

May 24, 1945.

Mr. Harold R. Elliott,
Basketball Coach,
Russell Public Schools,
Russell, Kansas.

Dear Coach Elliott:

I want you to know how very much I appreciate your kindly cooperation in working with Herbert Michaelis. I expect to get hold of some of the Sigma Nu fraternity brothers of Walter's and see if they can't pep up his enthusiasm for coming to the University.

Won't you write me as to his reactions after I left? I am definitely anxious that we have him here.

It was good to have a visit with you.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

May 24, 1945.

Mr. Herbert Michaelis,
Russell, Kansas.

Dear Herbert:

I am asking that a University catalog be mailed to you. It should go forth in the next day or so. It was good to have a visit with you and I want you to feel that you certainly won't be out of place but very much in place. We will have a lot of these 17-year-olds with us and I expect to work with them this summer perfecting their fundamentals so that when the fall basketball season starts they will have that much under their belts.

So don't give up the idea of coming to K.U. I am going to check on some of the boys here that knew your brother Walter and we will see if we can't kindle a definite desire in your heart to make the University of Kansas your alma mater. And we want that start to be this summer. Write me, won't you, and tell me that you have made up your mind and that you are coming to the University of Kansas?

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 26, 1945.

Mr. Harold R. Elliott,
Basketball Coach,
Russell Public Schools,
Russell, Kansas.

Dear Harold:

I am glad that everything is fixed up for our May
22nd meeting. It will be a great pleasure to visit with you and
other good Rotarians, and Herbert Michaelis.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE RUSSELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

. . . . Office of THOMAS L. IDEN, Superintendent

RUSSELL, KANSAS

April 25, 1945

Forrest C. Allen,
Varsity Basketball Coach,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Allen:

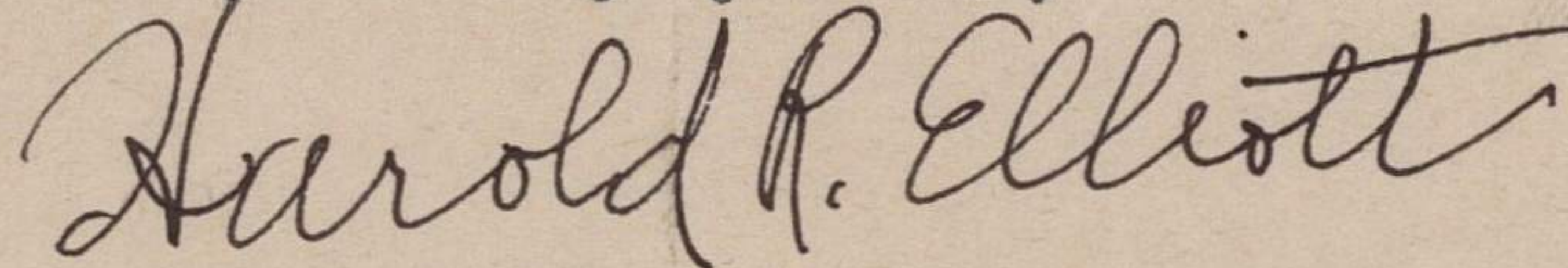
I have your letter of the 23rd and the copy of the one sent to Herbert Michaelis.

I am sorry that Herb did not contact you as I had suggested to him. He is a little shy and it may have gotten the better of him at the time. He knew you were to be out here in May, however, I thought you might like to meet him in Lawrence. Herb is a good basketball player despite his being a little shy.

Herb is a Junior Rotarian and will be to the meeting on May 22nd. I have been invited and will see that he meets you after the meeting.

I am sure the members of the Rotary Club are very happy to have you as their guest speaker on May 22. Personally, I am very glad you are coming. I will see you then.

Very truly yours,



Harold R. Elliott,
Basketball Coach.

April 23, 1945.

Mr. Harold R. Elliott,
Basketball Coach,
Russell Public Schools,
Russell, Kansas.

Dear Coach Elliott:

I was down on the field all day Saturday but failed to find Herbert Michaelis, the boy about whom you wrote me on April 17th. I talked to Coach Morrison of Salina, and a number of other coaches, asking for the coach of the Russell team, but they said they had seen him on the stadium grounds. However, when I looked for him I did not have the good fortune to locate him.

However, I am expecting to be in Russell on May 22 where I speak to the Rotary Club at noon. Doubtless Herbert is one of the Junior Rotarians. The Rotarians are to entertain the Junior Rotarians. So, if agreeable to you, if you will speak to Herb I will make it a point to see him after the Rotary meeting.

I am writing Herbert a note and sending you a carbon copy. I do appreciate your interest in writing me, giving me the full information regarding Herbert's exceptional ability. You can be assured that I will be most happy to have him, and if he comes this summer we will do a lot of work on him here prior to the basketball season.

And I do want to have a talk with you and thank you in person for your kindness. I have a lot of friends in Russell and it will be a pleasure to get back and say hello to them and to you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 23, 1945.

Mr. Herbert R. Michaelis,
406 Fossil Street,
Russell, Kansas.

Dear Herbert:

I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter that I have written your basketball coach, Mr. Harold R. Elliott. This is self-explanatory as to why I was not able to contact you when you were here with the track team. I am sorry that I missed you, but as the letter to Coach Elliott states, I will see you on May 22, I hope, and go over every detail of your possible University life here at K.U.

We are delighted to have you and I am especially pleased that you are a "B" student. That always speaks well for an athlete because too many times some boys depend on their athletic ability to help them through with their academic subjects. You are an exception to that situation. And I might happily add that we are constantly getting fine students in our athletic group because they are the better thinkers.

If there is any information that I can give you prior to my coming to Russell on May 22, won't you write me and let me know your desires? It will be a pleasure to see you when I come to Russell for the Rotary meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE RUSSELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of THOMAS L. IDEN, Superintendent

RUSSELL, KANSAS

April 17, 1945

Forrest C. Allen;
Basketball Coach of Kansas University,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Herbert R. Michaelis, 406 Fossil Street, Russell, Kansas, is thinking of enrolling in K. U. this summer or next fall for what work he can complete before being called into the army. He will graduate from high school May 26 and will not be eighteen until April 11, 1946.

Herb is the best potential basketball player Russell has had in the last seven years. He is over 6' 3" and weighs about 175. He played end on the football team and is on the track team throwing the weights and running the 220 on relays.

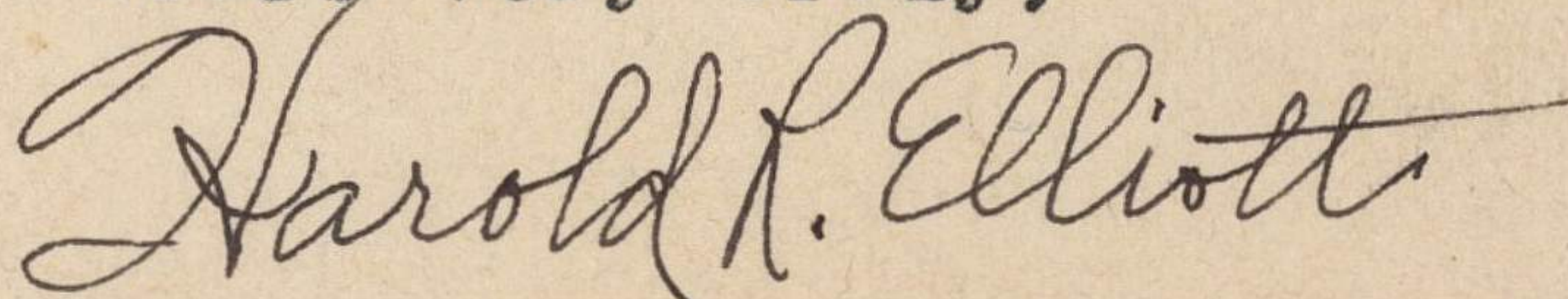
Herb has very quick reaction and has a very good eye for the basket. He was our leading scorer this year ^{with} an average of eleven points in 24 games while playing forward on offense and guard on defense. He was playing with a center as large as he. It was largely due to Herb that Russell qualified for the State Finals at Emporia in Class A. He scored 13 points against Turner who won over us by three points. He is an excellent rebounder. He is well liked by all and the boys named him honorary captain for 1944-45. He is very interested in basketball and works hard at it.

Much to my regret Herb is graduating in three years. He hopes to get in a full year of University work before he goes to the army. His grades average a low 'B'.

I am writing to you now as Herb is planning to be with the track team attending the K. U. Relays. I would like for him to talk to you and have suggested that he contact you while in Lawrence.

I really believe you can use Herb and I believe he can hold his own on the basketball floor with almost anyone under eighteen in the State.

Yours very truly,



Harold R. Elliott,
Basketball Coach.

May 16, 1945.

Mr. Thomas L. Iden,
Superintendent of Schools,
Russell, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Iden:

I am writing to confirm the arrangements made through Mr. Guy Keeler for me to speak to your Rotary Club on Tuesday noon, May 22, at which time your Junior Rotarians will be in attendance.

I assure you I am very happy to have this opportunity to meet with your fine group.

Looking forward with pleasure to greeting you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

May 9, 1945.

Mr. Russell McCoy,
Superintendent of Schools,
Reading, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent McCoy:

I have your letter of May 3rd enclosing the class announcement. Nine o'clock in the evening will be satisfactory. I will come to the school building when I arrive in Reading.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Reading Public Schools

RUSSELL McCOY, SUPT.

READING, KANSAS

May 3, 1945

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

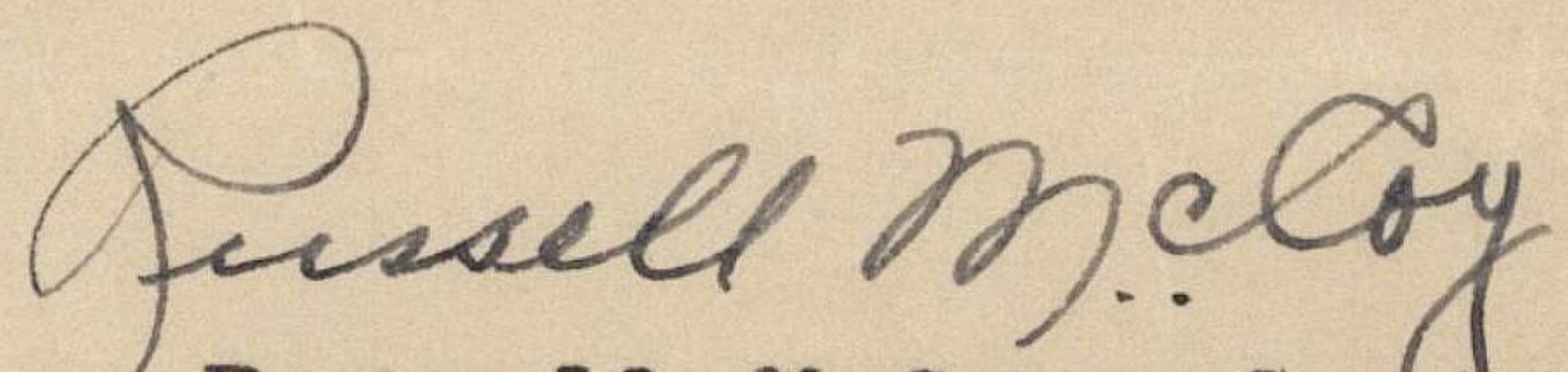
Dear Mr. Allen:

Thank you for your letter giving us the topic of your address for our high school commencement.

We were requested to schedule the exercises to begin at 9:00 p. m. because of the farmers who must do their chores and drive in from the country. I sincerely hope this does not make it too late for you.

You will probably find me at the school building when you arrive in Reading.

Sincerely yours,


Russell McCoy, Supt.

May 2, 1945.

Mr. Russell McCoy,
Superintendent of Schools,
Reading, Kansas.

Dear Mr. McCoy:

My topic at your high school commencement exercises on May 15th will be, "You Playing your Part in this World at War."

I am looking forward to greeting you at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

PGA:AH

March 29, 1945.

Mr. Russell McCoy,
Superintendent of Schools,
Reading, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent McCoy:

I am definitely counting on being with you for your high school commencement exercises on Tuesday, May 15th.

The schools have been kind enough to pay me \$25.00 and expenses. As you know, the state does not provide travel allowance for these trips.

It will be a pleasure to see you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Reading Public Schools

RUSSELL McCOY, SUPT.

READING, KANSAS

March 26, 1945

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Prof. of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

OK At last I have time to write this letter to confirm my recent phone call for your services as our commencement speaker. The date for our commencement will be Tuesday, May 15th, 1945 at 9:00 p.m.

As soon as I receive your reply, stating that you have this date reserved for us, I shall have the printer complete our announcements and programs. In case you wish me to include the title of your address in our programs, please mention it in your reply and I shall be glad to do so.

I sincerely hope that you have held this date for us and await your reply,

Very truly yours,

Russell McCoy
Russell McCoy, Supt.

P. S. Also please mention the amount of money for our board to reserve for your services and trip expense to Reading. Then I can arrange it during one of our board meetings.

March 15, 1945.

*wants you the
15th & May. Will write.*

Mr. Russell McCoy,
Superintendent of Schools,
Reading, Kansas.

Dear Mr. McCoy:

I am very sorry that the dates you mentioned, May 16, 17 and 18, have already been filled on my calendar with high school commencements. So far, I do not have any prior to May 16, nor any after May 18. If some other date would be convenient for you, I would be very happy to come.

Thank you for asking me. I sincerely trust a date can be arranged.

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Reading Public Schools

RUSSELL McCOY, SUPT.

READING, KANSAS

March 6, 1945

Forrest C. Allen D. O.
Professor of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

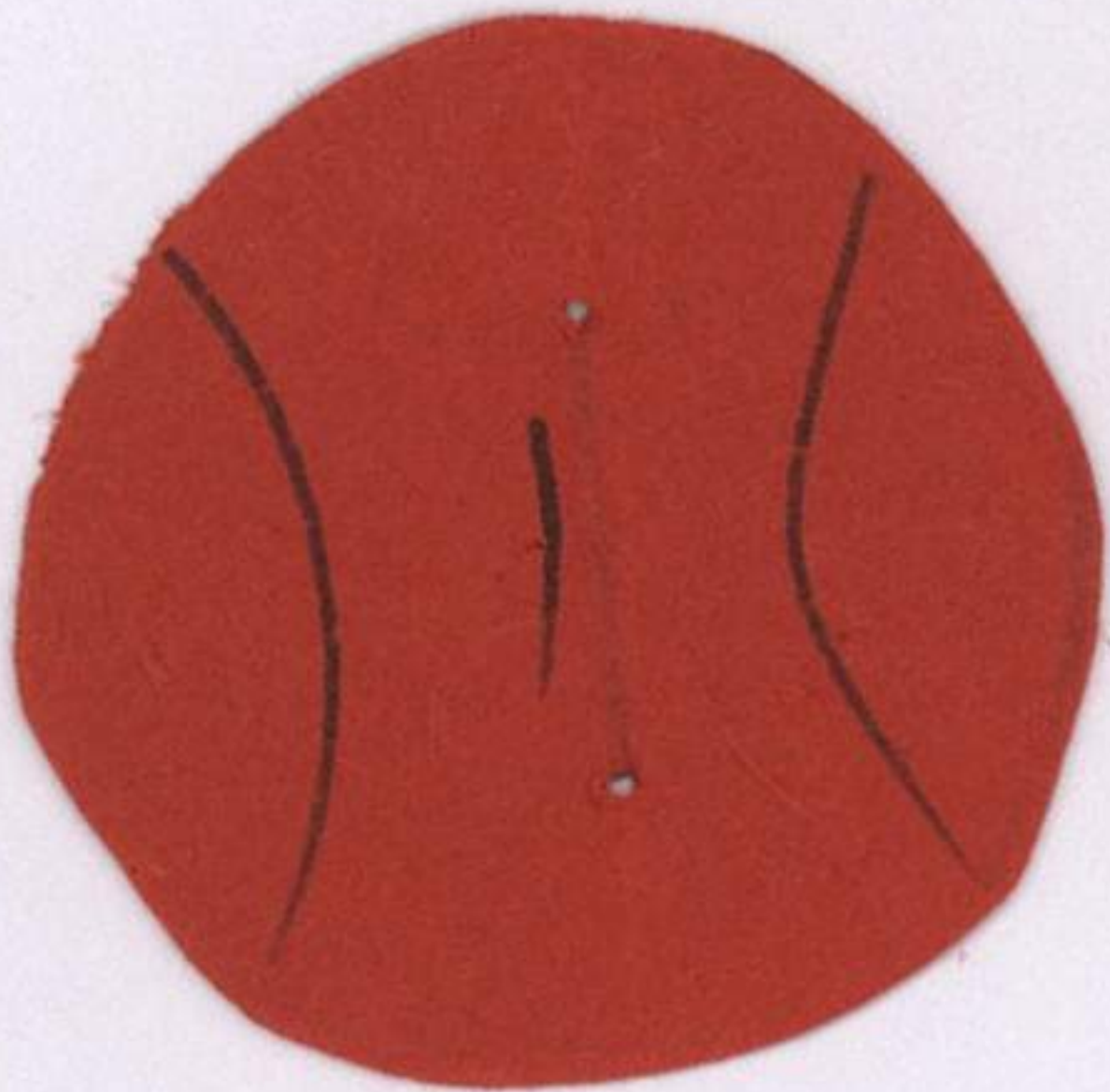
Dear Dr. Allen:

The Board of Education has authorized me to write you in regard to giving our high school commencement address. Possible dates for the exercises are the evening of May 16, 17, or 18. Kindly notify me if you can accept any of the three dates mentioned.

Thank you,

Russell McCoy
Supt.

16 - Lane
17 - Beattie
18 - Summerfield



P R O G R A M

Toastmaster---Mendell Beougher

Music-----Girl's Trio

"When Irish Eyes are
Smiling"

"Music When Scott Voices
Die"

Banquet-----

"Why I Play Basketball"-----

Emanuel Geist

"Reminiscences of a Basketball
Player"-----Gene Ostmeyer

Gene

Miss King

Program--Cont.

Presentation of Grade School
Team-----B. B. Bacon

Presentation of High School
Lettermen-----F. H. Bailey

Address-Dr. F. C. (Phog) Allen
Director of Physical
Education, University
of Kansas

Guests of the Community Club
and High School:

Alumni of University of Kansas
Neighboring town Coaches

M E N U

Fruit Juice Cocktail

Meat Loaf

Scalloped Potatoes

Cabbage Slaw

Pickled Beets

Spring Salad

Rolls

Butter

Coffee

Pie

BASKET BALL-LETTERMEN

Gene Ostmeyer--Capt. A Team	3 yrs.
Elmer Geist	2 yrs.
Leslie Tholen	2 yrs.
Ray Struckhoff	2 yrs.
Ronal Riburdy	2 yrs.
Emanuel Geist--Capt. B Team	3 yrs.
Bill Schulte	2 yrs.
Kenneth Hoover	2 yrs.
Don Ostmeyer	2 yrs.
Elmer Bradbury	2 yrs.
Lee Kline	1 yr.
Jerry Ostmeyer	2 yrs.
Chas. Struckhoff (In Service)	3 yrs.
Luke Racetta	1 yr.
Jim Rietcheck (In Service)	2 yrs.

F. H. Bailey--Coach

HIGH SCHOOL RECORD

A--Squad: Won 9--Lost 7

B--Squad: Won 9--Lost 1

GRADE SCHOOL SQUAD

Emanuel Kinderknecht

Wesley Mather

Wilfred Gallion

Lee Roy Bechard

Johnny Swart

Freddy Struckhoff

Sunny Weinhardt

Billy Gene Bechard

B. B. Bacon--Coach



March 28, 1945.

Mr. F. H. Bailey, Principal,
Grinnell Rural High School,
Grinnell, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Bailey:

It was most generous of you to arrange for my leaving at 9:15 p.m. April 11. I do appreciate that. However, I have made other arrangements that will not call for that early meeting unless you desire it.

I may travel part of the way by motor car and I now release you from that arrangement if you wish it. I never like to jump in and out of a meeting without having an opportunity to shake hands with the many friends and guests. It does something that we people from the University should do more of. It allows us to become better acquainted with the people who help pay our taxes and maintain this fine school as well as the other splendid schools of the state. For that reason, I will not hurry away.

I do want you to know, however, I appreciate it.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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DR F C ALLEN=

=CARE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

=WILL ARRANGE FOR YOUR LEAVING 915 PM APRIL 11=

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March 22, 1945.

Mr. F. H. Bailey, Principal,
Grinnell Rural High School,
Grinnell, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Bailey:

Thank you for your note of the 20th, confirming the date of April 11th. I note that your banquet is at 7 p.m., and I will arrive in Grinnell prior to that time. I am to speak in Stockton, Kansas, the day before, and will drive over from there.

I have asked our publicity director, Mr. Edwin Browne, to send you a half-tone for use in your newspaper. I am sure you will receive it from him at a very early date.

Looking forward to greeting you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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FACULTY

F. H. Bailey, Principal
Mathematics & Science
Olive King, Home Economics,
Social Science
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Margaret Kyner, Music & English
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Grinnell Rural High School

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GRINNELL, KANSAS
March 20, 1945

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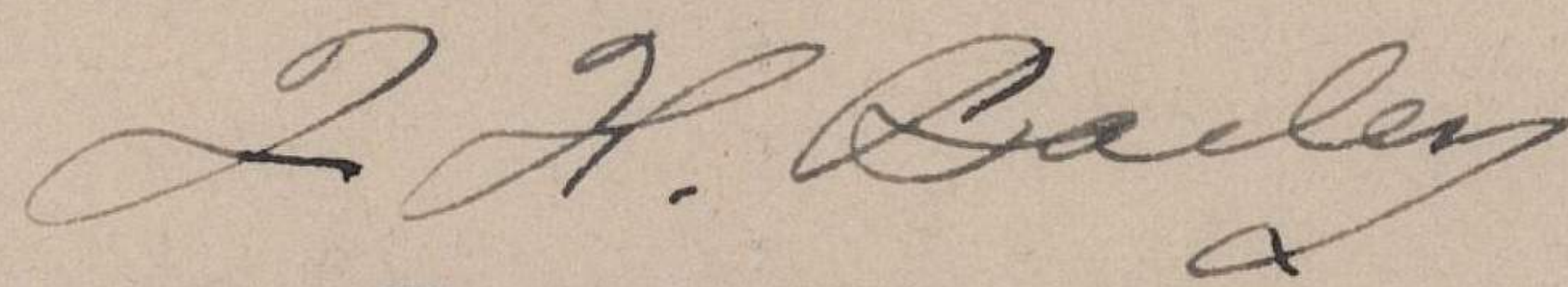
Dr. F. C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Arrangements are completed for the Basket Ball
Banquet to be given April 11 at 7 p.m. There
will be 175 plates spread. Can you send a half
tone for the use in the newspaper. ✓

Kindly let us know, when you expect to arrive
in Grinnell.

Sincerely yours,



F. H. Bailey
Principal of High School

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