

November 4, 1941

Mr. J. J. Ferguson
800 Broadway
Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Dear Mr. Ferguson,

This will acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 31st ultimo.

I find that I can perhaps arrange to be with you either the last week of November or the first two weeks in December. I have tentatively planned to go to Philadelphia to see the Army-Navy game on the 29th of November. We have a married daughter in Chicago and we have two children in the University of Pennsylvania, so Mrs. Allen was hopeful of taking in the Army-Navy game, but I am not sure that I can arrange it.

I note that the night for the banquet would of necessity be Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. How would the date of November 26 suit you?

The president of your college, Dr. W. W. Parker, is a very close friend of mine and nothing would give me more pleasure than to be able to speak to your Teacher's College football group as well as meeting your fine Central High School Squad. Dr. Parker was head of the English department and dean of men at the Central Missouri State Teachers College when I was Director of Athletics and coach of all sports from 1912 to 1919. For that and many other reasons, I will be happy to accept your engagement.

The state does not provide any traveling expenses, so it is up to the speakers to make their own arrangements on out-of-state speaking engagements. It's been my policy always to live and let live. I would enjoy meeting with the Cape Girardeau Lions, and if you'll kindly inform me what you've been paying your previous speakers, I'm sure we can arrange a date. I'm driving a large Buick and since it's necessary for me to go and come on rather a close schedule, I find that my expenses are more by this method of transportation than if I used the railroad.

I'll be happy to hear from you at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach