

March 13, 1945.

Mr. Bob Switzer, Sports Editor,
The Daily Register-Mail,
154-156 East Simmons Street,
Galesburg, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Switzer:

You honor me by asking me to address your Junior Chamber of Commerce honoring Galesburg's splendid basketball teams with the highlight on the Galesburg High School team. I regret that I am tied up with so many basketball banquets at this date.

I am to be in Denver from March 18 to the 21st, then I go to Emporia, Kansas, for two days, and then to Kansas City for the 24th. On the 26th I have a local date, on the 27th I am to be at the housewarming for Casey Stengel, the old New York Giant star who is now coaching the Kansas City Blues, on the 28th I am to speak in Effingham, Kansas, and on the 29th at Shawnee-Mission High School in Kansas City, Kansas. On April 2 I am to be at Parkville, Missouri, and on the 6th I speak at the Kansas City, Kansas, high school.

If your banquet is set upon any date that I can be there I would be delighted to come. Your town certainly has a just claim for being "basketball mad". Certainly Galesburg has a most exceptional record. And even though it might be impossible for me to be with you, I want you to extend my personal congratulations to Gerald Phillips and his exceptional team.

Wishing you continued success, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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