

April 30, 1941

Mrs. Arthur Spangberg
612 N. 23rd Street
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Spangberg:

I certainly do not want to hurt you further, and you have certainly showed your Spartan motherhood by paying some of the debts for your son.

You say Arthur is a good boy and I have no doubt that he is; but somehow a debt for food certainly should be paid. There is not a large profit involved and certainly much laborious effort is represented by such an activity. I have always felt that any man, if he pays any debt, would pay a debt for food.

If Arthur is in the Army now certainly a part of that \$21.00 per month should go for such a debt. Mrs. Taylor writes me that she has written you but can get no response. Won't you write Mrs. Taylor and see if there isn't some way this very legitimate debt of Arthur's can be settled? I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter that I have written Mr. Mason. I certainly am disappointed in him.

I did not encourage Arthur to come here; in fact, I knew nothing of his coming. The initiative was wholly on Mr. Mason and your son, Arthur. We showed him every courtesy; in fact, far beyond the bounds of the ordinary student, and I am sure that if you will look at this from an unprejudiced viewpoint, you will see that we did more for this boy than 99 out of 100 students because of the high recommendation that Mr. Mason made for Arthur.

I sincerely trust that you will respond to Mrs. Taylor's letters.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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