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All Nation to Honor Memory of Rogers, Post Today

ACTION BASED
ON PARLEY AT

OVER 12,000 THEATERS TO BE DARKENED

Funeral for Humorist to
Be at Los Angeles, That
for Flier at Oklahoma City

46 Airplanes to Roar Over
New York; Bells to Toll
in Iowa; Studios to Close.

By Associated Press.

Airplane motors will roar, prayers will be whispered, bells tolled and eulogies spoken over the Nation today for Will Rogers and Wiley Post.

While funeral services are held in the afternoon for the actor-humorist at Los Angeles and for the globe-girdling flier at Oklahoma City, legions of friends will memorialize them elsewhere.

President Roosevelt will be represented at the two principal services by army and navy officers. They will present wreaths in his behalf.

The motion picture producers and distributors of America announced that more than 12,000 theaters in all sections of the Nation will be darkened for two minutes during the funeral hour as a tribute to Rogers.

All film studios, including the one at which Rogers was a star, will be closed during the services. It will be the first time in history studios have closed so long for an individual.

At huge Hollywood bowl, Conrad Nagel, actor, and Rupert Hughes, writer, will figure prominently in a Rogers tribute. Memorial services also are to be held at the Community Presbyterian Church in Beverly Hills, the city of which Rogers once was mayor.

On the other side of the Nation, 46 planes, flying black crepe streamers, will roar above New York, in tribute to Post. They will take off from Floyd Bennett Field at the hour of funeral services begin for Post in Oklahoma City. At the same time, 25 planes, piloted by Veterans of Foreign Wars, will fly over Milwaukee.

In Iowa, carillons will toll at a Des Moines cemetery and at Iowa State College at Ames. Blaring bands and cheering crowds at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines will be silenced for two minutes—honoring Rogers' portrayal of the event in his motion picture, "State Fair."

In St. Paul, Rogers will be honored with a program at a theater sponsored by the Variety Club of the Twin Cities, Minneapolis and St. Paul. Stage hands and operators will participate.

In many cities such as Sacra-

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Nation Mourns

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mento, Cal., flags will remain at half staff until after the funeral services. Offices at the Arizona State Capitol in Phoenix will be closed.

Governor Frank Merriam of California called upon all citizens of that State to observe one minute of silence beginning at 2 p. m. today Pacific Standard Time (4 p. m. Central Standard Time).

At Claremore, Okla., which Rogers called "my home town," a memorial service at Will Rogers Airport is expected to be attended by 12,000 persons. And at nearby Chelsa, Rev. Argus J. Hamilton, classmate of Rogers in '96 at Neosho, Mo., will deliver the eulogy.

Fort Worth Plans To Pay Tribute to Will Rogers Today

Fort Worth today will honor the memory of Will Rogers, her adopted citizen. Flags will fly at half mast and the chimes of First Methodist Church will ring out at 4 p. m. during the hour of the humorist's funeral at Los Angeles.

The City Council voted yesterday to lower the flag on the city hall to half mast and called upon managers of other buildings to do likewise.

Leslie Russell of Blackstone Post of the American Legion last night explained the etiquette to be followed in the flag ceremony. The flag should be raised to the top at sunrise and immediately lowered to half mast to remain in that position until noon. During the afternoon the flag should be flown at the top of the pole.

Mrs. F. L. Jaccard will play the church chimes, opening with a five-minute toll which will be followed by Chopin's Funeral March and "Abide With Me."

The City Council voted yesterday to dedicate in memory of Rogers the auditorium-coliseum to be built for the Centennial Stock Show should voters approve a bond issue to be submitted Sept. 3. The motion was made by Councilman Harrell.

ROGERS FAMILY IN EMPTY HOME

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 21 (AP).—To a home emptier than words could express came the family of Will Rogers late today.

They gathered in the rambling ranch house, in Santa Monica Canyon, after having parted for a few hours today at Victorville, Cal., where Mrs. Rogers and her daughter, Mary, left the train for an automobile. Will Jr. and James Rogers and friends and relatives of the family detrained at Azusa and continued in automobiles. They were met by Fred Stone, actor, who embraced the two Rogers boys with tears in his eyes.

On the low porch, looking toward the hills, was their father's rocking chair. Inside, all the little intimate things were just as he left them, a few weeks ago.

No sign of the pain of this lonely homecoming showed on the faces of the mother and her children as they entered the house.

In a simple bronze casket at the Wee Kirk o' the Heather, in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, the body of their beloved lay, awaiting a last tribute tomorrow.

Tonight it will rest alone, while Mrs. Rogers fulfills the few funeral duties that only she can perform.

Tomorrow morning the privacy of today will be surrendered to permit those who loved Will Rogers to file by his casket placed under pine and olive shade trees on a broad expanse of lawn near the entrance of the cemetery.

The memorial planned for the man who held a unique place in the Nation's life will be a useful one, said the committee of 13 in charge. Fred Stone, Billie Burke and Mary Pickford are among those shaping plans for the tribute. It will be an

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Rogers Family Back In Their Empty Home

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auditorium or some other public edifice.

Rev. J. Whitcomb Brouger, a friend of Rogers, arrived this morning from Portland, Ore., to officiate at the private services tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Wee Kirk o' the Heather in Forest Lawn.

Only 125 persons can be seated in the cemetery chapel. Hence provisions were made for two public services at the same time as the funeral.

In the Hollywood Bowl, which accommodates 35,000 persons, Rupert Hughes, the author, will deliver an eulogy.

Conrad Nagel, film actor, will read a selection and Lawrence Tibbett, noted baritone, will sing a selection to be chosen by Mrs. Rogers. The Hollywood American Legion band will play "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and Beethoven's Funeral March. A nationwide broadcast of the Hollywood Bowl services is planned.

In the Beverly Hills Community Church, which Rogers was instrumental in founding, another service will be held, with 200 of the available 650 seats occupied by aviators. Part of the service will consist in an amplification of the Forest Lawn rites.

Simultaneously in all motion picture studios tomorrow afternoon work will cease and ministers will lead devotions. It is the first time the industry ever has accorded such honor to an individual.

Nation to Pay Homage To Rogers Today.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 21 (AP).—The homage paid tomorrow to Will Rogers may be the most extensive ever accorded a private citizen of the United States.

Although only 125 of his close friends will attend the private funeral at Forest Lawn, simultaneous public services here and throughout the country will attest to the esteem in which he was held.

A nationwide broadcast of the memorial rites at the Hollywood Bowl will enlist thousands of listeners, while in Oklahoma, where his friend, Wiley Post, will be buried, tribute will also be given to Rogers.

Los Angeles courts will observe a period of silence in the afternoon.

Every motion picture studio will suspend work for services presided over by clergymen of various faiths—the first time the industry has ever done this for one of its workers.

From 7 a. m. until noon tomorrow hosts of people who regarded Rogers as a friend will pass by his casket resting under trees near the entrance of Forest Lawn, and in the afternoon several hundred aviators will attend services in the Beverly Hills community church which Rogers was instrumental in founding.

Governor Merriam called upon all citizens of California to observe one minute of silence beginning at 2 p. m. tomorrow, in tribute to Rogers and Post. Flags on all state buildings were to be ordered at half staff, as were flags on city and federal buildings throughout Southern California.

President Roosevelt will be personally represented at the services in Forest Lawn by Rear Admiral William T. Tarrant, commandant of the Eleventh Naval District, and Admiral Tarrant's aid, Commander Herbert A. Jones.

Eugene Vidal, chief of the aeronautics division of the United States Department of Commerce, will represent that branch of the Government.

Eastern Oklahoma Tribute Is Planned.

CLAREMORE, Okla., Aug. 21 (AP). Citizens of Eastern Oklahoma, where Will Rogers was born and lived much of his life, tomorrow will pay tribute to him at memorial services here and at Chelsea.

Thousands, many of whom knew the humorist as a rope twirling, prank playing youngster, are expected at the Will Rogers Airport north of the city, where Josh Lee, Oklahoma Congressman, will deliver the principal address.

Joe Martin, in charge of the program, estimated that a crowd of between 10,000 and 12,000 would at-

tend the ceremony, which will begin at 2 p. m. (Central Standard Time).

Virtually every town and community in this section of the State will be represented, Martin said.

Tulsa, which abandoned plans for services to attend the Claremore ceremony, is sending 75 officers to handle the crowd.

At the close of the program a squadron of five planes from Tulsa will scatter flowers over the crowd and the field.

Relatives of Rogers, and he had many in this section of the State, will sit in a section reserved in the hangar. Most of the crowd will be forced to remain outside to hear the program through a loud speaker system.

Following the services here, there will be a ceremony at Chelsea, the home of Mrs. Tom McSpadden, Rogers' sister whom he often visited.

Rev. Argus J. Hamilton, a schoolmate of Rogers, will deliver the sermon at the Methodist Church.

This service will be at the same time of the funeral in California, 4 p. m. (Central Standard Time).

Both Claremore and Chelsea stores will be closed by proclamations of their mayors.

Neutrality

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rants, parks and shops. Military news dominated space in newspapers.

Photographs appear daily depicting smiling and cheering soldiers ready to sail, clad in their uniforms consisting of overseas cap, jacket and breeches fashioned of lightweight, olive drab material and heavy boots for marching over the rugged East African terrain.

Additional columns of space were devoted to the progress of vast military maneuvers which will reach a climax next week in mock warfare in the Alps along the Austrian frontier.

British Ministers Decide To Ask Step Against Italy.

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LONDON, Aug. 21.—Premier Stanley Baldwin and seven of his key ministers tentatively decided late today to make a strong British stand at Geneva for economic sanctions against Italy in the event of war.

This policy will be placed before an emergency meeting of the full cabinet tomorrow.

At the same time the British government did everything but specifically ask the United States to give its full support to London's policy and by implication tried to hurry Washington into voluntarily stating its official views.

(The United States Senate adopted a resolution designed to safeguard American neutrality in the event of a foreign war.)

Ray Atherton, American charge d'affaires, had expected to be called to the foreign office tonight, but later went to the country for the night without the British government's making any formal approach on the question of American co-operation. The foreign office officially denied a report (not carried by the Associated Press) that Sir Samuel Hoare had appealed to the United States through Atherton.

Eagle Pass Blaze Razes Store and Three Residences

By International News Service.

EAGLE PASS, Aug. 21.—Hundreds of residents of Eagle Pass were awakened early today by a spectacular fire that destroyed a grocery store and three residences.

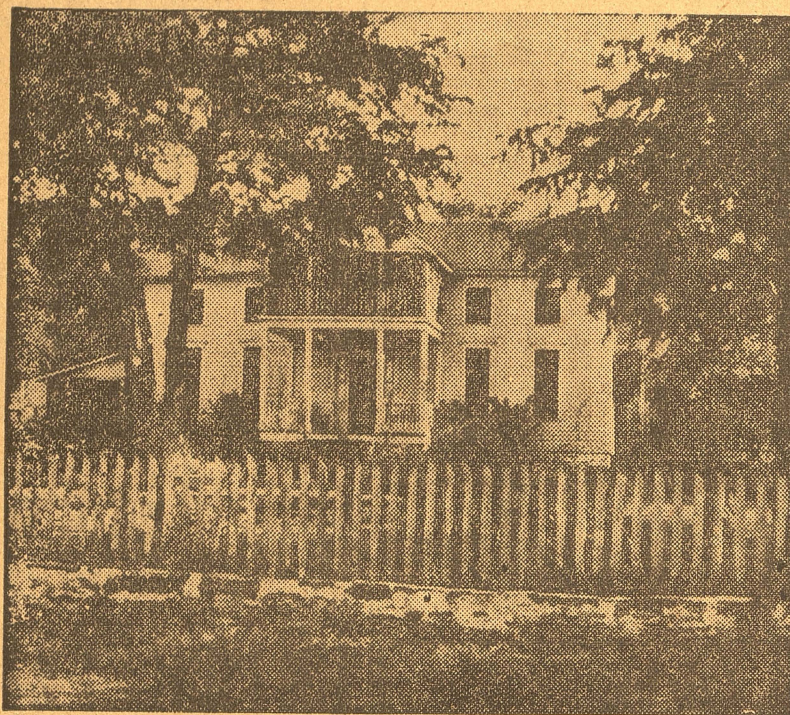
The blaze destroyed Caddel's grocery store and the homes of Mrs. Rosa Villarreal, Mrs. Epifania Adame and Cecilio Rodrigues.

The fire started in the store and spread to the other buildings. No immediate estimate of the damage was made.

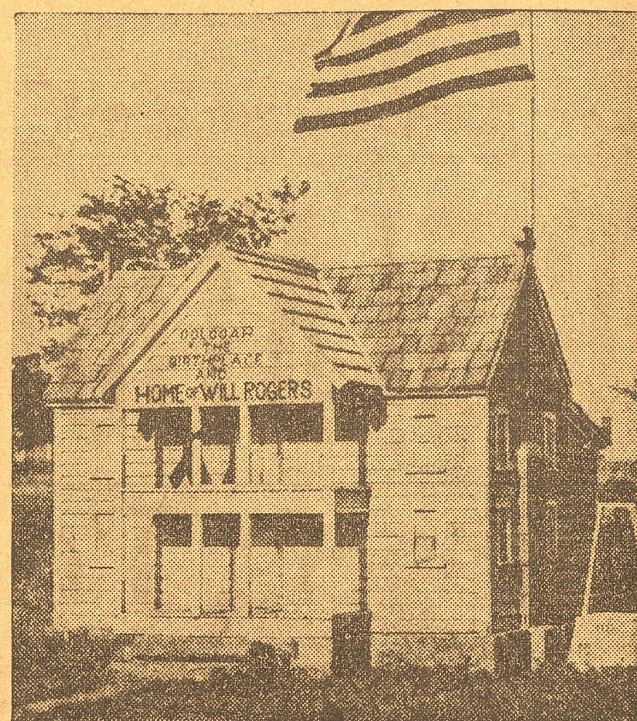
THE Morning Star-Telegram presents the second of a series of pictures in the life of Will Rogers. Another appears tomorrow.

WILL ROGERS' LIFE AS SEEN BY THE CAMERA

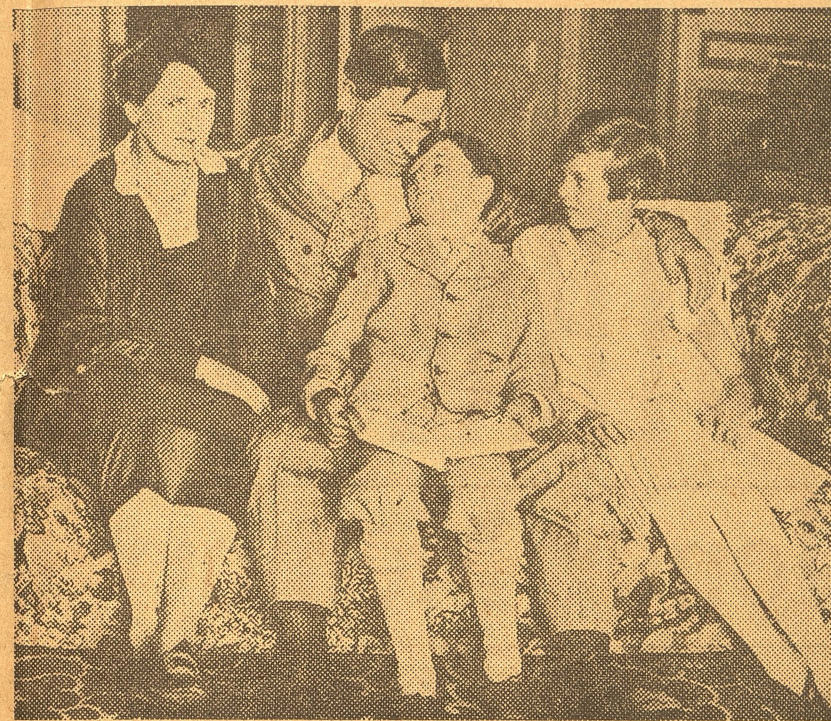
IN the strip today are: Where Will Rogers was born—Replica of home—Shown with family—Here in 1928.



At this old home five miles west of Oologah, Indian Territory, Will Rogers was born, Nov. 4, 1879. A. J. Lane, country doctor, brought the baby into the world, the sixth child of Clem and Mary Schrimsher Rogers. His father hauled wagon freight.



Oologah, Okla., far up in the northeastern corner of the State, wanted passersby to know that here was where Rogers was born. At the cross roads, a miniature replica of the ranch house has been erected.



This photo of the Rogers family circle was made in California about 10 years ago. It shows the famous screen and stage star and writer with Mrs. Rogers and two of their children, James and Mary. James is now a student in Los Angeles and Mary made her stage debut recently.



A frequent visitor here, Fort Worth was one of Rogers' favorite towns. He is shown here with H. L. Mencken, center, Baltimore editor, and Amon G. Carter in 1928, when the editor and Rogers were en route to National Democratic convention.