

December 19, 1940

Mr. Edward B. DeGroot
Boy Scouts of America
1010 Pacific Commerce Building
437 South Hill Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. DeGroot:

Your son, E.B. DeGroot, Jr., tells me that we may have the good fortune of having you in Lawrence, Kansas in the near future.

We would greatly appreciate your addressing our physical education majors at any time that it is convenient for you while you are in Lawrence. We would consider it a distinct honor and we trust that you will consent. Any subject that you might choose will be entirely satisfactory. Please let us know if you will be able to undertake this task.

I am well acquainted with Dud and we think Burt is a dandy.

In looking over an announcement regarding your athletic background, I notice that you were teacher and athletic coach at Lewis Institute in Chicago from 1899 to 1905. While on the Kansas City Athletic Club team in 1904 and 1905, we played against the Lewis Institute team in Kansas City. The personnel of the Lewis Institute Team at that time, as I recall, were Pat Page, John Schommer, and a host of other very excellent basketball players. We were rather fortunate to come out on the winning side. However, I still remember the sterling qualities of those boys.

The first time that I had heard of you was when Dr. Naismith said that he would like for me to take some training under you.

It will be a great pleasure to make your acquaintance.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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cc: Burt DeGroot