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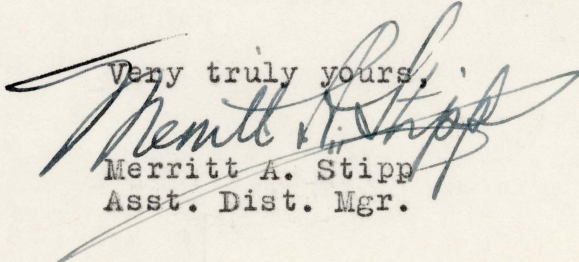
Dear Mr. Carter:

I note through the press that preliminary organization plans for a Will Rogers National Memorial were completed yesterday at Oklahoma City, and that you and Vice-President Garner are acting as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of that Committee.

The enclosed newspaper clippings will testify as to my personal interest in such a project. Too, they have very kindly asked that I speak each afternoon and evening during the showing of my friends last film.

If there is any organization work that can be done here for the Committee, I shall be glad of the opportunity to assist in any way I can.

Very truly yours,

  
Merritt A. Stipp  
Asst. Dist. Mgr.

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# Lions Hear Personal Story of Will Rogers from Friend

Merritt A. Stipp, of the Great Northern Life Insurance Company, Port Huron, addressed the Lion's club Wednesday at the Hotel Harrington on "My Friend—Will Rogers." Mr. Stipp gave the St. Clair County News an exclusive interview on Mr. Rogers at the time of his death, and at the luncheon he told of his pleasant acquaintance with the great humorist. He spoke of many other men in the high stations of life he has met or has known, and said:

"For some unknown reason, it has been my happy privilege to meet or become acquainted with some of our greatest personalities. Just why these golden opportunities have presented themselves to me, is more than I can understand."

"In my early childhood, I remember sitting on the lap of Susan B. Anthony, one of the world's greatest women, who was a guest in our home. It was my good fortune to have served on the reception committee for Lloyd George and Marshall Foch, and

while I admit it was a pleasure to meet so great a General, I must confess I did not particularly enjoy the General's flowing "mustash" as he kissed me three times on each cheek!

"My Chautauqua work brought me into more intimate contact with the near great and distinguished, and it was while engaged in this endeavor, I first met Will Rogers.

"One cannot say too much in praise for Will Rogers. Some folks measure success by wealth. Money is their standard. Fame is their object. Such was not the case in the life of my friend. Wealth and fame for Will Rogers was the result of an intelligent mind; a diligent effort to say or do something worthwhile for his fellowman. Will Rogers was not only interested in people, he loved them. That was the secret of his success.

"Theodore Roosevelt used to say that he enjoyed being with a man whose intelligence was superior."  
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# LIONS HEAR OF WILL ROGERS

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rior to his own—that he might learn from him. One never came into contact with this great personality without having learned something worthwhile. One would learn industry, if nothing else, for he was one of the greatest workers I ever saw. Very seldom was he ever tired, and he was always ready and willing to help those in distress. We ran into each other on a Pullman between New York and Chicago several years ago, before airplanes, and that man labored far into the night, reading and writing and laughing. He had a funny little chuckle when a news item would strike his funny bone.

"The screen, the radio, the stage and the American press has never known a greater personality, a more self-sacrificing man—than Will Rogers. His thought was always of others. He loved his family and he loved his friends. He had faith in the future and he had a deep conviction regarding right and wrong. Will Rogers would never do the wrong, if he knew the right. He had confidence in the hereafter and was a firm believer in the Almighty.

"Strange as it may seem, his last picture will appear soon at the Desmond, "Steamboat 'Round the Bend." In that he plays opposite Irvin S. Cobb. I crossed the Andes Mountains in South America with Irvin S. Cobb."

Back of the speakers' table there hung a life size photograph of Will Rogers, and Mr. Stipp, while talking, would turn to look on his friend—Will Rogers.

At the conclusion of Mr. Stipp's address, his audience was stirred to several minutes of silence, in tribute to the great man, Will Rogers, who has passed on.



distinguished men: the Hon. Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald; Dr. William Haber, State Relief Administrator; Bishop Edgar Blake, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church; President Robert Shaw, of Michigan State College; Judge Louis Fead of the Supreme Court of Michigan; and Lester O. Moody of Port Huron, Past Commander of the Michigan American Legion.

Dr. Harry A. Overstreet of New York City, who is called the father of the Youth movement, will deliver the principal address.

If you listen to Neverdo's, it's never done!

Miss Bess M. Hyde, teacher of vocal music in the high school, and Elmer H. Hess, instructor of instrumental music in the public schools, all talked to the students.

Although enrollments are not yet completed, there are 400 more pupils registered than there were last year at the same time. Reports as yet incomplete show the following registration figures:

Adams, 105; Cleveland, 234; Fillmore, 254; Garfield, 734; Grant, 301; Harrison, 411; High school, 1,111; Jackson, 121; Jefferson, 812; Lincoln, 205; Madison, 94; Monroe, 141; Polk, 258; Roosevelt, 363; Tyler, 98; Van Buren, 144; and Washington, 1,000.

## Speaker Who Knew Rogers Tells Why He Was Great

At the St. Clair Methodist church Sunday morning, Merritt A. Stipp of the Great Northern Life Insurance Company, Port Huron, spoke on the subject "What made Will Rogers a great man." As Mr. Stipp was a personal friend of the noted humorist and writer, it was interesting to learn from him the traits of character which made Will Rogers great.

"Being the day before Labor Day" said Mr. Stipp, "it is of interest to you to learn that one of his principles was Labor or Work. Nothing worthwhile is ever gained by any human being except through labor. Will Rogers worked. Being deprived of an education, such as we know today, he labored far into the night, burning the mid-night oil, so to speak, to educate himself for what God had for him to do. He applied his active mind, he educated his hidden talent, until he became one of the greatest platform and public men we have ever known. Through his writings he reached more people than a President of the United States through a Proclamation, and gave to the people the results of his labor."

"His labor was Christian, even down to the smallest detail. His life was Christian, and all of his acts, either personal or public, were measured first by the yardstick of Christian ideals."

"Money is the great ideal of many people. It was not so with Will Rogers. He was interested in what he could GIVE—not in

what he could GET. If he gave of himself rightly, the getting would take care of itself. He gave himself—all he had—to the people, and the people built up for him a fortune satisfactory to his family. His whole life, clear from the Ranch to the American Platform and Press, was an ideal example of Christian Service and Citizenship."

"Will Rogers entered into the duties of a good citizen in his own community and was elected the first mayor of his town, Beverly Hills. His ideals were high; his administration was not tainted with corruption; no investigating body had to be called to examine his administrative efforts. His name hangs high, as one of the cleanest, one of the fairest, one of the greatest mayors any city ever had, because Christian principles guided him in his duties. His personal standards and ideals made Will Rogers a great American."

Mr. Stipp was also invited to speak Tuesday before the Rotary Club, Richmond, Michigan, on "My Friend—Will Rogers." He gave them an intimate glimpse of his life as he knew him, and spoke of his Americanism. "Naturally," Mr. Stipp said, "his sayings about Life Insurance interests me, because I am in that business. Will Rogers said this about life insurance:

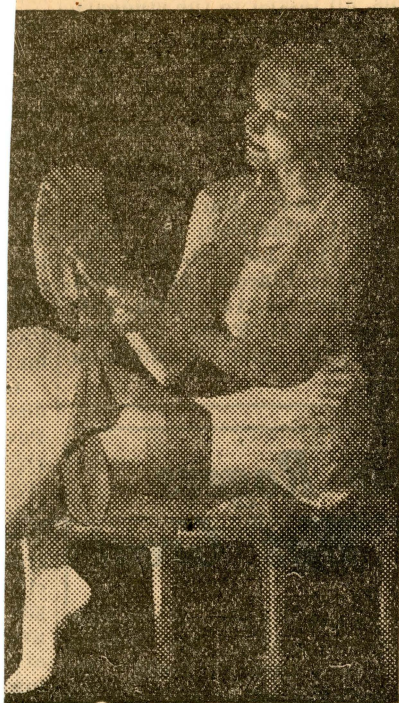
"When I buy life insurance, not only do I know where I'm at, but my family knows where they're at."

I put my money in life insurance.

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## SPEAKER TELLS ABOUT ROGERS

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ance—then I know where I stand. And what's more, I know where my family stands if I die."

"His great love for his family caused him to pay a premium of \$100,000 per year on one policy alone, which has left for his family \$2,500,000.

"Will Rogers will be missed more in 10 years from now, than at this minute, because the American people will need his philosophy of life."

Mr. Stipp read two of his own poems characteristic of the life of his friend. One "My Father's Philosophy" and the other, "Will Rogers Creed." He was introduced by Mr. Lutz, president of the Richmond Rotary club, and the meeting was arranged by Mr. Evans, the chairman of the program committee.

### Hard Luck

Professor: "Too bad! One of my pupils to whom I have given two courses of instruction in the cultivation of the memory has forgotten to pay me, and the worst of it is I can't think of his name."

It is claimed that if an elephant ate the same amount proportionately as a mouse it would consume 10 tons of food daily. Actually it eats only about 100 pounds.

### My Favorite Recipes

Frances Lee Barton says:

**T**HERE are times when the best of families become difficult and that's the time when a touch of genius on your part is strongly indicated. In my family—when these spells occur—I give 'em something very nice to eat. Cream tartlets with nice crunchy coconut appeal directly to youthful appetites and make a party out of the simplest meal. Ever try surprising the family with a batch of tartlets for some Sunday dinner? It's a grand gesture!



#### Coconut Cream Tartlets

1 tablespoon powdered sugar; few drops vanilla; ½ cup moist, sweetened coconut; ½ cup cream, whipped; ½ cup strawberry or raspberry jam; 6 baked 2½-inch tart shells.

Fold sugar, vanilla, and coconut