

Dear Doctor:

Believe it or not, I really had it on my things to do to write a congratulatory letter to you in conjunction with the celebration held March 6 in honor of your 25 years of service at the University of Kansas.

However, at that time, as you probably know, I was literally covered with work and detail here, and in the shuffle I lost track of the date, and just now did I find the announcement in a pile of correspondence that has been residing on my desk for some two months.

This isn't my ordinary way of doing things, but I am happy to say that I have just today acquired an ediphone, which is going to be invaluable to me in keeping up with my correspondence from now on.

Mary left last night for Lawrence and she is in for a good, long train ride since her train does not arrive in Lawrence until this coming Friday morning. It seems that it takes about 12 hours longer for the same train to make the trip East as compared to the trip West. I presume that this is because of the tremendous amount of war materials and men that the railroads are transporting to the West Coast and as a result, the right of way is given to the westbound transportation at the expense of the eastbound transportation.

I believe we have Mary pretty well sold on California. She apparently had a grand time and I am happy, for that is the way I planned it. We covered a lot of territory while she was here, so she knows now whereof she speaks as far as Northern, Southern California and Arizona is concerned.

But, I'm off the subject. The original purpose of this letter is to add my little bit of congratulations to the many you have already received, and, I am sure, more eloquent, on your marvelous record at the University of Kansas.