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Jan. 23, 1957

Ed Morrison,  
Morris, Minnesota.

Dear Ed :-

Some rather interesting news broke in this mornings papers and feel I should write you about. You probably will read about it in the Mpls paper and I am enclosing a clipping from the St. Paul paper.

Last Saturday p.m. the mayor of Montevideo came over to Morris to see me. His name is Dr. Robert Barr. He was interested in getting a branch of the U in our section of the State and of course I told him Morris was the spot and he agreed to go along with that thinking. His Senator is Faye Child who also is a member of the Senate Finance Comm. So we agreed the first step was to block that appropriation of the U for the purchase of land across the river. If they ever get that land our chance for a branch would be nil. So Monday when I got back I contacted Faye Child and he was all for us and you will note that he spoke up in the Finance Comm for Morris. I did not get to him too soon. Now I feel he should be complimented and a letter from Homers office and probably from the Morris Industrial Comm would be in order. I feel the U will have a slim chance of getting that appropriation and especially if we can get a few more Finance Comm members to plug for Morris. I am enclosing the names of the members of the Senate Finance Comm and also the House Appropriations Comm thinking that they should be contacted by some body in our area by letters. If this is done I would appreciate copies of those letters and I would follow up by making personal contact. I have spoken to Delbert Anderson of Starbuck who is a member of House Appro Comm he is all for us. These letters should be sent direct to these people at the State Capitol. I feel now is the time to strike and if we can block that Appro then we will have more time to develop the need, etc for a branch at Morris and Crookston. I feel this is hot stuff and requires immediate action.

You will notice by the articles that Ted Fenske has been named to make a study of the feasibility of converting Morris and Crookston to college levels. I have not seen Ted as yet to speak to. But I believe that Tom Stahler was going to get information that could be presented to Ted. Whenever Tom gets that information together I would appreciate a copy of it so I can also use it when I talk to Ted personally.

I am quiet excited about this whole deal and do not know if I have written everything that I wanted to when I started out. Will keep you informed of any developments here that I think you should know about.

Last evening our conservative Senate group had a discussion session for two hours on the Alaskan income tax plan by a Mr Roberts a tax expert I sure learned a lot. He felt that the plan Iowa uses probably is better than the Alaska plan as it deducts the federal tax paid. During the  
over

discussion it was plainly seen that withholding is not the answer by any means. Our conservative group have decided that we will have weekly gets to gethers and discuss various important issues. Do not quote me on this please.

Just thought of another thing I think a contact should be made with Mr. Olson of Renville member of the Board of Regents from our District. I feel that all the pressure we can get from people in the area will have a big effect to show that we are interested and want it.

I am writing this in my room and it is time to get to the Capitol for our session.

Show this letter to Warren, Arnold, Homer and Tom Stahler.

Sincerely,

*Fred W. Behmler*

Fred W. Behmler,  
Your Senator.