

March 27, 1941

Mr. H. Hobbble, Jr.  
c/o Riley W. MacGregor  
Attorney at Law  
Medicine Lodge, Kansas

Dear Mr. Hobbble:

I acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 25th asking me to speak at the Junior Chamber of Commerce Athletic Banquet, honoring the Medicine Lodge High School Basketball Team.

I assure you it would be a great pleasure to meet with your fine group. However, I am coaching the Varsity Baseball Team and since only one of the regulars is 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. Also, April 9 is just following the opening of our 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, and naturally I would have some small expenses such as meals. If you would be willing to pay that amount I will be glad to make arrangements to be with you on April 9. You may let me hear from you at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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P.S. It was necessary for Dr. Allen to leave town before this letter was written and he asked that I sign the same and forward it to you.

Secy. to Dr. Allen