

January 26, 1943.

Dr. Kenneth McFarland,
Superintendent of Schools,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Dr. McFarland:

I humbly beg your pardon for failure to answer sooner your communication of the 13th instant. I have been out of town much on trips and my correspondence has suffered as a result.

Thank you for your good wishes regarding our in and out basketball team, but mostly in, thank you.

Regarding J. K. "Bud" Kennedy, I have known Bud Kennedy ever since he was a tiny little fellow. He had an unfortunate home life since he lost his mother at a very early age and his father, A. R. "Bert" Kennedy, formerly coached at Washburn and Kansas, who is a dentist, naturally spent most of his time away from home. The boy had rather a neglected bringing up, I would say, and during his high school and early college days he lacked the ballast that he would have had if he had had the home guidance at that critical period.

I believe after leaving here Bud went to Baker and then to Pittsburg Teachers, and I believe he got his degree at Pittsburg. I have watched his work in the Kansas City, Missouri, public schools and I think he has done mighty well indeed. He took work here in school in 1926, 1927, 1928, and 1931, but did not graduate.

I would feel perfectly safe in recommending him to you as a fellow who has grown out of the difficult age and is now a good teacher and one that can be depended upon. He is married and has a family, I understand. The fact that Mr. Strong Hinman had him under his direction would enable Mr. Hinman to give a better analysis of his ability than I would be able to give. I would say very frankly if Mr. Hinman recommended him I would do so unqualifiedly on Mr. Hinman's judgment.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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