

February 28, 1941

Mr. Edward Weillepp
Chief Rebounder
The McPherson Republican
McPherson, Kansas

Dear Mr. Weillepp:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 27th instant and I am replying just before we start on our near fatal trip to Lincoln, Nebraska and to Ames, Iowa. We have a badly crippled squad and our most optimistic hope would be to win one of our three remaining games in the Big-Six.

In regard to speaking to your Rebounders Club, I assure you it would be a great pleasure to meet with your fine group. However, I am coaching Varsity Baseball and since basketball has taken all of my time and our baseball team has but one man of the regulars returning from last year's squad, we have a Herculean task.

Personally, I have no business absenting myself from school when the baseball team will need all the practice sessions they can get prior to the opening of the season against the Kansas Aggies on April 7 and 8. However, I also recognize the fact that we owe some duty to our patrons over the State, and for that reason I am wavering between desire and duty. It is a very great pleasure for me to get over the State of Kansas and meet our fine citizens.

The State does not provide traveling expenses for us and any trips that we make are financed from our own pocket. I drive a Buick Roadmaster because I am forced to make rapid drives with as much safety as possible. Therefore, I find that I cannot operate my car for less than 5¢ per mile each way. The mileage to McPherson and back would be about \$20.00, and naturally I would have some small expenses such as meals. I would say the expense would be from \$20.00 to \$22.50. If you would be willing to pay that amount I will be glad to make arrangements to be with you on March 26. You may let me hear from you at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

P.S. I have just received an invitation to speak to the Metro Club on March 26 or April 4 in Kansas City, Missouri, so if you will kindly hasten your reply I will hold the Metro Club off until I hear from you since I have promised you first. Thank you for an early reply.