

February 26, 1941

Mrs. Ethel Seymour
County Superintendent
Ottawa, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Seymour:

The National Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament is the tournament that Emil Liston handles. There is a great similarity between the National Collegiate Basketball Tournament and the National Intercollegiate. The National Collegiate, which is ours, is a university organization of eight collegiate districts of the United States. Liston's tournament is a take-off from the National Collegiate and they call it the National Intercollegiate.

The National Intercollegiate includes the smaller colleges who do not observe the one-year residence eligibility rule. The National Collegiate includes the universities who do observe the one-year residence eligibility rule. We are playing for the Big-Six Championship and the Missouri Valley schools, such as Creighton, Drake and Oklahoma A. and M. play for their conference championship. Since both conferences are in the Fifth Collegiate District a play-off between the two conferences must be held to determine the representative, when and if each respective conference declares their champion.

The 18th of March was the date tentatively agreed upon for the play-off. However, there is a committee of faculty members that may decide to select the championship rather than have a play-off.

I am wondering if the 4th of March would be too late to give you a final answer. We will know by then. We are playing Nebraska on March 1 at Lincoln and Iowa State at Ames on March 3. We will know by then whether we are to be in the championship play-off or not and somehow I feel that we will not be in and that I will be able to accept your date on March 18 at 7:00 P.M. In fact, I am almost certain, but I would not want to agree to something and then find I could not carry it through. That is why I am hesitant.

If you feel that you cannot wait that long and would rather get someone else that would be highly satisfactory with me. But I assure you it would be a pleasure to be with you and your Teachers and Board Members at the banquet on the above mentioned date.