

ARMY FLIERS WILL GUARD ROGERS' BIER

Forty From March Field to
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Noted Actor's Casket.

Final Details of Funeral
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of Widow and Children.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20 (AP).—A military guard of honor, composed of 40 army fliers from March Field, will be stationed around the casket of Will Rogers as thousands pay silent tribute to the noted actor and writer Thursday morning.

Final details of the funeral service in Forest Lawn Memorial Park await the arrival of Mrs. Rogers and her three children from the East tomorrow, but Oscar Lawlor, Beverly Hills lawyer and close friend of the family, disclosed today the private service would be simple and brief.

Lawlor said Mrs. Rogers had requested the service be limited to the singing of one hymn, one solo and a brief eulogy by Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher Sr., associate pastor of the First Baptist Church of Glendale, Cal.

In Simple Casket.

Rogers' body, brought home last night from Alaska with that of Wiley Post, famed aerial explorer whose plane crashed last Thursday, was placed in a simple bronze casket and taken to the gold room in the Forest Lawn Chapel.

Rogers was dressed in what he termed his "dress up suit," a blue serge, a white, soft-collar shirt, with a black bow tie. He most always wore that attire. He once said that if a man had a blue suit and a brown suit he could dress for any occasion.

The comedian's body will lie in state under a canopy of pines just outside the Wee Kirk o' the Heather Church from 7 o'clock Thursday morning until noon. The private service, limited to 125 friends, will be held at 2 p. m.

Public Services.

Public services will be held simultaneously in Hollywood Bowl, huge natural amphitheater. Plans will be started there for a fitting public memorial.

A request has been made that the private service be carried by wire to Hollywood Bowl and broadcast through amplifiers to the crowd assembled there. Mrs. Rogers must pass on this request after her arrival.

Mrs. Rogers, her daughter, Mary, and her two sons, James and Will Jr., are due here tomorrow afternoon by train.

Claremore Prepares for
12,000 at Rogers Services.

CLAREMORE, Okla., Aug. 20 (AP). Plans were being made here tonight to accommodate 12,000 Thursday afternoon at Memorial services for Will Rogers.

The services will be at Will Rogers Airport, named for and dedicated by the famed humorist who once lived here.

A speaker's stand was being erected, seats were being provided for
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5,000 persons and a public address system was being installed so that those unable to get into the stone hangar will be able to hear.

Relatives of Rogers, who will meet at the home of Mrs. A. V. Robinson, a cousin, previous to the services, will be seated in a section in the hangar. Most of the numerous relatives of Rogers, member of a pioneer family of this district, were planning to attend the services.

Seventy-five men from the Tulsa police force have been assigned to direct traffic.

At Tulsa, where plans to hold services were abandoned in favor of the Claremore services, heads of civic and pioneer organizations urged members to go to Claremore.

The services, which will begin at 2 p. m. (Central Standard Time) will last an hour and 15 minutes. Josh Lee, member of Congress from Oklahoma, will be the principal speaker. Mrs. Roberta Lawson Campbell, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs also will speak.

All stores at Claremore will be closed during the service, Joe Martin, Chamber of Commerce secretary, said.

A Claremore delegation composed by E. W. Heads, W. M. Hobaugh, J. D. Bernard and Carl Matthews, city councilmen, will attend funeral services at Oklahoma City for Wiley Post at the same time the memorial services for Rogers are being held here.

Mrs. Rogers Under Care Of Doctor Aboard Train.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Aug. 20 (AP).—Mrs. Will Rogers rested under the care of a physician as the Rogers family passed through here late today on their train journey to Los Angeles, where funeral services for the famous humorist will be held Thursday.

Will Rogers Jr., leaving the train to receive telegrams, said his mother is bearing well the shock over the death of her husband and will be able to attend the funeral.

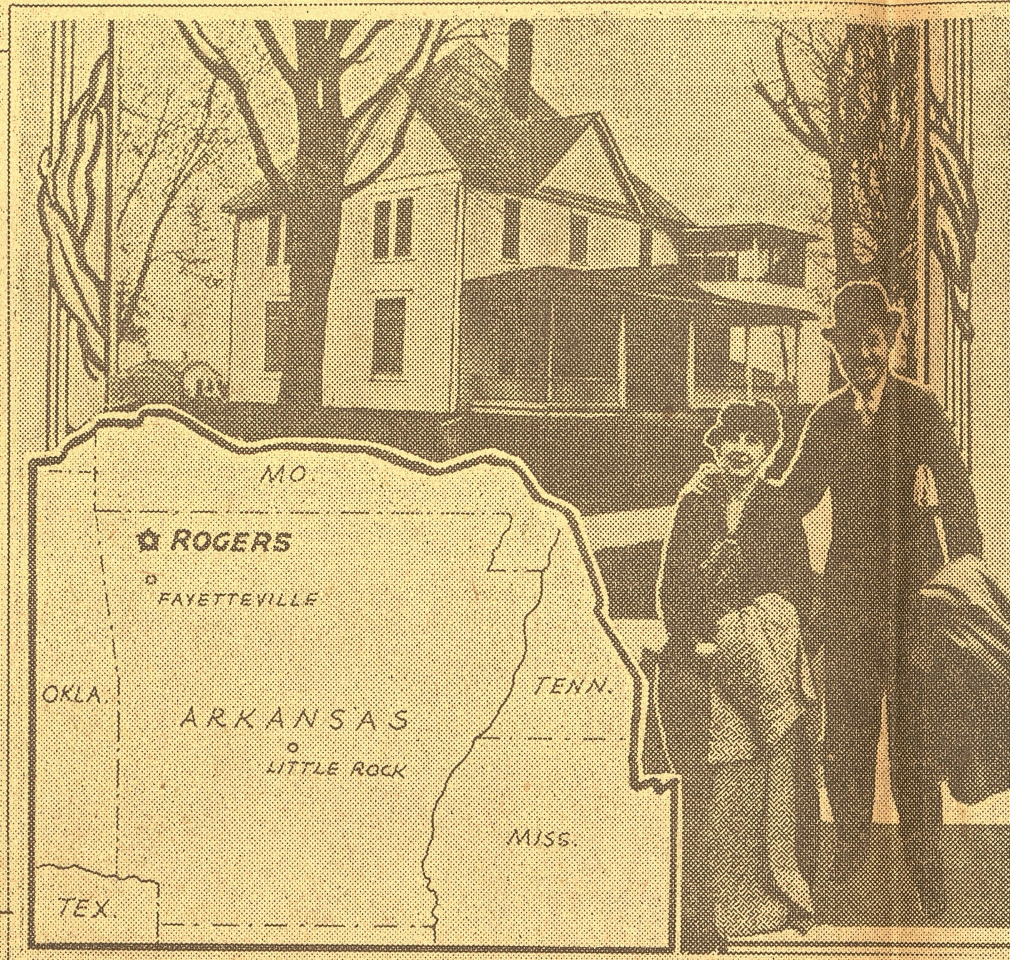
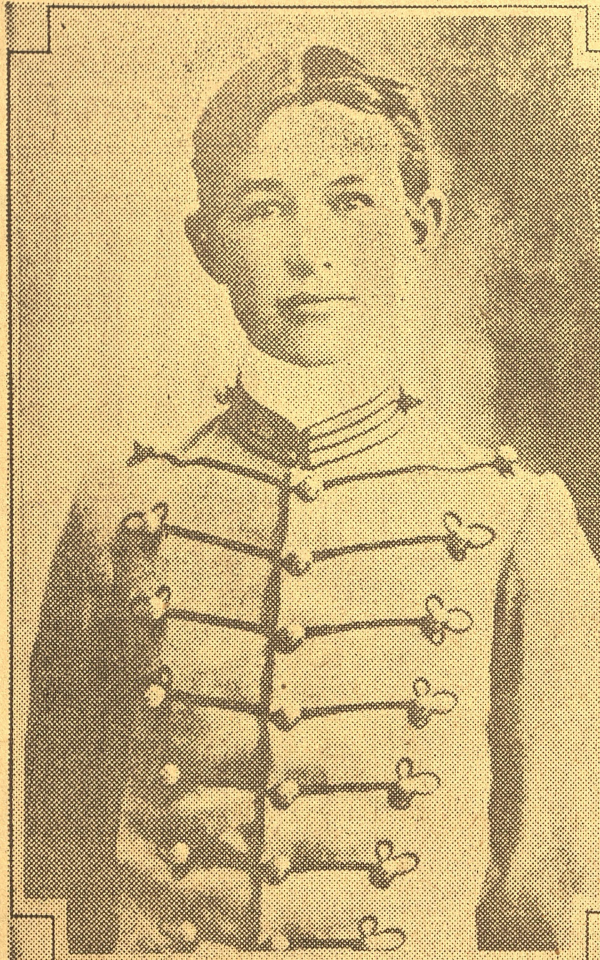
A crowd of several hundred persons stood quietly on the station platform as the private car bearing the Rogers homeward rolled by.

With Mrs. Rogers were her other children, Mary, 20, and James, 19; Mrs. Theda Blake, a sister; Mrs. Jimmy Blake, a cousin; Mrs. Tom McSpadden, sister of Mr. Rogers; her daughter, Pauline; Mrs. D. W. Quisenberry, a sister of Mrs. Rogers, and Mrs. Quisenberry's son.

The Morning Star-Telegram herewith presents the first of a series of pictures portraying the life of Will Rogers. The second will appear tomorrow.

WILL ROGERS' LIFE AS SEEN BY THE CAMERA

In the strip today—Rogers as a military school cadet—the house where he married—when he first went on the stage—the beginning of his movie career.



Will Rogers posed for this picture years ago when, as a youth, he was a student at Kemper Military Academy in Boonville, Mo., long before he became the nation's leading humorist.

In this rambling frame house, Rogers—an unknown in the entertainment world in which he later attained world-wide fame, married Betty Blake, a Rogers, Ark., girl, on Nov. 25, 1908. Their home life was one of the notable family lives of the nation. The couple are shown in one of their seldom-posed photographs.

Rogers, left, shown in 1916 in the early days of his vaudeville career. With him were Helen Cody Allen, grand niece of "Buffalo Bill" Cody, and Lloyd Coleman, cowboy roping champion. Shortly after the picture was made, Rogers appeared in Ziegfeld's "Follies."

This picture, one of his few in formal dress, was taken when he first went to California after his roping and wise-cracking had won thousands of devotees on the New York stage. He was playing in Hal Roach comedies.