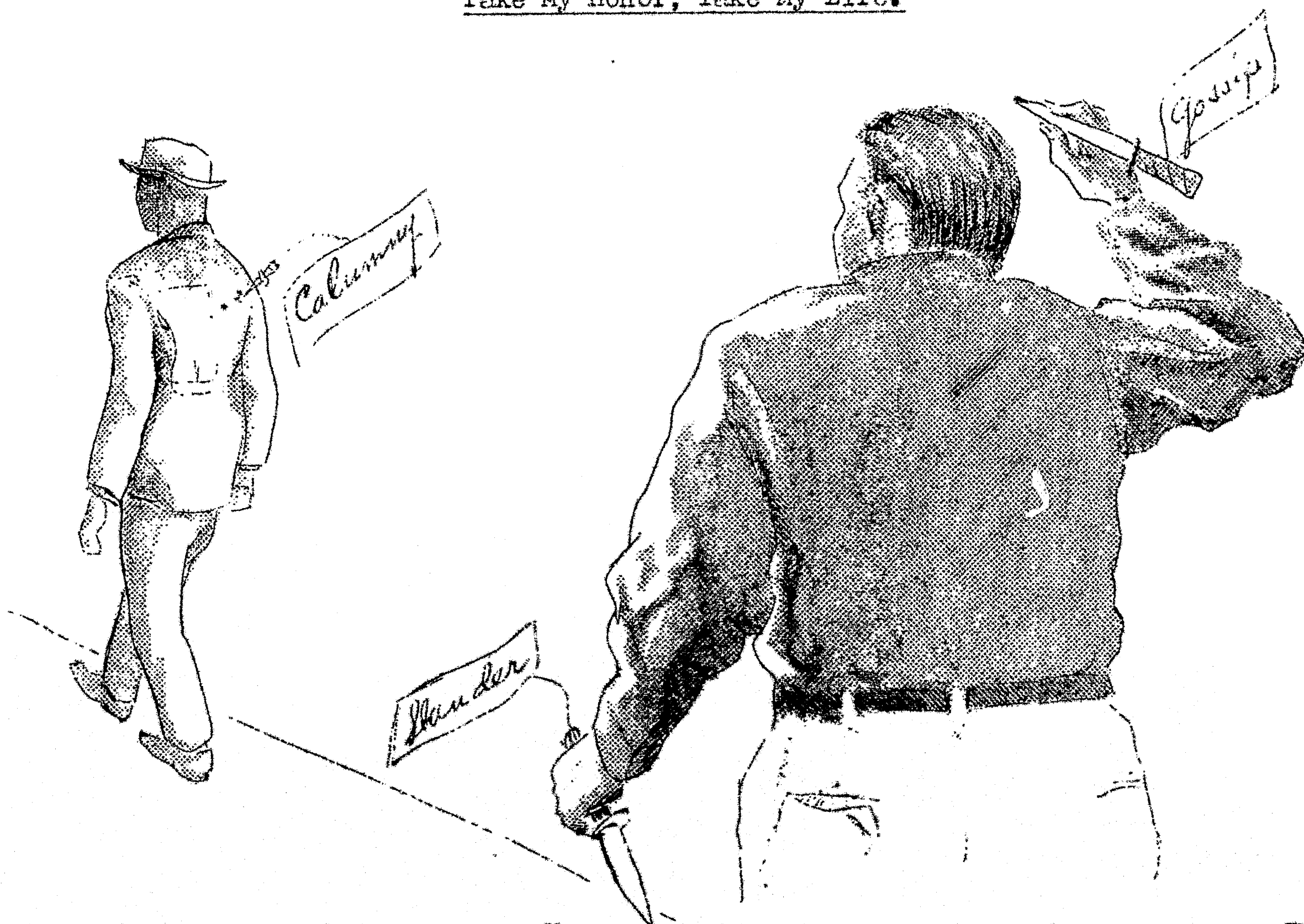


1st anniversary of death  
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"Take My Honor, Take My Life."



Your character is what you are. Your reputation is what others think you are. The most important good of your soul, save life, is your honor and reputation.

What holds true for you, holds true for your neighbor. He, too, has a right to his reputation. And you have the obligation to respect it.

#### Have You Ever Ruined Anyone's Reputation?

Do you gossip about the other fellow's faults behind his back? Did you ever expose his imperfections to the heartless chatter in one of your sessions?

Are you jealous of a student's popularity or his qualities of mind? If you are not, why do you try to minimize his accomplishments?

Maybe you are hungry for a little recognition, yourself. So you try to make yourself big in making others small--in belittling them. Be careful; that's inflation. Some day, someone will knock the wind right out of you.

#### Is It Safe?

Is your neighbor's, or your friend's, or a woman's reputation safe in your hands? One lie about another's good name may ruin him. The loss of reputation is irreparable. Money can't restore it; neither can the courts. Slander and detraction are sins worse than stealing and just short of murder. What if a woman has been indiscreet. That does not justify you in destroying her reputation, even when you speak the truth--that is detraction.

Honor and respect the reputation of all. Be loyal especially to your friends.

PRAYERS: (deceased) grandmother of Bill Eotzum (Alumni). Ill, (appendectomy) Dick Mullin (Lyons); father of Gene Delan (Welsh). Four special intentions.