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To Those Concerned for Dr. Theora England:

It has been a habit of mine to count my many blessings daily in much the same manner as I would count jewels in my yard. Among my special blessings is the acquaintance and friendship of Dr. Theora England. She is such a dear person, one who possesses so many of the qualities and characteristics of those individuals for whom we have special love.

I first met Dr. England in Yankton, South Dakota, in 1958 where a group of us had met to dream about developing a better speech program for the collegiate student in the Iowa-Nebraska-South Dakota area. The leadership she had demonstrated at Northwestern College was immediately apparent, and this soon had a wholesome influence on the thinking of the entire group. Subsequent years saw that meeting as a launching point for a unique program of speech activities for students in the small, church-related college with limited finances. It did work wonderfully! All of us learned to appreciate each other during the many speech experiences which were to follow. Students and faculty advisers started seeing each other as people, and the relationship was beautiful. In retrospect, I firmly believe Dr. England as the one who was largely responsible for this philosophy which resulted in the Tri-State Speech Conference.

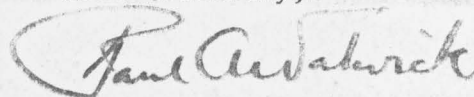
The retirement plans of Dr. Theora England have now been announced. The challenge is that of Northwestern College and the Speech Profession--not hers. The impact she has exerted has resulted in an indelible mark on each of her many students who have sat at her feet and colleagues with whom she associated. It will always be there.

On this occasion, I personally thank God for her and beseech Him to grant her many years of continuation of the same wholesome influence on the rest of us. We need those special Dr. E's, and I am most grateful that I have been privileged to know her and work with her.

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Mrs. Walwick and my children hold her in great fondness also and join me in expressing our sincere best wishes.

Most Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul A. Walwick". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Paul A. Walwick, Chairman
(formerly of Concordia Teachers
College, Seward, Nebraska)

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