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To Members,
National Basketball Committee:

You are probably receiving a number of questions relative to the new back-board, particularly the form in which these are available and the sources. With the thought that you might desire some ammunition with which to answer these questions, I am enclosing some descriptive material. You will note that well made boards are being stamped from steel at a very reasonable cost. I am sure that the committee hoped that it would be possible to bring about economical installation. As opposed to the old steel boards which customarily cost one hundred dollars or more, the new type is being produced at a cost of from thirty five to forty dollars. As far as this office is concerned, advance correspondence indicates that a great majority of the gymnasiums which have been finished during the past several months or which are now in the process of construction will be equipped with the new type board.

Baskets have been designed by the various companies to fit the new board. One of these which seems to take most advantage of the possibilities for unobstructed vision is that designed by the Schutt Manufacturing Company, Litchfield, Illinois. This has practically no obstruction below the level of the ring but is adequately braced by bringing the bracing rods through the flange which attaches the basket to the board. These rods extend a short distance up the front of the board but not a sufficient distance to permit the ball to touch them. This gives added rigidity and permits fastening of the basket to the front, rather than to the back of the board and thus considerably reduces the leverage which might cause crystallization and loosening of attaching bolts.

I am including an article which was made up for the state high school bulletins. You might find something in this article which will be of use to you.

Hoping that this is not introducing a blue work note in the middle of an August siesta, I am

Yours truly,

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