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Will Rogers--An Institution...

America will pay tribute to one of its most beloved sons Tuesday when a life-sized statue of Will Rogers is unveiled by General Dwight D. Eisenhower in Fort Worth before the auditorium and coliseum named in his honor. The great humorist and philosopher was killed in a plane crash in 1938 while flying to Alaska with Wiley Post.

Will Rogers became an institution during his life-time and his popularity has not abated with his death. He still survives in his humor and his great love for his fellow man. He is still remembered for his home-spun jokes, philosophical outlook on life, his drawing speech, awkward walk, and the gum that seldom left his mouth.

His native pride, his desire to travel, his

love for horses, his carelessness with money, and his generosity endeared him to all his fellowmen.

Neither Will Rogers' philosophy of life, nor his religion were of the formal type that could be traced to some school of thought.

Once when he was asked by a minister to give him his philosophy of living, Will Rogers replied, "I was raised predominately a Methodist, but I have traveled so much, mixed with so many people in all parts of the world, I don't know now just what I am. I know I have never been a non-believer. But I can honestly tell you that I don't think that any one religion is the religion. Which way you serve your God will never get one word of argument or condemnation out of me."

One Thin Ray of Hope...

Fear of a world collapse hangs over our heads. Every day as we read the news, we get that brown taste in our mouths. Are we headed, inescapably, for a new world war, one that will be worse than the one just finished?

Optimism is hard to find. But Cord Meyer, Jr.—no Pollyanna—does not believe it is too late to establish an effective world government, which will head off catastrophe.

Mayer, who lost one eye in the battle for Guam, is president of United World Federalists, and was assistant to Harold E. Stassen at the San Francisco meeting which drafted the UN charter. He left San Francisco convinced that World War III was inevitable unless the UN was "substantially strengthened." His views are expressed in a new book, "Peace or Anarchy."

Louisa Fisher, reviewing the book in the Saturday Review of Literature, took the position that it is already too late to create an effective world government.

But Meyer sees one thin ray of hope. He says:

World government is often attacked as utopian by those who believe that many generations must pass before so great an institutional change should even be attempted. However, Mr. Fischer's criticism comes from exactly the opposite direction. He admits the immediate necessity for world government, but believes that it is too late rather than too early to achieve it. He concedes that two years ago there was a pos-

sibility of building a universal security system of enforceable law but is convinced now that the actions and designs of the Soviet government have obliterated that hope.

"The first step toward peace is one that the American people must take for themselves. Led by an informed and insistent public demand, our own government must demonstrate its willingness to accept with others the necessary restrictions on national independence.

"The Russians then will have an opportunity to choose between a continued arms race and a reliable system of security. If they choose to accept, institutions to administer and enforce world laws can be created by common consent to amendment of UN. If the Soviet government sees fit to refuse, a time limit should be set at the expiration of which the United States should join with those who are willing in creating a partial world government. The door must be left open to Russian entrance, and every effort must be made to prevent the new union from becoming a mere military alliance against the Soviets.

"As Dr. Einstein has suggested, it is reasonable to hope that the Russians might reconsider an initial decision to stay out, if they saw a successful federation of the rest of the nations being organized without them. Should the Russians remain unalterably opposed, as Mr. Fischer predicts, then the new federation should strengthen its military defenses and prepare to wait for a change in Russian leadership."

Let's Do It Again...

Two weeks ago, when Baylor visited A. & M., we proved that we could be good hosts. This week-end we will have an even more important game. Southern Methodist, now in the lead for the Southwest Conference crown and victor over Texas, will be playing on Kyle Field and the Aggie team will be out to deliver one more upset. Feelings will run high on both sides. So it's up to us once more to prove that we can live up to our best reputation.

Here are two letters that came to the desk of Dean W. L. Penberthy, in appreciation for our behavior during the Baylor week-end:

"All of us here at Baylor appreciated and enjoyed all of our contacts and relationships with all of you at A.&M. during the past week with the notable and important exception of the football game itself. That, however, is a matter which we hope to recover before another year rolls around.

Most sincerely yours,
James P. Cornette
Dean, Baylor University"

"For the past several seasons those games in which I was an official that were played in College Station were interrupted on numerous occasions by promiscuous yelling when the opposing team was about to put the ball in play. Several times each game it was necessary to take 'time-out' for the noise to subside. Needless to say, this unusual situation has been the main topic of conversation in the pre-game meeting with the coach of the opponents.

"To those in authority who have taken the lead, to the yell leaders, and to the students themselves should go a special commendation for their conduct during last week's game with Baylor. Not once was it necessary to stop play, and the two times that the noise might have interfered if continued a mere hand waving on my part was

all the action required. Of course, the Aggies had possession of the ball most of the afternoon, but Baylor had the ball on numerous occasions directly in front of the Aggie rooting section, and in these instances the Corps behavior was very sportsmanlike.

"The other game officials, and I am sure your future opponents, join me in praising the discontinuance of a practice that has given so much trouble in the past.

Sincerely yours,
Ab Curtis"

We are asking the boys on the football team to "do it again," to upset highly-favored SMU. Let's pledge ourselves to "do it again" in maintaining the same high level of sportsmanship.

Copy received by the Sealy (Tex.) News from a country correspondent:

"Will be big rodeo and barbecue at Ellis City. It will be given by my brother so will be there. It be plenty beef and sausage Bar-B-Q. Plenty beer in stand. At suite a big dance. Oh, Boy. So don't nobody get sick on that day. Well, so long until next week. Of course if I don't get bellache or die. I hope not."

Reddest face in the Florida House of Representatives recently was that of Rep. I. Walter Hawkins of Daytona Beach. Rep. Guy Crews of Jacksonville, who loves his joke, read into the record an item from Hawkins' home town paper, intending to report the lawmaker in bed with a bad cold. A composition error made it read "Rep. Hawkins is in bed with a bad coed."

Dr. J. A. Hockaday, mayor, doctor and promoter of a fish rodeo, recently bought the Port Isabel (Tex.) Pilot, weekly, then subscribed to a clipping service for stories about his 1947 rodeo. The first clipping was from the Pilot.

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As MacKenzie Sees It...

England 'Trimming Ship' Not Swinging to Right

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The smashing conservative victory in Britain's Municipal elections to the discredit of the Labor (Socialist) Regime shouldn't be taken as indicating that England is swinging to the extreme right but rather that the public is in progress of trimming the ship of state so that it will list neither to the one side nor the other politically but will ride on an even keel.

The Conservatives claim—and probably rightly—that the elections are a rebuke to the Socialist Regime's management of affairs. The government was not only unable to avert the fierce economic crisis which grips the country, but in two years of office hasn't been able to check it.

Things have gone from bad to worse until Britain is threatened with one of the greatest disasters of her long history. Moreover, and this is important psychologically, the people are under war-time regimentation, and the austerity of living conditions is so great that there is even shortage of such necessities as food, clothing and fuel. Mind you, the British have amply demonstrated that they can stand any amount of austerity necessary, but the signs are they are wondering whether they are being handed a rough deal.

There is, I believe, another significant element in the elections. They are held by informed observers to be a warning that there is no place in England for the Communist which is tripping so many continental countries, including France, just across the channel from the Cliffs of Dover.

Basically, present day Britain is fairly close to the middle of the road politically, with a moderate tendency to the right. That was strikingly illustrated the first part of October when, as this column pointed out at the time, the Socialist government swung a bit to the right and the Conservatives moved a little left.

Socialist Prime Minister Attlee appeared to recognize the need of political moderation when he shook up his cabinet and demoted Emanuel Shinwell, Minister of Fuel and power, who is one of the most powerful, left-wing leaders and had charge of coal mining operations which are the crux of the economic crisis.

Of course the Conservatives are jubilant and are demanding that

the Socialist government resign and go to the country for a fresh mandate in a general election. Churchill issued a statement declaring that from now on the government "will govern without the moral support and against the will of the people."

However that may be, the Socialist decline to consider any such move. And why should they, when they have a big majority in the House of Commons? The Attlee Government still has three years to run before a new general election will be necessary, unless a large number of his own followers should desert and vote against him with the Conservatives—which is most unlikely—unless the Prime Minister for some unforeseen reason should decide to call for a new election.

Certainly the indications are that the present regime will carry on as usual, barring some unexpected development.

Sbisa to Operate Snack Bar at Noon

The Snack Bar in Sbisa will be opened at noon on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, according to M. M. Kiers, chairman of the Student Senate Mess Committee.

The Bar will not be opened on meekless Tuesday. Kiers stated that the Sbisa Snack Bar was instituted on trial basis and its continuation will depend on the reception of the student body.

The Snack Bars in Duncan and Sbisa will continue to operate from 8 to 10. If enough students wanted it, a noon bar could be opened in Duncan, stated Kiers.

Anyone having suggestions on the operations of the Snack Bars should contact one of the committee members.

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Hollywood Round-Up...

Even Oscar Can't Keep Fred March In Hollywood

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD, (AP)—If you think winning an Oscar will induce Fredrick March to settle in Hollywood, you have another guess coming.

The incumbent Academy Award winner is back in these wilds for "Another Part of the Forest," his first film since his award performance. But he won't stay.

"I was tied down here for nine years," he said, referring to his servitude at Paramount in the thirties. "Never Again."

The Racine, Wis., actor kept a house here but avoids all entangling alliances. One of the most demanded actors on stage and screen, he needs a term contract like he needs dramatic lessons. Instead, he likes to call his shots, doing films at intervals between stage appearances, which he usually makes with his wife, Florence Eldridge.

His next project is a mammoth one—portraying Christopher Columbus in an English film. Mrs. March, who is also in his current picture, will play Queen Isabella or another prominent character. Fred reported that plans are nearing completion and his Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria are already being built.

After Columbus, March may do another play or perhaps the film version of his last stage hit, "Years Ago." Originally Spencer Tracy was to do the part, but he cooled on it. Fred fixed it because "it's an old character with a Chester Conklin moustache and I could play it 10 years from now." Now he's reconsidering, since his wife reminded him he was eager to do the screen "Life with Father," a similar type of role.

Tyrone Power is reported to be flying across the Atlantic this week in his own plane. The Edward Small Company says the actor is bringing back some footage of "Cagliostro," which his friend, Gregory Ratoff is filming in Rome. That's an expensive messenger boy.

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Fish-Game Students Return From Gulf Coast Field Trip

By GUN ENGLING

Sixteen students of the Wildlife Management Department, accompanied by Cecil Reid, instructor, returned Sunday from a field trip to the marine laboratories of the Texas Game, Fish, and Oyster Commission at Rockport on the Gulf coast.

The purpose of the field trip was to acquaint members of the class with the common forms of marine life, their habitats, and marine fisheries operations in general.

The class, with Reid, J. L. Baughman, chief marine biologist for the Texas Game Fish and Oyster Commission, William S. Heit, director of the Texas coastal water-fowl survey, and R. L. Singleton went out into Copano Bay traveling early Saturday morning. A shrimp trawl was operated from one of the three boats used.

Various kinds of marine fishes, mostly bottom forms, and two different species of shrimp were caught in the trawl. Each of these was pointed out and named for the class by Baughman.

Following the trawling demonstration, the party cruised up the inter-coastal canal to San Antonio Bay where a 600-foot seine was put into operation by seven of the men. Such common marine fish as mullet, redfish, shrimps, and sawfish were caught. Specimens of each type of fish were preserved and brought back to be put into the fish collection at the wildlife museum at A. & M. College.

Sunday morning Baughman spoke to the entire group for 2 hours on types of marine fishes, conservation of marine fishes, commercial fisheries possibilities along the Texas gulf coast, and the pollution problem. He pointed out that the three main factors causing harm to marine life are industrial pollution, admittance of bays and bayous caused by erosion all over Texas, and harm done to marine life by the operations of commercial fishermen.

AIEE To Hear Guest Speaker

E. J. Boling of Lynn, Massachusetts will speak on "War-time Development in the Measurement Field" at a meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. in the EE Lecture Room.

Boling is manager of the instrument section of General Electric.

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