Mr. Cy S. Sherman Sports Editor Lincoln Star Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Cy:

I acknowledge with thanks your marked copy from your Brass Tacks column, January 31, 1944, calling attention to the fact that Basketball is subject to rules changing.

I'm sending you a copy of a letter I wrote Hugh Fullerton of the Associated Press Association, January 25, 1944. This is a rather long epistle but I am sending you this so that if you have a spare ten hours you may take it home and read it from your easy chair. I would kindly refer you to page three of this epistle, in the second paragraph, which mentions General Abner Doubleday's invention or rather origination of baseball of over one hundred years ago. Basketball is about fifty years younger than baseball, hence it's only natural that in the growth of any great game, you're bound to have changes. Won't you agree with that?

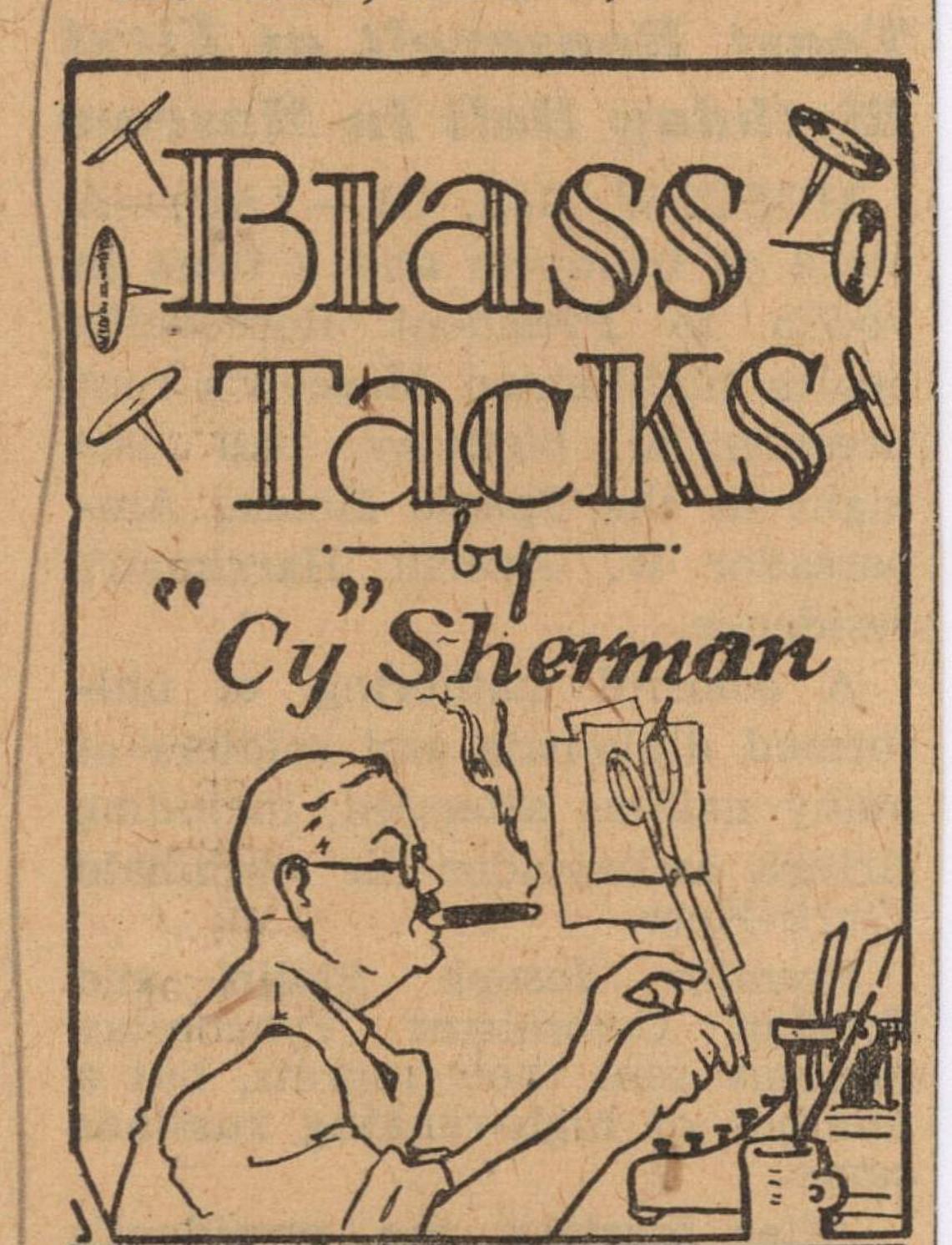
I'm also sending you a copy of one of my radio addresses that I make each Thursday evening over the University of Kansas station, KFKU. You may not agree with all of this but there still is a lot of truth in some of this.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education Varsity Basketball Coach

THE LINCOLN STAR MONDAY, JAN. 31, 1944



TESPITE the widespread popularity of basketball -- virtually every college, public or parochial school, service camp and industrial Basketball organization has Rules Not its quota of Satisfactory teams — the sport that is played on hardwood floors still is groping in the dark, seeking that stabilizing influence which springs from possession of rules and regulations commonly satisfying to exponents and followers of the game.

In contrast, the baseball and football statutes seldom undergo the tinkering process and only infrequently are the rules-makers urged to invoke material changes, whereas in basketball the clamor never ceases that statutory revisions are in order.

As for instance, Dr. Phog Allen

of Kansas U. insists that the one, the only sensible, means of thwarting the advantage of that human beanpole, the seven-foot center, must come from hoisting the basket to the 12-foot level.

Next is the Marquette U. coach

Instead, the Marquette mentor would borrow a provision from the customs of ice hockey, in which banishment is only temporary. In the case Couches of the four-foul basketeer, the Mar-Propose quette tutor would Changes bench the player for two minutes, then permit him to re-

turn to the game.

officials and players.

The latest suggestion in the department of "basketball improvement" comes from Coach Tony Hinkle of the Great Lakes Sailors. Tony would abandon the rule which permits two free tosses when a player has been fouled while trying for a field goal.

Here's the Hinkle proposal; Instead of the two free throws, accord the fouled player his chance to score a basket from the spot of the foul, meantime barring the opposing team from any form of interference with the try for the basket hit.

THE persistent march to the free throw line and the resultant suspension of play have introduced a monotony in basketball, says Hinkle, that merits curative

Great Lakes merits curative mentor Has measures by the rules-makers.

The head coach of the Sailors contends that his proposal would curb the fouling tactics of defenders under or near the basket and, simultaneously, tend to increase scoring, inasmuch as more points for the scorebook would result from unmolested basket shot from the spot of a foul than from attempts at free throws projected from the present line.

The constant demands for rules alterations possibly suggest that the sport of basketball has gotten out of hand. Suggests, too, that the game of today is a far cry from the one conceived by its founder, the late Dr. Naismith, who, though in his lifetime he disliked to admit it, never intended that the rough-and-tumble, bodily-contact tactics of today should convert his brainchild into an activity bordering on indoor football.

Mr. Reginald Strait, Department of Physical Education.

Dear Reg:

Mrs. Hulteen has spoken to me about the fact that Vernon Johnson does not appear to be always on the job.

You will recall that when he was employed I told him he was directly accountable to you. I want you to be responsible for promptness and efficiency in work. Check up on him several times a day, and let him know definitely that he is responsible for the cleanliness of the pool and the basement.

If this does not work I will have to try some other method of keeping him on the job.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

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ARMY BASKETBALL ROSTER

(Number)

October 20, 1943.

A/C R. J. Stone, 316 AAFFTD - 44 C - A 3 F, W & B Flying School, Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Dear Cadet Stone:

I am answering your letter in which you inquire about the best way to meet a fast breaking team. You can use either a zone or man to man defense. But it is your first moves against a fast break that nullify their effort. If you will use this plan of defense regardless of whether you use a zone or man to man, I think it will pay dividends.

Against fast break teams I would have the speediest and fastest men on my squad the moment the ball is lost to drive directly under their basket. Regardless of where this man is on the field I charge him with being the watchdog of the basket. If it would happen to be one of your guards, so much the better. Now, for the second man. He drives down and sets himself seven to ten feet immediately in front of the first man. You will notice the anterior-posterior relationship of the two men. They are not set as guards are set on either side of the basket.

This will stop any fast break team from getting into or near the basket. If the opponents attack when the ball is rolling from the right side, then the third man back on defense will fill in on the weak side away from the ball but in line with the first guard who moved from his position under the basket over toward the player coming in with the ball. That will give you a triangular defense against the three points of the basket open to attack. Now the other two defensive men or the two defensive forwards fill in, in a compact defensive position, as generally accorded the regular defensive forwards.

Another thing that will help your defense is to make your men so defense conscious that as soon as they lose the ball their next fifteen steps will be taken as rapidly as they can make them toward the defensive basket. If you thwart the fast break rush you will find it will then be necessary for the offense to set their plays. This is the time that you will use the option of either the zone or man to man, according to your liking. But the fast break will not be stopped by either a zone or man to man but by a quick setting up of the two men directly in front of the basket.

If the offensive player with the ball comes into the defensive territory the man under the basket slides over in the direction of the oncoming player with the ball. If there are only two men back on defense in this fast break then the man who is in front slides back and toward the basket but does not go back far enough to leave the area directly in front of the basket open for a fast breaking man coming down the court.

If this is not entirely clear to you, you write me and I will endeavor to explain further. I have written a text, "Better Basketball", in which all of these things are explained, but since you are in the service and are desiring to know more about this, I am endeavoring to give it to you as quickly as possible. I trust you have good luck with it. I will diagram this on a page in the hope that you can clear it up in your mind.

Assuring you that we appreciate the efforts of the boys in the service in doing the best job possible, and wishing you good luck and good health and good hunting. I am

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Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

Dear Sir, This letter is to ask your opinion on the best type of defense against a tlam that fast breaks, a Jone defense or man to man. We've had alot of opinions in the barracke de to bosketball & the types of defense best used. I'd apperceate a your voice on the budget as live been told & heard alot about your basket ball coaching. The hend of defense we're talking about is to be played against a team that is fast breaking when ever they have the ball Sencerely your 11 / Stone

Lt. Ceruch, It. H. Shannon Se USMR Davey Supply Corps School SE'A,) Doldiers Field Station (JUN' Boston, mass.

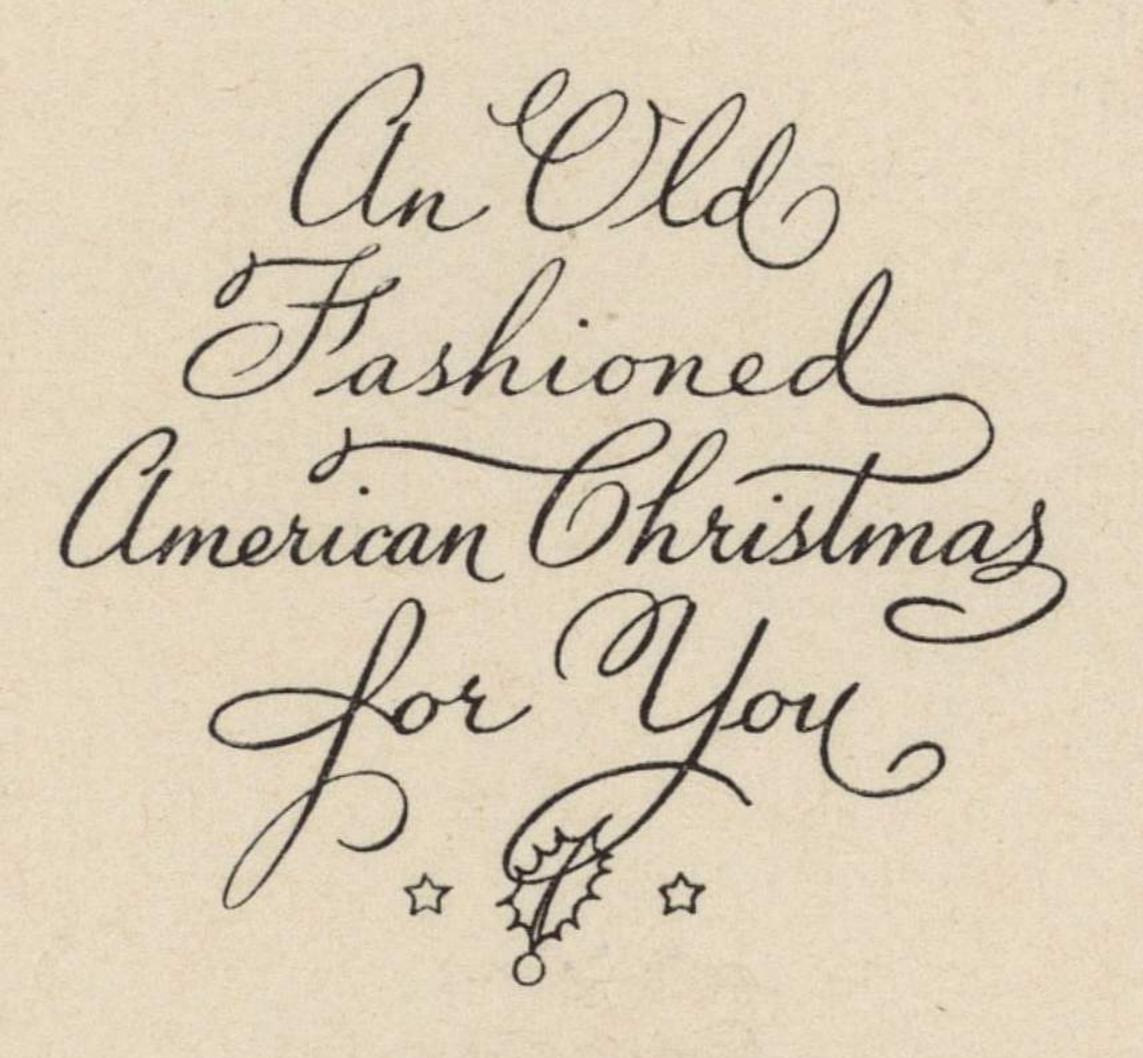
Baston, Mass. 25 June 1944 Your recent Jayhawk newsletter arrived just as I was leaving for new york -for it, I enjoyed reading it so much. Veculiar thing happened - I read in it aboutdary Hensley and within 25 minutes he was at my door with Kermain morgase as enlisted men in the navy Today he is a Lt (jg) in the Many air Corps .. he has seen a plenty of northern duty and now he is bound (fust) for the southern and eastern duty. He looked so good to me after almost

three years. I derive so much personal satisfaction and pride in meeting these boys. I can imagine your pride of such a host of boys out in all parts of the world. Ben Barteldes, Leke Chapin, and Bill Seitz are in one preant class. I turned over my complete file of Rebounde to Larry for reading; I am beeping a close watch on them for futtere safe heeping. Teaching brings many real friends Things are about the same at Harrard. I was primated to dt. Corender. on 15 april; I may be transferred non. I have hopes of sea or foreign duty, but the saids trained men in the States. Thow is your galf game. I have not had a chil in thies a weeks. pretty rough on an old man: I'll he along for a would one of the days Sill shawken





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STERLING CITY SCHOOLS

STERLING, KANSAS

February 11, 1944



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

Dear "Phog":

I am enclosing a brief summary of characteristics of my first six men. If possible, from a paper picture, will you offer me a few suggestions. And diagram a play or two you would use if you were to have these boys and knew just this about them. Also, just what do you do to improve "hitting the bucket"? I really think in one game it is lack of confidence, and then in the next it is over-confidence. Quite a contrast, I know, but what is your remedy?

We were tied for 1st place in the Central Prairie League after the first round; then to open second round we dropped a one pointer to the cellar dwellers. Had a ten point lead in fourth quarter--made only one point in this period; missed twelve good shots the last four minutes, several of them good follow shots, two--three--and four in a row.

This is my 14th season, all the way from Central Arkansas to here, and I learn, and at least see, something new each year. But I believe this squad is the toughest problem I've had. They are good trainers, take coaching well, and a fine bunch of boys.

I have attended the past four Kansas Coaching Schools, but you don't get the little things like these sometimes. I expect you are like the rest of us, very busy, etc., so give me this hener if at all possible. Tell my cousin, Bob Bock, we're for him.

Yours very truly,

J. W. Paden, Coach Sterling High School Sterling, Kansas

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Professor Alfred C. Nelson, Chairman, Faculty Athletic Committee, University of Denver, Denver 10, Colorado.

Dear Professor Nelson:

I am very happy to recommend for your consideration Mr. Elmer Schaake, of our Department of Physical Education and Athletics. Schaake has had an enviable athletic fecord for four years in the Lawrence High School here and three years at the University of Kansas.

Schaake is married, has a lovely wife and two children. Last year he assisted Coach Shenk with our varsity football team and is expecting to continue this year unless he leaves the University. At the present time he is on a full-time basis with our Department of Physical Education, having charge of the ASTP Army students under 18 years of age, and also our civilian students. These civilians are required to take Physical Education.

At the University of Hansas Schaake was a star athlete. In his three years of football at Mansas, Schaake was a member of the Big Six Champions in 1930, in 1931 and 1932 he played quarterback, and in 1932 he was captain and All-Big Six selection for this position. Schaake was a member of our championship baskotball teams, playing at guard position. The year after he graduated he assisted me with spring practice in basketball, and assisted Coach Lindsay in his spring practice in football. I have found few men who pessess the inste fundamental athletic ability that Schaake possesses.

After his graduation he played one year of professional football under Coach George "Potsy" Clark when Clark was coaching the Detroit Lions. He was one of the outstanding players in the professional league that year. He played but one year of professional ball so as to enable him to clear up his college debt.

After his professional debut he coached at Bethany College at Lindsborg, Kausas, where he had unusually fine success. Bethany, being a small denominational school, had difficulty in meeting her financial responsibilities as most denominational colleges have, and Schaake came back to the Lawrence High School where he had a most enviable record, winning a great number of championships before he came to the University last year.

Schaeke was on the high school track team, but did not go out for the sport at the University. However, he cosched track both at Bethany and at Lawrence High School, and had fine teams. This year Schaake took over the baseball coaching, due to the fact that his assistance was needed here in that sport.

In my opinion, Schaake is one of the coming young football coaches in the country and I know that he knows basketball from the ground up. I would be happy to have him as my assistant. He is a splendid coach and one of the cleanest men that I know. He has the happy ability to cooperate in a most friendly manner with all the members of the athletic staff, the faculty and the administrative officers. He has a genial and pleasing personality, is optimistic in his reactions, and is a splendid fellow in every particular. I know of no finer young man in the coaching game today than Elmer Schaake. He is exceptionally clean, has no bad habits, does not use profanity, and is a family man in every sense of the word.

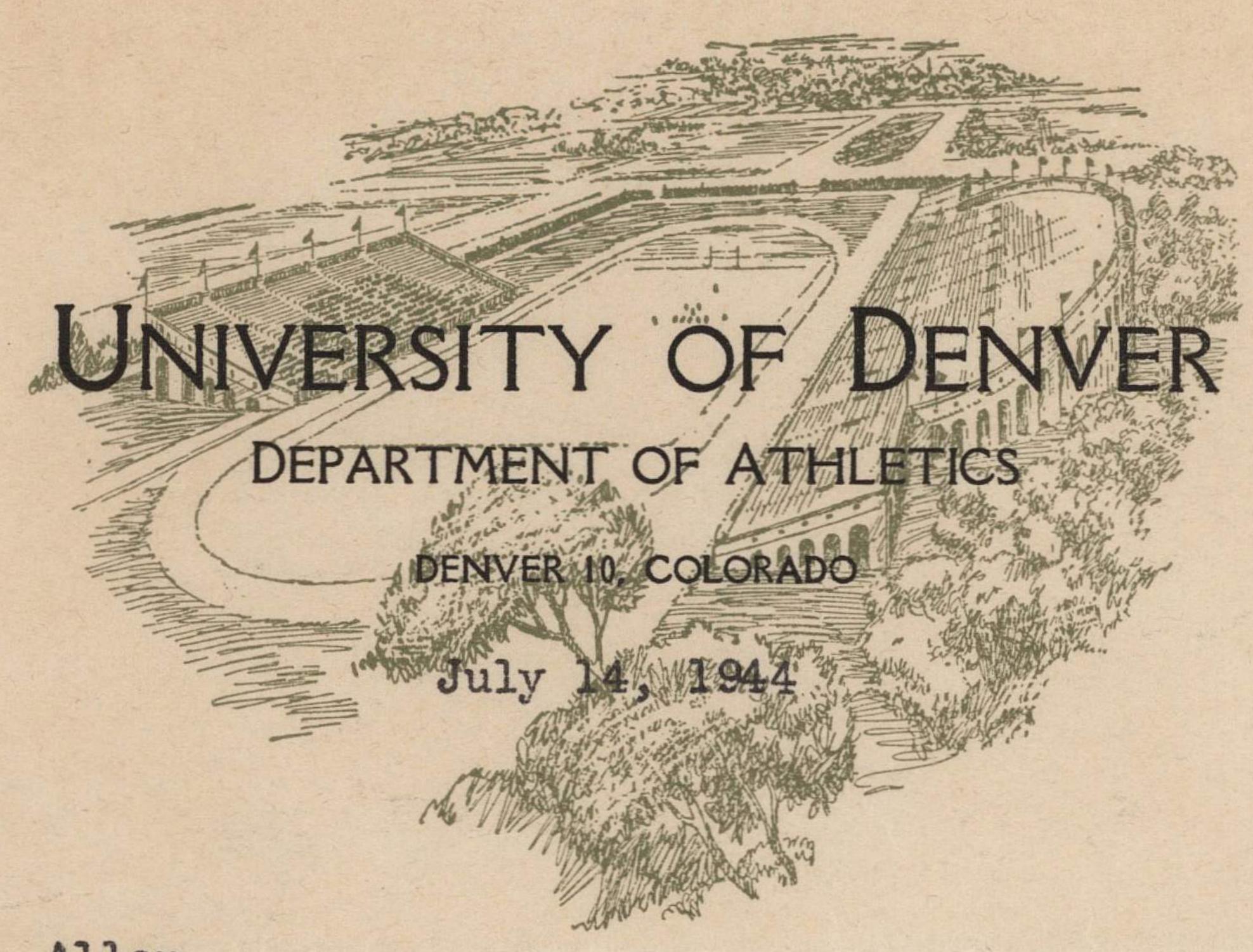
He is a big fellow, weighs 200 pounds and carries his weight admirably. He has a pleasing appearance and his impressions made on the community outside of the institution are the very best. He is a member of the Methodist Church, as is his family, and they attend regularly. He has splendid health, takes his place in the community, and bears his honors gracefully. Elmer Schaake is a prime favorite in this community because he has lived in this area all his life and has made a host of friends.

I am glad to recommend him to you in every way, and I think you would find him not only a high grade gentleman, a splendid coach and a fine citizen, but a man who is intensely loyal in all his relationships and who would give nothing but the finest of service.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA: AH



Dr. F. C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

The University of Denver is exploring possible candidates for the head coaching position for the academic year of 1944-45. Mr. Elmer Schaake is among those whom we are considering as a possibility for this assignment. I would be grateful if you will give me your frank opinion concerning Mr. Schaake in regard to the following points:

- 1. His probable ability to assume the head coaching responsibility in football and basketball, with the possibility of track and baseball, from the point of view of qualities of leadership and ability to inspire young men to work effectively together.
- 2. General knowledge and skill in relation to the coaching profession.
- 3. Ability to cooperate with other members of the athletic staff, the faculty, and the administrative officers.
- 4. Personal qualities, such as, habits, attitudes, personal appearance, and impressions made on the community outside of the institution.
- 5. Any other suggestion which you think pertinent to consider in the selection of a person for the position of head coach of intercollegiate athletics.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Chairman

Faculty Athletic Committee

Mr. Alston McCarty,
McCarty - Ford Motor Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Alston:

Elmer Schaake just came into the office and told me that he had a letter from Dean A. C. Helson of the Graduate School of Denver University, sending him an application blank, and so forth. Bean Melson, I understand, is chairman of the athletic board at Denver University, and they are looking for a football and basketball coach as well as a track coach.

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You, of course, remember Schaake in his playing days as well as last fall when he accompanied Coach Shenk on the trip when they played D.U. Schaake is assistant varsity football coach and teacher in our physical conditioning course for our Army trainees. Before that Schaake coached at Bethany College at Lindsborg, Kansas, where he had unusually fine success, and then came to Lawrence High School where he coached all sports and made a most enviable record.

The reason for his change from the College at Lindsborg back to Lawrence High School was because the pay at these denominational colleges is small and yet they expect you to make a sizeable donation and sometimes the payments are delayed. This has been the experience at Bethany College with other coaches who have been there. They are fine people, but many of the professors are expected to work for love and service, rather than too much of the worldly goods.

Scheake has had several championships in his league here at Lawrence High School. In his three years of football at Kansas, in 1930 they were Big Six champions; in 1931, you remember, they beat D.U. 12 to 7 in a rather uninteresting game in which Kansas showed power plus, but did not use it in the proper way. Schaake was captain and all-Big Six quarter-back in 1932 under Lindsay.

Schaake is married, has a beautiful and lovely wife and two children. His son, seven years of age, is allergic to all grasses and he is afraid of nasal trouble the boy is suffering from may develop into hay fever and other allied difficulties, so he is anxious to get into a higher climate.

I am writing you, Alston, to see if you will not get the lay of the land on this D.U. job and see if you can help this splendid boy land out there in the mile-high city. I have always been trememdously interested in Elmer Schaeke. He is fine and clean in every way. He is not only a

gentleman but he has a lot of fire, and although we would hate to lose him as assistant to Shenk this fall, I believe every young man is entitled to his chance. Schaake believes that after the war they will want a big-time coach here at Kansas, and now he believes he should get out while the getting is good, while he is assistant coach at the University rather than coaching in some high school. Schaake has the qualifications for coaching a big-time football team. You remember he played one year with Potsy Clark's Detroit Lions after he finished his competition here. He did this to get enough money to pay his college debt. He did not care for the professional game although he was one of the outstanding players in the professional league.

I will appreciate it if you will keep this confidential in Denver, yet use your uncanny resources in getting the lay of the land. Elmer has asked me to write you feeling that I knew you better than he, but he wants you to know that he will appreciate everything you can do in his behalf.

I trust that you and your family are well. I think of you often and would certainly enjoy a nice long chat with you on some 18-hold golf course, if such things as that exist. We cut ours here in Lawrence from 18 to 9 to keep going and we have done it pretty well.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA: AH

Mrs. Lutie Long Smith 4212 Euclid, Kansas City, Mo.

Past National Vice President, (last year) American Legion Auxiliary

This year I am serving as National Poppy Director and I hope to have the Auxiliary raise not less than one million dollars. Poppies are veteran-made and all the proceeds from sales to for Rehabilitation and Child Welfare.

I have served as a Nurses' Aide in Research Hospital between the times I spent with Mother.

My health is so good that I passed the physical for a Spar Officer and also passed the Aptitude Test. Iam on the ragged edge as far as age is concerned but still feel I can be of service. Had my 48th birthday Sept. 26.

Experience as Assistant Physical Ed. Director in Warrensburg - my experience there as head of the Department summer of 1917,



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MRS. LUTIE LONG SMITH NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, CENTRAL DIVISION past five years The has a practical nurse with her but mother is brave does not complain and dresses herself and getsaroud I have feen very active in The american Legion auxiliary -- lash year I served as Matimal Vici president and traveled in nine. Slates This year I am serving as Material Doppy Director and auxiliary. I have the auxiliary ruse not less than me million # -- Poppies are Veteran made and all the proceeds from sales welfare. So Rehabilitation and Child Welfare. my I am not exactly wasting my time. My health is wonderful and I have sewed as a nouses and in Research Hospital feliveen the times I spent with mother; I took care of her for California lash
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MRS. LUTIE LONG SMITH NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, CENTRAL DIVISION 4212 EUCLID KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI Way I am fortunate in have looking my years and have kept active in Educational and Cilie affairs Had my 48th berthay Sept 26.
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Major Geoge B. Smith, C.A.C. - Headquarters 4th Army, Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Major George Baxter:

You doubtless will be getting a load of letters because your name is on every Rotarian's mind this morning.

I am sending you my tenth contribution to the Jayhawk Rebounds which will give you a lot of reading, such as it is. The only thing that is not in this letter is the fact that we have had two darn hot scorehing days up until last night, but we had a wonderful shower and it is cool and pleasant this morning. Everything else is in the Rebounds!

Lots of good luck to you, old fellow.

Rotarily yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA: AH

Mr. Leo W. Shannon, Casa Grande, Arizona.

Dear Leo:

Thank you very much for sending me the interesting copy of Arizona Highways. I enjoyed your letter, and will look through the pages of this brochure with added interest.

I am sending you one of our Jayhawk Rebounds that we write to our boys in the service. Some of the names may be familiar to you.

With best wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

Casa Grande, Arizona. August 1, 1944.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Since writing you this issue of the Arizona
Highways came out and I thought that you would enjoy it.
It is published monthly by the Highway Department of the state. I have numbered the colored section; pictures #

1, 8 are particularly common in the southern part of the state—that is to say south of Phoenix.

Hope that you enjoy this issue. Will be glad if you show it to others that may be interested in it.

Sincerely yours,

Leo W. Shannon

Dear Doc: The "Day hourh Rebounds is read no less than 5 times per issue. It's swell to know how all are back in the Uni. and where our Buddies omaybe. - Fred E. writer often with news also of fellows we used to know. J.P. Hunter and Fin Durand have records to be honored. Have seen no 4.61. man in army sectore where I have been Just haven't been lucky enough to run into any of them. With the Hitter and Sustan links crack plus Rome liberated and the track meet toward the alpo, we stediers in Stalian sector vols well alone and tha ADDRESS AT TOP? BY OFFICE DEPARTMENT PERMIT NO. 1