800,000 of life insurance his wife, Mrs. Betty Blake Rogers.

In the event of Mrs. Rogers' death, the humorist's three children were to have been beneficiaries, according to the terms of the policies.

Kemp said that the policies, the last of which were taken out nine years ago, did not contain nonflying clauses and that all money due the widow would be paid on demand.

"Had Mr. Rogers taken out insurance five years ago, after he had become an inveterate air passenger," Kemp said, "his premiums would have been almost double what they were."

LAST RITES ARE SAID FOR MRS. NELLIE HOUX SCOTT

Rev. I. D. Hightower conducted funeral services Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Nellie Houx Scott, 49, who died Friday night at her home, 2731 Avenue E, after a long illness. Services were at Polytechnic Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Scott was a member. Interment was in Rose Hill Burial Park.

She is survived by her husband, W. L. Scott, postal service employe; a son, William L. Scott Jr., and a brother, Frank Houx, Gordon, Texas. Mrs. Scott was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Woodman Circle and Polytechnic Parent-Teacher Association.

GERMAN FREE MASONS ARE TOLD TO DISBAND

BERLIN, Aug. 17.—Pushing its drive against what it calls "enemies of the state," the German government Saturday sealed the doom of all free Mason lodges throughout the country.

Minister of the Interior Wilhelm Frick ordered all state governments to dissolve immediately all free Mason lodges still in existence, and to confiscate all their property,

banks and Anchorage had snuffed out the Post and Rogers around when they dropped in on their casual tour of the North.

Nome, to the westward, sorrowfully canceled arrangements for a giant reception. Rogers had said jocularly during his flight toward Alaska that he wanted to "rope a reindeer" and Nome citizens had the deer ready.

Rogers was making his first visit to the Northland, while Post had been in Alaska three times, twice on globe-girdling flights and later on a hunting trip.

Hunting and fishing apparently were uppermost in Post's mind in making his plans for the trip, which he said was to be culminated by a "tiger hunt" in Siberia, just a short hop across Bering Sea from Nome. Rogers bought a pair of trousers two sizes too big for him at Juneau, explaining he would need the extra girth if he ate all the fish Post was going to catch.

Post's last flight was expected to be a tame one, virtually without hazards as compared with the aerial trail blazing that won him fame.

Twice he had flown 'round the world—once with the Australian, Harold Gatty, as navigator—to records that still stand; at Chicago and at Bartlesville, Okla., he made dangerous but unsuccessful attempts to establish new heavier-than-air craft altitude records in search of stratosphere data; four times in the Winnie Mae, old high wing monoplane that circled the globe, Post sought stratosphere information in attempted flights across the continent.

CROSSON VISITOR HERE TWO YEARS AGO.

Joe Crosson, veteran Alaskan pilot who flew the bodies of Will Rogers and Wiley Post to Fairbanks, Alaska, Saturday, visited in Fort Worth about two years ago.

Reg L. Robbins and H. S. Jones of this city became acquainted with Crosson in 1932 when the aviators were attempting to set a nonstop Seattle-to-Tokyo flight record. He repaid the visit about a year later.

England Mourns Rogers Like Own

LONDON, Aug. 17 (AP).—Will Rogers, who kidded the royal family as no Englishman dared to do, was mourned in Great Britain Saturday as in his native land.

Rogers really liked England and the feeling was mutual. It was recalled that the Prince of Wales, his friend, once described him as a "great man."

Long tributes both to the cowboy comedian and to Wiley Post, who perished with him in an Alaskan plane crash, were published by morning papers. The Express said they stood for "what is the finest in American character."

The British were especially delighted by Rogers' jubilee broadcast to England last May in which he said:

"We'd like to have them (the King and Queen) come over here. If they can't come over, let us know if there is any chance of joining you-all on about the same terms as Canada."

That a reduction in rates is of far more importance than the dilution question if the standard of service at that time, June 6, 1934, was maintained.

That from a study of gas pressure conditions here he could see no cause for complaint.

Analysis of Complaints.

That an analysis of complaints registered with the City Utility Department for the four years ending Dec. 31, 1933, showed 143 on account of high gas bills, 16 regarding low pressure and 540 about the rates.

Assistant City Attorney Floyd brought out that the report also contained statements of an opposite nature:

That operation of the gas company's Joshua dilution plant detracted from the quality of service here.

That there was "absolutely no occasion" for operation of the plant from the consumers' standpoint.

That passage of rules and regulations governing gas service here was imperative to protect the consumers. "Have you ever seen a public service company as generally despised by the citizenship as the Lone Star Gas Company?" asked Floyd.

Shannon rose to his feet with an objection and Mahlie was not permitted to answer.

Shannon tried to bring out that an amended dilution ordinance was passed last June without giving the gas company a chance to be heard. Mahlie said he believed the ordinance was held over a week before passage and a copy supplied to the gas company to give it a chance to protest.

"In the Dead of the Night." "As a matter of fact," asked Shannon, "wasn't the ordinance passed 'in the dead of the night'—?"

An objection from city attorneys interrupted him and Shannon withdrew the question.

Recessed for the weekend when Mahlie left the witness stand, the hearing is expected to be resumed Tuesday.

Weaver completed his testimony from his hospital bed Friday afternoon. He left Saturday morning for Estes Park, Colo., where his wife is vacationing, to recuperate from an illness.

Technical details of the series of tests he conducted here last Spring to determine the effect of gas dilution were described in his final testimony. The tests led him to conclude that ending dilution would improve the gas service here.

SUGGESTS CLOWN GET TIPS FROM THE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP).—Circus clowns will read the congressional record for new "gags" if they take a tip from Vice President Garner.

Earl Shipley, young chalk-face performer with a circus "playing" Washington, was introduced to Garner by Representative Maverick of Texas. Garner suggested that Maverick show Shipley the House in action, saying:

"He might learn a lot that would help him in his business."

Wheat Gain Over Last Year Seen

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17. — Although the United States wheat crop estimates were reported today at 133,367,000 bushels less than was anticipated a week ago, the country's wheat crop is expected to be 110,749,000 bushels over that of last year, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics said.

The world wheat crop of 3,030,385,000 bushels, according to estimates of 39 countries, including the United States, shows an increase of 183,903,000 bushels over last year's crop. The United States crop estimate for this year is 607,678,000 bushels, as compared to 496,929,000 for last year, when wheat suffered heavily from the record drought.

The United States corn crop is estimated at 2,272,147,000 bushels, an increase of 895,021,000 bushels over last year.

PENSIONS PETITION PROTEST IS ENTERED

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 16. (AP) A protest against sufficiency and validity of signatures on an initiative petition for a vote on an old age pension constitutional amendment is on file with the secretary of state.

The protest was filed Friday by Dr. J. M. Ashton, research director of the Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce. The sufficiency and legality was challenged on 19 counts.

A. W. Gilliland, attorney for the protestants, said a detailed examination of petitions would begin Monday.

OFFICERS QUESTION THREE WOUNDED MEN

ANADARKO, Okla., Aug. 17 (AP).—Three men, shot and wounded at a residence in Binger, an oil town north of here, were questioned by officers Saturday in an effort to learn the motive. None of the three was wounded seriously.

Ervin Jay was shot through the arm and in the face, Gene Acker through the right wrist and King Spencer through the right leg. The three live in Binger.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP). — The State Department Saturday requested permission of the Canadian government for an American plane to fly over Canada to return the bodies of Will Rogers and Wiley Post from Alaska to the United States.

At the request of Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Post, Pan-American Airways is arranging for a twin-engined Electra type transport plane to bring the bodies from Fairbanks to their homeland. It will be piloted by Joe Crosson, who went to Point Barrow for the bodies.

The plane was expected to fly from Fairbanks via Burwash Landing, Whitehorse, Telegraph Creek and Prince George.

Death Bond Made by Special Ranger

ROCKSPRINGS, Aug. 17 (AP).—John D. Smith, about 30, of Junction, was killed when shot five times in front of a local cafe late Friday night.

Roscoe Morris, special ranger employed by ranching interests in Real County, surrendered to Sheriff Ed Young and waived examining trial before Louis Strackbein, justice of the peace. His bond was set at \$5,000, which he posted.

The grand jury convening in One Hundred and Twelfth District Court here Monday will investigate the killing.

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