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Mr. C. E. McBride,
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Dear Mac:

I knew that I was imposing upon you when I asked you to write the article for the Basketball Guide, but I think that you have nominated a fine successor in Harold Keith. I will write him and I know that Harold will do a swell job.

You will remember that we first asked Joe Knack to write it two years to take it off your hands, and I did not want to ask someone else in another part of the territory to write the story. That is why I continued to bother you. I want to say, however, that you did not make a failure last year. I thought it was a nice article.

By the way, I got a wire from Joe down at Sallas last Saturday asking if I could loan him a hundred dollars, that he had an opportunity back in Ohio that would put him back in the "big time" again. Really, I wanted to help him, but I was not in a position to send him the hundred dollars, so just told him that I had made certain commitments that would not permit me to help him. I was forced to turn him down. Really, I wanted to help him, but I figured if he was going to a good job he certainly could underwrite some sort of expense ticket to take his family. This, he stated, is what he wanted to do.

By the way, Mac, I am wondering how you are feeling. I am leaving here Thursday for Sabetha where I deliver the high school commencement address that night. Don't you like my subject - "The Common Braveries of Everyday Living"? I am then going to drive on to Ames, Iowa, for the Big Six meeting Friday and Saturday. The basketball coaches get together for some additional work that can be tabbed as unfinished business.

Remember those first treatments that I gave you are not ample to take care of that catarrhal gall bladder. If a little can help you, I am doubly anxious to help you. Please don't wait until you get into bad shape again and let somebody talk you into caring their initials on you before we exhaust other resources. Just any time you say, I will be glad to have you drive down and I will be glad to see you. And too, we would be delighted to drive up and see that garden and all the "uses". Housecleaning is still on at the Allen household, and you know nerves and dispositions are not any too good when the male members make more fuss and muss than anything else.