

And Rogers Would Say 'Just Do Something fer Them Little Fellows!'

The minds of those associated in the Will Rogers Memorial project inevitably and often turn back to the manner in which Will Rogers himself reacted toward humanitarian enterprises. No cause which aimed to make human beings happier and easier in body and mind failed to find in him an instant and fervid champion.

Such thoughts give rise to the mental question—How would this spontaneous national movement for a Will Rogers memorial have struck Will Rogers? An answer to this question is given by John Cowan, editor of the Wood County Record, Mineola, in an editorial recently published in that newspaper. The editorial follows:

MEMORIAL WEEK FOR WILL ROGERS.

By John Cowan, Editor Wood County Record, Mineola.

We fancy that could we draw aside the celestial curtain which shields good old Will Rogers from his earthly habiliments on this his memorial week and watch his wistful expression and hear his courageous remarks on what his friends and admirers are doing and saying about him, we would see the same good old Will awkwardly shuffling his feet, carelessly swinging his fumbling hands and embarrassedly grinning that good-natured smile, as he would be saying without any sham whatsoever:

"Aw, folks, you don't ought to do that and say those things about me, that I'm gone from you, 'cause I ain't far away; in fact, I'm close near you. 'Course I appreciate everything you do and say, but I ain't deserving them, and besides I'd much rather you'd be doing something fer humankind who are living among you down there and if you have to do something in my honor just let it be for the unfortunate ones about you, and tell them if I

was there I'd be wanting to do something for them, too. Just tell them that Will Rogers wants something good done for them, and that's his wish. If you've got to do something in my name like building a monument, please build an orphanage for the little fellows who ain't got a pretty little home with nice lights in them at night and roses about, and see to it that our future American boys and girls have a decent place to live and something to eat and wear, and give them a place to play where they can get red blooms in their creeks and where there ain't so much trouble, worry and fear about them. And if you need some more funds to complete that orphanage, why just draw on me up here on God's bank, for the cashier said I still had a little balance left and you know I would love to divide what I have with those future American citizens. I guess that's all I know to say right now, 'cept don't go too strong for me—just bear down hard and long for them."

WILL ROGERS



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See where two English scientists were able to "split the atom."

The world is not bad enough off as it was. Now they go and split the atom. Thats the last straw. We expect the Democrats to split, the country to split, but we always felt that the old "atom" would remain intact.

It was certainly a big disappointment to me. Come on, boys, lets up and atom!

Well, about all you can see in the papers is Honolulu.

Course I guess I am all wet, but I never have seen any reason why us, or any other nation, should hold under subjection of any kind any islands or country outside of our own.

We say we have to have it to pro-

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