

Laucaster, California,  
November 2, 1932,

Mr A C Davis,  
Chairman Student Loan Fund Committee,  
Yakima Public Schools,  
Yakima, Washington.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter concerning my school note a few days ago & I sincerely regret that the note was not paid when it came due. It would have been paid if the Cascade Lumber Company for whom I was working in the summer of 1931 had not closed down its mill overnight & thrown me in a position of making not only my own living but most of the living of my family.

Since that summer of 1931 I have had no steady employment and have been fortunate enough to

make enough to live on. If you have any doubts  
as to my sincerity, ask Gordon Newland, the young man  
who borrowed some money from the Loan fund at  
the same time I did. He came to Seattle to see  
me last fall.

My father and I are negotiating for the  
management of this fruit ranch but do not expect  
much financial remuneration until after the  
election.

I have been endeavouring to borrow money to  
pay off that note but have had no satisfaction.  
However, by the first of the year I believe I  
can clear <sup>up</sup> most of the debt. I am sorry for my  
inability to meet the note when it came due, but  
I assure you I could not foresee the future at the  
time I borrowed the money. I'm going to Los Angeles  
soon to see if I can't borrow enough to pay up the note  
because I know that you need the money to loan to  
some other students.

Sincerely yours  
Floyd V. Stephens

P.S. My regards to Miss Prior.

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