

December 11, 1939.

Mr. E. M. Chestnut, Principal,
Beloit High School,
Beloit, Kansas.

Dear Principal Chestnut:

I ask your pardon for the long delay in responding to your kind letter of December 1st. I was in Cleveland, Ohio, at the time your letter was received, and then left town again last week for a trip with the basketball team to Warrensburg, Missouri.

I am going to Kansas City tomorrow to speak at the Rotary Club in a memorial tribute to John "Swede" Carlson, and immediately afterward I have to drive out to Claflin, Kansas, for a football banquet in the evening. We are playing games with Southern Methodist University here on next Monday and Tuesday, and I do not see how I can leave my team. I am very sorry that it will be impossible to go to Beloit on the 15th.

I would be very glad to write a message of congratulation, if that would do any good, but I do not see how I can leave my boys at this time.

I want to congratulate you on the wonderful edifice that you and your community are building.

Thanking you for your courtesy, and with best wishes,
I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.