

April 12, 1945.

Mr. Solon Ayers,  
Haskell Institute,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Solon:

You have been congratulated many, many times for the wonderful job you did in putting the Red Cross drive over in a big way.

I want to make our near-total report to you as of the present:

University faculty and employees	\$2650.50
University students	1473.37
University high school students	<u>40.00</u>

Total from University of Kansas . . . . \$4163.87

Last year on March 31 our total was . . . . \$4555.11

We had a large contingent of Electricians Mates, our V-12 program was going at full blast, and we also had the ASTP with the military personnel here. Considering the loss in officer personnel and enlisted men, together with the fact that many, many faculty members and their wives this year gave to the residential solicitors, I feel we did as well as could be expected. So many men on the faculty reported to me that their wives were so eager to contribute to the residential quota that they just gave their money to that fund. And they were sizeable contributions. Some of these were: R. S. Tait, Guy W. Smith, R. R. Strait, R. E. Kanehl, C. M. Baker, O. O. Stoland, Mabel Barnhart, Maude Ellsworth, L. R. Lind, Edwin F. Price, R. W. McCloy, E. R. Hall, Gora M. Downs, Fred Ellsworth, L. N. Flint, and many others. But this just shows you that much of the money was given through other sources.

I have repeatedly said to our faculty and friends here at the University that it doesn't make one iota of difference to whom they give so long as they give. The Red Cross is the main consideration. I have never worked on a quota here at the University and always received a lot more money than if we get narrow and try to selfishly make a showing for our individual selves.