

March 2, 1927.

Miss Lena Dunlavey,
1109 Alston Ave.,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Miss Dunlavey:

I noticed the other day that in the planting of trees on the grounds of the George Clarke School, each tree was named for some distinguished citizen and that your class named its tree for the writer.

While, I do not feel that I come within the proper designation of "distinguished" citizen and feel wholly out of place in such company as George Washington and the others, I sincerely hope that this deficiency will not interfere with the growth of this particular tree. It is handicapped from the start, I am free to admit, yet, I sincerely trust that the Spring rains and the warm sunshine of the Spring and Summer months, in a measure at least, may tend to overcome it.

I have received a few so-called honors in recognition of my more or less feeble efforts in behalf of community undertakings, but none of them have given me the genuine pleasure that has come from the faith and recognition thus accorded by the boys and girls of your class.

Won't you please express to them for me, my appreciation and the assurance that regardless of what may happen to the handicapped tree, I shall do my best to justify their faith by my efforts in the future?

Yours sincerely,