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Dr. Forrest Allen,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Dr. Allen:

The Junior Chamber of Commerce in Galesburg is formulating plans for a basketball banquet to honor the Galesburg High school team, whose exploits you may read in the enclosed clipping, and the local parochial club, which also had a good season.

When the committee thought of possible speakers, basketball naturally prompted the suggestion that you be contacted as a potential guest. I am sure that your position in the basketball world would attract a big crowd, also on hand to honor our local teams.

We hope to have the banquet in the last week of March, or even the preceding week if arrangements progress as rapidly as we hope. Would you consider speaking here? If that is possible, we would appreciate your available dates of the period I mentioned.

While there are several suitable locations for the banquet, we are hoping to entice the ladies of the Methodist church here to consent serving the meal in their dining room, which is the most commodious in the city. Their decision will be available early in the week.

Train connections to Galesburg via the Santa Fe, I think you will find, are excellent. The Santa Fe's Chicagoan arrives here at 6:24 p.m., and I believe leaves Kansas City about 12:30 p.m. There are then several early morning trains from here which would place you in Kansas City the morning of the next day.

We would appreciate an early reply, and trust you can entertain what is now a "basketball-mad" townsfolk.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Switzer

Sports Editor