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## Peyton Nalle Rhodes letter to Sidney W. Farnsworth

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August 15, 1957

Mr. Sidney W. Farnsworth  
Highlands, North Carolina

Dear Sidney:

Thanks for your recent note to which Erma replied while I was away. I was in Hot Springs from August 4-11 speaking at the First Presbyterian Church on each of those two Sundays and taking six baths and massages in between. The church services were not too much work, for I have become hardened to the Presbyterians now, and the baths were very relaxing though I do not think they do one much permanent good. I stayed at the Majestic Hotel in a nice room provided by the church and was quite comfortable. Alice and Joe came over on Friday, August 9 and came back with me Sunday.

While there I finally found a young woman to fill the biology place left vacant by the marriage of Miss Emily Shaw, so unless somebody drops dead now before college opens we are all set; though we could still use a competent person as a second man in economics and business administration. However, it is impossible to get anybody who is any good at a price we can pay.

I was greatly disappointed over the failure of selling the Parkway property. We could certainly have used the income on \$70,000.00 in endowment. Now we will have the expense of cutting down the dead trees over there. I knew that filling in around those trees would kill most of them, but Springfield and Rollow thought the increase in grade level from the leftover dirt from Parkway would offset the loss of the trees.

One thing I forgot to write you in my last letter was about the matter of a name for the new Refectory. This is something that has got to be decided before too long, for we should put up a bronze plate about it. Frankly, when Mrs. Burrow became so ill last spring it did not seem that she might last out the summer, and I had in the back of my head the possibility of Mr. Burrow being pleased over having the building named for her. Her name was Catherine Cecille (?) Walter, and I thought of the possibility of naming it Catherine Walter Hall in case we did not want another Burrow name on the campus. I have a vague notion that you and I and Mr. Burrow talked about this a little bit once, though I am not sure. I was talking with him today in a general way, for he calls up every day or two, and I told him of the progress on the Refectory. He said, "Have you named it yet?" I said, "No, we have got to get around to that. Do you have any ideas?" He replied, "I have one," and laughed, so I do not know what he meant. Mrs. Burrow seems to be somewhat improved, though I do not think she will ever get out again. Whether or not she would like the building named for her either with a name ending in Walter or Burrow I do not know. I think Mr. Burrow would be delighted to have a part in the naming, and it would certainly be appropriate enough. Whenever we need more funds for the contractor he produces what is needed, and makes it possible for us to keep our funds invested for a longer period. This business is something for you to think pretty hard about, and I have not discussed it with anyone else.