

# WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL MOVES JOIN

Garner Made Chairman and  
Jesse Jones Treasurer  
of National Organization.

Friends, Neighbors, Rela-  
tives, Associates Approve  
Merger Plan Unanimously.

**BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT.**

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 4.—On the soil that gave Will Rogers birth and among the people with whom he was reared, a meeting was held here today to correlate all the movements seeking to perpetuate his memory and to testify to the veneration that a Nation felt for the homely philosopher of American life.

As a result of the meeting all the movements were merged into one united national Will Rogers memorial plan.

Preliminary plans were laid and an organization committee named at the meeting which was held in the office of Governor E. W. Marland.

#### Committee Members.

Members of the organization committee are: Governor Marland, chairman; Amon G. Carter, vice chairman; Will Hays of California, motion picture leader; Mrs. Roberta Lawson, Tulsa, president of the National Federation of Women's Clubs; Walter Harrison, Oklahoma City; Dr. J. C. Bushyhead, Claremore, Okla., a first cousin of Will Rogers; Frank Phillips of Bartlesville; J. B. Milam, Chelsea, Okla.; Tom Braniff of Oklahoma City. Walter Harrison was named secretary of the committee.

This committee was approved unanimously at the afternoon session today. Immediately after this action, the general meeting adjourned and the organization committee went into executive conference.

This committee elected John N. Garner, Vice President of the United States, chairman, and Jesse H. Jones, chairman of the RFC, as treasurer of the Will Rogers national memorial movement. Upon this organization committee likewise will devolve the duty of selecting an executive committee and a general committee. While much work toward picking these two committees was done this afternoon, the announcement of the personnel of the committees will be made later.

Final adjournment of the organization committee was taken late this afternoon.

#### Plan's Adoption Unanimous.

Prior to the naming of the organization committee at the afternoon session, friends, neighbors, associates and relatives of Rogers met at the Capitol to discuss memorial plans. These friends came by plane from California and Texas, by train and auto from Tulsa, Claremore, Coalgate and Chelsea, or sent messages of co-operation from New York, Washington and various States.

The plan to co-ordinate the movements into one nationwide unified whole was adopted unanimously and instructions issued to the organization committee to proceed with the preliminary work.

Governor Marland opened the morning session with a brief out-

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# MERGE MOVES FOR MEMORIAL

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line of the meeting's objects, stressing the general demand from the public as well as of Rogers' friends for a suitable memorial, and stressing the need for united efforts. He called upon Carter, who told of accompanying the bodies by plane from Seattle to Los Angeles, of the funeral in Los Angeles and of the grief of a Nation over the tragedy.

Taking up the memorial movement, he stressed the need for correlating all efforts toward the proper end.

"If Will were here, he would say let's do what will bring the most good," said Carter. "His idea always was to do something for humanity. He never spoke an unkind word. Never hurt anyone in feelings. Never tolerated injustice. I hate to hear him spoken of as a comedian. I regard him as a philosopher—the greatest philosopher in the country. I want to quote Fred Stone, who said: 'Will can take anyone's place but no one can take Will's'."

Walter Harrison, speaking after Carter, said sentiment was crystallizing for a national Rogers memorial movement and he suggested Carter as general finance chairman. At this point a telegram was read from Jones, regretting his inability to attend the meeting and promising his co-operation.

#### Details Suggested.

He also suggested some details for the organization in handling the memorial movement. Carter said that he believed Jones would serve as treasurer and Garner as chairman if they were chosen.

Oscar Lawler, attorney for Rogers and executor of his estate, said that Oklahoma, if its soil had never done more than produce a character like Will Rogers, would deserve an everlasting place in the lives and memories of men. He said that he wanted to see something done to commemorate the charities of Mr. Rogers. The latter he said belonged to the Nation, and perhaps to the world because of his greatness and goodness. Lawler, together with Lupton Wilkinson, representative of Hays, had flown to Oklahoma City to attend the meeting. He reached Fort Worth early Wednesday morning, boarded another plane there and came here in one hour and seven minutes. They returned late this afternoon to Fort Worth where they boarded another plane for Los Angeles. Lawler while here met many of Rogers' old friends from Claremore, Chelsea, Tulsa and Oologah.

Dr. Bushyhead was called for a brief talk at the morning meeting but yielded the floor to Morton Harrison of Claremore. He told of the hope of Rogers' friends for a fitting memorial of the memorial highway and the memorial airport.

#### Movie Industry Eager to Aid.

Wilkinson explained to the meeting that the movie industry was eager to co-operate in the memorial plans, that Hollywood was united in its efforts, that the industry was eager to join with Texas, Oklahoma and all the Nation in making the movement national.

Other speakers at the morning session were: J. B. Wise of Oologah, who attended with a delegation of his hometown citizens and who was anxious to do his part in the Rogers memorial plans; Mrs. Lawson of Tulsa, who agreed with Carter that Will would say: "Get together boys" if he were here; Milam of Chelsea, an oldtime friend, who was placed on the organization committee; Gen. Roy Hoffman of Oklahoma City, who said suggestions and plans should be subordinated to the common cause; Braniff of Oklahoma City, who indorsed co-operation all along the line; John Kane of Bartlesville, who spoke for Phillips, who was unable to attend but who promised his co-operation.

#### Hoffman Offers Motion.

When the afternoon session reconvened, Hoffman offered a motion that all movements be correlated under one national setup and that Governor Marland be indorsed for his work in calling the Oklahoma City meeting. This motion was put by Carter, who was presiding temporarily, and carried after an amendment by Wilkinson had been accepted calling for the appointment of the organization committee and suggesting a course of action.

With the passage of a motion by Mrs. Lawson thanking Lawler, Carter, and others who came from out of State for the meeting, the session adjourned.

Included in those attending the meeting besides the committeemen and speakers were: Wayne W. Bayless, G. D. Davis and W. E. Sunday, Claremore; Glen Condon, Tulsa; Robert Sibley, Pryor; Frank Dowell, Henry Skidmore, Fred Corbes and Tom Bea of Oologah, Don Branham and Vernon Beale, Oklahoma City; B. S. Graham of the State Planning Board, Oklahoma City.

## Three Return Here From Roger's Meeting.

Oscar Lawler, executor of the Will Rogers estate, left Fort Worth last night aboard an American Airlines plane to return to Hollywood.

Lawler and Lupton Wilkinson, also of Hollywood, one of the leading representatives of the motion picture interests that will join in the movement to establish memorials to the beloved cowboy-humorist, returned here last night by plane from Oklahoma City with Amon G. Carter. The three attended the confer-

# Four Scouts Reach U. S. Capital on Rogers Money

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (AP). — Four Denison, Texas, Boy Scouts were today finishing off a far-flung jamboree of their own on \$450 furnished by the late Will Rogers.

With Rogers' name as a special "open sesame," they'd seen St. Louis, Chicago, Cleveland, Buffalo, Boston, Albany and New York before reaching their original objective, the national capital.

In this city, where the jamboree was called off because of a few cases of infantile paralysis, rain poured down, and the scouts, having explored nearby museums, sat in a hotel lobby, writing letters home—long letters crammed with highlights of the whole trip.

Unanimously they pronounced Will Rogers a swell guy to have made their trip possible before he went flying off to Alaska.

Three of them, Jack Heimburger, 18; Fred Parrott, 18, and Murray Marshall, 16, had never seen Will Rogers.

"But when we found out he'd been killed, we felt as though we had lost an old friend," Jack said.

"I saw him play polo in Los Angeles last June," contributed curly-haired Douglass Johanning, 15, whose mother, Mrs. C. F. Johanning, aroused Rogers' interest in sending the Denison boys to the scout jamboree, and who now is serving as their chaperone.

"And I got the ball he played

with, and Eddie Cantor autographed it!" said Douglass' sister, Julia, 9.

What those four boys have seen on Will Rogers' \$450 which was only meant for three—but tiny Mrs. Johanning is a manager who can manage!

Municipal Opera in St. Louis. A famous orchestra—and they got to dance to it—in Chicago; Radio City and its most sparkling stars in New York, and a show, the Normandie docking, and Coney Island; velvet mills, rayon mills, a thermos bottle plant, a navy base in Norwich, Conn.; a silver plant where they were given souvenir butter knives; all the historic spots about Boston.

Each tried to decide what he liked best.

"The Planetarium at Chicago," chose Douglass.

"Niagara Falls," said his little sister.

"The tennis matches at Forest Hills," decided Murray.

"My big moment was Radio City," said Fred.

Dreamily Jack considered awhile, then slowly said:

"The studio of Dallin, the sculptor, in Boston. He made 'The Appeal to the Great Spirit' and many well known Indian statues. I saw there the half-completed statue of Paul Revere, that he won the right to make in a competition in his youth—and he is now a real old man."