

Legislature in Joint Session Sings Range Songs, Eulogizes Will Rogers

Senator E. M. Davis Is Master of Ceremonies in Memorial Program.

Leads Ceremony

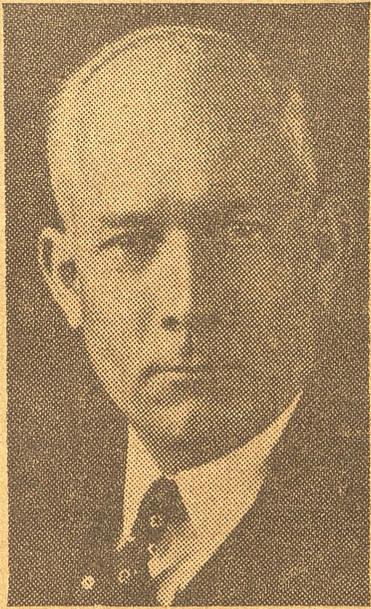
Alexander and Holbrook Are Speakers as Two Houses Meet.

BY BYRON C. UTECHT.

AUSTIN, Nov. 6.—The Texas Legislature today put on a roundup for the late Will Rogers, a ceremony carried out with a solemnity more impressive than any memorial program in the Legislature's history. The House and Senate met shortly before noon in a joint session and at the close all joined in singing "The Last Roundup," led by Senator Roy Sanderford and Representatives J. Manley Head and Fred Harris. At the suggestion of Senator E. M. Davis, master of ceremonies, the entire audience stood and faced west before adjournment.

A few years ago Rogers visited Austin to assist a fund for crippled children. At that time he addressed both houses. Speakers on today's program were Representative Bob Alexander, Childress, and Senator T. J. Holbrook, Galveston. Davis, in calling the joint session to order, spoke of Rogers as the most beloved man in this country for generations, an apostle of good cheer.

There was an invocation by the House chaplain, George Coltrin, who expressed the hope that we



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may emulate his virtues, after which Davis called for the song that Rogers liked so well, "Home on the

Range," with Representative Lonnie Alsop at the piano.

"We would like to have Will Rogers' advice on many of our legislative problems," Alexander said. "We wish he could drop in upon us and cheer us up when we are in turmoil over bills.

"No one ever can take the place of Will Rogers in American life. No one ever lived who contributed so much to happiness of people. He served as a balance wheel for America."

Holbrook, who has served in the Senate longer than any other member and who was a friend of Rogers said he had been the most unique character on the American continent. "He possessed all the humor of Mark Twain and Bret Harte," Holbrook said, "and when he passed on no one deserved higher commendation. I hope every one will respond to the memorial drive in his behalf but hope it will not be in the form of a cold marble shaft but something for humanity.

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PASTOR HERE IS RE-ELECTED

Special to The Star-Telegram.

BROWNWOOD, Nov. 6.—Rev. A. D. Porter of Fort Worth was re-elected for his twenty-second term as secretary of the Central Texas Methodist Conference when that body opened its sessions here tonight. Rev. Mr. Porter is pastor of the Central Methodist Church in Fort Worth.

A. Alfred Brown of China Spring was chosen conference editor.

The meeting, at which 400 were registered, was officially opened with a brief address by Bishop H. A. Boaz. Mayor W. H. Thompson welcomed the visitors.

WILL SEE ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—Bound on a trade extension mission, Canada's newly elected prime minister, MacKenzie King, will arrive here tomorrow for a series of conferences with President Roosevelt and American officials.

Grandmother of Elliott Roosevelt Plans Trip Here

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Nov. 6 (AP).—

Mrs. James Roosevelt Sr., the mother of President Roosevelt, is planning a trip to the Southland which will probably take her to Warm Springs, Ga., and to Fort Worth, Texas.

She is considering going to Warm Springs for Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt and going from there to Texas to visit with her grandson, Elliott, and his family.

101ST LIFE IS LOST IN DALLAS COUNTY TRAFFIC

DALLAS, Nov. 6.—J. H. Bostick, 52, was hit by an automobile and killed in front of his home here tonight. He was Dallas County's one hundred first traffic victim of 1935.

Investigating officers said Bostick apparently was walking with his head lowered to keep rain out of his face.

ROGERS MOVE REPORTS TODAY

Committees appointed to contact employers and employes as well as labor unions and civic and professional organizations, and women's groups in the Will Rogers Memorial Fund movement here are asked to make their initial reports today by Walter B. Scott, district general chairman.

"We want to know how each group is progressing so that assistance can be given wherever it is needed," Scott said. "Reports from the organized labor division headed by A. L. Bailey, president of the Fort Worth Trades Assembly, and from O. B. Sellers, general chairman of the employe division, indicate that salaried persons are responding nearly 100 per cent."

Few industrialists and business men have been seen yet, Scott added, but those that have indicate that this group being contacted by

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a committee headed by Charles F. Roeser and Stanley A. Thompson as co-chairmen, will respond generously, he said.

In the women's division, headed by Mrs. J. B. Hamilton, contacts are to be made when the various organizations have their meetings, Scott said.

"Those who already have met have approved of the movement to perpetuate the memory of Will Rogers and are making contributions from their treasuries and are gathering subscriptions from their individual members," Scott said.

J. J. Hurley, chairman of the division of civic and professional organizations, met with presidents and other representatives of the groups in the headquarters at The Star-Telegram yesterday. They approved the movement unanimously and agreed to urge their organizations to participate by making donations from their treasuries and by asking their individual members to make subscriptions.

"Fort Worth should lead the State and we can do it with the proper co-operation from everyone," Scott said.

Mrs. Fincher Memorial Drive Head for Women.

Mrs. J. W. Fincher of Houston has been appointed state woman's chairman for the Will Rogers memorial movement and has accepted. The appointment was made by Mrs. Roberta Campbell Lawson of Tulsa, national woman's chairman for the memorial fund.

Mrs. Fincher will name district and county chairmen all over the State to direct the work among the women and expects to hold a meeting of these vice chairmen in Austin next week during the State Federation of Women's Clubs convention.

Mrs. Fincher Wednesday announced the appointment of the following county chairmen, with the statement that others will be named in the next few days:

Mrs. William Bacon, Dallas.
Mrs. John W. Naylor, Fort Worth.
Mrs. George Bruner of El Paso.
Mrs. Grover Johnson of Wichita Falls.

More Chairmen for Campaign Named.

The following additional county chairmen in the Will Rogers memorial campaign in Texas have been named by State Chairman Amon G. Carter:

F. R. Jordan, Katemcy, Mason County.
Jerry W. Debenport, Childress.
Miss Mamie Chapman, Sherman.
W. M. Hamilton, Palestine.
F. M. Gwin, Odessa.
Walter Buckner, San Marcos.
N. E. Springer, Aspermont.
R. K. Phillips, Weatherford.
Deskins Wells, Wellington.
Giles M. Haltom, Nacogdoches.

able of top flight baseball, he retreated to begin his ecclesiastical work.

In that year he became an assistant secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association in Chicago, continuing until 1896 when he began in earnest his vigorous revivals that sent his fame across the Nation and into Europe. The Chicago Presbyterian minister in 1903, but he went on with his own peculiar services.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed late tonight.

Three years ago, while conducting services in Des Moines, Iowa, Sunday suffered his first attack of illness, his wife said, and another major attack gripped him last May while in Chattanooga, Tenn.

During the World Series this Fall he was ill while visiting the Thompsons here.

The Sundays drove to Chicago from their Indiana home several days ago with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shaver of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Last Sunday he drove to Madison, Wis., to visit Mrs. Flora Hopkins, Mrs. Sunday's sister, and at that time he expressed the fear "the drive was too much for me," Mrs. Sunday said.

In spite of his weakened condition he read the Bible and newspapers each morning and yesterday prepared a tribute to the late Will Rogers which he told his family was to be used in a memorial celebration to the comedian in Oklahoma. It was one of his last acts.

Since his first major seizure three years ago, Sunday had tapered off his activities, Mrs. Sunday said, although he conducted several three-week campaigns.

He lived quietly at Winona Lake or at his ranch in Hood River, Ore.

Survivors, in addition to Mrs. Sunday, included two sons, William (Billy) Sunday Jr., a real estate dealer, and Paul, a broker, both of Los Angeles, and a brother, H. E. Sunday, 74, who maintains a Summer residence in North Dakota. H. E. Sunday's son, Harry, manages Billy Sunday's Oregon ranch.

'Billy' Sunday Familiar Figure to Fort Worth.

Rev. William A. (Billy) Sunday, who died in Chicago last night, was a familiar figure to Fort Worth, having "chased the devil in the same old fashioned way that the Gospel teaches" here several times.

Many of the thousands who heard him preach on the occasion of his last visit here will recall his spoken wish that "When the Great Bank Examiner comes around, I hope all your books will be in balance."

During the World War the famous evangelist conducted a revival in the Coliseum here in the Fall of 1918. After the revival he received a gift from Fort Worth of \$14,125. Hundreds "hit the sawdust trail" during his six-week visit here. Ten years later, accompanied by "Ma" Sunday, he preached to several thousand persons in the First Baptist Tabernacle.

Ten thousand heard his sermon in the tabernacle as, coatless, he stood on a trembling folding chair and pounded the pulpit with the knuckles of a clenched fist.

"This old world's got two strikes and three balls on it so it better watch that next pitch close, it might be the last one before the Great Umpire calls you out," the premier evangelist shouted at that time.

Some of the titles of the former

ment would match the State dollar for dollar.

Under the ruling the maximum pension that could be paid would be \$22.50 per month, \$15 from state funds and \$7.50 from federal sources.

The conference bill would appropriate \$25,000,000 for pension payments to Jan. 1, 1937, but guarded against a deficit by ordering fund balances prorated in event full allowances could not be paid. Payments would start July 1, 1936, if funds were available on that date.

Sponsors of a Senate drivers licensing bill failed decisively in efforts to pass the measure through the House without material amendments.

They lost the first test as the House approved, 70 to 53, an amendment transferring authority to suspend licenses from the public safety department to county or district judges.

30 Days to Five Years.

The amendment would require suspension of a license for 30 days to five years on conviction of any one of six traffic violations named in the act.

Another change would transfer from the department to county assessor-collector of taxes the authority to issue licenses in all counties. The Senate plan would have provided that method in counties of less than 75,000 population.

The House also eliminated a section exempting truck operators which were licensed by the Railroad Commission.

Honor Rogers

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Rogers' humanitarian work was constant and at a sacrifice. His spirit will live on."

Representative C. M. McFarland Wichita Falls, read a resolution prepared by himself and which was adopted authorizing the chief clerk to receive voluntary contributions for the memorial fund and to this McFarland was the first contributor today.

"Will Rogers stood for everything that was right and we who are left behind are inspired by his worthy career," the resolution reads.

"He gave gloriously of every moment enriching our lives with the treasures of his accomplishments, and he brought happiness and the cleansing influence of his good humor to millions. No eulogy from the people of Texas could express the loss his death means to them."

Soothes and Refreshes
TIRED EYES

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