

July 3, 1940.

Mr. W. H. Van Slyek,
5515 South Woodlawn,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Van Slyek:

I have your letter of the 27th ultimo, and in reply wish to state that we have a young man about twenty-five years of age whom we believe will make an exceptionally strong man in your set up. His name is Eugene Billups. He was one of the outstanding graduates in our department this year. His grades have been excellent, not only in this department, but in allied subjects.

Mr. Billups has been especially trained in physical education and does not have the athletic complex, yet he is a very vigorous and aggressive young man. He has a fine personality, is cultured and well-mannered, very dependable, conscientious and serious in his work. We have others, but I consider Mr. Billups the strongest of the group.

For the woman, I have in mind Dorothy Jane Willcuts, who graduated a year ago. She has made an exceptional record in the Lawrence Junior High School in the past year. Miss Willcuts is a Topela girl, and in her undergraduate days here on the campus she was one of our outstanding leaders.

At the same time we recommended Miss Willcuts to John Jacobs of the Junior High School, we recommended Maurice Camady. Both of these young people have done a splendid job there.

The reason I mention Billups is because of the cadet teaching and the possible fact that you could secure him for much less money than you would be able to get Camady. Camady has done a most excellent job at the Lawrence Junior High School. I understand that he is slated for a job in California this fall, but it is not definite.

If you should follow the thought that you outline in your letter it would permit you to secure an outstanding teacher who would head up the thing in the future, but I believe you would be quite surprised with the personality and leadership of these two young people.