SET OF SIX PHOTOGRAPHS FOR MRS. WILL ROGERS JR.

- 1. Beside equestrian statue of Will Rogers, Coliseum in background.
- 2. Viewing equestrian statue, memorial tower and Coliseum in background.
- 3. Beside bust of Will Rogers given by group of Fort Worth citizens and placed in memorial tower court.
- 4. With lifesize painting **Control** of Will Rogers on horseback given by Amon Carter and placed in foyer of Coliseum. Painting is the work of Artist Seymour Stone.
- 5. With Mrs. Anne Webb, museum director, at Fort Worth Children's Museum, viewing Indian collection given by the late Cato Sells, former United States Commissioner of Indian Affairs.
- 6. With Mrs. Anne Webb inspecting objects in Cato Sells Indian collection.

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VIEW INDIAN EXHIBIT-Mrs. Will Rogers Jr., left, of Beverly Hills, Cal., and Mrs. Anne Webb, director of the Fort Worth Children's Museum, examine beaded gauntlets and other items in the Cato Sells collection of Indian handiwork displayed at the museum, which Mrs. Rogers visited Thursday.

# **Indians' Plight Described** By Mrs. Will Rogers Here

the growing plight of American Indians due to unfortunate conditions which they are unable to control or correct without help is a sorrowful picture to behold and one which should arouse the people of this country to meet a challenging need, Mrs. Will Rogers Jr. of Beverly Hills, Cal., declared on a visit here Thursday.

Mrs. Rogers is on a tour of cit-s in Texas and Oklahoma to ies confer with philanthropic citizens who might care to have a part in starting a national movement to focus the attention of the public on a tragic situation. Visits Museum. The young but well-informed

wife of former Congressman Will Rogers Jr., who now is giving all of his attention to a publishing business on the West Coast, visited the Fort Worth Children's Museum. There she inspected the Indian collection given by late Cato Sells of Fort Worth, who served as United States Commis-sioner of Indian Affairs under President Wilson.

Rogers also visited the Mrs. Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum and Auditorium and stopped to admire likenesses of her famous father-in-law which are displayed in the buildings and on the grounds. An expert horsewoman, Mrs. Rogers was particularly fascinated by the equestrain statue of the late cowboy humorist and philosopher which occupies a place of prominence in front of the buildings. It is an excellent work, she said, and observed that the bronze figure reflects the real spirit of Will Rogers to a greater extent than anything she has seen.

The equestrain statue is the work of Mrs. Electra Waggoner Biggs of Vernon and is a gift from Amon Carter in memory of Rogers, his longtime close friend and Worth who always termed Fort his "second home."

#### **Conditions Appalling.**

The appalling famine condi-tions among the Navajo Indians in California, Arizona and New Mexico, and similar destitution among the Sioux, the Papago and other tribes have developed serious concern among those closely associated with the situation and resulted in the present efforts and discussions aimed toward an organized movement to the problem, Mrs meet Rogers stated.

A survey by the American Red



CARRYING ON FOR HIM-Significant in several respects was the visit Thursday of Mrs. Will Rogers Jr. of Beverly Hills, Cal., to the equestrian statue of her late father-in-law, Will Rogers, famed humorist and philosopher, on the grounds of the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum and Auditorium. Mrs. Rogers is carrying on a movement to aid destitute American Indians. Rogers, part Cherokee himself, had championed the same cause.



## Famine Conditions Prevail Mrs. Will Rogers Jr. Asks **Aid for American Indians**

The failure of the United States to extend the benefits of the public school system to the American Indians and many other derelictions of this country in its dealings with the "first Americans," were pointed out and deplored here Thursday by Mrs. Will Rog-ers Jr. of Beverly Hills, Cal.

Mrs. Rogers is on a tour of the Southwest to visit with philan-thropic citizens who might be in-terested in lendign their influ-ence and resources in a nation-wide movement to focus public attention on the plight of the

American Indians, thousands of whom barely are managing to ex-ist in the badlands reservations. Famine Conditions.

"Famine conditions among the avaios have been nothing less Navajos have been nothing less than appalling, and other tribes such as the Sioux and Papago are but little better off," Mrs. Rog-ers declared.

The young, energetic and well-informed wife of former Con-gressman Will Rogers Jr., now giving all of his time to his news-perer publishing business on the giving all of his time to his news-paper publishing business on the West Coast, came by her vigor-ous interest in the Indian situa-tion naturally. Her late father-in-law, Will Rogers, noted cowboy humorist and philosopher who often referred to Fort Worth as his "second home," was part Cherokee Indian himself and therefore the blood of the Red Man also is in the veins of her husband. Will Rogers had sup-ported a number of movements ported a number of movements to aid the Indians.

### Have Adopted Two Boys.

Have Adopted two boys. As further evidence of the sin-cere interest of Mr. and Mrs. Will Rogers Jr. in the Indian cause, they have adopted two Indian boys, aged 10 and 12. One is a full-blood Navajo, the other a quarter-blood Cherokee. Mrs. Rogers said both are making good progress in learning English. While here Thursday, Mrs. Rog-

ers visited the Fort Worth Chil-dren's Museum and saw the In-dian collection of the late Cato Sells, former United States Com-missioner of Indian Affairs. She also visited the Will Rogers Me-morial Auditorium and Coliseum and admired the equestrian statue of Will Rogers and other markers in memory of him.

in memory of him. The equestrian statue, a sculpt-ored work of Mrs. Electra Wag-goner Biggs of Vernon and a gift from Amon Carter in mem-ory of his friend of many years, relects the "real spirit" of Will Rogers more effectively than anything she has seen, Mrs. Rogers said.

### YOUR PROBLEMS AND MINE THREE CLASSES by Jeff D. Ray

To my quiet thinking there come three classes of people. The first is the distressingly growing group who have been so long doddled by federal, state, church and individual aid that they make only feeble and spas-modic efforts at self-support, de-pending mainly on others to see them through. If one of this group gets up and stays up by his own energy and thrift he makes a large contribution to de-veloping noble character in himveloping noble character in him-self. If he gets down and does nothing but whine for help he saps all the juices out of chivalsaps all the juices out of chival-rous manhood. A friend of mine used to say about his own broth-er—"The trouble with Jimmie is that when he gets down he feels that he can not get up by him-self but must have help." Every respectable man wants to see help rendered to those who for whatrendered to those who for what-ever reason cai not help them-selves; and he wants to have his share in it. But it is the extreme limit of unwisdom to continue month by month helping those who could with normal insight and foresight and reasonable ef-fort and industry provide for fort and industry provide for themselves Henry Ford was Ford wa

ness to make a living by if in one way or another his business does not contribute something to does not contribute something to the well-being of society. When we talk of business that helps we usually think of the doctor, the preacher, the teacher, etc. But in a different way and per-haps to a different degree it is just as true of the ditch-digger, the garbage collector and the sec-tion hand. His is an honorable and, if he uses it right, a useful business in the same category business in the same category with the others. The ditch-digger is preparing foundations for a temple; the garbage collector is saving a city from sickness; and the section hand is an essential part of the world's commerce. The business that does not help somebody is "stale, flat and un-profitable." A man who has a profitable. A man who has a business that hurts others, if he has any conscience at all, must find life drab, dreary and dole-ful. It is a burning shame if for money's sake he persists in a business that hurts always and never helps society never helps society.

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