

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.