

September 29, 1944.

Mr. R. Haskell Tison,  
Slater Public Schools,  
Slater, Missouri.

Dear Haskell:

I am sorry that I did not get to see you when I was in Slater delivering the commencement address last spring. Mrs. Allen and our daughter, Eleanor, who is Mrs. Williams, III, of Lansdowne, Pa., and I drove down.

If you are interested in basketball refereeing I suggest that you write to Reaves Peters, Commissioner of the Big Six Conference, 342 So. Chelsea, Kansas City, Missouri. Reaves arranges for all the officials. Yes, I certainly believe that the field needs some young, ambitious and quick-thinking officials. I would be glad to use you in some of our games. You can tell Reaves Peters that.

I believe Peters will be happy to use you, and I believe that you have the qualifications that go to make up an excellent official. You are courteous, you are aggressive, and I know that you want to get ahead. Fairness and fearlessness are the cardinal points of a good official.

You can tell Peters that I will gladly recommend you. I believe he will give you a chance, but the start may be slow. But keep after him.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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