

January 18, 1939.

Mr. T. R. Monroe,
Portis, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Monroe:

I have not closed definitely for a commencement date the 17th of May, but I have a tentative date that might cause a conflict.

Frankly, I feel very reticent about suggesting any sort of a charge, but the fact of the matter is that the state does not provide any traveling expense allowance for us faculty members when we tour the state. It is necessary that we drive our own private car, and I find that you cannot break even on driving a Buick at 5¢ a mile. This is the lowest minimum that a person can drive a car.

I find that it is 232 miles to Portis. That would make a total of 464 miles, and at 5¢ a mile would amount to \$23.20. Then there would be, of necessity, some expenses for eats and some place to stop, so it seems like the expense is prohibitive. I do not believe that you people, with all the bad luck that you have had, could stand a traveling charge of that nature.

I have generally received an honorarium of \$25.00 and traveling expenses for commencement dates in the state. With all the hard luck that you people have had out there, I would be willing to come for my traveling expenses plus the \$20.00 fee, and out of that I would pay my hotel and meals. When you allow for punctures and road trouble this would not leave a fellow much on the right side of the ledger.

Please feel perfectly free to turn this down if this would embarrass you in the least financially. The rest of the week I am required to be at Ames, Iowa, for a Big Six meeting on the 19th and 20th of May, so if this arrangement should not strike a responsive chord with you please rest assured that it would inconvenience me in no way.