

MRS. WILL ROGERS VISITS MRS. STROUD OF ROGERS

(Special News Service)

Rogers, Ark., May 4.—Mrs. J. E. Stroud went to Joplin Tuesday afternoon to meet her sister, Mrs. Will Rogers, who is returning from New York city to her home at Beverly Hills, Calif. Mrs. Rogers has been with Will Rogers, the comedian, who started last Saturday for Europe for the Saturday Evening Post, where he expects to gather material for a series of articles for that magazine. His young son, Billie Jr., accompanied him on the trip. Mrs. Stroud and Mrs. Rogers are sisters of Mrs. Bruce Quisenberry of Joplin, formerly a citizen of Rogers.

CHEROKEE BILL IS PASSED

Measure Establishing Claims Up to President.

The Cherokee Jurisdictional bill, known as the Hastings bill, passed by the United States Senate Monday and is now ready for president's signature, according to information wired W. H. Clark, secretary of the Cherokee executive committee Monday by F. G. Bonnot, who is representing the Cherokee executive committee at Washington.

Local members of the Cherokee executive committee and others interested waxed jubilant Monday over the victory. The bill provides that Cherokees may enter suits against the government for claims which they have covered the period from their departure from Georgia for Indian Territory.

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To-day half of the oldest nations of Europe are in the grasp of dictators.

Mr. Beck said: "At no time within the memory of living man has Lincoln's ideal of a 'government of and by and for the people' been more openly denied and flouted."

High officials realize the danger confronting the people and the Government.

Secretary Hoover, in addressing the thirty-seventh annual convention of the National Association of Railroad and Public Utilities Commissioners, condemned "centralized bureaucracy," and is reported to have said:

Our Government was devised in spirit to sustain a dual purpose—to protect our people among nations by a great national power, and to preserve individual freedom by local self-government.

Mr. Hoover warned against the evils of too much government in Washington and gave voice to a fear that our present system of government—State and Federal—can not survive if the States continue to shift their responsibility to the Federal Government.

Commenting on this speech, the Washington Post said editorially:

Secretary Hoover has sounded a clarion note of warning. Unless this tendency ceases, State sovereignty, State rights, and State responsibility in the administration of local affairs must eventually disappear. The dual form of government founded by the fathers must be maintained. It is time for the American people to ponder seriously on this subject and bring both State and Federal Governments back to the system that best suits a people enjoying local self-government.

On May 30, 1925, President Coolidge, standing in the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington in the presence of the unknown soldier and thousands of patriotic Americans, living and dead, joined in this warning to the country:

We shall not correct admitted and grave defects—

Said the President—

if we hesitate to recognize them. We must be frank with ourselves. We ought to be our own harshest critics.

What America needs is to hold to its ancient and well-charted course.

Our country was conceived in the theory of local self-government. It has been dedicated by long practice to that wise and beneficent policy. It is the foundation principle of our system of liberty. It makes the largest promise to the freedom and development of the individual. Its preservation is worth all the effort and all the sacrifice that it may last. It can not be denied that the present tendency is not in harmony with this spirit.

In that solemn address the President forecast in the following words the future of America unless the present trend of government is changed:

If we can not govern ourselves—

Says President Coolidge—

if we can not observe the law, nothing remains but to have some one else govern us, to have the law enforced against us, and to step down

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