

Quantness, Peaceable Street, Georgetown, Connecticut
October 10, 1949

Dearest Laura:-

The pictures arrived day before yesterday, Sat., house full of people, head full of hurting, so that I have had to wait until now to tell you that they are lovelier even than I had remembered. Your pictures, not guests and hurtings. Everyone who has seen the under the laurel bush and out on the pond portraits has just firmly taken one of each, and I do like the laurel one better than any I have ever had taken. I'm delighted with them all. Enclosed, as they say, please find check -- and thanks.

I am adding \$30. to the check with a BRASSY request -- would you autograph 5 copies of The Rio Grande for me, and write the recipients' names in them, for me to give for Christmas presents? The names are

Elda Bouton

Robert Kaudy

Yehudi Wyner

Mary Powers

Henry Schnakenberg

I, and they, would be so grateful.

THOSE ROGERS! is all I can say. She did a column of a "life" of me, without asking me, and started it with my being born in Colorado Springs 2 years before mother and father had met, mother in Delaware, father in France. Greatest labour-saving device of the century. Everything else was about as accurate. I send back your column so that you may give yourself a little extra pain now and then.

I hope the autographing parties were funny enough to be a little fun -- I doubt it, though. Love and thanks from

Em