

November 23, 1940

Mr. Leo L. Gessell
Program Secretary
The National Council
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114 East Ninth St.
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Gessell:

This will acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 19th instant regarding my speaking to the Hi-Y conference in Marysvills on Saturday, December 14 at 6:00 P. M.

You are dead right. I have quite an assignment with my basketball team this year and I find myself torn between two desires; namely that of spending more time on my basketball team and that of answering calls like this. I assure you that I appreciate your asking me, but I don't believe that I am doing a very wise thing in leaving my boys. However, I shall try to arrange to be with you on that date.

The state makes no provision for traveling expenses. Therefore, it will be necessary for me to receive five cents per mile each way when I make such a trip. It will be necessary for me to coach my boys just prior to my driving up there, so I will have to arrange my time in such a way that I will leave here under my own power at the last possible moment.

I find myself so tied up with administrative work that I must stay until just before the gong sounds and then hike out. Please send me your program so that I may study it for any possible inspiration that I might get prior to my leaving. I notice that the theme of your conference is "We Live Whole." I am wondering if you could give me some suggestions as to what you would like for me to speak on. While I naturally will talk on some subject very much akin to the theme, at the same time, I feel you could give me some helpful hint. I notice you have said enough in your letter that perhaps I could get some idea from this communication to work it out, but I am always anxious to have you give me all the background that is possible.