

May 22, 1939.

Mr. Victor Ebaugh,
McPherson, Kansas.

Dear Victor:

I have just returned from the Big Six meet at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, and find your good letter of May 18th awaiting me. May I say that your letter is very pleasing and stimulating to me. I am always happy to find young men who have the courage and the energy to attack life's problems in the right way.

Many boys will listen to itinerant college coaches who traverse the state promising them tuition and easy jobs in lieu of their athletic ability. Since you reside in a college town, as you say, you find it rather difficult to find a lucrative job, and I am sure that your common sense dictates the thought that there are no greener pastures elsewhere, because all college towns are very much alike. Further, I am assured that you recognize the fact that since men are not giving money away around McPherson they are not apt to give it away around another college town, or in fact any other non-college town.

Many college coaches use the lure and bait and make outlandish promises to young boys, promising them everything, and then when they matriculate in the college those same coaches can use the argument that the work didn't turn out just as well as they had hoped but since they were there the boys had better stick and the coaches would help them all they could. And, I might say, the coaches in the beginning knew just about how things would turn out.

I congratulate you upon being intelligent enough to choose your college first, and then consider that athletics should introduce you favorably to a job or an acquaintanceship that will enable you to find your place in life, and that place shall be all that you had hoped it might be when you were starting on your quest. I like your energy and determination, and if at any time during the summer I can be of any service to you do not fail to let me hear from you.

We will leave it this way. I am very sure that some time we will drive to Ellinwood to see my son's family, and whenever I do I will let you know ahead of time so that I may have the pleasure of visiting with you, and if you should come our way I will be