

December 28, 1939.

Dr. M. J. Poppen,
Raton, New Mexico.

Dear Dr. Poppen:

Thank you very much for your very good letter of December 12th. I have been out of town much of late on speaking engagements and have just returned from the Christmas vacation to get ready to coach the varsity basketball team which will play in Topoka in a tournament on December 28, 29 and 30. This accounts for my delay in writing you.

Since I am not coaching football and am not the athletic director, I am naturally referring your letter to Mr. Gwinn Henry, Director of Athletics and Head Football Coach. Mr. Henry is at present enroute to the Rose Bowl game in Pasadena. Mr. Henry was formerly athletic director at the University of New Mexico, at Albuquerque, so I believe he should have the knowledge of some of these boys at Raton.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness in writing us, and I am sure that Mr. Henry and his assistants also appreciate it.

By the way, I want you to know that we are cooperating with some of our faculty at Rosedale to see if we can't get a little more "umph" athletically from our basketball players. In confidence I am sending you a copy of a letter I have from Dr. Don Carlos Peete who is interested in our basketball team. We are endeavoring to follow his recommendation. I thought you might be interested in the same.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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