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A Tribute

By CLYDE TINGLEY, Governor of New Mexico

In the death of Will Rogers, New Mexico lost one of its best friends.

As a cowboy he had worked in the state. He had visited the state frequently, had given his time to help raise Red Cross funds in New Mexico towns, had been a frequent visitor in Roswell, where his son attended New Mexico Military Institute.

Oklahoma claimed Will Rogers, but he was too great a friend of the whole world to be claimed by any one state. His writings were universal in appeal and the man himself appealed to everyone—to all races and all nationalities.

He had written much about New Mexico, and New Mexico can claim him, too, for the state never had a more genial, lovable friend.

Probably everyone in New Mexico who had read his writings felt as I did, that his death was a personal loss.