

April 27, 1940.

Mr. D. R. Lidikay,
Superintendent of Schools,
Council Grove, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Lidikay:

Fred Harris came in the office with instructions that you desired me to write you concerning his qualifications as an athletic coach and a leader among boys.

May I say that I have known Fred Harris from his elementary school days. He was a classmate of my middle son, Milton, with whom he played football and basketball at Lawrence Memorial High School. The two boys continued in the University and played together on the athletic teams here.

Fred was a star punter for three years on the Kansas varsity football team, and was a splendid ball carrier. After his graduation from the University in the Department of Journalism Fred assisted me with spring basketball practice for both the varsity and the freshmen. He was also one of Mike Getto's assistant coaches with the freshman football team last fall, and I believe he helped with spring practice this spring. Last summer Fred had entire charge of the softball playgrounds and tournaments in the North Lawrence baseball league, and he handled the entire set-up the whole summer in a most commendable manner.

Fred has been so desirous of continuing in athletic work that he did not accept a position that was offered him in journalism, but preferred to pursue additional studies so that he might qualify himself more adequately in physical education. His work is not of the mere accidental type, but is founded upon enthusiasm and experience. The fact that he competed both on the varsity football and basketball teams would render him an exceptionally valuable man so far as game technique is concerned. He understands boys and gets along with them splendidly. In my opinion he would make a most excellent coach and a fine influence among young men. He is interested in them and in the things that