

May 10, 1946

Mr. R. H. Shaw, President
The Peoples State Bank
Cherryvale, Kansas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Thank you very much for your very welcome communication of the 9th instance.

I was interested in the yarn Babe Ruth tells. I have always used George Huff's name in connection with this story. George Huff was the athletic director at the University of Illinois years ago and one of the early greats in college baseball. Coach George Huff has the most phenomenal early college baseball coaching record of any coach in the United States. I have heard him spin this yarn a number of times and he told it with great relish. I can appreciate Babe Ruth's portrayal of this yarn.

Huff told it showing the difference between college ball and professional ball. The college player would take a decision without psychologically jumping on the other fellow's toe. Huff said that the pro always had an alibi that he never struck out unless someone gipped him.

Thank you for your very fine compliments regarding my visit to your city. I assure you I enjoyed it and I will come again at the first opportunity. Also, we want you to come see us. Drop in any time that you are on the hill at Robinson Gymnasium. It will be a pleasure to see you.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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