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- 1. For a straight shot to the goal the scoring zone is, figuratively, increased by 27 sq.ft.
- 2. For a bank shot contacting the bank 3 inches from the edge, the scoring zone is increased 720 sq.ft.
- 3. The mental hazard of attempting a shot from the side line, directly parallel to the bank, is eliminated, owing to the recession of the vertical edge of the bank, allowing unobstructed visibility of the goal.
- 4. The visibility to spectators is increased beyond the end zone.
- 5. The convex shape of the bank results in a unit of much greater strength and rigidity.
- 6. Present type bank mounting structure does not have to be materially altered to permit installation of this new type of bank.
- 7. This type of bank can be made of wood, glass, steel or any of the materials as used in present bank construction.

We appreciate that in order to have this type of bank adopted for national scholastic play must necessarily mean a change in the present rules. We believe, however, that the selection of either type could be specified. Since its inception, the rules of the game of basketball have been changed from time to time to allow more freedom, faster play and more interest to the spectator, but no change has been offered in equipment to achieve these points. We believe, however, that we have accomplished the desired results with this new type of bank and, likewise, will have created a new interest in the game from the standpoint of both player and spectator.

We have made arrangements with Coach "Stub" Muhl of the University City High School, at University City, which is a suburb of St. Louis, to install one of these convex banks at one end of their court. The other end of the court will have the conventional flat type of bank. On next Friday, the 31st of this month, at 3 o'clock p.m., Mr. Muhl will have his experienced high school players try out this new bank. We expect to have several of the local basketball coaches present for their comments on this bank in actual play, and likewise we are extending invitations to Mr. M. C. Cunningham of the Desloge High School, Desloge, Missouri, and Mr. H. V. Porter of Chicago, Illinois.

If it would be convenient for you to be present on that date, we would more than appreciate the time and effort on your part and would gladly defray any expenses which might be incurred by you in so doing. If, on the other hand, it is impossible for you to be present and you would like a further explanation and discussion concerning the merits of this new bank, we would gladly call on you at your convenience.