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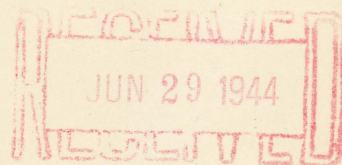


Dear Amon;

Enclosed is a lovely tribute to Mr. & Mrs.  
Will Rogers, which you may have missed as  
you have been out of the city. I thought  
you would be interested.

Regards

Herman Gartner





## From a Woman's Corner

Example of Will Rogers' Lives Will  
Live on Long After Trees Grow  
Around Their Graves

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**N**OT MANY couples who have risen to a place in the American spotlight are able to retain their sense of balance through all the fanfare so well as had the late Mr. and Mrs. Will Rogers. Her death a few days ago drew public attention to how successful had been their marriage.

Since his death in a plane crash in 1935, she had carried on in the true Rogers' tradition, remaining all the while loyal to his memory. One of her last acts was to deed their 345-acre ranch, valued at \$700,000, as a park site to the City of Los Angeles.

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The Rogers', like many other wealthy and famous Americans, came up from small beginnings. They met at a taffy pulling party at Oologah, Okla. Long years after that Will Rogers liked to refer to his Betty Blake as the "prettiest girl in Arkansas."

Through the years he held to his early admiration of her. While many others in Hollywood rushed to Reno for one divorce and another, the Rogers' remained one of the most compatible couples in the film colony.

And the house in which they had been married in Rogers, Ark., became a popular setting for other family weddings, for others revered the happy marriage of the American humorist and his wife.

As a couple Mr. and Mrs. Rogers typified the best in the American pattern of life, in that they were obscure people who met at an American social, a candy pulling in 1908, and in a few short years rose to wealth, fame and honor. And never did they forget those obscure surroundings or try to impress friends with other than the truth.

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**T**HE SUCCESS of their lives together should give other now obscure American couples the reassurance that they too may follow the same Rogers pattern in their own lives. In fact they may have more to look forward to than have some of those who marry amid orchids and champagne. In America we too often forget that.

We forget that opportunity lies open to all, those at candy pulling parties the same as those at caviar and capon dinners. In fact, those at the candy pullings may not have nearly so much to abstract them from success as those at caviar and capon dinners.

We forget that a happy marriage is not bought with money and fame, that it is a thing which has to be worked for. Those with the temptation of too much money may not be as likely to achieve it as those who start out with a little.

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**W**E FORGET that Americans, though they talk a great deal about the Reno folk, have great respect for whole-hearted Americans like the Rogers.

Finally we forget that though there are those Americans who will pay any price to climb the social ladder, the great majority of Americans stand back and admire the folksy people like Will Rogers who so often said:

"Whatever I am or have accomplished, I owe to Betty. I ain't got no sense."

That statement is typical of Will Rogers, whose memory lives on long after his death. The example of their lives together also will live on long after the trees have grown over their last resting place at Claremore, Okla.