February 20, 1939.

Mr. Andrew Kerr,
Football Coach,
Colgate University,
Hamilton, New York.

Dear Andy:

This will acknowledge receipt of your kind letter
of the 15th instant. As usual, I am always happy to hear from you,
Andy, and I trust that your health is as good as ever.

I am sorry to see that it was necessary for John
Galloway to resign from his coaching position on account of ill
health.

I have two young men in mind, Andy, that I think
have made unusual reputations in coaching basketball especially,
and in the allied sports. The first young man that I have for your
consideration is Ray F. Parkins, the coach of the Edison High School
in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Parkins has graduated a fine group of
boys at Edison High who are the back bone and main stem of Dave Mc-
Millan's University of Minnesota basketball teams - not this year,
but two years before, and he has others coming on that seem to work
into Dave's system better than any group that Dave has had hereto-
fore.

Last April I attended the sectional division of the
National Health and Physical Education Association at Minneapolis.
While there I had a good chance to visit with Ray Parkins and also
to watch the Minnesota basketball team in their spring practice
after an invitation from Dave McMillan.

Now, let me tell you about this Parkins boy. He
played quarterback for me at Central Missouri State Teachers College
in 1914 and 1915; he played forward on the basketball team, was first
baseman on the baseball team, and ran the quarter mile on the track
team. He graduated there and then entered the service and went over-
seas as a lieutenant. After returning he coached the Duluth High
School team at Duluth, Minn. The superintendent at Duluth at that
time was Raymond F. Kent, who is now president of the University of
Louisville. I recommended Parkins to Dr. Kent without reservation.

He made a fine record at Duluth and then moved on to
Minneapolis where he graduated from the University of Minnesota. He
has been at Minneapolis I think about ten or eleven years, and he has