

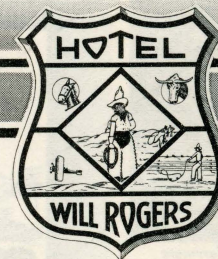


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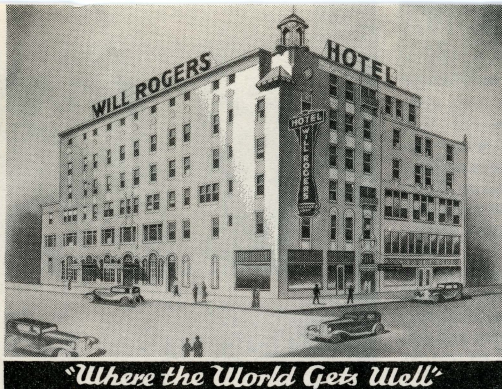
September 10, 1935.

Hon. Jesse Jones, Chairman,
Reconstruction Finance Corporation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Dr. J.C. Bushyhead, G.D. Davis and W.E. Sunday, who were selected by the citizens of Claremore as members of the Executive Committee of the Claremore Will Rogers Memorial Association. This latter organization had perfected plans of a very definite nature when Governor Marland requested it to join a National movement that would combine all activities of this nature nationally. We gladly consented and are perfectly satisfied with the organization that was formed at the Governor's conference in Oklahoma City and which selected you as Treasurer. We feel that the move was a wise one and will result in a memorial or memorials that will adequately perpetuate the memory of Will Rogers.

One of the first acts of the Claremore organization was to secure the services of Glenn Condon of Tulsa as executive secretary and Mr. Condon proceeded to work out the details of a national campaign which we had planned to carry on with Claremore as the headquarters. Mr. Condon was the unanimous choice of the citizens of Claremore and had the endorsement of the most prominent men in Eastern Oklahoma. He is a pioneer newspaperman in this state and was an old friend of Mr. Rogers. For eight years he was associated with the late E.F. Albee in New York and among his duties was the direction of an annual drive for funds with which to care for ill and indigent vaudeville artists, resulting in the construction of the sanitarium that still functions at Saranac Lake. He is an organizer and publicity executive of unusual ability. He is 42 years old and is at present publisher and editor of a radio magazine of wide circulation. Due to his own business responsibilities, Mr. Condon was at first loath to undertake the task we invited him to assume but we finally persuaded him to take it.

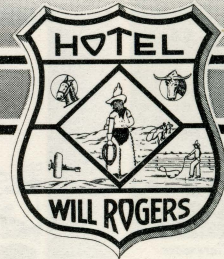


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We feel that your organization will be overlooking a good bet if you do not seriously consider the establishment of nominal headquarters of the Memorial Committee here in Claremore, with Mr. Condon serving in an executive capacity. This is the city so often referred to by Will as his home. It is fixed in the minds of the American public as his home. It is near the geographical center of the United States. The committee has discussed this matter with Mr. Condon and he would be agreeable to working out something along this line, providing the headquarters are to be located in Claremore. We offer you the necessary office space in this hotel, gratis, as our modest contribution to the movement.

I shall be glad to furnish any other information desired and the committee members of our original association, who are now members of the executive committee of the Will Rogers National Memorial Committee, will be pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience with regard to the foregoing suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

Morton R. Harrison.

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