

I will take just a brief space on this splendid program to say a few words about the Will Rogers Memorial.

I knew Mr. Rogers very well and was closely associated with him during the greater part of his lifetime. But the whole world knew Will and words are so weak as a medium of expression of what is in the hearts of all of us about this man.

I shall always remember my last journey with Will, and it was a sad one. It was on the plane from Seattle to California. - the last lap of that journey from Alaska, and as I stood there by his ~~side~~<sup>cot</sup> that night, I wondered just what kind of a memorial we, of this country, could build which would be a perpetual recognition of him.

And so it's about this memorial I want to speak just a moment.

We can't have a fitting memorial without proper funds. That, I think we all understand.. In Fort Worth and in most parts of Texas, a very active campaign for funds has been conducted. We find that most folks are anxious to kick in. They do it joyfully and cheerfully. All of them want a part in this great and worthy enterprise so that when it is finally built, in their hearts, they can feel that they have done a bit towards it.

feel ~~I believe that this time, this great project is actually on the~~  
~~way.~~ We all know what it is about, and we are reverently for it, but in the rush of everyday life, there are so many demands made upon our time, so many things to think about, so many jobs to do, that a great many of us haven't gotten around to making our actual donation, and now, I believe, it is time for that donation. It can be done in a very simple manner. Every Bank in the United States is acting as an agency for the collection of these funds. Any Bank, your bank, will accept a donation from you for the Will Rogers Memorial Fund.

If Dear Old Will were alive tonight, I could almost hear him retort when the word "Bank" was mentioned - something like this "Well, in view of prosperity of this great old country of ours I wouldn't be afraid to trust any bank" - or something like that.

May I not suggest, as an Official of this campaign, that the time for action, the time for your contribution, has arrived. Why not send it either to the Committee or to your local Bank, and that, right away.

Let me repeat that I believe everyone hearing this program feels deeply about this matter. I believe you all want to be a part of it. The opportunity is here and when you make your donation, which I trust you will do right away, I know that there will be joy in your heart and peace to your mind and that you will have done your bit and joined up with the people of the United States in giving recognition to one of the greatest citizens ~~which has ever~~

~~produced.~~ This America ever possessed.