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WILL ROGERS, AMERICAN

Will Rogers, whose tragic death with Wiley Post, in a flying accident is reported today was much more than a clever comedian. Like all great humorists, he had extraordinary human insight. What Will said pithily and pungently, half the Missouri valley already felt. For all his wit and his seeming originality, Will Rogers took the words out of America's mouth. That is what made him so valuable an interpreter of America.

A simple cowboy from Oklahoma, with a miraculous gift of throwing a rope, Will Rogers ended up by becoming a symbol of the West and Middle West, a sort of Oklahoma David Harum, cum Josh Billings and Mark Twain. Those who understand the inwardness of things, and how position and trappings do not constitute greatness, will not be shocked if we call Will Rogers a great American. He was one of the most widely loved men in the English-speaking world.

Many of Will Rogers' gags will survive him, as for example, his remark, when, referring to his Indian blood, he apologized for the fact that his ancestors had not come over in the Mayflower, but allowed that they had met the boat. He was more than a "wise-cracker." His recent speech in an international broadcast from England, on the occasion of the King's Jubilee, was a little masterpiece. He showed an uncanny power of revealing the heart of America, and how that heart had been touched by the simple humanity of Their Majesties. He went on, coyly and with a grin, to invite the King and Queen to America to talk over the possibility of a reunion of the Empire and the United States. "It looks like maybe we bit off a little more liberty than we can handle," he observed shrewdly. "Let us know if there is any chance of us joining you all on the same terms Canada is on." Will Rogers was as American as "pumpkin pie," but he became a great admirer of Britain and a real friend of the Empire.—Montreal Star.

PRICE CUTTING BILL

We are advised by the Deputy Minister of Justice at Ottawa, that the amendments to the Criminal Code, as provided for in Bill No. 73, came into force on September 1, 1935, with the exception of sections 1 and 2, which relate to racing and section 5 which deals with false or misleading advertising. Application of the latter was postponed till January 1, 1936, at the request of mail order companies whose fall and winter catalogues were said to be well under way at the time the legislation was adopted.

This means that section 8 of the Criminal Code amendments will be effective September 1 next. This provides high penalties for any person or company who:

(a) is a party or privy to, or assists in any transaction of sale which discriminates, to his knowledge, against competitors of the purchaser in that any discount, rebate or allowance is granted to the purchaser, over and above any discount, rebate or allowance available at the time of such transaction to the aforesaid competitor in respect of a sale of goods of like quality and quantity;

(b) engages in a policy of selling goods in any area of Canada at prices lower than those exacted by such seller elsewhere in Canada, for the purpose of destroying competition or eliminating a competitor in such part of Canada;

(c) engages in a policy of selling goods at prices unreasonably low for the purpose of destroying competition or eliminating a competitor.

Section 6 of the Act also makes certain fraudulent practices with regard to falsifying wage records, payment of less than minimum wages, etc., offenses within the criminal law.

Sea breezes are better and cheaper than medicine in summer. New Brunswick has many fine beaches, along her salt waterfronts.

SNAPSHOTS

Is the police station sometimes left vacant, with no one at all to answer telephone calls? Someone should be left, to answer the telephone. Not necessarily a police officer, but some one.

License plates covered with dust or mud are useless. No motorist is so busy that he cannot spare time to wipe off his license tags. They are for identification purposes, but who can get the number of a car if the plates are not clean?

Correspondent wants to know if R.C.M.P. automobiles should be used privately.

Do magazine canvassers pay a license fee in Fredericton? If not, why not? They are not here just for their health.

"No Smoking" signs, in olden days posted up in courtesy to ladies, are now obsolete.

Mussolini's troops will find things too hot for them in Abyssinia, even if the war scare comes to nothing. They were not made for that climate. "There's a place for everything."

The York-Sunbury Historical Society's Museum is worth visiting. Residents of these two counties have sent in many very excellent and interesting articles as gifts and loans, and many more doubtless will be forthcoming from time to time, as searches in attics or little-used rooms brings them to light.

"It won't be long now" before the school bells ring again. Some kiddies may not relish the thought, but many mothers do.

A murder took place near Jaquet River on May 23. The Mounted Police were put on the trail. That was nearly three months ago. Why the mystery? This has the former House of Mystery skinned a mile. If the man who was found with two holes in the back of his head committed suicide he must have hid the revolver after he shot himself. If not, who did the deed? It was time that this thing was investigated properly.

Charlotte Co. Girl, Florenceville Boy Are Drowned

ST. GEORGE, Aug. 17—Jean McGill, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McGill, Bocabec, was drowned today and two other girls narrowly escaped a similar fate while bathing in a party of four at Bocabec Head, seven miles from here. None of the party could swim and they had splashed their way beyond their depth in Wheaton Lake.

A companion, Joseph Felsman, Boston, succeeded in bringing Helen McCullough and Ethel Holt, also of Bocabec, within reach by means of a long pole. He then ran for aid and Muriel McCullough, sister of Helen, swam out and located Jean's body, bringing it ashore.

FLORENCEVILLE, Aug. 17—Tragedy came swiftly to this village this afternoon, when Melvin, youngest son of Burt Forsythe, was drowned. He and his two sisters had gone in bathing in the Saint John River in front of their home, one mile below Florenceville on the west side of the river. It was thought he stepped into a hole while wading.

Judge Weeps as He Passes Death Sentence

LONDON, Aug. 17—Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord passed his first sentence of death—he was appointed a judge only a few weeks ago—and as he came to the words "hanged by the neck" he broke down and wept.

The man on whom the sentence was passed is twenty-year-old George Brown, found guilty at Manchester Assizes, of murdering Linda Dorcas Hill.

MAY RESIDE HERE

Hon. Premier Allison A. Dymally is contemplating taking up his residence in this city from the winter until after the close of the Legislative session. He may move here with his family in the near future.

Rogers and Post Wished To Die In An Airplane

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pany whom she came here to visit last Tuesday.

The first leg of the journey from Lakewood to Waterville, where they were to take a train for New York, was by automobile. It was believed Mrs. Rogers' plans provided for a stop of a few days in New York before she began the trans-continental journey to her Santa Monica home.

By ironical coincidence, Mary Rogers was playing the role of an airplane hostess in the current drama at the Lakewood Theatre, "Zelling Hero." The play concludes with a plane crash.

WILEY POST

OKLAHOMA CITY, August 17—The stocky little globe galloper who made the name of Wiley Post known around the world was a farm boy with a distaste for farming.

Wiley Post was born Nov. 22, 1893, on an isolated farm near Grand Saline, Van Zandt County, Texas.

Just as he kept the "Winnie Mae" on her record-breaking world-girdling course in 1933, the Texas farm boy kept his eyes on the goal he set for himself in the skies. An accident which cost him the sight of his left eye, gave him his start toward that goal.

Although agriculture never interested Post much, his father gave him a small cotton patch. Wiley took the utmost pains to develop his crop and with its proceeds he set out for a school in Kansas City to train himself in automobile mechanics.

Loses One Eye

The course cost him \$85, and young Wiley had to work out of school hours to pay living expenses. He got a job in a machine shop at Holdenville, and there came the accident that blinded him in his left eye. The \$2,000 he received as compensation was used to purchase his first airplane.

In June, 1927, Wiley eloped—in an airplane, with May Laine, the pretty 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Laine of Sweetwater, Texas. They had grown up together near Grand Saline.

Post got a job as pilot for F. C. Hall Chickasha oil man who later became his financial backer for the flights that shot Post to fame in the "Winnie Mae", named for Hall's daughter, Mrs. Winnie Mae Fain.

By this time he had achieved a reputation. The fact he had learned flying after losing an eye added to his renown. Friends said he was a "natural flier," who piloted from instinct, frequently making cross-country hops without looking at compass or map. For his larger exploits, however, he used both to full advantage.

In 1929 he entered the Los Angeles Chicago non-stop air derby and got lost—but won it, roaring ahead of a fast field in nine hours, nine minutes and four seconds.

While Post was brewing plans for a round the world flight later that year he met Harold Gatty, Australian-born navigator. After meticulous preparation Post and Gatty, with Hall's backing, streaked out from Harbor Grace, Nfld., on June 23, 1931, and circled a cheering world to land in New York just eight days, 15 hours, 51 minutes after leaving it.

Solo Flight

An urge to "keep on the move" led him to prepare for his solo flight around the world, his greatest exploit. In July 1933, he stood by his Winnie Mae for two weeks at New York waiting for a propitious time. At 3:10 a.m. July 15, he strode into the field, Mrs. Post at his side.

"I'm going pretty quick now," he said.

"Do be careful." Okeh," Post smiled, and soon he was off. Berlin, Novosibirsk, on through Fairbanks, Alaska, and back to New York in exactly seven days, 18 hours, 40 minutes.

Next, the stratospheric flights, this year. Four times he took off from fields in California, bent on reaching New York through extremely high altitudes in record time. Four times he failed to reach his goal, but what he learned of the stratosphere added to aviation's knowledge.

PREMIER AWAY

Premier A. A. Dymally left last evening for his home in Buctouche. The other cabinet ministers left for their respective homes yesterday. The government will meet here again next week, probably Tuesday.

OUR MAIL BAG

SPOILED HIS CHANCES

To Editor Neville:  
I should give you the devil, for advertising my age gives me pain. It spoils all my chances. Of being invited to dances, Or of ever being married again.

W. A. HAY.

Fredericton, N. B., August 16, 1935.

CHURCH SERVICES

United Baptist Church, Marysville  
11 a.m., Canada St. Church. Worship and prayer.

7 p.m., Olivet Church, Praise and fellowship. Rev. Otis Bullard Read of Merrimac, Mass., will preach at both services.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
Rev. George E. Ross, D.D., minister  
11 a.m., Public Worship. Subject: Successful Fishermen.

7 p.m., Public Worship. Subject: John's Vision of the World to Come, IV, "I saw no temple therein."

Rev. Dr. Ross will officiate at both services.

St. Paul's and Wilmot United  
Union summer services.

11 a.m., Public Worship in Wilmot Church. Sermon, "The Grace of Contentment."

7 p.m., Public Worship in St. Paul's church. Sermon, "God's Jesters." Why does the whole world mourn the death of Will Rogers, Humorist? Short summer services. Visitors welcomed.

Rev. J. W. Bartlett, minister in charge.

SANG AT BANGOR

The Marysville quartette, which is rapidly earning a reputation for itself, paid a visit to the State of Maine last week, singing at several places. At Bangor the quartette broadcast over station WLBZ and en route home sang at Smyrna Mills. The quartette is composed of Douglas Cochrane, first tenor; Harold Tait, second tenor; Marvin Mitchell first bass, and Gerald Cain second bass. The quartette sang for expenses.

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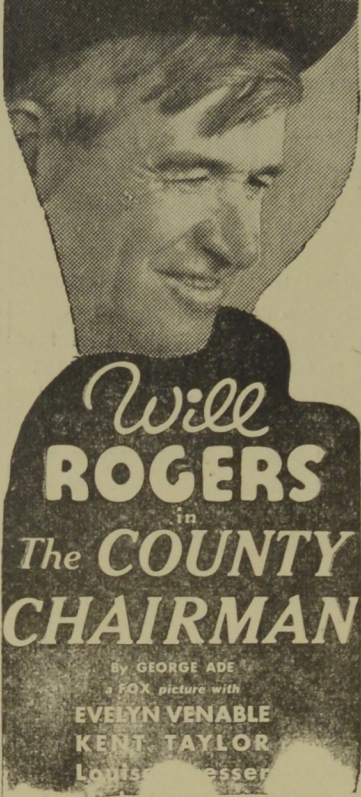
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