

June 20th, 1941

Mr. W. P. Arnett
Jeweler and Matchmaker
Longview, Washington

Dear Mr. Arnett:

I greatly appreciated your fine letter as of April 14th, but your letter along with my other fine letters was mislaid in a delayed correspondence file, due to the fact that I took on baseball coaching after my basketball season and that together with speeches in the Grapefruit and Lettuce League as well as Commencement Addresses, kept me busy forty two consecutive evenings. I did not answer your letter because I did not want to, but simply because it was a physical impossibility.

Yes, I do now remember very clearly how you and Dr. Parmenter came to Independence, Missouri, and how we went together to the restaurant and had a fine steak and a fine visit. If I ever get out on the West Coast again, I'll make it a point to look you up and have a fine visit with you in Longview.

Yes I did see Washington State Team in action and I thought it a superlative team. I think the mistake that was made was to keep those Washington State boys in Kansas City, Missouri for the week prior to their game with Wisconsin. Had it been possible to have taken the boys to Manhattan, Kansas, or to the University of Kansas and had the boys stay on the campus and practice in the gym, then I frankly believe that the student body of any school would have liked to have adopted them as their own.

In that event, Washington State would have been refreshed and not been worn out as they were by staying a week in Kansas City away from college campus with strange and I fear not all together wholesome environment.

I was thrilled at the exhibition put up by Kirk Gebert. He was a great player and would make any College or University proud. Extend congratulations to his father and to him for me.

Now, back to the old Baker bunch. I haven't seen "Si" Mason for sometime. He formerly worked in a bank in Kansas City as bookkeeper. Sample is in Cleveland, Ohio. I received a Christmas card from him but it carried no address. Someone told me where Preston was but I can't think of it at the moment. Hoover is down around Wichita or Oklahoma. Cub Branard is in the pipe line supply business either in Dallas or Fort Worth; going splendidly. I do not know where Winthro is.