



"Trailer Vagabond" Tours Will Rogers' Home Town

By WARREN BAILEY

In 1911, Will Rogers went home to Claremore and while standing on a hill overlooking the city remarked: "I've just bought this 20 acres so I'll be coming back here some day when I'm old and the world is tired of my act and I'll build a home on this hill and just sit here and whistle and gab with my friends until the Big Boss stages the last round-up and us strays head for the home corral." That round-up was staged Aug. 15, 1935, near Point Barrow, Alaska and today there stands, instead of a home as Will had planned, Oklahoma's Memorial to Will Rogers, the "Will Rogers Memorial Museum."

No sooner had the news of the tragic death of the great humorist been spread to the world than friends and admirers began plans to perpetuate his memory with a suitable memorial.

In 1937 the Oklahoma State Legislature appropriated \$200,000 for that purpose. Mrs. Rogers donated the 20 acres Will had planned to use for his home and actual construction began in April, 1938. Dedication ceremonies were held Nov. 4, 1938 on the anniversary of his birth.

The Memorial stands on top of the hill overlooking a beautiful valley and the home town to which he was so loyal. It is of ranch house design probably

very much like the "home" Will might have built himself. More spacious, of course and more formal, yet it symbolizes the type of structure and the rough simplicity that characterized Rogers and his belongings.

It consists of four principal galleries and a library planned around a central foyer. All four galleries are devoted to Indian, Pioneer, Historical and Educational collections of keepsakes and mementos. Here you will see and read many original telegrams and letters Will sent to his friends. They all sparkle with wit and are written just as he talked.

Among other exhibits is his portable typewriter which was with him when the plane crashed. Its frame is badly twisted and its type jumbled: giving one some idea of the force of the fall.

His Own Words
The library is devoted to books of the Indian territory, early Oklahoma and American Indians and is used for educational and research purposes.

In the central foyer stands a bronze statue of the humorist, a duplicate of the one which stands in the Hall of Fame in Washington, D. C. On its base is a simple inscription in Rogers' own words—"I never met a man I didn't like."

Claremore is also well known because of its radium water. Will was especially proud of its health building properties. In writing to a friend about the water, he said, "William Jennings Bryan drank one drink of this water and turned against liquor. Senator La Follette drank two drinks of it and turned against everything."

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Judge Holds Cities Cannot Oust Oil Wells

Operation of 101 wells in the Venice oil field will continue, at least until a successful attack is made against them in a higher court, as the result of a decision handed down by Superior Judge William J. Palmer in Los Angeles this week.

Judge Palmer held that the city of Los Angeles could do no more by ordinance in trying to eliminate the wells than to declare a policy. To attempt to go farther than that "was to violate the most important principle of American government," which is that provision providing for the separation of the three powers—legislative, executive and judiciary, as stated in Article III of California's Constitution.

The city attempted, by ordinance, at the time the field was opened to drilling in 1930, to impose conditions that would provide for closing down the wells. One of these was not clear, and was given two interpretations—whether the wells must show an initial production of \$25 a day or the continuous maintenance of production at that level.

Judge Palmer quoted from a volume of the Federalist which he owns that is 113 years old. Borrowing the words of James Madison, he said concerning the separation of powers: "No political truth is certainly of greater intrinsic value, or is stamped with the authority of more enlightened patrons of liberty."

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Abound in Chrystantie;
For on this morn ye Chryst is born
That saveth you and me.

—Eugene Field

Fines totalling \$10,510 were collected from 338 persons arrested for violations of the state's fish and game laws during September.

Importation of live turkeys into the United States increased from 58,000 pounds in 1937 to 148,360 pounds in 1938.

Point Roberts, a peninsula jutting into the sea from Canadian territory near Vancouver, B. C., is under the American flag.

Nearly every national park in the United States showed an increase in the number of hikers on forest trails. The overnight pack-horse type of hiking gained especially in adherents.

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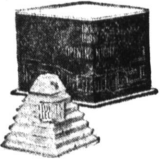
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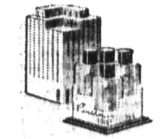
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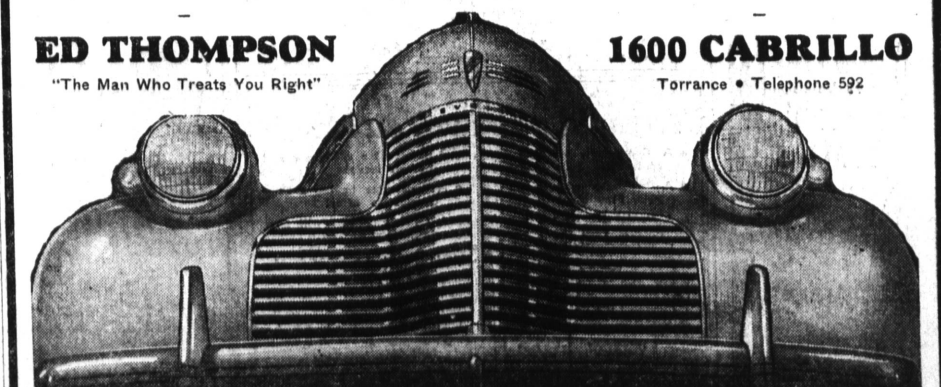
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