

Edmond, Okla.
Nov. 4 - 35.

Dear anon -
I thought I'd write
you this a. m. but I
see its nearly post
time so about time
now, however will
send you this little
poem about Will Rogers.
I composed & read it
at our Supt. club
meeting. The paper
recipied it this wk.
again, am proposing
a paper to read this mtg.
on the Child labor laws
of Okla.
We are getting a
bigger farm in Lincoln
County, 25 mi away

Can handle stock &
hogs proper over
there. I saw you,
& Morlando, Boys &
several others
picture in the Okla-
homan one day back.
I ask several club
ladies, which man
looked like me &
each said Morlando.
Who gets the compliment?
You might try
this. I felt pretty badly
slighted by your sec. letter,
mail time & I have
a be. of things to do to-
day. Try writing once
again.

Love -

R. F. S. & Dannie.

WILL ROGERS

He is gone, we will see him no more,
Until the portals open on that beautiful shore.

Only here such a short time we say
But the hearts he gladdened along the way,

Makes it easier for the rest to stay.
Not in cents, do we count his gifts,
Something else he left in store,
Makes us smile sadly, as he smiles
back from the other shore,

For who can say Will Rogers is
no more???

His life he is now living, as we all
will some day,

If we trust in a Saviour, in his
frank open way;

He was dear to us all, and but for
the call,

We still would be smiling as evening
shadows fall,

For in our daily issue "Will told
it all."

He is gone now, so let us all bow,
and thank

Our loving Saviour for Will Rogers'
power,

Of showing us our error, in a very
clever way,

For no one was ever offended "with
Will Rogers' say."

—Mrs. John Young

WILEY POST

His passion was flying and he was
trying

To plan, something unknown to man

So in a comma of thought one day
Wiley decided to fly away—away,

Where he could meditate and plan.
Who knows (none of us doth know)

Just what God did to him bestow,
Perhaps God thought it best,

In heaven Wiley make the final test.
So he has flown, here a complete

test all unknown,
Some day to man will be shown,
For Wiley is not dead but living
and God will instill in man

WILL ROGERS DAY SET FOR NOVEMBER FOURTH

Governor Marland called upon the citizens of Oklahoma to pause in memory of the state's late beloved philosopher and humorist in designating Monday, November 4, as Will Rogers day by proclamation Saturday.

The text of the proclamation follows:

Whereas, the fourth day of November marks the birth anniversary of one, who, though a product of Oklahoma pioneer days and born in humble surroundings, achieved during a comparatively brief lifetime the distinction of being the most famous private citizen in the world; and

Whereas, although no state or nation may claim this famous world citizen exclusively as its own, yet the state of Oklahoma may, with pardonable pride, by reason of his origin and youth spent within its borders and by reason of his constant and loyal contact with his native state throughout his life, refer to him affectionately as "our own Will Rogers;" and

Whereas, the life and character of this son of Oklahoma, dedicated as it was to the high ideal of making his fellow man happier and better, is so replete with virtues and deeds suitable for emulation both by the youth and adult citizens of this commonwealth, that no greater honor could be paid to his memory than to set aside a day for the study of these qualities and acts to the end that we may—as he would most desire—be happier and better in our own daily lives;

Now, therefore, I, E. W. Marland, governor of the state of Oklahoma, do hereby set aside and dedicate Monday, Nov. 4, 1935 as Will Rogers Day.

And I hereby call upon the citizens of this state, during the day so set aside, to pause, while memory is yet fresh, and contemplate the life of this beloved brother of all mankind, that we may make this world a better place in which to live. And I especially call upon our school authorities and teachers to prepare suitable programs and exercises in our public schools, to the end that our future citizens may likewise profit by a more intimate knowledge of a life so well spent.

While it is difficult to epitomize so full and varied a character as that of Will Rogers, yet certain traits of greatness stand out in bold relief and merit special mention.

He has been aptly characterized as: The cowboy philosopher, humanitarian, world citizen and the uncrowned king of humor.

He prided himself in the thought that he never met a man he did not like.

He knew human nature as no other man in the world, gained from intimate personal contact with every stratum of society—from the horny handed laborer to the captain of industry—from the humblest citizen to the highest in governmental authority—from the lowly peasant to the crowned head of empire—from the unpolished pioneer to the proud and cultured aristocrat.

He made the world laugh but never at the expense of the feelings of the most sensitive soul. His shafts of humor, although often sharp and pungent, were impersonal. His favorite targets were those things tinged with pretense, sham, artificiality, vanity and pomp; in fact, everything insincere or false.

Devoid of ego and vanity, neither his universal fame nor the adulation of man was sufficient to deprive him of that humble modesty that characterized his whole life.

Possessed of inherent virtues, amidst the vices of the world, his character remained clean and unsullied to the end—a model father, husband, and family man.

I commend his life to the youth of Oklahoma as a striking example of the possibility that a poor boy may become a truly great man; that a great man may be a good man; and one of the greatest virtues of man is a love for his fellow man.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the state of Oklahoma, on this eleventh day of October, 1935.

By the governor of the State of Oklahoma: E. W. MARLAND.