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Deane W. Malott, Chancellor
Office of the Chancellor
Frank Strong Hall

Dear Chancellor Malott:

While I was visiting two of our beginning teachers in the East Junior High School at Parsons last week, I had a conference with H. C. Rule, Principal of the school; and Wallace H. Guthridge, Superintendent of the Parsons schools. These men talked with me at length about a number of our teachers who have been employed in their system. They have a criticism of the preparation of our teachers in the special fields of physical education, art, and music.

They feel that we allow our candidates in these fields to take entirely too many hours in their specialties with the result that their general education in other college fields is inadequate. Mr. Guthridge contends that around forty hours should be sufficient, for any teacher at the high school level, in their major subject.

He has hired a number of our people in these fields and admits that their preparation is very good, but that they lack the background necessary for good co-operative work with other staff members, and for understanding the broad, general problems of education.

I am passing his comment on to you since you asked me to give you the criticisms of our work that I picked up while making the visits to our newly placed teachers.

Sincerely yours,

H. E. Chandler, Secretary
Teachers Appointment Bureau

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