



# CHANUTE CITY SCHOOLS

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Dr. F. C. Allen  
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Dear Doctor Allen:

This morning I was visiting with Mr. Reginald R. Strait, the director of our physical education department, about some things connected with our schools. In the course of that conversation he told me that he had been talking with you regarding the possibility of a vacancy which may occur on your staff and that if it did occur he would be interested in applying for it.

Because Mr. Strait has done such a fine piece of work for us and because I am interested in his advancement I am taking the liberty of writing to you regarding him.

He came to us four years ago from Kinsley, Kansas, where he had been a successful high school teacher and coach. He came here employed especially as coach of our Junior College athletics. It so happened that before school began that fall we had a vacancy in the directorship of our physical education and we transferred him to that position. We have never regretted our choice.

Mr. Strait is an all-round physical education man. He has coached athletics successfully. As director of our physical education program he has supervised physical education and playground work in our elementary schools, supervised the work of the Junior High School department and has supervised and taught in the Senior High School. This has given him a wide range of experience. He handles himself well both with little people of the grades and with boys of senior high school and junior college. He works quietly and effectively without much noise or fanfare.

He is consistently improving his training. He has his Master's Degree in physical education and is working during the summer toward his Doctor's degree in that same field. He is above all a fine, courteous Christian gentleman.

I do not at all relish the idea of losing any of the best men and women on our staff. However, I realize that these folk who are ambitious and who are doing good work should move on to better positions and I am happy to see them do so. If you do have a vacancy in your department I hope you will consider Mr. Strait's qualities.

Very truly yours,

L. H. Petit