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HARLAN, KENTUCKY

January 9, 1959

Mr. John Allen Chalk
2001 Division Avenue
Dayton 14, Ohio

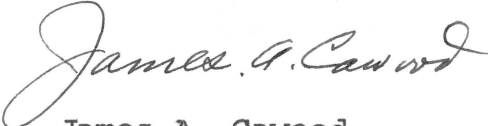
Dear Bro. Chalk:

The Elm Street Church of Christ, Harlan,
is in the process of securing a minister.

I have a letter from Bro. Jerry L. Campbell,
1100 Kammer Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, indicating that he is
interested in moving to this section to work. He plans
to come to Harlan in the near future to preach for the
congregation and to talk with the brethren.

Since he gave your name as reference, I
would like to have a letter from you regarding his training,
experience, character, reputation and ability as a minister.
You may be sure any information will be held in strict
confidence, and I would like to hear from you in the near
future.

Very truly yours,



James A. Cawood

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January 12, 1959

Mr. James A. Cawood, Superintendent
Harlan County Board of Education
Harlan, Kentucky

Dear Brother Cawood:

In answer to your letter of the 9th I wish to state that Jerry Campbell is at the present time working with the Westwood Church of Christ here in Dayton. I am personally acquainted with Brother Campbell's work and know him to be a very conscientious, sincere Christian.

My wife and I are personally associated, not only with him, but with the fine young lady who is to become his bride in June. It is our considered opinion that no two finer young Christian people can be found. Brother Campbell was educated at Harding College where he received a B.A. degree with major in Bible and minor in Greek. His character is near spotless perfection. I have often made the statement to my associates that Brother Campbell is one of the most dedicated, unassuming young preachers of the Gospel that I know. His reputation in this city is in complete agreement with my opinion of his character. His ability as a minister of the Gospel has been proven by the good work which he has done here in Dayton. He has been hampered by having to work with a group of people who had assumed previous to his coming a tremendous debt because of the purchase of a building in which to meet. I know that Brother Campbell has labored at personal financial cost with this group.

I am thankful that you have asked me to state my opinions concerning this fine young man. I am more than happy to have the opportunity of recommending him unconditionally.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk