

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

~~I knew Mr. Rogers very well and was closely associated with him
during the greater part of his life-time. 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 ^{his}
journey from Alaska, and as I stood there by his cot that night, I wondered just
what kind of a memorial we, of this country, could build ^{to perpetuate his}
~~perpetual recognition of him.~~ ^{Ideals}

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 ^{all} ~~most~~ parts of Texas, a very
active campaign for funds ^{is being} ~~has been~~ conducted. We find that most folks are ~~most~~
anxious to ~~keep~~ ^{do their part and do} 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.

We all know what this Campaign 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 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 Americans that America has ever produced.

I thank you.

The entire proceeds with
out expense or during
time all he spent for
Real Charter and war
money for a monument