

June 11, 1938.

Mr. L. R. Smith,
Specialists Educational Bureau,
1023 N. Grand Blvd.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have been out of town much of late, but find your letter of April 19 inquiring for an outstanding man to act as head coach in a high school of one thousand. You mention the salary as being from \$2000 to \$2500.

We have a young man who has been athletic director and head coach of all sports at Bethany College, Landsburg, Kansas. His name is Elmer Schaake. He played three years in the backfield for Kansas, playing safety and quarterback. He was all-America mention on several teams during his playing days here four years ago. He also played guard and was one of the determining factors in our championship basketball team.

Elmer Schaake is clean, capable, and has a dominant influence with young men. He is sympathetic, and has a fine personality. He has been unusually successful at Bethany College considering the material with which he has had to work. The reason I mention Schaake to you is that he told me he wanted to get away from the small denominational school because they are always hard pressed financially. I know of no young coach in the country who has the promise of Elmer Schaake.

Some of the coaches who have played on my football and basketball teams who are now doing excellent jobs are Arthur Lonberg, of Northwestern University, John Bunn of Stanford University, Adolph Rupp of the University of Kentucky, and Forrest C. Cox of the University of Colorado. In my opinion young Schaake has just as much promise as any one of the four coaches that I have mentioned. Schaake is married and has one child. I will recommend him without reservation or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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