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WENTWORTH
MILITARY ACADEMY

Lexington, Mo.

April 13, 1942

COLONEL LESTER B. WIKOFF
SECRETARY-TREASURER
MAJOR F. W. BROWN
COMMANDANT

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

The 12:00 o'clock time for Sunday, April 26 did have a special significance that I neglected to mention, it was for dinner. I hope you will be able to have dinner with us and bring as many members of your family as you wish. You might drop me a line and let me know how many to anticipate so I can put an extra potato in the pot.

Sincerely yours,

K. A. MacKenzie
Personnel Director

kam/mlh

April 14, 1942.

Mrs. Elmer White,
2023 Main Street,
Lexington, Mo.

Dear Mrs. White:

Mrs. Allen and I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation for Sunday, April 26, when we are to be in Lexington for the Ralph Conger Memorial Award.

We have accepted an invitation to dinner at 12 o'clock at the Military Academy, but we are looking forward to seeing you at the memorial services. Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hamilton are making the trip with us, and since Mrs. Hamilton is not very well we shall have to return early in the afternoon.

It will be a pleasure to renew old acquaintances, and to meet your son who is a freshman at Wentworth.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

MRS. ELMER WHITE

2023 MAIN STREET, LEXINGTON, MISSOURI

April, 13, 1942

Dr & Mrs Allen,

It was with
with a great deal of
pleasure that I recently
learned that you were to
be here for the dedication
of the Carger Memorial, April, 26
one to one fifty o'clock at
Wentworth,

I immediately called
Col. Sellers to learn of your
program for the day but could
not reach him. I am still
as much of an admirer of
each of you as ever and
am anxious to have you
in our home, so am writing
at this time. I if possible
would be delighted to
have you for the noon or
evening meal, and am looking

forward to that. If Doctor's
time is engaged until after
the military parade which
closes about 2:30, then we
so much want you for
our guests after that
time.

If any of the children are
at home will enjoy having
them with you people.

If you are already engaged
for the noon meal, we would
enjoy having you come early
and resting over during the
morning.

Our one and only hope
is a college freshman at
Wentworth.

Sincerely,

Eula Farnsworth White

April 6, 1942.

Captain K. A. MacKenzie,
Personnel Director,
Wentworth Military Academy,
Lexington, Missouri.

Dear Captain MacKenzie:

Answering your communication of April 4th, beg to state that I will be very happy to be present at the Ralph L. Conger Memorial Award for Sportsmanship on Sunday, April 26th, to deliver the dedicatory speech.

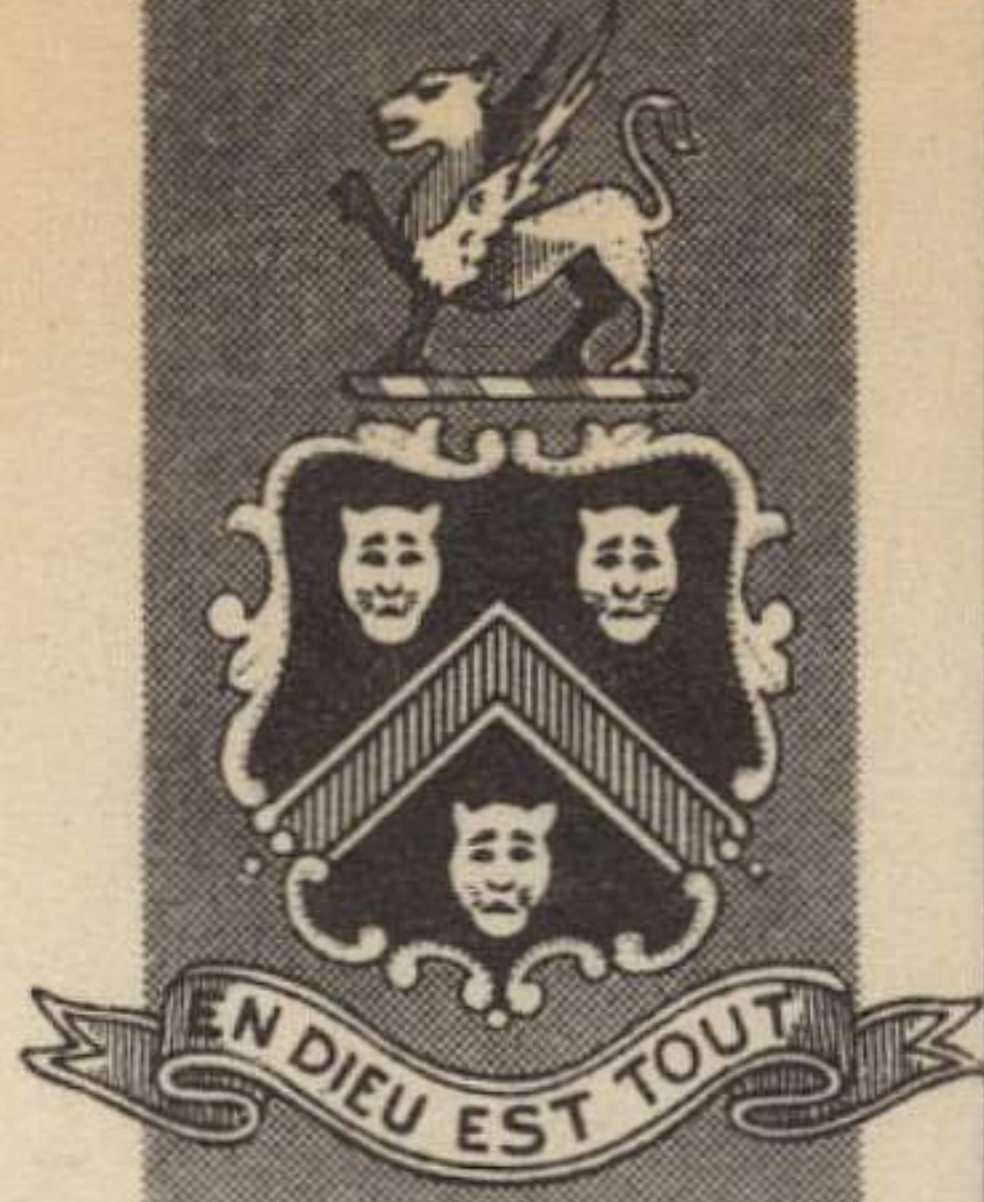
Thank you for your letter and for the copy of "The Trumpeter" which will give me the necessary information concerning Ralph. Please convey my kindest regards to Mrs. Conger and the children. I of course am hoping to see them when I come to Lexington. Mrs. Allen and some of the members of my family may accompany me. I believe you stated that I should plan on getting to the Academy by 12 o'clock. Was there any special significance in our arriving at 12 o'clock?

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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SECRETARY-TREASURER
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COMMANDANT

Dr. Phog Allen
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

To follow up our phone conversation of yesterday regarding the dedicatory speech for the Ralph L. Conger Memorial award for Sportsmanship on Sunday, April 26 at 1:00 P. M. I'll try to give you the background you suggested.

Enclosed is a copy of the school paper with several items regarding Ralph's death marked. They will give you a faint idea of the high regard we all had for him.

To supplement this information let me add Ralph coached at Smith Center Kansas High for ten years and lost ten games. After that he was with you at Kansas University two years and came here in 1939. His regime here was considered successful and his influence on the boys under him was of the highest type.

The plaque is of Red Warsaw granite 42"X31" and weighs 900 lbs. It is to be put in the inside wall of the gymnasium.

Each year the cadet who best exemplifys sportsmanship in his everyday life will be awarded a medal and his name will be engraved on the bottom of the plaque. This award will be made by a committee of three, Major F. W. Brown, Commandant, Major Leon H. Ungles, Dean, and myself as Personnel Director.

The plaque has been purchased by subscriptions from cadets and friends of Ralph.

I trust this will give you a picture of the situation. Incidentally Mrs. Conger and children are living here with Mrs. MacKenzie and myself and she is teaching grade school in the Lexington school system.

I am happy you can arrange to be here because many times I have heard all about Phog Allen from Ralph and know the high regard he had for you.

If there is anything further I can tell you just drop me a line.

Sincerely yours,
K. A. MacKenzie
K. A. MacKenzie
Personnel Director

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November 24, 1941

CAPTAIN RALPH CONGER DIES AT BOONVILLE

Heart Attack Proves Fatal to Coach During Game With Kemper

Capt. Ralph Lloyd Conger, Wentworth Military Academy varsity football and basketball coach who died on the afternoon of Thanksgiving day early in the second quarter when his team was winding up its season against



Kemper Military School at Boonville, Mo., died following a coronary occlusion, Dr. B. T. Payne, Wentworth physician, revealed tonight. Payne was at Conger's side on the Kemper field.

Conger was sitting on the bench when the heart attack occurred, and every man on the squad knew that the coach had passed away. This was reflected in the playing the second half when the Kemper Yellowjackets piled up 14 points to defeat the Dragons. The audience in the Boonville stadium was not aware of what had happened. Conger's body was quickly removed from the field and spectators knew only that there was a little excitement on the Wentworth bench. Col. Lester B. Wikoff, former Wentworth athletic director and varsity coach, and Capt. Kenneth Sylvester, assistant coach, took over the coaching for the rest of the game.

At the end of the game the news was flashed over the loudspeaker system and everyone in the stadium stood with bowed heads for

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FAREWELL CAPTAIN CONGER

Captain Conger, for three years the varsity coach of Wentworth, will long be remembered as a faithful friend of all his students and associates.

His sudden passing away at the Kemper-Wentworth game on Thanksgiving Day was very shocking to everyone, and the Wentworth Special returning to Lexington on that night presented a sad picture as we reflected on what had happened.

Although it was not generally known by the Wentworth battalions that he had died on the field, it had a deep effect on the entire corps once it was made known publicly.

To us, Captain Conger was more than merely a coach or a teacher, for it was through him that our athletics had triumphed so in the last few years. As a teacher, he was outstanding in the way that he held his students in rapt admiration. On the field, his athletes knew him not as a coach, but almost as a father, who could guide them in the best ways possible toward a possible victory. He was truly a man who held our admiration, both in class and on the field.

His contributions, too many to list, will remain as a tribute to our school as long as the school itself lives.

With this, a silent tribute, the entire corps bids goodbye to our coach, Capt. Ralph Conger.

April 22, 1942.

Mr. C. G. Mickel,
Mayetta, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Mickel:

I am sorry that I was out of the office when you called the other day. It would have been a pleasure to see you.

In regard to your inquiry as to a commencement address at your school on May 20th, it has always been my policy to "live and let live". Of course the state does not provide travel expenses for this purpose, and the tire situation makes it somewhat difficult. I am sure that whatever honorarium you have been in the habit of paying will be satisfactory.

I am to speak at Humboldt, Nebraska, on May 21, and if you desire I will be happy to speak at Mayetta on the 20th, on my way to Humboldt. I am reserving this date tentatively on my calendar, awaiting your reply.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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Dr. Allen --

Mr. C. G. Mickel, of Mayetta, Kansas,

would like to know if you could deliver their
commencement address on May 20. Also, he says,
"tell us what low honorarium you would accept."

(Baseball at Columbia on May 18, 19; at Humboldt,
Nebraska, on May 21.)

April 10, 1942.

Mrs. Russell Herpich, Principal,
Delevan Rural High School,
Delevan, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Herpich:

I have received your kind letter of the 8th instant inviting me to speak at your high school commencement on the evening of May 14th.

I am very sorry that I have another engagement for that date. Several weeks ago I promised the Linwood, Kansas, high school that I would speak at their commencement on May 14th. There is a possibility that I would be free on either May 13 or 15, if you would care to consider either of these dates. The principal of another Kansas high school has asked me to speak on May 14, but since I had already agreed to go to Linwood, I told him that I would be available on May 13 or 15. I have not heard from him as yet regarding this possibility.

It is never our purpose to set an arbitrary price for a commencement address. However, there is one thing of vital necessity, and that is automobile tires. Since the rationing program travel is getting to be quite an item.

I would be glad to hear from you regarding the suggested dates, and I would be perfectly willing to let you set the fee.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

Delavan Rural High School

Mrs. Russell Herpich
PRINCIPAL

DELAVAN, KANSAS

April 8, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

The choice of the Commencement speaker this year, in our school, was left to the senior class. They requested that I write and ask you to be the guest speaker for the evening of May 14.

*Linwood H.S.
May 14*

We realize that there would be a fee and would like to know what it would be.

We thought it best to write to you early and find out if you could possibly come. We should be pleased if you would answer immediately.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Russell Herpich

Mrs. Russel Herpich
Principal

RH:lp

April 8, 1942.

Mr. J. R. Wells, Principal,
Emmett Rural High School,
Emmett, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Wells:

I have your very good letter of April 5th inquiring about the commencement date at your high school on May 14th.

Mr. Lloyd Fairbanks, a student here at the University, came in and inquired about the possibility of my making a commencement address at Emmett from May 15 to 22. This was on March 31. He said that I would hear from you shortly. Not having been asked to save a date prior to this, I agreed to go to Linwood, Kansas, for a commencement address on May 14th.

We are playing baseball at Columbia, Missouri, on May 18 and 19, and I do happen to have May 13 and 15 open. But I have an engagement, I am sorry to say, for the 14th.

It is never our purpose to set an arbitrary price for a commencement address. However, there is one thing of vital necessity and that is automobile tires. Since the rationing program travel is getting to be quite an item.

I would be glad to hear from you if either the 13th or 15th would be agreeable to you, and I would be perfectly willing to live and let live, and let you set the fee. I am very sure that you know we do not want to make an excessive charge. Anything you think is fair I am sure we could agree upon.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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J. R. WELLS, PRINCIPAL

EMMETT, KANSAS

April 5, 1941

Prof. J. C. Allen
Kansas University
Lawrence Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen,

Would you be available for a
Commencement Speaker for our high
School on May 14, 1942. If you can
what would be your charges. I am sure
this community would be glad to hear you.

Linwood
H. S. on
May 14

Very truly yours

J. R. Wells

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Emmett Co

Commencement

May 15 to 22nd

March 31, 1942.

Mr. Lloyd Fairbanks,
1121 Ohio Street,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Lloyd:

I have tried a number of times to reach you by telephone yesterday and today, but since I have been unable to get you I am sending the dates by letter.

At the present time I am free on May 20, 21 and 22. We have baseball games at Columbia, Missouri, on May 18 and 19. I also have a tentative reservation on my calendar for May 21 or 22 for a commencement address, but this date has not been closed.

If any of these dates are convenient for you, I shall be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

April 3, 1942.

Mr. Thorpe Menn, Secy.,
Chamber of Commerce,
Lyons, Kansas.

Will accept Tuesday date.

Forrest C. Allen.

March 31, 1942.

Mr. Gail Knight,
Athletic Director,
Monett School District,
Monett, Missouri.

Dear Gail:

It is mighty nice of you to ask me to be your guest speaker at the Monett High School for your athletic banquet on April 9. I deeply appreciate your offer to have me meet your all-state center who scored over 1200 points in his four years of high school competition.

The state does not provide funds for our travel expenses and since the tire situation is as it is at present I do not very well see how I can make the trip. I am also coaching varsity baseball and we are to meet Kansas State at Manhattan on April 10 and 11.

It is generous of you to ask me, and I deeply appreciate it. However, under the conditions I do not see how I can make arrangements to speak at this time.

Thanking you for your very kind invitation, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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Mr. Phog Allen
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

We here at Monett High School are giving an all sports banquet April 9th beginning at 6:30.

I would like to extend to you an invitation to come and be our guest speaker. We are anxious to obtain some outstanding basketball coach to be our speaker and feel that you would make an excellent one.

I also feel that this would be an opportunity for you to have a talk with a boy whom I have coached for the past three years. He is a boy who was an all-state center last year and again repeated this year as an all-state man. He is 6ft 5in tall shoots with either hand, is above the average as an student, has scored over 1200 points in 4 years of high school competition, takes coaching very well, and is a boy whom trains like a real athlete should. He has had offers from a great many leading universities but I feel that he should go someplace where he can get excellent coaching and still play on good teams.

Would you please let me know by return mail whether you will or will not be able to come to Monett on the above date and be a speaker at our banquet.

Thanking you for giving this letter your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gail Knight
Gail Knight
Athletic Director

Approx. 250 miles.

Monett is southeast

of Joplin.

500 mi. @ 6¢ - \$30.00

March 31, 1942.

Mr. Brad Judy,
Montrose, Kansas.

Dear Brad:

Nothing would give me more pleasure than to accept your wonderful invitation to come out to your section of the state and speak on the dates you mention. But I am coaching varsity baseball, and I had previously accepted a date to speak at Linwood on May 14. I accepted this date because it was close to Lawrence, and I don't see my way clear to get out of that.

I couldn't leave my team for that long as we are playing Missouri on the 18th and 19th. Perhaps next year we could make arrangements ahead of time; in fact, we may not even have a baseball team next year.

I want to extend my congratulations to you, and if you will tell me the names of the boys to whom I should write I would be glad to send a letter of congratulation to them in lieu of my being there and personally congratulating them at commencement.

We are always happy to do anything we can, and if there is any other way that I can show my interest and appreciation for the boys' efforts I would be glad to do it if you will offer any suggestions.

Thank you for your kind words for the basketball team and our work here at the University.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

FCA:AH

THE
JUDY RANCH

BRAD JUDY

MONTROSE, KANSAS

March 30, 1942.

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

Dear Phog:

First I want to congratulate you upon your splendid service to the state and to the university.....and then in the second breathhI want to ask something of you. Please don't get me wrong....for I am sincere concerning the first matter.....and hope for the best in regard to the second.

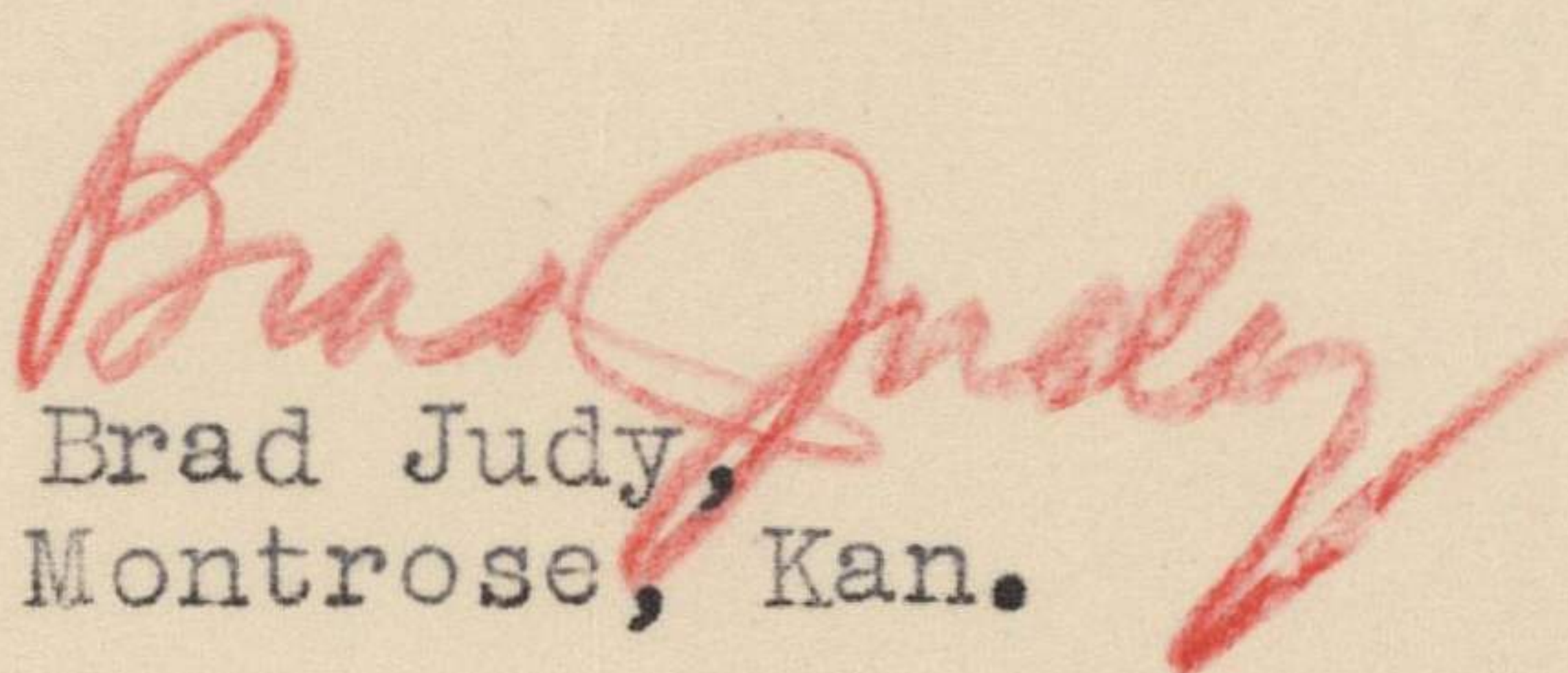
Our little school has enjoyed a series of five years of successful basketball.....all of which has been topped off this year with an Ever-Victorious season, plus the County Tournament Championship, the District Tournament and then a defeat by one point in the Regional. Of my squad of ten boys, five graduate. and they were very much thrilled when I told them that I was going to write you and see if I could not induce you to come out this way and give our Commencement address this May.

As you know, we are located up here in the "provinces" which have a strong Nebraska pull. We are neglected by our own state schools, and understandably so. However, if I could arrange for you to give three Commencement addresses on consecutive nights (say May 13, 14 and 15) and all of them in this county, could you do it for \$50?

I understand the tire situation....the distance....and the fact that you are a very busy man. You would most certainly, thrill a group of fine boys, but of course you can do that closer home. I'll understand your position if you cannot do this job....but we would surely like to have you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Most sincerely,


Brad Judy,
Montrose, Kan.

March 31, 1942.

Mr. D. H. Weber,
Superintendent of Schools,
Humboldt, Nebraska.

Dear Superintendent Weber:

When your letter of March 24th arrived I feared there was a conflict in dates because we had some baseball games scheduled for May 21 and 22. Since then, however, these dates have been changed, and I do have the dates of May 21 and 22 free.

You are in a much better position to know what the honorarium should be. Of course, the tire problem is the biggest thing. The state does not provide money for travel, and I would have to drive my own car. That naturally makes traveling more expensive this year.

It would be a great pleasure to speak at your commencement, and I do deliver a number of commencement addresses. Frankly, we try to insist that boys go to their own state universities rather than try to attract them outside of the state.

I would be glad to come if you could give me an idea of what you think the honorarium should be, and the date you would want.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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High School fully accredited by the University of Nebraska and North Central
Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

HUMBOLDT, NEBRASKA 3-24-'42.

R. L. BODE
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WILL KINSEL

"Phog" Allen
Department of Athletics
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

We are seeking a good man to deliver our commencement address on either May 21 or 22, If you are available what is the best price you can quote us?

Our music supervisor is a K. U. graduate. He taught at Troy, Kansas, for a number of years before coming here. Robert Jenkins, a Humboldt high school graduate, is prominent in musical circles in K. U.

We grind out some pretty good athletes. If you should visit us you might be able to attract some Kansas-ward.

Respectfully,

D. H. Weber
Superintendent

*120 miles north
via Topeka*

*BB at Col.
May 18+19
Finals begin
May 22 -
Schedule not
yet made.*

March 31, 1942.

Mr. O. P. May,
Attorney-at-Law,
Atchison, Kansas.

Dear Mr. May:

Since my telephone conversation with you concerning the meeting of the Men Brotherhoods in Atchison, I have checked on schedule and find that we have baseball games scheduled with Missouri here at Lawrence on April 27 and 28.

I am very sorry that I cannot accept your kind invitation for either one of these dates. If, however, you find it convenient to select another date for your meeting I shall be happy to fit it into my schedule.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

W. P. WAGGENER
O. P. MAY
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ATCHISON, KANSAS

March 28, 1942.

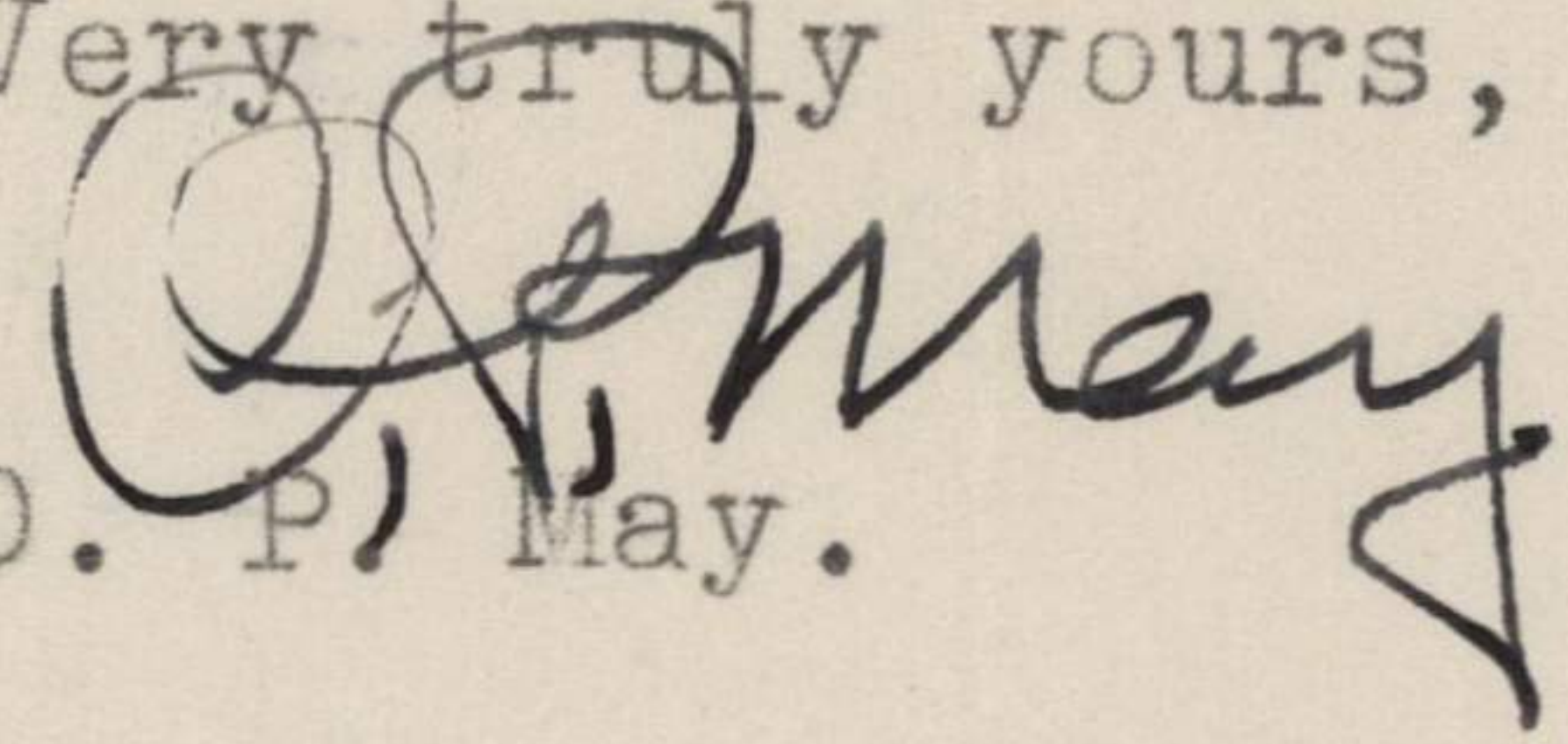
Dr. Forest C. Allen
Department of Physical Education
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doctor Allen:

Confirming telephone conversation of today, the program committee for the annual joint meeting of all the Men Brotherhoods of the Protestant Churches in Atchison, would like to have you as a speaker at a banquet on April 27th or 28th at 7:00 P. M. We can fix the time for the banquet on either date to suit your convenience, so we would be glad to hear from you as to which date would suit you best. The place of the meeting is not definitely set, but it probably will be at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church. We will pay \$10.00 to cover your expenses.

Will you please advise whether or not you can accept, and advise which date you would prefer.

Very truly yours,


O. P. May.

OPM-M

cc Mr. J. W. Lowry
City

126 mi. round trip

@ 6¢ = \$7.56