

# Will Rogers Fund of \$60,000 'For Human Beings' Given U. T.



Jesse Jones, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, in the top picture turns over a \$60,000 check and contract for the Will Rogers Memorial Scholarship fund to President J. W. Calhoun, second from right. President-elect Homer Price Rainey looks on from the left and Amon G. Carter Jr., son of the Fort Worth publisher, looks on from the right. In the center is an oil painting of Will Rogers.

The center picture shows Mr. Calhoun presenting the papers to Dr. Rainey, who is soon to assume his duties as president. Mr. Jones is at the right.

The lower picture shows a close-up of the painting of the actor-humorist, with President Calhoun, Dr. Rainey, Mr. Jones, and Carter, left to right.

## Jesse Jones Presents Check

Scholarship Money  
To Be Ready in 1940

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"A memorial more enduring than brass—because it deals with human beings."

Thus President Ad Interim J. W. Calhoun, who shortly will retire from that office, characterized the \$60,000 Will Rogers Memorial Scholarship Fund presented to the University Monday morning by Jesse Jones, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and national treasurer of the Will Rogers Memorial Commission.

"Will Rogers," the retiring president stated, "gave more pleasure to more people than anybody since Mark Twain."

In a brief ceremony held in the stately Academic Room of the Main Building in the presence of University and state officials, Mr. Jones turned over to President Calhoun the \$60,000 check and contract signed by Owen D. Young, vice-president of the Commission, and by Major J. R. Parten, chairman of the Board of Regents of the University. Beginning probably in September, 1940, after time for one year's interest to accumulate, the fund will yield approximately \$1,800 a year for scholarships to the University for physically handicapped students.

After accepting the fund and contract, President Calhoun presented the papers to his successor, President-elect Homer Price Rainey.

Amon G. Carter, Fort Worth publisher and chairman of the Texas division in collecting funds for the national memorial to the late actor-humorist, was to have been present, but the serious illness of his wife made it necessary for him to remain in Fort Worth. He designated his son, Amon Jr., student in the University, however, to represent him at the presentation.

Other notables seated at the speakers' table were Lieutenant-Governor Coke R. Stevenson, R. Emmett Morse, speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, and former Governor W. P. Hobby, Houston publisher.

The presentation was held in front of an oil painting of Will Rogers, done by Mrs. C. D. Rice of Austin. The painting has been on display at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel for some time.

The ceremonies were held in typical Will Rogers fashion—brief and simple. After about a thirty-minute delay, the entire program was completed in only a little more than a quarter of an hour.

Before presenting Mr. Jones, President Calhoun told the audience that The University of Texas was one of the three institutions in the country selected by the Commission to serve as trustees of such a scholarship fund, the other two schools being the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Oklahoma at Norman.

Before beginning his brief address, Mr. Jones stated that he was always very happy at having an opportunity to return to Texas, his home. He stated that he was particularly happy in returning at this time, for two reasons: first, to have the pleasure of presenting the Commission's fund to the University, and, second, to attend the graduation exercises for a granddaughter in Houston.

"It has been a labor of love to have had the privilege of aiding in establishing this memorial to Will Rogers, and it is fitting in every way that The University of Texas should have a part in it," the R.F.C. chairman told the audience.

"Monuments and memorials are usually erected to men who distinguish themselves as statesmen or soldiers. Few are erected to private citizens, but actually Will Rogers could hardly be regarded a private citizen. He belonged to the world by acclamation, and there probably has never been as

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## Exes Master Canyon Waters

### Swift Boys Were Once Students In Engineering

Roy Swift and W. E. Swift, the two brothers who successfully swam the Santa Helena Canyon Saturday, are ex-students of the University and are better remembered on the campus for their work in the College of Engineering than for swimming. Roy was a student in 1930 and 1931, and W. E. was graduated from the University in 1928 with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering.

The brothers made the swim in thirteen hours, and during the en-

tire trip of twenty-one miles they saw no sign of human life.

Roy said, "Anybody who made that trip in a boat did mighty well."

Dr. W. P. Webb, professor of history, made a boat trip of thirteen miles of the canyon with four others in 1937 in a little more than forty-nine hours.

The brothers are members of the American Red Cross. They have made several other trips part of the way into the canyon. In 1931 they went halfway through the canyon, and in 1932 they discovered and explored a huge cavern.

Several attempts have been made to swim the canyon, and one has been successful. During the trip the two men looked for a

soldier who drowned in the attempt to make the trip last year, but they did not find the body. They said, however, his body might be hung in some brush-wood.

The only equipment the men carried was two inflated truck tubes, their cameras, and a day's supply of food.

### Girls Must Choose Advisers by June 1

Nomination blanks for upper-class dormitory and boarding-house advisers must be turned in to the Dean of Women's Office by June 1.

Qualifications that make a girl an all-round "good scout," the right attitude toward men, and good taste in clothes are important to an adviser. Courtesy, honesty, good conduct, neatness, and good judgment are expected of her. She must observe regulations, co-operate with people in every way, and be patient at all times.

A rating sheet has been sent to girls in dormitories and boarding houses so that the selection of the upper-classmen will be unanimous among present advisers, staff members and girls. The final invitation will be sent by the Dean of Women in the name of the University.

## Engineers Turn Alligators And Jive With Slip-Sticks

By E. S. PENNEBAKER JR.

The Philadelphia Philharmonic Orchestra has nothing on the engineers when those boys "give" on their finals. When they start those "slip-sticks" to sliding out the answers, they make Tommy Dorsey look like the second bazookaist in the Podunk Junction Symphony. Yes, sir, and if all the miles that the average under-the-hillite's "slip-stick" slipped out in a school year were placed end to end, it would make Caruso's spaghetti look like the inside of a doughnut.

A "slip-stick" is, in technical terms, a slide rule. It is a little gadget in which numbers are put in here and the answer slides out there. It is the distinguishing feature of an engineer. In fact, an engineering student would feel as lost without his "Suzy" in his hip pocket as a monkey would be without his tail.

Round about this time of year, the boys get "Ole Suzy" out and groom her well for that last lap. Evidently one engineer spared the oil can, for it is reported that while a student in thermodynamics final was slithering down the groove in high the other day, "Ole Suzy 400" developed a hot box, and before he could apply the brakes, a bearing had burned out. Needless to say, the unfortunate engineer flunked the exam, for who ever heard of an engineer multiplying two times two in his head? Why, it just isn't done.

But in a few days, all will be quiet once more. The slithering swish of slip-sticks will be stilled, for many of the engineers will be heading out to the Texas "oil patches," and "little Suzy" must give way to that hoe, grease bucket, and chain tongs for the summer.

### Etta Porter Fund Added to Altrusa

The Etta Porter Memorial Scholarship, honoring Miss Etta Porter, who died last week, will be added to the Altrusa Scholarship by the Altrusa Club, of which Miss Porter was to be president next year, it has been announced. Three Austin girls have graduated from the University on the Altrusa Scholarship.

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spontaneous a demand to honor a passing citizen as was true immediately following the accident that took Will Rogers from us," the speaker stated. "The world was saddened when the news of that accident was flashed from Point Barrow.

"We miss Will Rogers as we miss no other man. He gave us a bit of homely philosophy every day, a prod to remind us that we should not take things too seriously. I wish we had him with us today to give us those daily bits of philosophy. We need him. His was a mission ordained from on high, and the world is better because of what he gave us. We are fortunate to have the privilege of honoring him.

"I have said that your purpose in establishing this fund is to create a living memorial to Will Rogers in perpetuity. I recognize 'in perpetuity' means a very long time. We believe the world will be better if we can perpetuate his life and spirit.

"There has never been another such character as Will Rogers. Wherever he went he was immediately recognized, and crowds in the street would gather about him in genuine admiration and affection. All loved him. He gave something of himself—good cheer—to all with whom he came in contact. He was the one man who could make the world laugh and forget its troubles.

"Will Rogers had an extraordinary knowledge of human nature, a wholesome sense of humor for all humanity, and a commonsense wisdom that went to the heart of a problem. He was as ruggedly simple and unaffected in manner as he was at heart, yet he was as much at ease with presidents or kings as with the humblest citizen. Will Rogers was a peace-loving man, and has been widely quoted as saying that he had never met a man he did not like. He was one of the great men of our generation.

"Hundreds of thousands of people throughout the country have contributed to this fund, and I would like to see it augmented by further gifts from people interested in helping underprivileged boys and girls to prepare themselves for life without depending upon charity," the speaker concluded.

"Just as Will Rogers would have wanted it," Mr. Jones later stated, "the average gift to the Memorial fund has been about 45 cents per person."

Not a gift to the University but a trust fund with the Board of Regents as trustees, the memorial to the beloved Will Rogers was first announced last October by Mr. Jones when he was the dedication speaker at the opening of the Will Rogers Memorial Museum at Claremore, Okla., "real home" of the cowboy who turned actor, radio star, and world-famous figure.

Mr. Jones explained that the three universities chosen were so named because Will Rogers was closely identified with these states, that non-sectarian schools were selected because the Commission felt that it would be these institutions that would have the best chance of surviving the passing of time.

The funds will be administered by the governing boards of the institutions in such a manner that the "entire income will be expended for the education, training, or other assistance to the handicapped boys and girls as defined, or the assisting of pupils in preparing themselves to work in the interests of such children."

The Commission defines the term "handicapped" as including "boys and girls handicapped physically or mentally, or handicapped by reason of environment or lack of opportunity, or such related causes and thereby incapacitated to take advantage of the opportunities that the government of the United States holds open to all of its citizens."

An estimated 575,000 people contributed \$226,121 to the memorial, governed by the Commission. Also, representatives of the stage and screen erected a hospital in the Adirondack Mountains, costing over a million dollars, and \$1,130,477 was realized from theater contributions during the first three years following Will Rogers's death. Mr. Jones estimated that more than ten million people had contributed to the memorial funds.