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Loan Committee
L. O. Janick

Gallaudet College,
Kendall Green,
Washington, D.C.,
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The Rotary Club,
Yakima, Washington.

Dear Gentlemen:

I understand that there is a number of struggling college students who receive sufficient financial funds through the Rotary Club in their respective home towns to complete their college education. Now I wish to inquire you if you can render me financial aid. I am a student at Gallaudet College, the only college of its kind in the world, and have one more year to study before I get my Bachelor of Arts degree. Mr. George B. Lloyd, superintendent of the school for the deaf at Vancouver, Washington and former president of the Rotary Club of the same town, sent me here to pursue courses of higher education in 1931. My home broken up by the sudden death of my father last summer following the call beyond of my mother several preceding years after a lingering illness, I have been working my way through college as a sports reporter for the city's two leading daily papers, The Evening Star and The Washington Post. But this still does not suffice to keep me financially well. My father, Oscar Nelson who had been a bona fide citizen of Granger, Washington, for 30 years, was very active in political affairs in Yakima County. I have an enterprising young brother, Ivan (Pop) Nelson, widely known in the valley for his athletic activities. He is now serving the office of principal of Wapato, Washington High School.

I myself want to have a summer job in the valley this coming summer but I fear that the trouble of getting it there would confront me. I have always wanted to work on the Yakima Daily Herald as a linotype operator but so far as I know there is no open position in that department for the present. I could well fill in as a proof-reader or as a sports rewrite man if I be given a thorough trial.

President Percival Hall of this college says that he would express a pleasure to write you in case you want him to corroborate my statement that I, in my dire circumstances, wish to apply for financial aid through you.

Hoping for your immediate reply, I remain,

Cordially very yours,

Kenneth Nelson
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