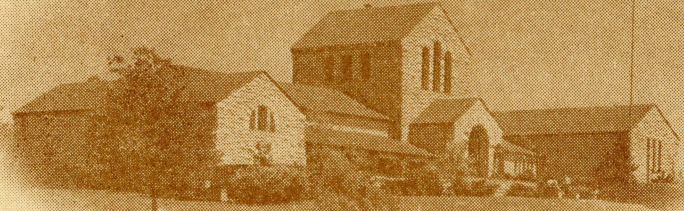


# WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL COMMISSION



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My dear, dear Mr. Carter:

I could write a book of appreciation to you and then it wouldn't be enough. You certainly made history for the Will Rogers Memorial. To us here in Claremore this is the greatest day we have had and it is all due to you.

The statue will forever be a great Memorial to Will Rogers, and yourself as well. The bust too, is something that we will always treasure and add so much to the things we have here.

Then your coming to us made the day entirely perfect. I just love to think about it. We will never forget all you did to make it such a success and saying thank-you doesn't nearly begin to express what is in our hearts. It is something that we will forever be grateful to you for.

Everyone loved you and those who did not get to meet you felt very much the loser. I wish we could borrow you a week or so and let everyone in Claremore have the pleasure of knowing you.

I hoped you were pleased with the day and the things that took place. You will never quite realize what the statue means to the Memorial or what it is going to mean in the years to come. Sunday we had a tremendous crowd here and they all came to see the statue. It is simply wonderful.

I am going to write to Miss Deakins for more copies of the Star Telegram for the pictures were so good. We keep quite a file here of the Will Rogers events and the Star Telegram always has the top stories and pictures.

Mr. Carter, if you do not think I am too presumptuous could you send one of the cigarette lighters to the man who was chairman of the day, Philip Viles? He worked so hard to make things come out all right and he told me he was so pleased to really meet you and would never have such an opportunity of meeting and visiting with such influential men. It is terrible of me to ask for anything else, but he would



treasure it the remainder of his life. If it is too bold of me to do this, please forget it and forgive me for it all.

I wanted to talk to you more about so many things but I know my sister Mrs. Eaton took good care of you. You know the last time Uncle Will talked to Mother he was with you and you too, talked to her. I treasure those memories and you have always been so dear to us but there are certain associations that make you doubly so.

I am enclosing a story from the Tulsa World that you might like to have. I mailed out to you a Memorial edition of the Claremore Progress yesterday.

I hope the trip did not tire you and that you got back all right and will love us back here and return. Everyone enjoyed meeting Mrs. Carter. She is a beautiful, lovely person. When I am sure, that it is due to you that Mr and Mrs. Biggs came. They are also delightful people and we are so happy to know them.

I won't take any more of your time but I do want this letter to tell you how deeply we appreciate everything you have done for the Memorial. It is something that no one else but you could do. We will love you and always hold you in our dearest thoughts.

Thank you again and again and please know that I speak for all of Oklahoma when I say that you have endeared yourselves to us all and we will always think of you with love and gratitude in our hearts.

Bob joins me in sincere appreciation to you for this tribute and everything else you have done.

Sincerely and gratefully,

*Paula McSpadden Love*  
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