

March 21, 1944.

Mr. A. J. McKinney,
Cabool, Missouri.

Dear Mr. McKinney:

I had intended answering your letter sooner, not with a view of accepting the \$500 cash for the forty acres, but rather to let you know that I expect to have the brush cleared from it and to have a fence put around it. In that way doubtless it could be rented or sold for what the land is worth.

I do not particularly need the money but I would like to put it in shape for sale. I know that forty acres will bring very much more money if it is improved. If I could get a decent offer I might entertain it, but of course \$500 is out of the question.

Mr. McKinney, what do you really think the farm is worth on a good cash turnover? Personally, I think it is worth \$1,000 cash if it is worth anything, if there was a good fence around it and the brush is cleared off so that it would make a fine dairy location. It is just large enough so that it could be handled in good shape for a dairy. There is a concrete highway right by it so I am willing to sell it for a fair price; but certainly \$500 is no consideration whatsoever.

I am secretary of the Douglas County Selective Service board and have had charge of the Douglas County 1944 Red Cross War Fund drive. We have just gone over the top in the Red Cross campaign, but there are many other things that are occupying much of my time. I think I will have one of my brothers who lives in southern Missouri go down there and look over the place and put it in shape that it will be salable. Won't you write me at your convenience?

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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