

March 6, 1942

Mr. Chester T. Reed  
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677 Cambridge Street  
Worcester, Mass.

My dear Mr. Reed:

At the suggestion of Mr. Edward P. LeVeen of the Carleton Woolen Mills I am writing to request your cooperation in seeking permission to obtain the use of the Quinsigamond Boat Club facilities for a group of college boys who are interested in rowing. As I am not aware of the proper procedure in making such a request, I should greatly appreciate any information you may give me, or any aid.

The reason for this rather unusual request is that I am responsible for having started a group of college boys in rowing. The group at present is composed of about 10 young men from the Leicester Junior College. We secured two four-~~oar~~ shells which are very suitable to our needs. We rowed through the spring and fall seasons of last year using the Shrewsbury Rowing Club Boathouse and facilities. This arrangement was fairly satisfactory except that I was aware that at times we crowded the Shrewsbury crews because of the need of space for their shells and the difficulties of trying to launch several shells simultaneously. At the close of the fall season last year, the boys were so highly enthusiastic about rowing that I was very anxious to continue the sport this spring under conditions as favorable as possible. Some days ago I was talking over my problem in the presence of Mr. LeVeen and he suggested the possibility of working out some arrangement in cooperation with the Quinsigamond Boat Club to use its boathouse. He thought you, as an individual who has been interested both in the sport of rowing and young men, might be able to assist in obtaining permission for its use.

I would much appreciate your suggestions as to what steps or what possibilities there may be, and I would be glad to make an appointment to talk it over with you if you are willing and feel so inclined.

With sincere thanks for any cooperation you may give us,  
Very truly yours,

Associate Professor of  
Economics & Sociology

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