

June 30, 1944.

Mr. George Nettels, Vice President,
Pittsburg Midway Coal Mining Co.,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear George:

Doubtless I told Mrs. Hulteen in the rush of things that a boy would be deferred six months. That was a mistake. If I said that, I meant six weeks. Dr. Woodruff's prognosis is more favorable than mine.

We are also deferring all farmers' sons who are working on the farm until August 21 on account of the agriculture. The tendency, of course, is to take 18 year old boys because we are not taking anyone above 26 years of age unless they are no good for anything else, and that is the pressure level. The services do not want anyone above that limit so that puts a heavy pressure on the 18 year old boys.

For any of these boys to be deferred they must have a 42A Special and the State Director is the only one who may pass on it, so you see it is rough.

You have George Timmons and the other boys come in and see me. I will be glad to help them every way possible, but as I said, the local board at your place will have the final decision. The boys could take their pre-induction physicals up here, but the call would come from Pittsburg.

By the way, you are entitled to extreme congratulations. John Mee saw me on the street and said you were elected vice president of the Kansas Engineering Society. That is some "punkins". Father George will be president next year. Congrats, old fellow, and best wishes!

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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