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Dear Dean Schwegler:

I immediately acted upon your suggestion regarding a drinking fountain for the tennis players. I found that these fountains were discontinued because some vagrant itinerants with a reverse English nervous system actually hammered and battered not only the fountains but the rest of the drinking equipment so badly that after they had been repaired a few times it was decided absolutely to take them out.

Mr. Dell Davidson tells me further that only last Friday night some "punch-drunk" or "slap-happy" moron with more hate in his make-up than enjoyment for good, took a very sharp instrument and gouged gaping holes in the varsity tennis courts; not only one hole, but dozens of them to spoil a fine playing surfact. These are the two west courts that I told you were the varsity courts.

Now, I know exactly what you will say, of course; that the greater good should be for the greater number, and we should not pay much attention to the vandals who get a great delight in destruction rather than construction, or even complacency, but when I go to my contemporaries and ask that these replacements be made I am met with the very flat statement that it is impossible to keep these things for the greater number who enjoy the benefits because some marauding group bent on mischief seem to work at that destructive angle consistently.

I want to tell you that I am personally going to see that this fountain is installed, and I have an idea that by constantly working on the job and replacing these things that they will serve the purpose with my superiors, at least, if they do not do the job for the players.

I think I told you, did I not, that when the Wentworth Military Academy stayed here during the band festival, Mr. George Hedrick, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, asked me to permit the boys to bring their cots in after 5 o'clock and quarter on the gymnasium floor. This, of course, was at Mr. Wiley's request, also. We admitted them and they were under the direction of three regular Army officers.