

December 22, 1941

Mr. William M. Ege,
325 North P Street,
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

My dear William:

It was mighty nice of you to join with us in the celebration of my Fiftieth Anniversary in Lawrence. The journey, on the whole, has been a pleasant one which has left many fond memories.

It must have been thirty years ago that I first knew you, when you were living in the Barker neighborhood, and through all the years that have passed, you have lived a life of good will and helpfulness. I think that in your work at the University, you influenced many lives by your faithfulness and courtesy at the library. Your educational training enabled you to be particularly helpful to young folks who were trying to seek information, but did not know just where to look to find it.

You congratulate me on my good work, I congratulate you for all that you have done through the years to make men and women better citizens and better children of God. When I think of you, I think of Paul and his declaration that he was not ashamed to speak out boldly and to testify that which he believed.

I have been a Kansan for nearly sixty-four years, which is something similar to the long life of your parents in Illinois.

I recall speaking to the club women of your neighborhood upon an invitation extended by your good wife.