

February 22, 1941

Mr. A.J. Stout
Superintendent of Schools
Topeka Public Schools
415 West Eighth Street
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Superintendent Stout:

I have been asked by Maurice Cannady to write you concerning his qualifications for a possible position in physical education in your Topeka school system.

I have known Maurice Cannady ever since he was a freshman at the University of Kansas, and have found him at all times a high-grade gentleman, capable teacher, and a very safe and valuable young man to deal with young people.

Maurice Cannady attended the Independence, Kansas high school and Junior College. He won two letters in sports there and at Kansas he won letters in both football and track. He was a fine athlete and he trained for the contests in a most exemplary manner. He completed his work for a B.S. Degree in Education from the University of Kansas during the summer of 1938.

His experience in school activities as I know them is as follows: President of Sigma Chi; President of Sasnak, which is a physical education club in the School of Education; and Vice-President of the K-Club, which is the lettermen's organization.

In September, 1938 he accepted a position with the Lawrence Public Schools and assisted Coach Elmer Schaaake in football for two years. Last year he had charge of the Colored High School Basketball Team, losing but one game out of eleven contests. His record won for him the championship. At present he is coach of the Junior High School Basketball Team, and his boys are making an enviable record. Last summer he was Assistant Director of the Lawrence Playground. At present he is working on his Master's Degree at the University of Southern California, which is half completed.

Last summer when I was at the Kansas State High School Coaching School in Topeka along with Fritz Crisler of Michigan, I met Principal Van Slyck and told him that we had two young people of great promise; one a man and the other a young woman, who were doing exceptional work. I told him they were Maurice Cannady and D.J. Wilcuts. At that time I gave Mr. Van Slyck my appraisal of Maurice Cannady.

I think Mr. Cannady is a fine influence with young men and does a highly commendable job with them. If you are further interested in any of Mr. Cannady's qualifications, I would be glad to have you write me.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach