

March 18, 1942

Mr. W. Emory Wardwell
360 Main Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wardwell:

I am writing to ask for information on the possibility of obtaining the use of the Quinsigamond Boat Club facilities for a group of college boys who are interested in rowing. Mr. Chester T. Reed informed me by letter recently that you could probably give me information.

The reason for this rather unusual request is that I am responsible for having started a group of boys in rowing. The group at present is composed of about ten young men from the Leicester Junior College. In addition I have about ten Clark University students who are anxious to try their hands at rowing, although the latter group has as yet had no experience. For the Leicester boys we have two four-oared shells which are very suitable for our needs. We rowed through the spring and fall seasons of last year using the Shrewsbury Boat House. This arrangement was fairly satisfactory except that at times I felt that we crowded the Shrewsbury crews due to the limited space that they had for their shells and the frequent difficulties of trying to launch several shells simultaneously. At the close of the fall season, last year, the Leicester boys were so enthusiastic about rowing that I was very anxious to continue the sport this spring under conditions as favorable as possible. I have succeeded in scheduling two races with preparatory schools this spring, but as yet have not found a suitable place for our training work outs. Some days ago I was talking over my problem when a friend suggested the possibility that the Quinsigamond Boat Club might cooperate in permitting us to use its boat-house. I hope that your interest in promoting the sport of rowing may result in our working out some arrangement along the lines I have suggested. I would very much appreciate any assistance you can give me or suggestions as to what steps are necessary.

I would be pleased to have an appointment to talk it over with you if you feel that it is possible for the Boat Club to assist us.

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