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Mr. E. L. Novotny, Superintendent
Public Schools
Beatrice, Nebraska

Dear Superintendent Novotny:

As a fellow Rotarian and a fellow Methodist I wish to welcome you to Lawrence, Kansas. I understand that you took your first work at Midland College, and then at Nebraska Wesleyan, and finally at the University of Nebraska. At all three of these schools I have had some very pleasant relations. John Pfitsch, who took his master's degree at our institution, is the new Athletic Director and Coach for the coming year at Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska. Johnny was a Texas boy and the son of a physician who on account of a physical impediment was turned down by the Officers' Candidate School. However, he enlisted as a buck private and came out a captain under Blood and Guts Patton in their lightning advances through France and Germany. He has a great personality and will make a great coach up there. He assisted me last year here in basketball and physical education and did a bang-up job.

Years and years ago I refereed a game for Nebraska Wesleyan and since 1919 I have been coaching teams and have been visiting Lincoln annually for some pretty warm contests. In 1920 I coached the Kansas football team which tied Nebraska in a thrilling 20 to 20 game here in Lawrence. That was when Coach "Indian" Schulte coached the Cornhuskers.

Say hello to Dutch Witte.

We welcome you to Lawrence.

Sincerely yours,

Forrest C. Allen
Past Governor of
R. I. District #123

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