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With one exception, we had our games spaced exactly right and we had plenty of time to recuperate between games, we had opportunities to practice along the way and at the same time, our trip was so planned that it was quite educational to the boys because we were able to do a lot of good sight-seeing. As a matter of fact, due to the way our school is organized here on the quarter plan, we have no scholastic worries whatever, so we can have a rollicking good time on the whole trip. By carefully watching the diet of the players with careful supervision of their health practices, we have taken our past two trips without any ill effects, whatsoever.

I have felt that these intersectional games are doing more to give us a uniform type of basketball and rules interpretation throughout the country than anything else. I know that my boys, as well as myself, learn a great deal of basketball on these trips and I feel quite sure we are contributing just a little bit to the game on our own part. We have changed our play as a result of what we have learned, and I have noticed that the teams in the sections of the country where we have played have to a certain extent copied some of our points which they have felt were advantageous to their play. Our plan has been to travel every other year. However, our teams during the past three years have been so much in demand and the financial considerations were so favorable to us that we could not afford to turn down the trips. We had a seasoned team so we used this as a means of maintaining a high interest and it has worked perfectly.

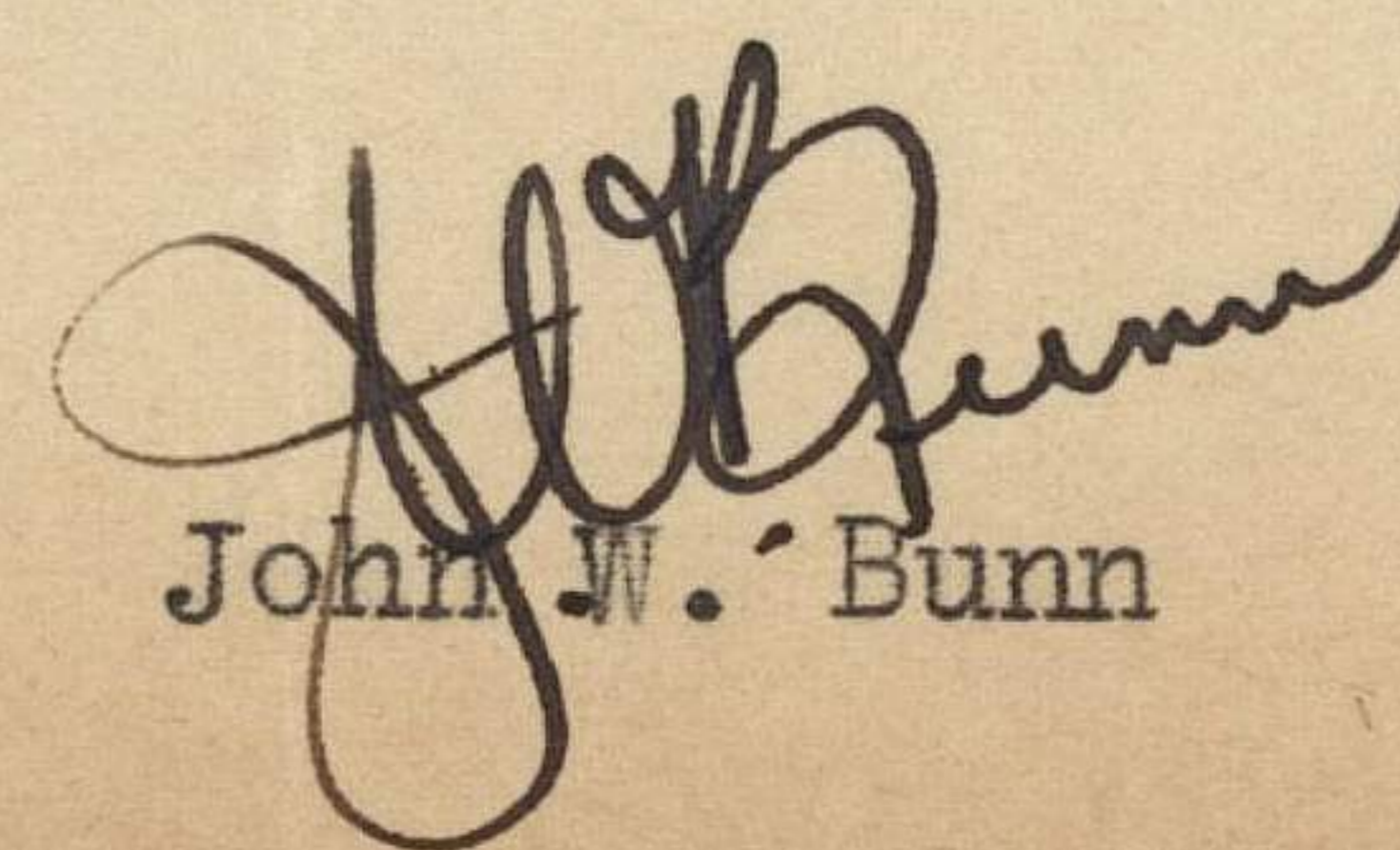
The slump of my team this year I do not feel is attributed to our trip at all. After we got home, we had about two weeks to prepare for the opening of our conference season. My three veterans contracted colds. They were in the rest home for over a week. I feel quite sure this set-back caused the reverse which was evident in our games. Last week, it appeared to me the boys were back on the way to the top of their game again. Of course, now we are fighting against a very severe handicap, but I am hoping we can finish the season strong.

Now with respect to your letter of January 28 which I have just received. I do not believe any good will come from continued controversy between individuals, and for this reason, I propose to drop the matter. We have rehearsed and rehashed this whole matter a number of times so I do not believe anything is to be gained by continuing the issue. Surface evidence and deep facts are, of course, two different things. My conclusions and opinion have not been built up hurriedly, but rather over a period of a number of years. I have formed some of these rather reluctantly, so let's just consider that there is a difference of opinion and drop the matter at that. I assure you there is no misunderstanding, so as far as I am concerned the matter is finished.

I don't know that I have given you any valuable information on traveling with a team, but at least you have my own conclusions and practices in this matter.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,


John W. Bunn