December 17, 1941.

Mr. J. Fred Harris,
N.Y.A. Project Supervisor,
State and Twiss St.,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Fred:

I am very happy to write to Gene Tunney in your behalf, and I am enclosing a copy of my letter to him.

I have also written to Captain Milton H. Medenbach, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, recommending you for one of the positions in his division. I am enclosing a copy of this letter, also.

It was a pleasure to see you, Freddie.

With best wishes and lots of good luck, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

Encl.

December 17, 1941.

Captain Milton H. Medenbach,
Asst. Adjutant General,
Headquarters Air Corps Technical Training Command,
20 East Archer Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Captain Medenbach:

I have received your communication of December 6th in which you state that a number of additional men are required for positions as Junior Directors of Physical Training.

I desire to recommend to you a young man who is at present Project Supervisor of the N.Y.A., at Topeka, Kansas. His name is J. Fred Harris, and his address is State and Twiss Street, Topeka, Kansas.

I have known Fred Harris for a great number of years and have a high admiration for him. He played three years on the varsity football team at the University of Kansas, and was a star performer on my varsity basketball team. He is 29 years of age, five feet eleven inches tall, and weighs 165 pounds. He is a fine, clean, capable, intelligent young man. He majored in our Department of Physical Education and has been in his present position for two years. He is well grounded in the fundamentals of athletics as well as physical education.

At the present time Mr. Harris is supervising a program for 200 boys whose ages range from 17 to 24 years. These boys are being trained in sheetmetal work, machine shop, radio, woodwork, photography, drafting, etc. His program includes strenuous activity for the boys, such as boxing, wrestling, basketball and baseball, as well as some of the lesser strenuous activities such as ping-pong, shuffleboard, dances and social affairs.

His duties also include the purchasing of materials, equipment and supplies for the operation and maintenance of the projects. Government forms are used that are required through the Federal Security Agency. He also engages in vocational guidance, and is councillor and disciplinarian for these boys. He assists in carrying out a suitable health program and is active in first aid treatment.

It is because of his vast experience and training that I am calling your attention to Fred Harris. I believe he would be invaluable to you in your program. I am very happy to recommend him to you without reservation or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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December 17, 1941.

Mr. Gene Tunney, Director,
Training Division,
Bureau of Navigation,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tunney:

I desire to recommend to you a young man for consideration as one of the physical instructors in your division. His name is J. Fred Harris, a graduate of the University of Kansas, and at present Project Supervisor of the N.Y.A., at Topeka, Kansas.

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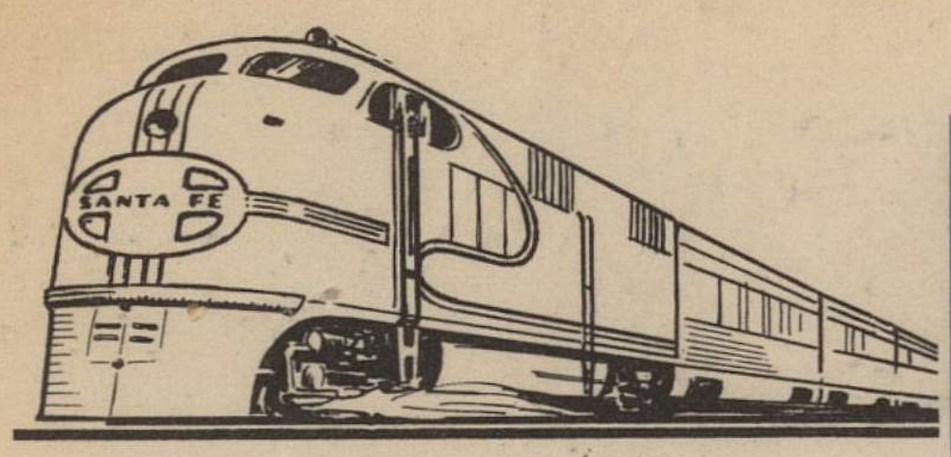
It is because of his vast experience and training that I am calling your attention to Fred Harris. I believe he would be invaluable to you in your program. He may be addressed at State and Twiss Street, Topeka, Kansas. I am very happy to recommend him to you without reservation or evasion as an instructor, coach, or a personnel executive.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

FCA:AH



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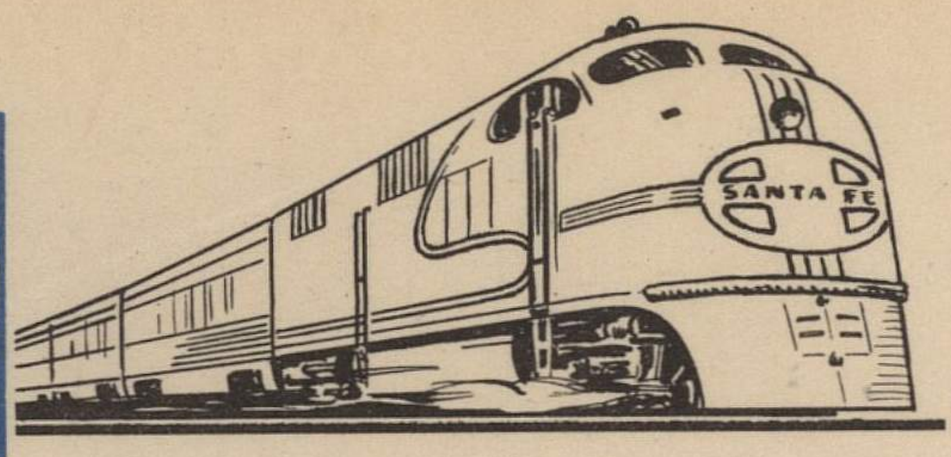

THE WORLD'S LARGEST FLEET OF STREAMLINED TRAINS

Gene Tunney

J. Fred Harris

Supervisor of N.Y.A.

project - 200 boys

Topeka, Ks. State Unit

29 yrs

5' 11"

165

7B 3 yrs
BB

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Duties of J. Fred Harris N.Y.A. Project Supervisor State and Twiss St. Topeka, Kansas.

In regards to recreation it is my duty to see that a program of strenuous activity such as boxing, wrestling, basketball, and baseball are carried out. There are approximately 200 Boys under this program. Dances, and parties are also arranged for social activities of these Youth. Also see that less strenuous activities be carried out such as Ping Pong, shuffle board & the like.

Addition work is purchasing material, equipment supplies for operation and maintenance of the projects building and supplies for normal operation and housing and upkeep.

Government forms are used that are required thru the Federal Security Agency. I am familiar with the personnel work and also engage in vocational guidance and am counciler and disciplinarian of these Youth. I understand thoroughly the working of government forms, rules & regulations with the N.Y.A.

Also aid in carrying on a Health program and am active in first aid treatment for these boys whose ages range from 17-24 years. This is necessary because the boys are being trained in Sheetmetal, machine shop, Radio woodwork, Photography and drafting and often need medical attention and first aid because of the dangerous work they are doing.

January 26, 1942.

Miss Fannie Mae Kerns,
902 State Street,
Ellsworth, Kansas.

Dear Miss Kerns:

I have just recently learned that there is a teaching vacancy for next semester at Wakeeney (Trego County), Kansas, in which you might be interested.

Someone wrote Professor Bayles saying that it was open, and Professor Bayles immediately called me. Do not reveal the source of your information, but if you are interested I suggest that you slip over there and see the superintendent of schools and tell him of your qualifications.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

January 26, 1942.

Professor H. E. Chandler,
Teachers Appointment Bureau.

Dear Professor Chandler:

I have just learned that there is to be a vacancy for a woman physical education teacher at Wakeeney (Trego County), Kansas, for next semester. I have written to Miss Fannie Mae Kerns, at Ellsworth, Kansas, one of our graduates, informing her of the vacancy. She is highly recommended by Miss Hoover

I wonder if you would care to get in touch with the superintendent of schools at Wakeeney concerning Miss Kerns.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

January 22, 1942.

Lt. Commander J. J. Tunney,
Training Division,
Bureau of Navigation,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tunney:

Mr. Kenneth Bruce informs me that he is an applicant for a position as a member of your staff of physical instructors. I am very happy to write you in behalf of Mr. Bruce, as I feel sure his qualifications and experience would make him a valuable member of your staff.

Kenneth Bruce received his A. B. degree at Bethany College in 1936. He has also done graduate work one summer at the University of Kansas. In his undergraduate work he has had the equivalent of a minor in physical education, and our graduate committee has approved his application for doing work toward the master's degree in education and physical education. Although Mr. Bruce has not yet had opportunity to avail himself of this opportunity, we feel that he is an excellent candidate.

Mr. Bruce has taken active part in athletics in college, having lettered four years each in football, basketball and tennis. He also played one summer on a Ban Johnson baseball team.

For the past six years Mr. Bruce has been coaching and teaching physical education. He has been at Lawrence Memorial High School in this capacity for two years, and is making a splendid record here. He is a competent teacher, a very successful coach, and a fine example for young men.

Mr. Bruce is a very personable young man. His character and habits are of the finest, he is intelligent, cooperative and industrious. I am very happy to recommend him to you without reservation or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

FCA:H

January 20, 1942.

Mr. Edgar P. Schmidt,
Box 94,
McLouth, Kansas.

Dear Schmitty:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter that I have written to Gene Tunney in your behalf.

Do you wish me to mail this letter direct to Mr. Tunney, or do you wish to present it to him yourself? I am holding the original here until I hear from you.

Assuring you of my desire to assist you in any possible way, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

January 20, 1942.

Mr. Gene Tunney,
Training Division,
Bureau of Navigation,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tunney:

I desire to write you in behalf of Mr. Edgar P. Schmidt, who is desirous of becoming a member of your staff. I believe that Mr. Schmidt has all the qualifications necessary to become a very excellent physical director in the Training Division of the Navy Department.

I have known Edgar Schmidt for a number of years. He came to the University of Kansas in 1926 from McLouth, Kansas. His undergraduate work here was in the fields of social science, education and economics. He made an outstanding record as a student. In the summer of 1938 he attended New York University working toward the master's degree in recreation.

Mr. Schmidt's athletic experience dates back to his high school days where he participated three years each in football, basketball and track. When he entered the University of Kansas he was a member of the freshman squads in football, basketball and baseball. He played three years on the varsity football and baseball teams, earning letters in both sports. He has played about thirteen years on amateur and semi-pro baseball teams, and about ten years on city league basketball and softball teams.

Mr. Schmidt was director of athletics, coach and physical education instructor in the Dodge City, Kansas, high school from 1930 to 1933. The next two years he was County Director of Public Welfare in Leavenworth County, Kansas, and in 1935 he became special assistant to the Executive Director of the Kansas Emergency Relief Commission. His work has included that of Field Representative and State Supervisor of Recreation in the Works Project Administration. At the present time he is Chief of Welfare Programs in the above-mentioned Administration. He has been particularly successful in developing public recreation programs throughout the State of Kansas.

Mr. Schmidt is 33 years of age, six feet tall, and weighs 175 pounds. He is a highly personable young man, and has the ability to win the friendship and respect of all with whom he comes in contact. His posture and bearing are impressive, his character is of the highest, and he is clean in all his habits.

I am very happy to recommend him to you without reservation or evasion. I sincerely believe that you would find him to be a valuable asset to your staff.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

Edgar P. Schmidt Mc Louth, Kansas Box 94

Age: 33 Heighth: 6' Weight: 175

EDUCATION:

High School - Mc Louth High School 4 years

College: University of Kansas 4 years - A.B. Degree (Major - Social Science
Minor - Education
Economics

Graduate work - New York University - Summer Session 1938 (work toward M.A. in Recreation)

EXPERIENCE:

WORK:

1930-33 Director of Athletics - Physical Education Instructor Coach - Dodge City Public School - Senior High School
1933-35 County Director of Public Welfare - Leavenworth Co.
1935 - Special Assustant to the Executive Director Kansas Emergency Relief Commission - F.E.R.A.
1935-36 Work Projects Administration - Field Representative
1936-40 Work Projects Administration - State Supervisor of Recreation.
1940-present - Chief of Welfare Programs - Work Projects Administration of Kansas.

ATHLETIC EXPERIENCE:

HIGH SCHOOL: 3 years football, basketball & track

University of Kansas - Football - Freshman team 1926
Varsity " 1927-28-29
Baseball - Freshman " 1927
Varsity " 1928-29-30
Basketball-Freshman squad 1926-27 season

About thirteen years of baseball on amateur & Semi-pro teams
" ten years of city league basketball & softball

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

Three years of high school with experience in directing football, basketball, baseball, track, tennis, and golf.

RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCE ; 4 years as State Director of Recreation for the Work Projects Administration in developing public recreation programs throughout the State.

January 22, 1942.

Lt. Commander Gene Tunney,
Training Division,
Bureau of Navigation,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tunney:

I am very happy to write you in behalf of Mr. Carl Jessup, who is an applicant for a position as physical instructor in the Training Division of the Bureau of Navigation.

Mr. Jessup is a graduate of Wichita East High School, and received his A. B. degree from Friends University in 1936. He attended Kansas State Teachers College at Pittsburg as a special student in the summer of 1938, and the University of Kansas in the summer of 1941. He is at present enrolled in graduate work in education and physical education at the University of Kansas. He has thirty hours of college physical education.

During the past semester Mr. Jessup has served as an assistant instructor in our Department of Physical Education, and has also had charge of physical education classes at the Lawrence Junior High School.

While in high school Carl Jessup lettered in football, wrestling, baseball and the gymnastic team, and was twice state high school champion in wrestling. In college he participated in football four years, wrestling one year, track three years, basketball one year. He lettered in football and was captain two years, and in wrestling he was runner-up in the Missouri Valley A.A.U.

Mr. Jessup is an excellent teacher and coach. Prior to his coming to the University of Kansas he had four years of high school teaching and coaching, in which he made a fine reputation for himself. He handles his University classes with dignity and confidence, and wins the respect of his students and colleagues. We have been very happy to have such a man available for our physical education classes.

Carl Jessup is a clean-cut, capable, industrious young man. His character is of the highest, he is intelligent, and co-operative.

I am very happy to recommend him to you without reservation or evasion. I am confident that he will be a valuable asset to your training division.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

Carl Jessup. age 29.

Education

Wichita High School East - 1932
Friends University - Wichita 1936 A.B. Degree
Pittsburg State Teachers College - Pittsburg - Summer 1938 (Special)
Kansas University - Lawrence (Summers of 1941 and fall semester of 1942. work on Masters degree in education & physical education.)

I have 30 college hours of physical education -

experience

I High school - played football 3 years wrestling 3 years, baseball 3 years and gymnastic team 1 year -

Lettered in football 2
2. wrestling 3 captain twice (state champ twice.)
3. baseball 3
4. gym team 1

II College. played football 4 years wrestled 1 year - basketball 1 year - (captain 2 years)
lettered - 3 years football 4
track 2
wrestling (Missouri Valley A.A.U. runner up)

III Coaching experience -

1937-38 Offerle High School - coach and teacher
38-39 " " " " " "
39-40 Plains Consolidated High School coach and teacher.
40-41 Plains Consolidated High School coach and teacher.
41-42 Lawrence Junior High - Instructor and coach
Kansas University - assistant instructor.

January 21, 1942.

Mayor Roger Sermon,
Independence, Missouri.

Dear Rog:

You will recall my previous correspondence with you regarding Vaughn "Chick" Pontius. Since he has some time off from the Country Club today he is driving over to have a talk with you.

He wrote to the Remington Arms Company for an application blank, but to date has not received one. I would appreciate it if you can get him straightened out with an application blank and anything else that he needs in getting located with the Remington Arms people.

You will remember that I told you he is very adept with tools, is a graduate of the Lawrence High School, and took R.O.T.C. here at the University.

I would appreciate anything that you can do for him.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

January 15, 1942.

Board of Selection,
U. S. Naval Reserve,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am very happy to recommend to you Mr. Hubert Ulrich, a student at the University of Kansas. I have known Hubert four years, having had him in class in my Department of Physical Education.

Hubert Ulrich is a big, fine-looking young man, intelligent, clean in his habits. He played end on the varsity football team here at the University of Kansas three years, and is at present a member of the varsity basketball team. This year he was named All-Big Six end. He is 21 years of age, six feet one inch tall, and weighs 210 pounds.

Ulrich is a hard worker, loyal and cooperative. I am very happy to recommend him without reservation or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

January 13, 1942.

Mr. H. L. Barridge,
Director of Physical Training,
G.C.A.C.T.C.,
Box 331,
Randolph Field, Texas.

Dear Mr. Barridge:

I am very happy to write you in behalf of Mr. Edd A. Wood who is applicant for a position on your staff in physical training. I have known Mr. Wood for ten years. He came to the Lawrence school system as director of physical education and coach. My son, Robert, played three years on his football and basketball teams.

I have admired Mr. Wood as a fine leader of young men and a splendid coach. He is clean and capable and resourceful, as well as setting a splendid example to youth.

Mr. Wood is at present with the Chevrolet Motor Company, where he is one of their star salesmen. During the time he was teaching and coaching he worked in the summers as a motor car salesman, and sold more cars then than were sold by the combined efforts of the other four salesmen. This speaks well for his energy and his ability to create in the minds of individuals their needs for things -- and to get them on the dotted line!

When Mr. Wood was at Tarkio College, Tarkio, Missouri, he was an outstanding athlete, participating in the four major sports - football, basketball, baseball and track. He is one of Tarkio's athletic greats.

Mr. Wood is in fine physical condition at the present time. He has a fine personality, and I am very happy to recommend him to you without reservation or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

January 14, 1942.

North American Aviation Inc.
~~Kansas City~~ ~~Ohio~~
1 Fairfax Field. Kansas City.

~~Mr. H. L. Barridge,~~
~~Director of Physical Training,~~
~~Box 331,~~
~~Randolph Field, Texas.~~

~~Dear Mr. Barridge:~~ Dear Sirs:

Edd A. Wood has asked that I write you regarding his qualifications for a position as director of physical training.

Mr. Wood was located in the local high school here in which he had charge of coaching and physical education for six years. After that he moved to Wichita for a couple of years and then returned to Lawrence and entered business. I have known him very well since his coming to Lawrence and think that he is well qualified in the teaching field.

Since Mr. Wood is older than most applicants for such a position, I feel that his experience should be an asset in the type of position for which he has applied. He certainly has the basic foundation for a well qualified man in physical education. Should you desire any further information regarding his qualifications I shall be pleased to write you at length.

Sincerely yours,

E. R. Elbel,
ERE:AH Associate Professor, Physical Education.

January 16, 1942.

North American Aviation, Inc.,
Fairfax Field,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Sirs:

Edd A. Wood has asked that I write you regarding his qualifications for a position as director of physical training.

Mr. Wood was located in the local high school here in which he had charge of coaching and physical education for six years. After that he moved to Wichita for a couple of years and then returned to Lawrence and entered business. I have known him very well since his coming to Lawrence and think that he is well qualified in the teaching field.

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Sincerely yours,

E. R. Elbel,
Associate Professor, Physical Education.

NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION, INC., OF KANSAS

KANSAS CITY KANSAS

January 10, 1942

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Your letter of the 9th has been received and we wish to thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

It is our belif that Charles Clifford Moore is the son of Charles Moore, Sr., to which you referred in your letter.

Since I haven't seen you since the American Royal, trust everything is well with you and Mrs. Allen. I am

Very truly yours,

NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION, INC., OF KANSAS

Sam H. Pinder

Sam H. Pinder
Investigations, Personnel Department

SHP:hw

January 9, 1942.

Mr. Dean Phillips,
Personnel Director,
North American Aviation, Inc.,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Phillips:

I have your inquiry concerning Charles Clifford Moore, who has given you my name as a personal reference.

Before replying to your questionnaire I want to be sure just who he is. Is he the son of Charles Moore,Sr., who lives near Shawnee, Kansas, who is employed by the Standard Oil Company?

I shall be very happy to answer your query as soon as I have Charles Clifford Moore clearly identified in my own mind.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

January 10, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very happy to recommend to you Mr. Horace Mason, our sports publicity man at the University of Kansas. I have known Horace Mason for years, ever since he was in the grade schools here in Lawrence. I have watched him through his high school and college work, and have found him at all times to be a highly enthusiastic and valuable writer.

I know of no young man who is as well informed on the sports records of individual athletes of the state and the national realm. Mason is an untiring writer and worker - and he not only writes well but authentically. He is a graduate of the University of Kansas, having received the A. B. degree with a major in journalism.

Mason has been director of athletic publicity for the University for the past four and a half years, and has handled all publicity on the Kansas Relays for the past five years. He has also been in charge of publicity for the Big Six Conference indoor track meets in the last two years at Kansas City. He has been the main support of the family since the death of his father five and a half years ago.

Horace Mason is a fine, clean, capable young man. He is an efficient, loyal and energetic worker. I am very happy to recommend him to you without reservation or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

Director of athletic publicity 4½ years

Main support of family since father's death 5½ years ago

Handled all publicity on Kansas Relays last 5 years

In charge of publicity for Big Six ~~tourn~~ indoor track meet in Kansas City last two years.

Graduate of Univ. of Kansas school of journalism, with an A.B.

Dr. Allen has known me all my life

January 22, 1940.

Mr. Max Patrick,
Director of Publicity,
Mississippi State College,
State College, Miss.

Dear Max:

I desire to command to you Horace Mason, our sports publicity man at the University of Kansas. I have known Horace Mason for years, ever since he was in the grade schools here. I have watched him through his high school and college work, and have found him at all times to be a highly enthusiastic and valuable sports writer.

I know of no young man who is as well informed on the sports records of individual athletes of the state and the national realm. Mason is an untiring worker, and not only writes well, but he writes authentically. While in New York last year I stopped at Rockefeller Center to see Whitney Martin and told Whitney of Horace's possibilities. Whitney told me that of course he got all of his sports releases and he had a very high regard for Mason's capabilities.

I have strongly believed in a young man when he graduates from the University to get out into the world and get outside experience. For that reason I think that Horace would do well to cut the University ties, and be one hundred per cent on his own initiative. With all of my star athletes I have admonished them to take a coaching job at some high school where they could get the experience of being entirely on their own responsibility. I have always found that no one is appreciated fully until he has left the home environment and made good out in the cold world. Then I find that his old school generally appreciates his services the more after such procedure.

I am willing to recommend Horace to you without reservation or evasion, and will say that you will never find a more officient, loyal and energetic worker.

I have been hearing a lot of fine things regarding your work down South, and I wish for you and yours a very prosperous and happy 1940.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.