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Mr. Alston McCarty,  
McCarty - Ford Motor Company,  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Alston:

Elmer Schaake just came into the office and told me that he had a letter from Dean A. C. Nelson of the Graduate School of Denver University, sending him an application blank, and so forth. Dean Nelson, I understand, is chairman of the athletic board at Denver University, and they are looking for a football and basketball coach as well as a track coach.

You, of course, remember Schaake in his playing days as well as last fall when he accompanied Coach Shenk on the trip when they played D.U. Schaake is assistant varsity football coach and teacher in our physical conditioning course for our Army trainees. Before that Schaake coached at Bethany College at Lindsborg, Kansas, where he had unusually fine success, and then came to Lawrence High School where he coached all sports and made a most enviable record.

The reason for his change from the College at Lindsborg back to Lawrence High School was because the pay at these denominational colleges is small and yet they expect you to make a sizeable donation and sometimes the payments are delayed. This has been the experience at Bethany College with other coaches who have been there. They are fine people, but many of the professors are expected to work for love and service, rather than too much of the worldly goods.

Schaake has had several championships in his league here at Lawrence High School. In his three years of football at Kansas, in 1930 they were Big Six champions; in 1931, you remember, they beat D.U. 12 to 7 in a rather uninteresting game in which Kansas showed power plus, but did not use it in the proper way. Schaake was captain and all-Big Six quarterback in 1932 under Lindsay.

Schaake is married, has a beautiful and lovely wife and two children. His son, seven years of age, is allergic to all grasses and he is afraid of nasal trouble the boy is suffering from may develop into hay fever and other allied difficulties, so he is anxious to get into a higher climate.

I am writing you, Alston, to see if you will not get the lay of the land on this D.U. job and see if you can help this splendid boy land out there in the mile-high city. I have always been tremendously interested in Elmer Schaake. He is fine and clean in every way. He is not only a