

August 21, 1935.

Mr. Wm. H. Rankin,
250 PARK Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

As you no doubt have noticed, Mr. Carter is in Los Angeles for the Rogers funeral. He was in Washington when Will was killed, and at the request of Mrs. Rogers flew to Seattle to meet the bodies and take charge of arrangements until the family could get to California.

I agree with you that the people of this country would readily respond to contributions for a memorial to Will Rogers. But it should be a national proposition and not local, and I doubt seriously if we started such it would get the response expected - the response that would be the case if under some other auspices. The AP would send out the story, but it would be necessary to do more than that. If some organization were formed, the public informed of the type of memorial and place of location, many newspapers could be enlisted and through their efforts the money raised.

Your letter, of course, will be passed on to Mr. Carter as soon as he returns, probably Friday. I am confident he will appreciate your suggestion.

Best wishes.

Yours very truly,

J M NORTH, JR.