

January 14, 1946

Mr. Alston McCarty
730 York Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Alston:

A very good friend of mine, a former athlete here at Kansas, Melvin Thornhill from Protection, Kansas, desires six good seats for the A.A.U. Tournament in Denver. He would like to have them five or six rows up and in the middle of the stage. They want the tickets for only the night games so I would appreciate it, Alston, if you would tell me if you can get them for me. It will be a real favor, I assure you.

Melvin Thornhill was one of our really great athletes, but he ruptured the ligaments in his knee just prior to the Oklahoma football game. You remember him I am sure. It was along back in the late 20's and early 30's that he was the national intercollegiate shot-put champion, even after his knee was operated on. He was one of the finest baseball players and one of the most excellent basketball players that I have ever seen. Had he not been injured, he would have been as great as Ray Evans and as great an all-around athlete as Jim Bausch. He is a very prosperous farmer, flies his own plane, and is a wonderful gentleman.

Therefore, I would thank you if you would make the necessary reservations for six or seven tickets and find out when it is necessary for the cash to be on the barrel head and when reservations can be made. I can get the money from him and send it to you at any time it is necessary, so I am writing early so that he can get the tickets he most desires.

If you can have your reservations protected now, call up and order seven of the above described tickets. Mutt has invited me to be his guest at those games, which accounts for the seventh one, but I doubt if I will be able to accept his generosity.

The Thornhills have already made arrangements for their rooms at the Albany Hotel, so you see they mean definitely to take in the show.

Give my kindest regards to your good family and here's wishing you another very happy and prosperous year in 1946.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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