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January 11, 1951.

Mr. Philip W. Lown  
Lown Shoes Inc.,  
Minot Avenue,  
Auburn, Maine.

Dear Mr. Lown:

I was proud of you and very much pleased with the way you handled the mortgage burning celebration dinner Tuesday night. I thought you expressed our appreciation to everybody in a fine way; that you also left with our friends some definite thoughts as to how the "Y" in the future might still more effectively serve our communities.

To me personally the burning of the mortgage was the end of a long trail that started twenty years ago. For a number of years the travelling on this trail was at times both difficult and rugged. In recent years the "climbing" has almost turned into a walk on "Easy Street" because of our 45 sustaining members.

We are very much indebted to you for proposing the sustaining membership idea and making this idea a reality. It has certainly shown me that the right idea can be most effective in liquidating a troublesome problem.

With many good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Magnus C. Hansen*  
General Secretary

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