

Mother and I had planned to go to Warrensburg this morning to attend the funeral of Mr. Tom Cheatham who was stricken with apoplexy and passed away day before yesterday. I have to speak tonight at the Men's Brotherhood at 7:30 at a Methodist gathering, and since I am chairman of the hill drive for the National War Fund and Community Chest, it has been keeping me pretty much on the job. So Mother gave it up, figuring there would be too many hypereffortions in making the connections there and back, what with the gasoline shortage and a lot of other duties that might interfere with the whole schedule.

So she is writing Mrs. Cheatham and today I plan to sit down at the noon hour and write her a letter extending to her our deepest sympathy. They were grand people and fine friends of ours. In fact, they were two of the most decent people, and when I say decent I mean very, very wealthy people who were fine and commonplace as Irving Hill is in this town. It hurt me when I found Mother was not going, but although I wanted to go myself, since I had planned on going, I knew that it was not the right thing to do so I gave it up and will convey my deepest feeling to Mrs. Cheatham by mail.

Kansas leaves tomorrow for Nebraska, and the odds layers - the gamblers who offer parlay odds - are making Kansas the favorite over Nebraska by six points. Can you imagine that! Whenever did Kansas rate as favorite? Personally, I am just a little fearful of the result because Nebraska has played Minnesota, Indiana and Iowa State, and Kansas' competition hasn't been nearly as strong. But the win last Saturday against Washburn I am sure will be helpful rather than hurtful. I do not know about Nebraska's punters or anything about them, but two of their stars were kept out of the Iowa State game because of injuries and they are back in the game for Kansas. So I am just afraid that something might happen that would not work out according to the dope, but I must remember that the gamblers are not sentimentalists and if they gave Nebraska six points, then Nebraska must be terribly weak.

We have a good team for war time conditions, if you know what I mean. Henry and Elmer are doing a fine job and they will get the most out of the men, but I just have a sneaking feeling that Nebraska will show more power against us than many people realize.

It is noon now and I must sign off.

With love, I am

Affectionately,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.