

WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL PLANS ARE MERGED

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OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 5.—

Movements to perpetuate the memory of Will Rogers were merged into one united plan at a meeting here Wednesday of friends from Texas, California, Oklahoma and elsewhere.

An organization committee was chosen. It included Governor Marland of Oklahoma, in whose office the meeting was held, chairman; Amon G. Carter, Fort Worth, vice chairman; Will Hays, president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America; Mrs. Roberta Lawson, Tulsa, president of the National Federation of Women's Clubs; Walter Harrison, Oklahoma City; Dr. J. C. Bushyhead, Claremore, Okla., a first cousin of Rogers; Frank Phillips, Bartlesville; J. B. Milam, Chelsea, Okla., and Tom Braniff, Oklahoma City.

Harrison was named secretary of the committee.

Garner Is Chairman.

This committee, after its organization, elected Vice President Garner as chairman and Jesse E. Jones, chairman of the RFC, as treasurer of the Will Rogers national memorial movement.

At the conclusion of its efforts, the organization committee will be abolished and the completion of the memorial will be in the hands of permanent committees, executive, finance and general. Meantime, the organization committee is at work completing the personnel of the executive group. The committee will be announced probably next week.

Plans to co-ordinate various movements into one was adopted unanimously by friends of Rogers, who came here by plane from California, by train from Texas, and by auto from Chelsea, Tulsa and Claremore. Messages pledging co-operation also were received from New York, Washington and several other States.

Demand Is Stressed.

Opening the meeting, Governor Marland stressed the general demand from the public and Rogers' friends for a suitable memorial. He stressed the need for united effort.

He called upon Carter, who ac-

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accompanied the body by plane from Seattle to Los Angeles.

Speaking of Rogers, Carter said: "If Will were here, he would say let's do what will bring the most good. His idea always was to do something for humanity. He never spoke an unkind word, never hurt anyone's feelings and never tolerated injustice."

Carter said he hated to hear Rogers spoken of as a comedian.

"I regard him as a philosopher—the greatest philosopher in the country," he said.

Jones Sends Wire.

Harrison, pointing out that sentiment was crystalizing for a national Rogers memorial movement, suggested Carter as general finance chairman. After a telegram had been received from Jones, regretting his inability to be present but pledging co-operation, Carter suggested that Jones would serve as treasurer and Garner as chairman if they were elected.

Oscar Lawler, Rogers' attorney and executor for the estate, told the group that if Oklahoma had never done more than produce a character like Will Rogers, it would deserve an everlasting place in the lives and memories of men. He said he wanted to see something done to commemorate the charities of Rogers.

Movies to Co-operate.

Lupton Wilkinson, representing Will Hays, said the movie industry was eager to co-operate in plans and that Hollywood was ready to join with Texas and Oklahoma and the rest of the Nation in a national movement.

Morton Harrison of Claremore told of the hope for a fitting memorial, a memorial highway and airport.

Gen. Roy Hoffman of Oklahoma City, who suggested that various plans be subordinated to the common cause, moved that all movements be merged in one national set-up and that Governor Marland be thanked for calling the meeting. The motion was adopted after an amendment by Wilkinson, providing for the appointment of the organization committee and suggesting a course of action.