

November 26, 1953

Mrs. Sidney W. Farnsworth
1760 Harbert Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

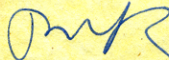
Dear Mrs. Farnsworth:

I have been feeling so miserable with a persistent cold every since I returned from Charlotte that I have not attempted to put on paper the thanks and sincere appreciation I feel for the gift of the Shakespeare prints which you recently presented to Southwestern. These will become increasingly a source of satisfaction to students of English literature as well as the hoped for expansion into art, and as they are catalogued and protected will find appropriate use. I do not suppose that there will be any other college in the country with anything like this.

We want surely to have an article about your gift in the next issue of the Southwestern News, and I think that it would be appropriate to have something in the local papers, but I do not know what your wishes in this matter may be. Would you be willing for us to write up a brief story on it, even indicating some estimate of the monetary value of the collection and its possible uses at the College? From an income tax angle it might not be a bad idea to get a figure into some article, even though there may be no desire to emphasize this point. At your convenience please let me know what you think of my suggestion. We will want to have something in the Southwestern News in any event.

I was very sorry that I could not have a visit with your folks in Charlotte, but I was too full of sneezes to be visiting people with children.

Very sincerely yours,



Peyton N. Rhodes

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*left with Dr Stein 10/26/54
Jan 20/54 clipping, picture
of Mr Brown, and notebook
containing list of prints*