

Waverly Cheers Cage Beau Geste Of Franklin Team

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"My happiness as a citizen of Waverly on having our team win the state basketball championship is matched by my happiness as a citizen-to-be of Cedar Rapids on your achievement of the all-time championship in sportsmanship. All Waverly joins me in admiration of your fine spirit."

Franklin high school's beau geste of basketball—presentation of the state tournament ball to Waverly's champions after Linn county had bought it for \$116,000 in war bonds Saturday night at Iowa City—Monday drew the above reaction from D. D. Offringa, Bremer county extension director.

Offringa, who becomes Linn county extension director April 1, couched his comment in a telegram to Sports Editor Tait Cummins of The Gazette. Before the tournament ball was auctioned off for war bonds, Waverly had defeated Franklin in the final round, 30 to 21.

When Lyle Quinn, secretary of the Iowa High School Athletic association, turned the microphone over to Auctioneer Arthur Brayton, chairman of the convention bureau of the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, the bidding started at \$10,000.

Brayton quickly ran that up to \$50,000, \$75,000 and finally \$100,000, a Waverly bidder matching Craven Shuttleworth, speaking for the Linn county war finance committee, dollar for dollar up to that point.

Waverly rooters were several hundred strong, and they wanted the tournament ball badly. When it finally was knocked down to

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