

December 4, 1941.

Bobby and Jimmy Hirsch,  
c/o Mr. Oscar Hirsch,  
Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Dear Bobby and Jimmy:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I am autographing one of my texts on basketball, "Better Basketball", for your Christmas present. True, Christmas is not here as yet, but I am sending it ahead so that you may have the pleasure of reading it, and, I hope, enjoying it.

In my autograph I pay tribute to your parents and your grandparents. I knew Dr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald so well, and we were very, very fond of them. I am sorry that I did not get to see your grandmother or your dear mother when I was in Cape Girardeau for such a short time. I did have a chance to meet your dad, and I enjoyed it very much. Please remember me most kindly to your grandmother and your mother and dad.

I enjoyed meeting you boys very much and I trust that you will enjoy reading the "Tales of Yesteryears", in Part Five which is in the back of the book. They are stories of great games that I believe you will enjoy because there is one story about a fine athlete that played on the Warrensburg team. His name is Dr. Ray "Ug" Sermon. It is the story of "The Phantom in Cleated Shoes". The others are about games played at the University of Kansas.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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