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Mr. Murray Reed, City Editor,
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Dear Mr. Reed:

I have endeavored to make inquiries regarding George W. Hamilton, a graduate of the Law School in 1922. There is no record in our alumni office nor the athletic office of athletic participation for Mr. Hamilton. Neither Mr. George O. Foster, the registrar, nor Mr. Ed Harvey, a colored athlete who participated in the '90's, remember him.

I might say to you, but not for publication, however, that the Big Six and Missouri Valley Conference, have not used negroes in any of their games. The old Missouri Valley Conference was comprised of the Universities of Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas, and the agricultural colleges of Iowa, Kansas and Oklahoma, together with Washington University of St. Louis, Drake University of Des Moines, and Grinnell College of Grinnell, Iowa. When the Big Six Conference was formed ten years ago the membership comprised the Universities of Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas, and the agricultural colleges of Iowa and Kansas. It seems as if there is no written law that no negroes shall participate in athletics, but nobody can find the law nor can you get anyone to find any responsibility for the chap who made it. But no colored athletes are competing in any athletic participation.

However, at the present time in the Missouri Valley Conference, which comprises many of the schools that were formerly members of the old Missouri Valley - Washburn and Drake, for instance, use colored athletes. I do not know what others do or do not.

I am very sorry that I cannot give an old Warrensburg Teacher's College alumnus the dope that he would like to have. I spoke down at Warrensburg three weeks ago at the 25th anniversary of the class of 1914. But your time takes us a long ways back - much further than that. My first year there as coach was 1912.