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W. Worth, Texas

Dear Sir:

Before I give you the reason for this letter I wish to offer you my deepest regrets and sympathy for the death of the man who, from all I have heard and read, must have been the greatest friend you have ever had.

I am referring to Will Rogers, and my reasons for believing he was your greatest friend are:

(1) Each time he came through Fort Worth the

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papers stated that Amon G. Carter met Will Rogers at the airport, or, Rogers and Amon Carter had lunch together.

(2) In making his radio talks last winter I remember two such statements as this: "Now, take my good friend, Amon Carter, down in Texas."

He must have thought the world of you; therefore, that is why I thought you would be the one person who would be ready to do what I would like to see be done. This is it. We have no large monuments here and I think it would be a

splendid way for Fort Worth to show her love for Will Rogers and Wiley Post to erect a monument for those two great men, a monument that people will come from far and wide to see. I believe that this could be done by donations, for, haven't we always done things for Will in a big way. During his death campaign didn't we, according to population, make a larger donation than any city in the country? Such things as that

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made him think the world of our city. I am only twenty-two years of age and don't have a thing but a small job, but I would surely be willing to give to the last notch. It may sound strange, me never seeing Will Rogers in person, but I thought he was the grandest person on earth. His death gives my heart a faint feeling and makes me feel as though I have lost someone very dear to me. I am not ashamed to say that I have wiped tears from my eyes several times from

thinking of him. It seems
 as though he has
 taken with him half
 of the life and spirit of
 the American public.
 Almost everyone seems
 to feel as I do, that is why
 I think this could be
 done easily. It would be
 great to build this mon-
 ument and unveil it
 during the centennial
 to show the world our
 love for the man who
 loved all and was loved
 by all. We should let the
 memories of Will Rogers
 live for ever in H. North.
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Mr. Carter, I have written this with a sincere heart and the greatest of admiration and love for Mr. Rogers; therefore, knowing that anything as this might be news for the paper, I wish to beg of you not to use my name in case you should print it. I don't care for the publicity. That was not my intention for writing it and I would hate for anyone to think so.

Sincerely yours,
 Noble E. Spaulding