

November 20, 1940

Mr. W. C. Simons  
President, The Lawrence Daily Journal-World  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Simons:

Your good letter of October 31 has not gone unanswered because I did not want to give it earlier attention than I have. I was out of town some ten days at the time your letter arrived and I have been on so many speaking tours that it has been impossible for me to find time for dictation. I am up here at the office at 10:15 tonight dictating this letter to you along with others that I should have answered quite some time ago.

I am very happy to have your letter and I concur one hundred per cent in your belief regarding the very valuable benefit of physical exercise. I am very sure that we can arrange to have Dolph come up and play with the faculty under the direction of Mr. Burt DeGroot. The faculty meet with Mr. DeGroot on Wednesdays and Fridays at 4:30. I can make arrangements so Dolph could exercise with these boys if he would like to. They play volley ball and none of them are too strenuous. I believe it would fit in very nicely.

If he does not like this set up I believe that we could cooperate with the Lawrence High School people and arrange to secure use of their gym for games similar to the ones our faculty use. I believe we would have no difficulty in getting someone to conduct this work at the high school that would prove both beneficial and highly recreative to Dolph and his group, if he would prefer a less crowded condition than we have here at the University.

After you have talked the matter over with Dolph, if you will give me a ring I will be glad to drop down at some convenient time and talk this over with you. Personally, I believe the high school would be a better place for Dolph and his group because some of these faculty members do not unlimber either physically or socially, but they are a bunch of swell fellows and too, there would be more room for them at the high school. Also, the high school would be closer to Dolph's domicile and I believe that Neal Wherry and that group of people would be glad to serve the Lawrence community in a neighborly way.

I am very sure that we can furnish the personnel if arrangements can be made to use the gym.