

June 1, 1937.

Mr. Silliman Evans, President,  
Maryland Casualty Company,  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Silliman:

Attached, hereto, is a photograph made of the President fishing at Shady Oak Farm. He really landed a three pound bass which he had for his dinner the night he left Fort Worth. The photographer "jimmied" up the picture where he was pulling the bass out, however we had some excellent movies made of it, showing the fish in action. I presented the President with a new hat and he seemed to enjoy his visit to the farm.

I wired Mr. Farley in Clovis, N. M., inviting him to stop off in Fort Worth Sunday afternoon. You should have been here. It was a scream. The Honorable District Attorney gathered all his friends at the station, including Joe Steadham, big and little Bill McLean, Walter Scott and most of the new City Council. They had arranged for Chester Collins and the Honorable Solicitor General of the Post Office Department to parade Mr. Farley up to the hotel, made the announcement in the paper and Mr. Crowley flew to El Paso to make the trip back with him, notifying his friends along the line to meet the train, etc. The District Attorney and U. S. Marshall joined the party at Weatherford. Meanwhile, the Solicitor General notified the District Attorney that Mr. Farley had made other arrangements for his stop over in Fort Worth.

Hodges, Raymond, Elliott and I met the train, rode the Postmaster General up town in the 1902 Cadillac with everybody wearing linen dusters. We gave him a good turkish bath at the Club. The chef made a beautiful birthday cake for him about 8 X 15 inches reproducing an airmail letter, beautifully decorated "Honorable James A Farley - Happy Birthday", Sunday, May 30th, being his forty-ninth birthday.

While we were in the midst of making pictures of the ceremony in 10-G, the Solicitor General of the Post Office Department casually dropped in to

see what was going on, which shows if his judgment was in keeping with his gall he would be All-American. The Federal Judge Davidson also joined the party in Abilene and made the trip to Fort Worth. I remarked to the Postmaster General that he had probably had a lot of "hot stuff" poured on him during the past twenty-four hours prior to his arrival in Fort Worth and I thought nothing would do him more good than a thorough turkish bath to boil it all out.

Frankly, without any effort on my part, the way the party turned out, I never enjoyed anything more in my life and I know you would have got a kick out of it as did Elliott, Raymond and Hodges. Mr. Purdum was along and Bill Bray joined the party here to make the trip back with them.

Incidentally, I brought in another oil well today - 523 barrels - in Ector County. My two wild cat wells in Gaines County and one in Edwards County are under way. I should have a report on the Gaines County #1 well within the next few days. Everybody seems to think it will be allright except me. I presume my justification in feeling that it will be dry is the fact that I don't see how it could happen. So, I am susceptible to good news and prepared for bad news and will let you know later how it comes out.

I hope you and all of your family are well and with much love, I remain,

Sincerely,

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