

January 13, 1939.

Mr. E. C. Quigley,
St. Marys, Kansas.

Dear Ernie:

This will acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of the 12th instant with enclosure of check for \$8.00 for my expenses.

I do not know whether you know it or not, but I am called on perhaps fifty times a year to serve my good friends or institutions, and in many instances it is difficult for me to make any collection. I have just adopted the policy of telling schools and different individuals that I have no allowance for that sort of thing, and as much as I dislike it because it grates on my nerves to say it, I have found from necessity that I must do this to keep my budget in balance.

I know that you understand that I would do anything for you that was in my power to do, but I also knew that you and I both have financial problems and families which we must protect. I took your good letter home and read it to Mrs. Allen and my family, and we are all pulling for you a thousand per cent. Mrs. Allen was afraid that I had hurt your feelings, but I told her that you and I had always talked very frankly about things, and I was sure that from one Irishman to another we had understood each other perfectly.

From the description of your case I feel that you still have quite a ways to go before you are entirely well. For that reason, Ernie, take especially good care of yourself. Life would be pretty drab if you were not your old self, and for that reason we are pulling for you to make the grade in high.

Answering your communication about the N.C.A.A. tournament, it will be held in San Francisco, and I think it will be the 17th and 18th of March. That is the play-off for the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth districts. The place of the eastern tournament has not yet been decided upon, and the final play-off I think will be in Chicago.

We are leaving in the morning for Lincoln, and the way we have been going does not augur well for our chances. We have had a very difficult situation in losing three of our stand-by