

December 7, 1940

Mr. Hermann Cooper
Assistant Commissioner
University of the State of New York
Albany, New York

Dear Commissioner Cooper:

We have received a request from Mrs. Elizabeth MacCurdy, nee Elizabeth Dunkel, asking that her transcript and other data be forwarded to you for your inspection.

Mrs. MacCurdy is a graduate of the University of Kansas and took her Master's Degree from Columbia University. She came to us in the fall of 1925 after she had taught two years at the Arkansas City High School. Mrs. MacCurdy remained with us until her marriage to Dr. Lee MacCurdy when she moved to Bronxville, New York.

Mrs. MacCurdy was a highly superior teacher; in fact, many people characterized her as one of the first ten teachers in the United States in her specialty. She was academically superior, emotionally stable, and had a most brilliant intellect. Her character was of the highest. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, was one of the leaders on the campus in dramatics during her undergraduate days, and while a member of the faculty collaborated with the Department of Fine Arts and the Department of Dramatics in staging some of our most outstanding musical and stage productions.

During the time that she was a member of the faculty, Mrs. MacCurdy audited a course in Community Recreation, taught by Dr. E.R. Elbel, a member of our Physical Education faculty. She worked out her own course and during the summer of 1937 taught the course in Community Recreation in a highly acceptable manner.

The laboratory work for the students of this class in Community Recreation was to handle the recreational facilities on the campus during that summer. That included such things as campus tours in the evening, community sings, social and folk dancing; in fact she conducted a well-rounded program and had her students handle these projects. Her work was highly satisfactory, and since then the course has lengthened and broadened to become one of the very important courses on the summer school schedule.

I would recommend Mrs. MacCurdy to you without reservation or evasion, stating that I believe any school would be exceptionally fortunate to have her dominant and pleasing personality and her high-grade intelligence as a contributing factor to the youth of our schools.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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cc: Mrs. MacCurdy