

808 N. Main St.,
Garden City, Kans.,
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Dear Dr. Allen:

As I begin this letter I feel more or less of a hangover from an advanced composition course of last year, so my primary purpose will be to talk along definite lines.

In the first place, why, having completed a four year course, do I want to continue. Although I feel sufficiently adequate to handle a minor job in the field of geology, I have always wanted to prepare myself for teaching. Since courses in geology are mainly limited to universities, it is essential that I have some graduate work before I can obtain any sort of an instructorship. Thus my reason for wanting to continue my study.

Dad, having completed almost a decade of keeping a boy in college, is feeling a bit on the depleted side as far as finance goes. However, he will gladly help me another year if I can help myself to the extent of my room and board.

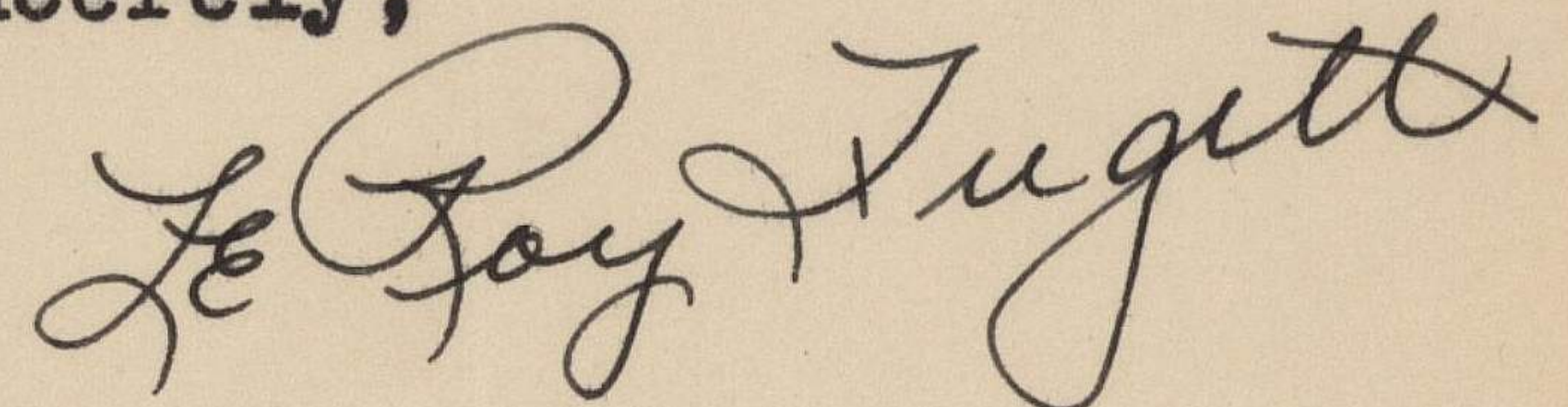
Another important point is--of what am I capable? In the course of years I have performed at duties that ranged from a paper boy to an apprentice in a cooperage plant. Among other things I am a mediocre typist, as this copy might indicate. I have spent several years in construction work and at times have taken care of the office details.

But while in college I would like hard work more than any other type, for I feel that physical exertion is essential to balance a college life that may easily tend to be stagnating. In brief, I am both capable and desirous of hard work.

Please understand that I am not assuming an ability on your part to pull strings and produce jobs. I only hope that you may possibly know of some niche I can fill.

Disregarding the general trend of this letter, I do hope you have had an enjoyable and prosperous summer.

Sincerely,



P. S. I may be in Lawrence the first part of next week.