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NOVEMBER 30, 1937

MR. AMON G. CARTER, PUBLISHER
FORT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

DEAR MR. CARTER:

ENCLOSED HEREWITH IS A COPY OF A LETTER
AND ENCLOSURES WHICH HAVE GONE FORWARD TO MR.
HAYS THIS MORNING. IT THROWS SOME LIGHT UPON
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL COMMISSION
OF OKLAHOMA.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

John W. Elwood
JOHN W. ELWOOD

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NOVEMBER 30, 1937

MR. WILL H. HAYS
5504 HOLLYWOOD BLVD.
HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

DEAR MR. HAYS:

MORTON R. HARRISON, A MEMBER OF THE WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA WHOSE ADDRESS IS THE HOTEL WILL ROGERS, CLAREMORE, OKLAHOMA, FORWARDED TO THIS OFFICE WITHOUT LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL THE ATTACHED CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN MR. P. K. SHEATLEY OF THE CHICAGO MOTOR CLUB AND MR. HARRISON. I THINK YOU WILL BE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN THE THIRD PARAGRAPH OF MR. HARRISON'S LETTER.

A COPY OF THIS LETTER IS GOING TO MESSRS. HURLEY, CARTER, YOUNG AND JONES.

SINCERELY YOURS,

JOHN W. ELWOOD

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CHICAGO MOTOR CLUB
66 EAST SOUTH WATER STREET
CHICAGO

NOVEMBER 16, 1937

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
CLAREMORE
OKLAHOMA

GENTLEMEN:

WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL INQUIRIES FROM OUR
MEMBERS ASKING WHERE THE WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL WHICH
WAS BUILT FROM THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN,
IS LOCATED. SO FAR, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND OUT.

CAN YOU GIVE US THIS INFORMATION?

WE WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU
CAN TELL US.

YOURS VERY TRULY

MICHIGAN CITY BRANCH
CHICAGO MOTOR CLUB

P. K. WHEATLEY

WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

NOVEMBER 24, 1937

MR. P. K. WHEATLEY,
MICHIGAN CITY BRANCH,
CHICAGO MOTOR CLUB,
66 EAST SOUTH WATER STREET
CHICAGO, ILL.

DEAR MR. WHEATLEY:

REPLYING TO YOUR LETTER OF INQUIRE OF NOVEMBER 16TH, REGARDING WHAT MEMORIAL WAS BUILT AND WHERE, OF THE MONEY THAT WAS RAISED OF THE SCHOOL CHILDREN OF YOUR STATE, PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT AS FAR AS I KNOW, SUCH A MEMORIAL HAS NOT BEEN BUILT.

I ATTENDED A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL COMMISSION IN NEW YORK ON JANUARY 4TH AND AT THAT TIME THERE WAS DISCUSSED SEVERAL WAYS OF USEING THE MONEY IN THE WAY OF A "LIVING MEMORIAL" AND AM OF THE OPINION THAT IT WILL BE SPENT IN HANDICAPPED OR CRIPPLED CHILDRENS WORK THROUGHOUT THE NATION.

AT THE NEW YORK MEETING I AS CHAIRMAN OF THE OKLAHOMA COMMISSION AT THAT TIME, PREVAILED ON THEM TO RETURN THE PART OF THE FUNDS RAISED IN OKLAHOMA TO OKLAHOMA WHICH WAS SOMETHING LIKE \$25,000.00 AND WITH THIS THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA APPROPRIATED \$35,000.00 FOR A STATUE OF WILL ROGERS TO GO INTO THE HALL OF FAME IN WASHINGTON AND A DUPLICATE OF SAME TO COME TO CLAREMORE AND ALSO APPROPRIATED \$200,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MEMORIAL AT CLAREMORE, WHICH WILL HOUSE THE REMAINS OF MR. ROGERS AS WELL AS ALL OF HIS RELICS AND THIS MEMORIAL WILL BE UNDER ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION WITHIN 90 DAYS.

I TRUST I HAVE ANSWERED YOUR LETTER TO YOUR SATISFACTION AND UNDERSTANDING.

THANKING YOU AND WITH THE VERY KINDEST OF GOOD WISHES, I AM,

VERY TRULY YOURS,

MORTON R. HARRISON
HOTEL WILL ROGERS,
CLAREMORE, OKLAHOMA.