

November 18, 1940

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Dear Ole:

I beg to accept receipt of your wire of the 18th instant reading as follows: "Please hurry final report if at all possible."

Ole, I want to assure you that I am even more anxious than you are to get this thing cleared up. I have called and endeavored to make appointments with Smith, the printer who printed our programs, and he has either been out of town or something has thwarted my move every time I have made an attempt to settle the bill. Frankly, I feel as if we are going to have bad luck on the proposition, but last week I got hold of his secretary and she stated he would be in town Tuesday morning, November 19. Therefore, as soon as my 10:30 class is over, I am leaving for Kansas City to keep this appointment.

We are not having any luck in our collections, so I am going to put in these bills as uncollectable, so far as my report is concerned. And tomorrow when I pay this fellow I will follow with a report on Wednesday and send you what money we have on hand and call the matter closed up.

If it had not been for this hang-nail, we would have closed the tournament business a long time ago and been rid of the very difficult situation. However, had we closed earlier than a month ago, we would have an old bill to settle to the Kansas City Journal. This is one of the newspapers that Bowles gave the advertising to and they charged it to him instead of to us. And then, not being able to collect from him, they sent us the statement and wanted to know if there was any way they could collect the bill. This being the first that I had heard of it, I asked them to mail me the bill and I sent them a check. So I am sure now there are no outstanding bills. I believe if I were you I would try to hold back this whole amount for emergencies, but that is up to you.

I am so sorry, Ole, that my teaching schedule and my basketball practice have been such that it has ham-stringed me and prevented me from getting away any one full day in any week. I had October basketball practice due to the fact that I lost most of my regulars and I thought that I would start out on fundamentals and try to develop a bunch of youngsters into a