

November 8, 1939.

Mr. Joe E. Bloomer,
Claflin, Kansas.

Dear Joe:

I am sending the original of this letter to Claflin and the carbon copy to Great Bend, because in a sentence at the end of your letter you state that if I can give you a reply you will forward it to the principal of the school. So I take it that you must be in Great Bend with your brother.

Now, answering the first part of your letter, old fellow, when I was out to Osborne I drove to Ellinwood to see Mit, and that Saturday night Mit, Isabel, Mrs. Allen and I drove over to your bowling alleys to see you. We spoke to your brother and told him to be sure and tell you that we had called to say hello. Apparently he forgot to tell you, because you state that you have been waiting at home and at the telephone for me to call or appear.

Now, old fellow, I want you to know that I was making that call at Great Bend to get even with you for the time you tripped me at the barn dance at the New England County Fair at Springfield, Mass, way back in those good old days when you and Evelyn and Mrs. Allen and I did that barn dance a la mode!

Well, Joe, I have decided that regardless of how busy I am, I will come on Tuesday, December 12, if it is satisfactory with you and the principal. I think I mentioned in my letter, did I not, that the state does not have any money to allow for traveling expenses and the Athletic Association does not, so it is up to me to collect my 5¢ per mile each way for my Buick and what incidental traveling expenses we might have. If this is agreeable I will be happy to bring Mrs. Allen along and while I am at the banquet she can visit with Evelyn and recall some of our pleasant experiences here and you.

With kindest regards to you and your good family, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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