

# Prepare for Drake Relays

## Red Peppers

Hot Sport Chatter

—By Tait

It's an awful thing to go through life agreeing to everything everybody says, which is preliminary to the announcement that this corner hereby places its stamp of approval on Phog Allen's basketball views. That, in turn, makes this corner almost unique since almost nobody thus far has agreed with Mr. Allen except, of course, Mr. Allen and there are times even when he might be willing to take the other side just for the sake of a lively argument. After all, those long Kansas winters get a little monotonous and with gasoline rationed the explosive, but always entertaining, coach of Kansas U. basketball doubtless has kept fairly close to his own stamping grounds.

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To get back to the point, however, Mr. Allen is the father of the 12-foot basket idea. That always did look good in this corner, in the belief that the plan was to make baskets 12 feet across. It turns out that Phog wants baskets 12 feet from the floor which at first glance seemed a horrifying proposal unless the things were enlarged at least 12 inches. But Phog says higher baskets are easier to hit even with no extension in their waist lines. For proof, he explains that they have had baskets at Kansas 12 feet from the floor for 15 years and have staged exhaustive research. And the records show conclusively that a higher percentage of shots go through the 12 foot baskets than is the case

oratory of his loose a 12-foot basket looks as essential as rubber in girdles. He points out that more than 80% of the fouls in basketball take place within a radius of something like 18 feet of the goal. It is there that the traffic jams develop because players are driving hard for lay-up shots, or hoping to draw fouls. The 12-foot goals are too high for lay-ups, Allen says, it being virtually impossible to score directly beneath baskets that high in the air. So the traffic jam magically disappears, fouls are cut down in number and basketball becomes orderly. That's as simple as barring sailors from saloons in the matter of keeping order.

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What causes Allen's red hair to bristle is the fact that his ideas are based on the findings of serious research while the bulk of other proposals which are jammed into the cage rules come because some coach wants them to help his own team. He cites the new rule against goal-tending as an example of the "selfish" approach to cage rules. Instead of taking advantage of the Allen research and going to a 12-foot basket, the cage rule-makers got together and decided they would have to do something about the lucky coaches with "goon" centers like Foothills Kurland of the Oklahoma Aggies. If the majority of coaches were lucky enough to have elongated centers, the rule would not have passed. Allen maintains that's a silly way to go about improv-

# Phog Allen Highlights Y. Banquet

By TAIT CUMMINS.

"PHOG ALLEN Day" in Cedar Rapids Thursday started with a Lions club noonday appearance, continued with a high school cage clinic at the Y. in mid-afternoon



Phog Allen.

and reached its climax at the annual Y. M. C. A. All-Sports dinner where the colorful Kansas U. basketball coach spoke before a capacity crowd of 400.

Phog Allen, to those who don't follow the cage sport, is Dr. Forrest C. Allen. He also serves Kansas U. as athletic

director and is rated by many observers as the best cage strategist in the country.

To that might be added the observation that Phog isn't a bad hand at "surrounding" a town. Given something less than a day in Cedar Rapids, he left a whole string of people ready and willing to swear that the colorful Jayhawker is without a peer as an after-dinner speaker, good will emissary and general all-around good guy.

Volatile as a kettle of boiling oil, Allen literally explodes his views on basketball, most of which have been publicized countless times. But in contrast to the typewritten report of his ideas, the spoken presentation not only makes sense but seems so obviously needed that further delay seems harmful to the sport. In other words, if Phog talks often enough, he'll put his theories across.



with the conventional 10-foot hoops now in use. It seems the ball makes a higher arch and comes down at a better angle.

It's hard to get serious about Mr. Allen's cage views for the simple reason that no one else will, but when he turns that

ing a game. He favors doing it on the basis of research and facts. In that he is not only 100% right but way ahead of his field.

Allen, incidentally, regrets the removal of the center jump from basketball. He liked the old system which gave fans and players alike a few seconds of relaxation after baskets were made. Now that the jump is gone he doesn't think it will ever return. But in the same breath he rips out the belief that basketball has been ruined as a scientific sport and converted into mob footraces which wind up with players and spectators alike so limp they can't leave the place until their nerves have settled. His point is that defense is no longer a part of the game. He's partly right, although Franklin high reached the state finals more on defense than it did on offense.

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What gripes Allen most is that the cage fathers won't try his 12-foot basket idea. He doesn't suggest it for high schools, only for colleges. The tragic part of the whole thing is that Allen is probably right in his conviction that basketball would again become a game of skill and finesse rather than a footrace. Unfortunately, in the days of yore when the game was more deliberate, almost nobody could outsmart Phog. He didn't go for goon centers—unless he had one—but regardless of material he kept beating everybody with such consistency that sheer desperation forced all his coaching mates to line up against him. Now the guy's got something, but every time he starts talking it up with other coaches they start shoving the roses aside to find the hidden gimmick which will again make Allen boss. For that matter, maybe he has one.

Allen's appearance at the Y. affair highlighted what is annually a three-ring circus of sporting awards and honors since it climaxes the Y. M. C. A. sports year and brings into the limelight all and sundry of the champs in Gurney Day's muscle factory. The list is long and each titleholder has been publicized here before at the time of reaching the championship peak.

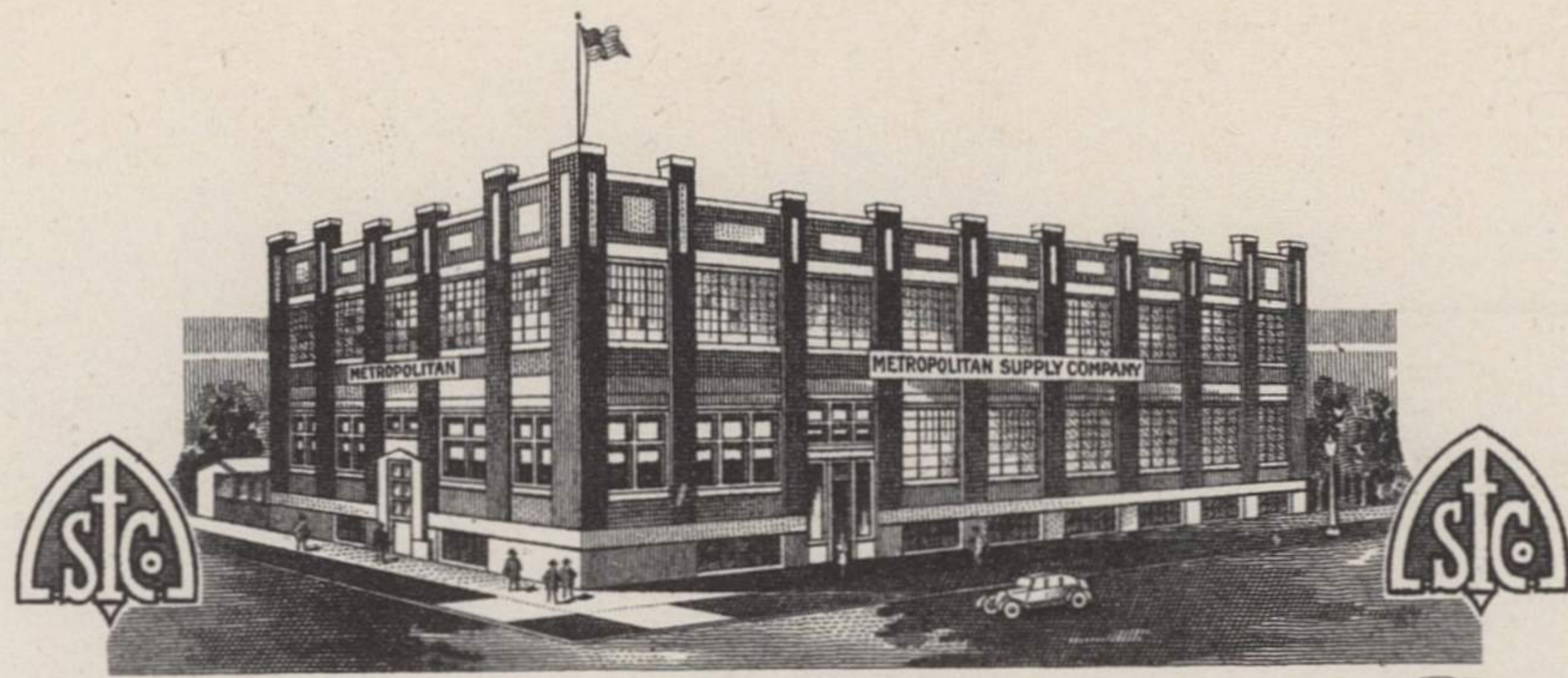
So for the purposes of this record, suffice it to say that Craven Shuttleworth served as toastmaster; Orville Rennie was song leader; Ira Carrithers spoke on the salient points in connection with the fact that this is the centennial year for Y. M. C. A.; Horace G. "Cap" Hedges presented the awards; and special music was dished out by Doris Newman.

Special commendation should go to the men behind the scenes who arranged the banquet and brought Dr. Allen to Cedar Rapids. The affair fittingly celebrated the 100th year of Y. M. C. A. history. Don Isett headed the committee on arrangements, Russ Landis was the ticket chairman and peddled them all. And back of the scenes was Gurney Day, working for almost two months to make the show the success it was.



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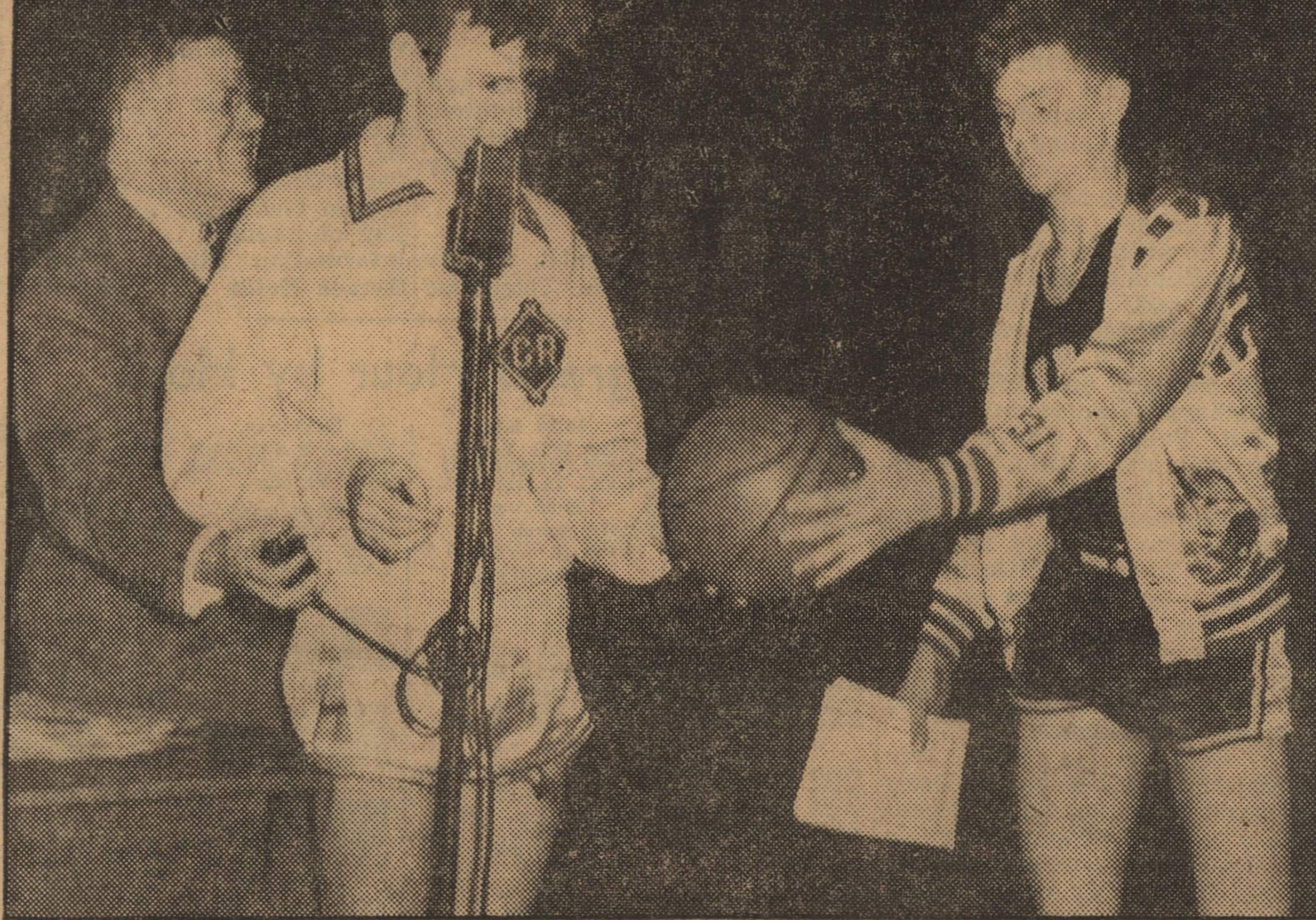
Enclosed find the news releases concerning your day in C. R. Felt Cummings the C. R. Gazette sports-editor really went overboard for you something he rarely does.

Betty and I certainly enjoyed having you with us for a little visit, and in behalf of the Y. M. C. A. I want to thank you for your day spent in our behalf. You made a lot of friends both for the Y and yourself.

Sincerely,

Don Issett





Gazette-Blumenshine photo

**BASKETBALL'S BEAU GESTE**—Franklin's Thunderbolts, runners-up for the state high school basketball championship, wrote a new chapter in sportsmanship Saturday night at Iowa City when Capt. Bill Fletcher presented the tournament ball to Waverly's Jim Strotman. The ball had just been knocked down to the Linn county war finance committee on a bid of \$116,000 in war bonds, to the keen disappointment of Waverly rooters. Fletcher changed their disappointment to delight when he accepted the ball from Craven Shuttleworth, who did the bidding for Cedar Rapids, and promptly passed it on to the Waverly champions. In the background is Arthur Brayton of Des Moines, who conducted the auction.



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# Waverly Cheers Cage Beau Geste Of Franklin Team

Cedar Rapids News—

“My happiness as a citizen of Waverly on having our team win the state basketball championship is matched by my happiness as a citizen-to-be of Cedar Rapids on your achievement of the all-time championship in sportsmanship. All Waverly joins me in admiration of your fine spirit.”

Franklin high school's beau geste of basketball—presentation of the state tournament ball to Waverly's champions after Linn county had bought it for \$116,000 in war bonds Saturday night at Iowa City—Monday drew the above reaction from D. D. Offringa, Bremer county extension director.

Offringa, who becomes Linn county extension director April 1, couched his comment in a telegram to Sports Editor Tait Cummins of The Gazette. Before the tournament ball was auctioned off for war bonds, Waverly had defeated Franklin in the final round, 30 to 21.

When Lyle Quinn, secretary of the Iowa High School Athletic association, turned the microphone over to Auctioneer Arthur Brayton, chairman of the convention bureau of the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, the bidding started at \$10,000.

Brayton quickly ran that up to \$50,000, \$75,000 and finally \$100,000, a Waverly bidder matching Craven Shuttleworth, speaking for the Linn county war finance committee, dollar for dollar up to that point.

Waverly rooters were several hundred strong, and they wanted the tournament ball badly. When it finally was knocked down to

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# --Beau Geste--

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Linn county on Shuttleworth's bid of \$116,000, their disappointment could be felt throughout the big Iowa field house.

**But when Bill Fletcher, captain of the runnerup Thunderbolts, took the ball from Shuttleworth and promptly asked the Waverly captain to step forward, a roar of mingled delight and surprise exploded in the Waverly cheering section.**

Fletcher repeated his request, and finally all five Waverly starters came forward. "Are there five captains on this ball club?" inquired Auctioneer Brayton.

The crowd of 6,500 then heard Fletcher tell the Waverly boys they were as clean a team as the Thunderbolts had met all year. And then: "This ball belongs to the best team in the state, so we want you to have it to put in your trophy case back home."

He then gave the ball to Jim Strotman, Waverly's star guard.

Before he yielded the stage to Fletcher, Shuttleworth, who won all-Big Ten mention as a halfback on Howard Jones' undefeated football teams at Iowa in 1921 and 1922 and whose son, Bill, is a star on the Franklin cage squad, said:

"These boys have come a long way against heavy odds. We're very proud of them—just as proud as if they had won. That's why we bought the ball—we wanted them to have it, **to do with as they wish.**"

Fletcher took over from there, and a gesture without parallel in Iowa high school basketball — since the bond auction is a war-time innovation—was written into the books.

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## ***McCullough, Phog Allen To Address Lions Club***

W. A. McCullough, candidate for the Republican nomination as congressman from the Second Iowa district and presiding judge of the municipal and juvenile courts at Clinton, and Don Forrest "Phog" Allen, basketball coach at the University of Kansas, will speak at a Lions club luncheon meeting Thursday noon at the Roosevelt hotel.

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# Prep Cagers Will Help Phog Allen With Cage Clinic

Plans were completed Wednesday for a free basketball clinic Thursday at the Y.M.C.A. from 4 to 5 p.m. with Coach Phog Allen of Kansas in charge. Members of the Franklin and Wilson cage squad will be in uniform and will carry out the Allen pronouncements.

The clinic is open to all and Allen is particularly interested in having a large turnout of youngsters still in high school competition.

Coach Allen will be in Cedar Rapids primarily for the Y.M.C.A. all-sports dinner Thursday night at the Chamber of Commerce, but will make a noonday appearance at the Lions club meeting in addition.



# News **Y** Notes

By **EDWIN B. ZELLER**

Craven Shuttleworth, prominent local attorney and former Iowa university football star, will be toastmaster at the Y.M.C.A. Centennial Year All Sports banquet to be held this year at the Chamber of Commerce building through the cooperation of the Junior Chamber. Dr. Forrest C. "Phog" Allen, director of physical education and basketball coach at the University of Kansas, will be the main speaker.

Don Isett, general chairman, announces that Russell Landis is ticket sales chairman.

Junior Chamber will have charge of the seating arrangements and the dinner menu served by Bill Dytrt. The Y.M.C.A. "Y" Men's club will decorate and serve as receptionist and ushers. Orville Rennie will conduct group singing and provide for other musical entertainment.

A basketball clinic open to all Cedar Rapids boys will be held on the "Y" gym floor at 4 p.m., April 13. Dr. Allen will discuss basketball stars to demonstrate points and technique of the game till 5.

H. G. "Cap" Hedges will be in charge of the Recognition of Athletes.

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Russell A. Borgstrom, 741 Twenty-seventh street NE, was elected president of the Y's Men's club at their regular meeting held Monday evening at the Y.M.C.A. Borgstrom succeeds Charles A. Farr, retiring president.

Other officers elected were: Don G. Isett, vice-president; George W. Holsinger, re-elected treasurer, and L. W. Woolfolk, secretary.

The Cedar Rapids Y's Men's club with a membership of twenty-six in 1942, now has twenty-one members in the armed forces of the United States.





—Gazette photo.

DON ISETT . . . is serving as general chairman of the annual Y.M.C.A. all-sports banquet scheduled for April 13 at the Y.M.C.A., featuring the appearance of Dr. Forrest "Phog" Allen, famous Kansas university basketball coach, as principal speaker. Isett is a former student at Kansas U., and the fact that he was personally acquainted with Allen enabled the committee to obtain the nationally-known cage mentor for the date here.

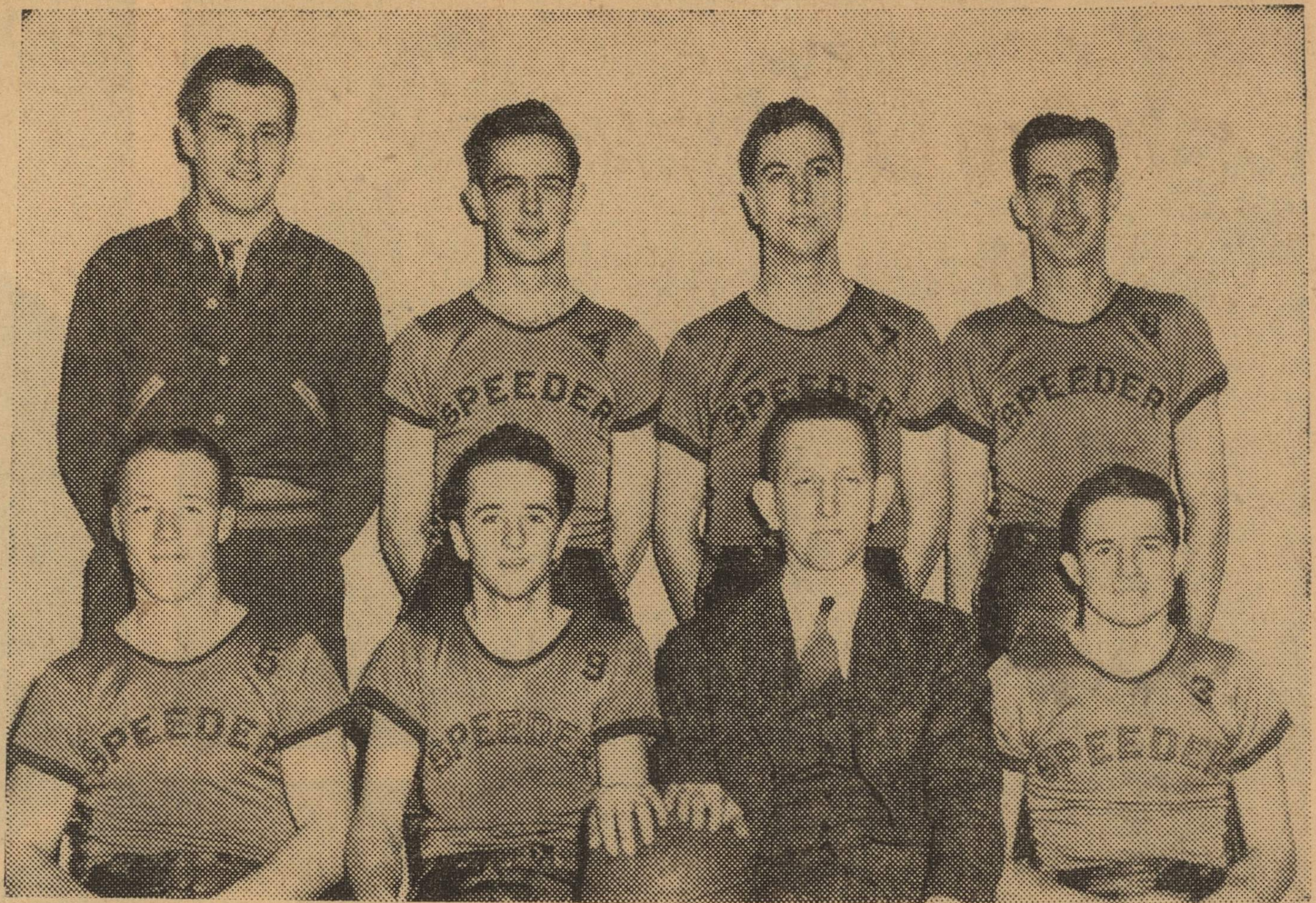




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ALLIED INDUSTRIAL . . . cage honors went to the Quaker Oats quintet pictured above. In the front row, left to right, are Manager Ted Chermak, John Kitch and Leo Halsch. Marshall Hense, Howard Powers and Verne Hendryx are in the rear row. They will be honored at the annual Y.M.C.A. all-sports dinner Thursday night at the Chamber of Commerce.





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Y. LEAGUE CHAMPS . . . were the Link-Belt Speeder cagers, pictured above, who will be honored at the annual Y.M.C.A. all-sports banquet Thursday night in the Chamber of Commerce. In the first row, left to right, are George Miller, Joe Dolan, Mike O'Toole and Coach Glenn Lambert. In the second row are Earl Nichols, Charlie Quinn, Sid Schweitzer and Larry Merck.



# Out After Season's Purses

## Toastmaster



**CRAVEN SHUTTLEWORTH**

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Prior to the banquet, arrangements have been made for Coach Allen to conduct a free basketball clinic at the Y. gym between 4 and 5 p.m. on April 13 open to all high school athletes. In that way boys who can't attend the banquet because of space limitations—the limit is 400—will not only be able to see and hear Allen but will also get the advantage of his coaching technique.

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## Kenmore Course To Open April 15; Burkart Retires

Kenmore golf course will open approximately April 15, according to C. C. "Nick" Carter who expects to operate the course himself this season.

Here from Rock Island last week, Carter was accompanied by Marsh DeMartelaere, who had charge of the course for several years before entering the armed forces.

Charley Burkart will not be pro at Kenmore this year, electing to stay on his job at Collins Radio for the duration. The club will have no pro, under present plans, but the greens will be cared for by Bill Frajman.

ticket sales chairman, has appointed the following assistants:

- Merle Peterson, Alburnett teams.
- Donald Threlkeld, Donald Ludeman, Iowa Manufacturing team.
- Harlan Hamann, Keystone team.
- Larry Jarrard, Richard Pepmeyer, Iowa Engineering team.
- Clifford Jordan, Hugh Newell, Universal Engineering team.
- Walter Brown, Lewis Offerman, Colonial Bakers team.
- Mike O'Toole, Link Belt team.
- Earl C. Nichol, Bremers team.
- Paul Beach, Bob Heaton, LaPlant Choate team.
- Ted Chermak, John Kitch, Quaker Oats team.
- Elmer Hoff, Collins Radio team.
- Bill Young, Noon Volleyball.
- Fred Winter, Ira Carrithers, High School Basketball teams.
- Bob Kutchera, Handball.
- John Heidel, Junior Chamber.
- Lee Winterberg, Unnamed Bureau.
- Charles Farr, "Y's Men's Club.
- Don Isett, Toastmaster's club.

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SLATED FOR . . . honors at the annual Y.M.C.A. all-sports banquet April 13 in the Chamber of Commerce building are the Wilson cagers, pictured above, who won the second half title in the Allied Industrial cage league. In the front row, left to right, are Gordie Pisarik, Bob Eaton, Glenn Rebok, Russell Menlo, Ralph Hussman. In the back row are Manager A Shank Bob Morley, Dennis Erger and Harold Thomas.



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## Banquet Speaker



PHOG ALLEN

Plans to shift the annual All-Sports banquet of the Y.M.C.A. to larger quarters were announced Saturday, the presence of Coach Forrest C. "Phog" Allen of Kansas U. as principal speaker being one reason for the shift. The banquet is set for Thursday, April 13.

There is no more famous individual in the basketball ranks than Dr. Allen, who founded the Kansas Relays, sparked the drive to build Memorial stadium at Kansas U., wrote two books — "My Basketball Bible" and "Better Basketball" — and who has contributed articles to most of the leading publications in the country.

Dr. Allen got into basketball with both feet upon his graduation from Kansas U. in 1905, his Kansas City Athletic club team starting him on the road to fame. That club made headlines when it soundly drubbed the Buffalo, N. Y., German Y.M.C.A. team which had won the Olympic title at both the Pan-American and the St. Louis World fairs.

Coaching the Kansas U. cagers in 1908 and 1909, Dr. Allen's teams won Missouri Valley titles both years. He served several schools in the period between 1909 and 1920, at which time he returned to coach basketball. He has won 23 championships in 30 years and was founder of the National Association of Basketball Coaches.



March 10, 1944.

Mrs. J. W. Skidmore,  
Beattie Public Schools,  
Beattie, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Skidmore:

I am hastening to reply to your very kind invitation to speak at your commencement exercises on May 18th. I have promised to speak at Troy, Kansas, on that date, and am sorry that I cannot accept your invitation. I also have commencement speaking dates on May 17 and 19.

I assure you it would be a pleasure to speak to your high school graduates were it not for conflicting dates.

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



## BEATTIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WM. STEWART, Superintendent

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BEATTIE, KANSAS

March 8, 1944

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
Kansas University,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Booking commencement speakers seems to be the order of the day. Yes, we need one too, and you have been recommended to us as being an excellent one. A recommendation really isn't necessary for I have heard you on numerous occasions, the last time being at a Marysville commencement.

Would you be interested in coming to Beattie for the High School Commencement, On May 18? If so, will you please state your price.

I shall appreciate an early reply, so that this matter may be settled soon.

Sincerely yours,

*Mrs. J. W. Skidmore*

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March 23, 1944.

Mr. Harley A. Prichard,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Williamsburg, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Prichard:

I am sorry that it was not possible for us to get together on your commencement date. It would have been a pleasure for me to speak to your high school graduates.

Since Mr. Guy Keeler, of the University Extension Division, usually make arrangements for commencement speakers from the University, I am sending your request on to him. I am sure that he will be able to suggest someone who will be very satisfactory.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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HARLEY A. PRICHARD, SUPERINTENDENT  
WILLIAMSBURG, KANSAS

March 20, 1944.

*over  
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Dr Forest C. Allen,  
Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Am sorry I am a little slow  
in answering your letter but I wanted  
to contact the Board on setting our date up  
to Tuesday night. They would rather have  
it Thursday Eve. Not later than Wednesday.  
I'm sorry as I would like to have you give  
our Commencement Address. Is there anyone  
there you would recommend. If so  
you would do me a favor by  
letting me know,

Sincerely Yours  
Harley A. Prichard



March 10, 1944.

Mr. Harley A. Prichard,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Williamsburg, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Prichard:

Mrs. Brecheisen, of Wellsville, Kansas, had written me asking if I could speak at their high school commencement on May 18, and when I told her that I had a previous engagement she asked if I could come on May 17th. Before your letter arrived today I had already written Mrs. Brecheisen telling her that I would come to Wellsville on the 17th.

Now the only thing that is left open would be the possibility of May 16th. I will hold this date open for you regardless of any other requests that might come, until I hear whether you want it.

I am sorry, but I just answered the mail as it came in. It would be a great pleasure to come to Williamsburg if we can arrange a date.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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March 6, 1944.

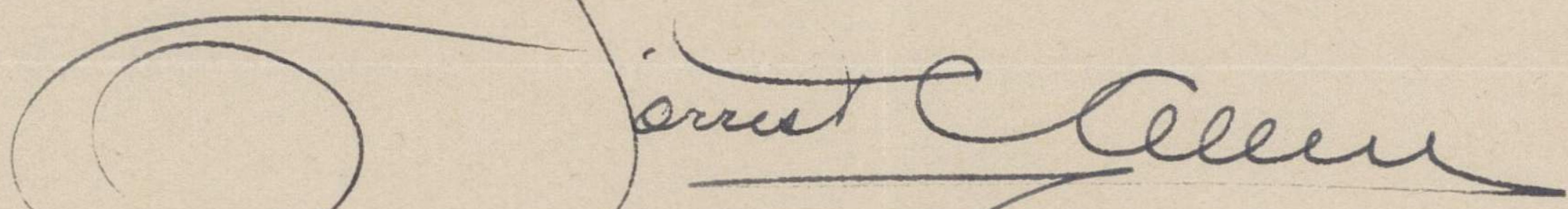
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I am sorry that due to another high school commencement on the evening of May 18th it will be impossible for me to accept your invitation to speak at the Williamsburg High School on that evening. I also have an engagement to speak on Friday night, May 19th.

Is there any possibility that your commencement might be held on Wednesday evening, May 17th? If so, there is a possibility that I might be able to accept your invitation.

Very sincerely yours,



Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Dear Mr Allen:

We will certainly change our ~~our~~ date of commencement to May 17 if you will come on that date. Please let me know.

Sincerely yours  
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## WILLIAMSBURG SCHOOLS

HARLEY A. PRICHARD, SUPERINTENDENT  
WILLIAMSBURG, KANSAS

March 2, 1944

Dr. Forrest C. Allen

Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

I wish to know if you would be available for our Commencement Speaker on the evening of May 18. If so please let me know.

Basket ball is a little different this year isn't it?

Respectfully yours,

*Harley A. Prichard*

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April 4, 1944.

Mr. Ed Woolcott,  
Halstead, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Woolcott:

This will confirm my appointment to speak at your celebration honoring your State Basketball Championship Team and your State Championship Debate Team.

I will check on the train connections and write you very shortly.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
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**HALSTEAD, KANSAS**

March 30, 1944

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

Dear Sir:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of this morning engaging you as a speaker at our Championship Banquet to be held here in Halstead, Tuesday, April 18, at 7:30 P. M..

I failed to mention in our conversation this morning that this is a joint banquet given in the honor <sup>of our</sup> State Basket Ball Championship and State Championship Debate Team.

Upon your arrival in Halstead you can either contact Mr. A. R. Challans, Supt. of the Halstead School System, Mr. Awy Masterson our Basket Ball Coach or myself.

We will have arrangements made for your stay while in Halstead.

Yours truly

Halstead Chamber of Commerce

*Ed Woolcott*  
By Ed Woolcott, President.

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