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January 25, 1942.

Mr. George F. Veonker,
Director of Athletics,
Iowa State College,
Ames, Iowa.

Dear George:

Thank you for your very nice letter of the 21st instant extending apologies to us for the unthinking action of some of your students. I accept it in the best grace, and I assure you that we must recognize that the young people in their hearts mean not to be vicious at any time. They are so suffused with the spirit of enthusiasm that they lose their equipoise at times.

I would not have mentioned it myself, but since you brought it up I think this is a good time to set forth some of the incivilities that we have experienced at your college. For the past three or four years, and maybe longer, there seems to be a grand rush as soon as the doors are open on the part of the students to filter in the seats that are directly behind the visitors' bench in basketball.

We were on the floor practicing when the doors were opened and a certain definitely intentioned group fought their way to this location directly behind where we were to sit. Some of these goat-getting hecklers were vicious and loud in their remarks directed to the visiting players and to the coach. It did not pertain to the game, but became so personal that at times it was revolting.

I do not recall at any time that I have given these people an excuse to use such invectives. I believe I have conducted myself as a gentleman at all times that I have appeared at Iowa State College, but I can say frankly to you, George, that the reverse has been true as regards your student body sitting behind us. They have thrown missiles and have struck the players and me a number of times, and I am sure that since you have coached you can imagine the inhibitions that are necessary to keep from turning around and saying something or resorting to stronger measures. At no time have I done such a thing at Iowa State.

Last year just as the boys were going out a large object was dropped from the top of the rafters above the playing floor and barely missed one of the players. I do not recall whether it was a dead fowl or just what it was, but to my mind it was an object that would weigh at least ten pounds.

I believe at all times the boys of the University of Kansas have departed themselves in a fine, genteel manner. Their ~~own~~ playing has

been hard but it has never been rough or on the unsportsmanlike order. This year you will recall that some student had a wooden platform built at least ten feet square on the girders above the playing field. A large paper ladder was lowered with words something to this effect: "Crank Phog -- K.U. -- O G P U". This sign was dropped so that it utterly obscured the passing of the ball on the playing floor. The officials called time-out and the students had a Roman holiday during the playing time at the expense of the Kansas players. Louie Menze rushed over to my bench and said, "Doc, some damn fool has done that." It was not discovered at that time that the "damn fool" was a student - doubtless an Iowa State student sitting on the platform above the playing floor.

The rules clearly specify that the home team is responsible for the behavior of the spectators. The officials or no one else in charge did anything about the matter. Our players were disconcerted - they were embarrassed and ohagrinned, yet nobody in authority at Iowa State did one thing except cheer and jeer.

I am reminded of the story of the colored fellow who stole a ham from his neighbor. When he came up before the police judge the defendant said, "Judge, it was just a joke. I just took it from my neighbor for a joke." And the judge said, "Yes, Senbo, but the bad part about it is that you have carried the joke too far."

and that is the way I feel about the celebration at Iowa State. Visitors at a basketball game have a tough enough time without the crowd using an unfair advantage in giving their own players advantages that a sportsman should not desire.

Someone has said that there are three stages in American life -- the passing of the Indian, the passing of the buffalo, and the passing of the buck. Surely someone should be in authority, such as you, that when such incidents and demonstrations as those that took place in your gymnasium the other night, they could order such unfortunate demonstrations to cease immediately. They could also embarrass participants of such intrusions. As it was, this student was lionized by the crowd and made to feel that he had really pulled off a student activity that was great. Had the official penalized the Iowa State team and given Kansas a free throw it would have been the least that they should have done under the rules. But as it was, we suffered irreparably in a game that we were trying to win.

Now for another incident that took place in our baseball games last spring at Iowa State. I do not know whether you were there or not, but Louie Menze was in the bleachers. It was the ninth inning. We were leading by one run. Two were out. The Iowa State catcher dropped the third strike and a squeeze play was on, and the player from third slid home. But the catcher threw to first base in time to retire the side. The umpire called the player out. Then the Iowa State players and Coach Finn charged the umpire. Two or three hundred of the baseball rooters followed the coach and the players on

the field. As I recall, the umpire was a minister of some small church nearby to Ames. If the preacher changed his religion as often as he changed his decision he could have preached in any congregation in the country.

Frank Bukaty, our student assistant, said to me, "Doc, you had better not leave." I grabbed our bat bag and other equipment and started for the club house with the umpire calling the Iowa State man safe. I said to Bukaty, "If he does he will find us in the club house," and I had a difficult time getting our team into the dressing room. Coach Tinn followed me into the dressing quarters and said, "Phog, that run counted and the score is a tie. We've got to play it off." I said, "Not today, brother, maybe tomorrow, because that ball game is over."

Half an hour after things were over the umpire again changed back his decision, saying that we had won the game.

Personally, I am saying to you, George, that we need somebody to run the show occasionally when the students take it in their own hands.

I should like for you to ask Louie Menze if at any time he or his team have received any discourteous treatment during all the years that he has been coming to Lawrence. We just won't have it here.

Sincerely yours,

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

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IOWA STATE COLLEGE
OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS
AMES, IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
FOR MEN

January 21, 1942

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

Dear Phog:

I want to take this time to let you know that the rude display of sportsmanship as perpetrated by some one of our students has been duly recognized in our student paper and public apology made to you and the Kansas University team. It seems that in 5000 students, you will always have one or two of the type that cannot come along with the advancement of a department. I did not take the matter too seriously, for I know that these things happen, and that you have been through the battles enough to know they will happen.

We have tried diligently to maintain a high standard of sportsmanship here, particularly toward our visitors, and I believe are getting along in fairly decent shape. I know of no team or coach that comes here that is held in as high regard as you and your team. Therefore, let me extend personally to you my apology for this little incident which is one of those things that just happens.

With all best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

George
Geo. F. Veenker
Director of Athletics

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January 5, 1942

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

Dear "Phog":

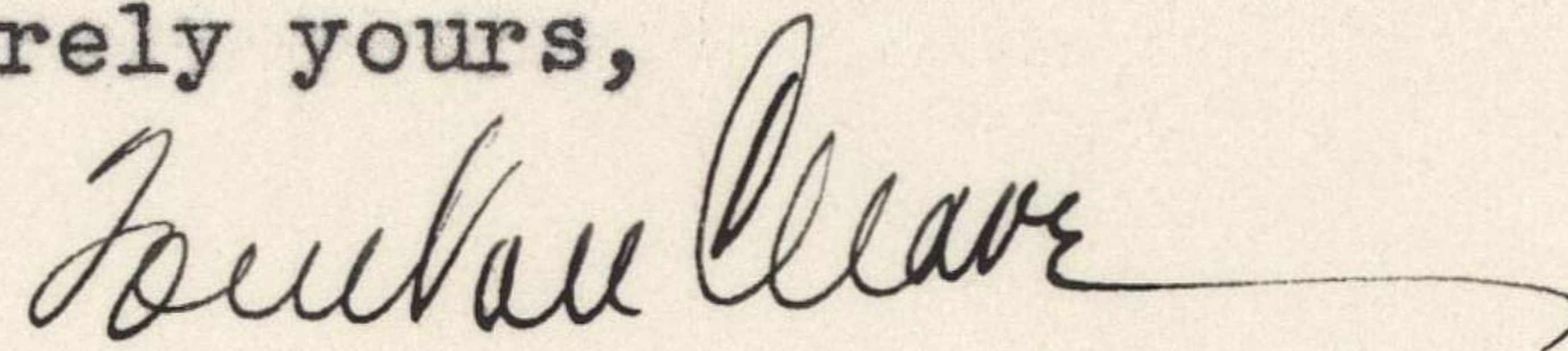
This acknowledges your letter of January 2, enclosing copies of letters written by you to Gwinn Henry and Professor Davis regarding the eligibility of Gerald Tucker.

I had read Dan Partner's story and was at a loss to understand why the faculty members of the Big Six Conference had not enforced the eligibility rule. Since the transfer was made from Kansas State, it seemed to me their representative should have been the one to call attention to the violation of the rule, but I notice, according to the press, that Dr. King of Kansas State is saying that the action was not taken on the protest of Kansas State.

I am sorry to see Tucker involved in this mess. Apparently he is a good student, and, of course, he is a good athlete. Evidently the entire blame for the situation lies with those in charge of athletics at Oklahoma University and they should take the blame for it rather than try to pass the blame onto the enforcement of the rule. I thought Partner in this morning's issue of the "Times" emphasized that it was the fault of the Oklahoma authorities rather than anyone else that this situation was brought about. Apparently they are trying to "pass the buck" to someone else and they ought not to be allowed to get away with that.

Whether Tucker plays or not, I hope K. U. can win from them.

Sincerely yours,



TMV:SS

August 28, 1942.

Mr. Marvin Vandaveer,
620 S. Woodlawn,
Wellington, Kansas.

Dear Vandy:

Mr. James Wallace, the new director of physical education at Haskell Institute, came into the office last week with Mr. Solon Ayers, the new superintendent at Haskell. Henry Shenk and I were at that time in a physical education huddle, and we had quite a visit with Mr. Wallace. Mr. Wallace is a graduate of the Springfield, Mass., Y.M.C.A. College, and is going to head up all the physical and athletic activities at Haskell.

Mr. Ayers and Mr. Wallace interviewed us here in regard to the possibility of getting one of our physical education majors to coach their Haskell football team. Coach Powless has left Haskell, and it is our information at present that the man who accepts this job will be the coach of the Haskell High School football team, and that means the first team because Haskell is of high school rating athletically and academically.

Mr. Shenk saw Mr. Wallace on the street yesterday afternoon, and Mr. Wallace informed Mr. Shenk that Mr. E. A. Thomas, the high school commissioner, had approved a set-up whereby one of our physical education majors near graduation will be eligible to coach the team. Henry and I both believe that you could do a good job out there and we believe further that the compensation would be fairly ample. We have also both agreed that you are the man to do the job if you want it.

I am wondering when you are coming back to Lawrence. Of course, Mr. Wallace is anxious to get this matter settled, but I would not want you to make a special trip on this account. If you are contemplating an early return to Lawrence I would suggest that you come on in and permit us to get you in contact with Mr. Wallace. I believe it would be well for you to have our counsel before you talk with him regarding the matter.

You see, Vandy, things work out pretty well, don't they? You considered accepting a coaching job last spring so you could coach this fall, and I believe now that you have your wish and you can still go forward with your education. Some good things come to those who wait.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

July 29, 1942.

Mr. Ernest J. Vanek,
Topeka High School,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Ernie:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I received this morning from Milton Kelley concerning the knee pads. I am sorry he is unable to supply you with them.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Enc.

August 4, 1942.

Mr. Arthur Voss,
1250 Edgewood Road,
Lake Forest, Illinois.

Dear Arthur:

Congratulations on your happy fatherhood and your commission in the Naval Reserve! The fact that your baby is a boy, I am sure brings great joy to you and to your wife, Isabel, and the best part of the news is that both are feeling fine. That is the pay-off. And I know how the father's chest must have expanded when he realized that he was responsible for another soul in this world. It really is a most edifying feeling.

My sincere wish is that you will go through this war with fine success and be returned to your family. It is such men as you that deserve a family and should have the responsibility of raising a fine one.

If at any time I can do anything for you or for your wife, if she should desire to ask it, it will be a pleasure. I do not know of a thing I can do, but tell her that if there is anything I can do to help her while you are in the war it will be a pleasure for me to respond because I am not actively in it.

It was a great pleasure for me to do this small bit for you, and I am wishing you lots of luck and success in every possible way.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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LAKE FOREST COLLEGE

LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

1250 Edgewood Road

July 31, 1942

Dear Dr. Allen:

I thought you might like to know that I have recently become a father and that I have received my commission in the Naval Reserve. The baby, a little boy, came on Sunday, July 19, and he and Isabel came home from the hospital the day before yesterday. Both are feeling fine.

I have been ordered to report to San Francisco on August 10 for training, and later to San Diego for further instruction, and finally, if I complete my training satisfactorily, back to San Francisco, from which base I will go to sea. The doctor thinks that Isabel and the baby will be able to travel to Topeka, where they will stay with her parents, soon after I leave. It will be hard for us to be separated, but we both feel I am doing what I ought to do.

I am very grateful to you for writing me a letter of recommendation.

Sincerely,

Arthur Voss

May 20, 1942.

Office of the Vice President,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I should greatly appreciate receiving a copy
of Vice President Wallace's recent speech in which he
discussed the question, "What are we fighting for?".

Very sincerely yours,

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

May 13, 1942.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Margaret Van Cleave was enrolled in the First Aid course for 2 hours credit, at the University of Kansas during the spring semester of 1937-38. She received a grade of "C" at the end of the semester.

Very sincerely yours,

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

*The class met two hours each week for the semester of eighteen weeks.

April 21, 1942.

Mr. Tom Van Cleave, Jr.,
County Attorney's Office,
Wyandotte County Court House,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Tommy:

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write us thanking us for what little courtesy we were able to extend you and yours during the past year. Many of these activities on our part have been more a pleasure to us than they have to you, I assure you.

You have been the individual in Kansas City, Kansas, who put his selective finger on the good high school talent who combine both athletic ability and intelligence, and we are highly thankful to you for this favor. Of course, you had help in the keeping of the boys here, but the difficult work of the selective processes belongs to you. Therefore, I assure you that you are way ahead of us and that we will never quite get caught up.

By the way, Tommy, I was just talking to Professor Ivy of the Physiology Department, and Bill Replogle out in front of the gymnasium this morning. Bill Brill is on the skids in physiology, and after his first semester of good work he is slumping now a little and giving the professors cause for concern. I am wondering if you wouldn't write him right away and tell him he is in danger of falling into his old habits of voluntary inertia. I am checking him from several angles here and I do want him to amount to something. I dislike to have laggards on the team, and especially these fellows that all the professors talk about in the wrong way, if you get what I mean.

Mrs. Allen and I are always glad to be the recipients of your and Caroline's good wishes.

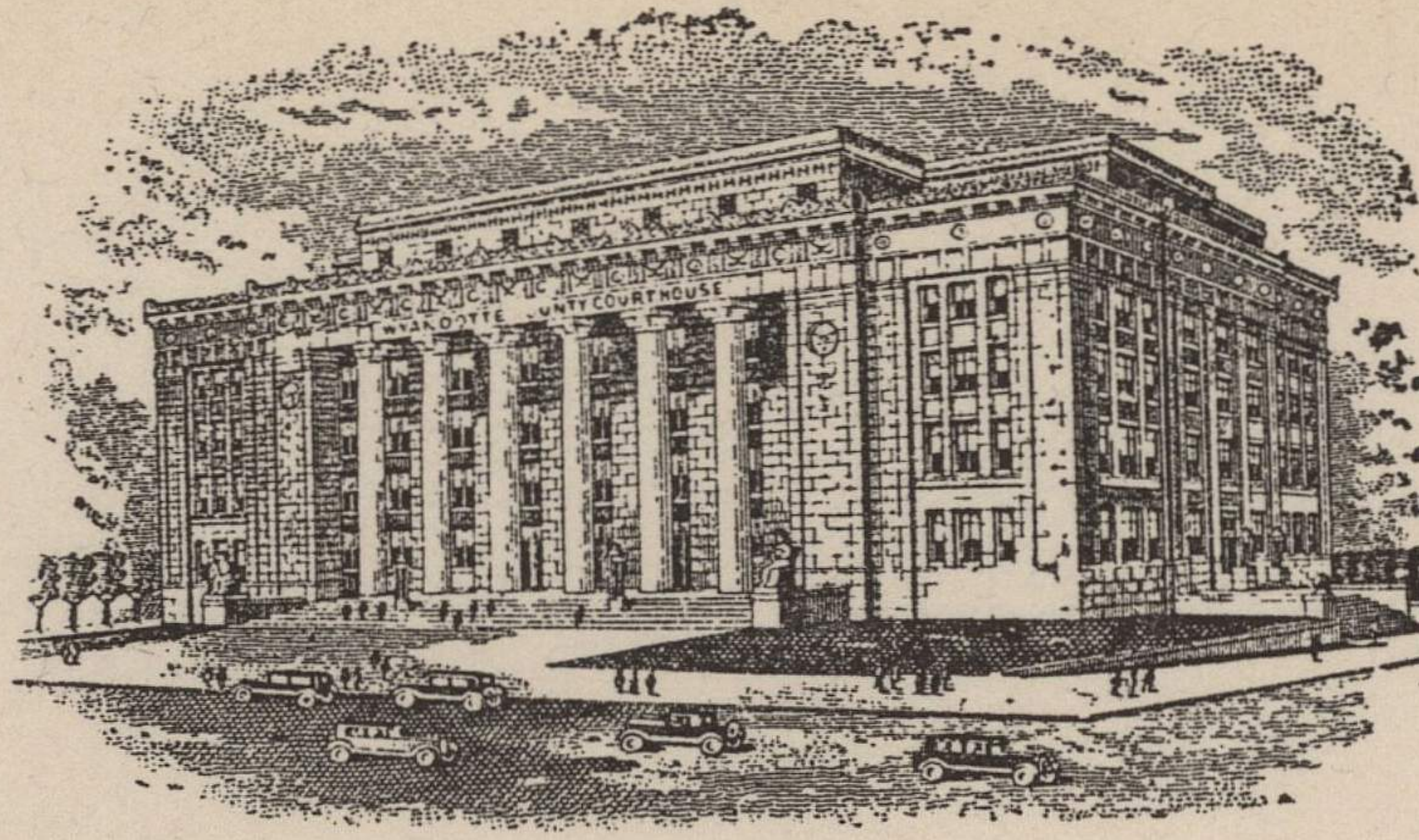
Sincerely yours,

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

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OFFICE OF
JOSEPH H. McDOWELL
COUNTY ATTORNEY
WYANDOTTE COUNTY COURT HOUSE
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

April 15, 1942.

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

Dear Doctor Allen:

On behalf of Caroline and myself I want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the many favors and courtesies you extended to us during the past year. We sincerely hope that some day in some small way we will be able to repay you.

Please give our best regards to Mrs. Allen.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas M. Van Cleave, Jr.
THOMAS M. VAN CLEAVE, Jr.

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February 24, 1942.

Mr. Carl Voltmer,
Central Missouri State Teachers College,
Warrensburg, Missouri.

Dear Carl:

We are just leaving for Oklahoma, and
will return next Saturday, the 28th.

Early next week I hope to answer your
kind letter of the 20th concerning a place on your
program for the Des Moines meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

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



Education for Service

CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

WARRENSBURG, MO.

February 20, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Congratulations on the way the basketball team is going. It looks like you have another one of those good teams.

About the Des Moines meeting---there will be a place on the program Friday afternoon if you can be present. This group will be primarily high school coaches, and I think they would be interested in having you talk to them on some basketball subject. I leave that to your own good judgement. Suppose I put you on the program tentatively, and if it looks as though you can be present we will be more than glad to have you. Thank you for your cooperation in the matter.

Sincerely,

Carl Voltmer
Carl Voltmer

CV:lf

February 17, 1942.

Mr. Carl Voltmer,
Central Missouri State Teachers College,
Warrensburg, Missouri.

Dear Carl:

I beg your pardon for the long delay in replying to your letter of January 8th, but I have not been sure enough of my spring dates to give you a definite answer.

If I should find it possible to attend the Midwest District meeting on April 2 or 3, what subject do you have in mind for me to talk on? I should appreciate any further information you are able to give me on this meeting. I hope to give you a definite answer in the very near future.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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Education for Service

CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

WARRENSBURG, MO.

January 8, 1942

Dr. Forest Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

As you know, the Midwest District Meeting of the American Association for Health and Physical Education will be held in Des Moines the first week in April. I am chairman of the section on men's athletics.

There has been some complaint in the past that these programs did not have enough athletic content for the many coaches who will be present. I am trying to get some men well-known in the athletic field to appear on this program. If you will be in attendance, I would like to have you talk to this group either Thursday afternoon, April 2, or Friday afternoon, April 3. Des Moines is centrally located, and we are anticipating a large attendance. I believe that the meetings will prove worth-while. Hoping that I may have a favorable reply, I am

Sincerely yours,

Carl Voltmer

P.S. Best of luck to that fine-looking basketball team.

January 10, 1942.

Mr. Carl Voltmer,
Central Missouri State Teachers College,
Warrensburg, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Voltmer:

Your letter of January 8th addressed to Dr. Allen has been received. Dr. Allen is out of town over the week-end, but I am sure you may expect to hear from him in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen.

April 11, 1942.

Mr. Ernest J. Vanek,
Department of Physical Education,
Topeka High School,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Ernie:

Yes, we are planning to have the "basketball mixer" for high school boys on the morning of the Kansas Relays. We have written to a couple of your Topeka boys, and if you will send me your list I would like to personally invite them to be present.

We are looking forward to having you with us in Summer School.

Very sincerely yours,

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Enc.

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

TOPEKA HIGH SCHOOL
Department of Physical Education
TOPEKA, KANSAS

H. Bruce Smith
Ernest J. Vanek
Chas. Mills
Esther E. Hobson
Veloria Eckert
Helen Kriekhaus

E. B. Weaver, Football
Ernest J. Vanek, Basketball
D. L. Erwin, Track
W. J. Barnett, Tennis
H. D. Shotwell, Golf
Claude A. Hays, Baseball

April 8, 1942

Dr. F. C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Doc":

Sometime ago I received a letter from your Department listing the courses that will possibly be offered this Summer. From these courses you wanted us to select our preferences. I am planning on taking your course # 200. Advanced Basketball, and # 300. Special Problems in Physical Education.

"Doc" are you planning on inviting some boys up for the morning of the Kansas Relays as you have done in the past? I have five seniors who I think would enjoy getting that opportunity. Please let me know if you would be interested in having them come up.

Sincerely yours,

Ernie

Ernest J. Vanek

April 8, 1942.

Mr. J. H. Vandenberg, Manager,
The St. Louis Hotel,
Perry, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Vandenberg:

I may be one of those absent-minded professors, like the other professor who dreamed that he was lecturing to his class and then he awakened and found that he was.

You know, Mr. Vandenberg, I would have sworn that I paid Mrs. Vandenberg when she receipted the bill for me. I never did such a crazy thing in all my life, if I didn't pay her, and I thought I definitely remembered doing that very thing. Will you please check with her and see if I did not do it?

I never got a receipted bill from anybody that I didn't pay for at the time. I am mighty glad you wrote me, and after checking with her won't you write me by return mail and tell me the status of a coach who thought he was half sane, but if I am clever enough to get a receipted bill and not pay the hotel proprietor then it might give me an idea.

I assure you we had a good time and were well taken care of, and I would not want to be that inhospitable.

Sincerely yours,

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

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The St. Louis Hotel

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Perry, Oklahoma

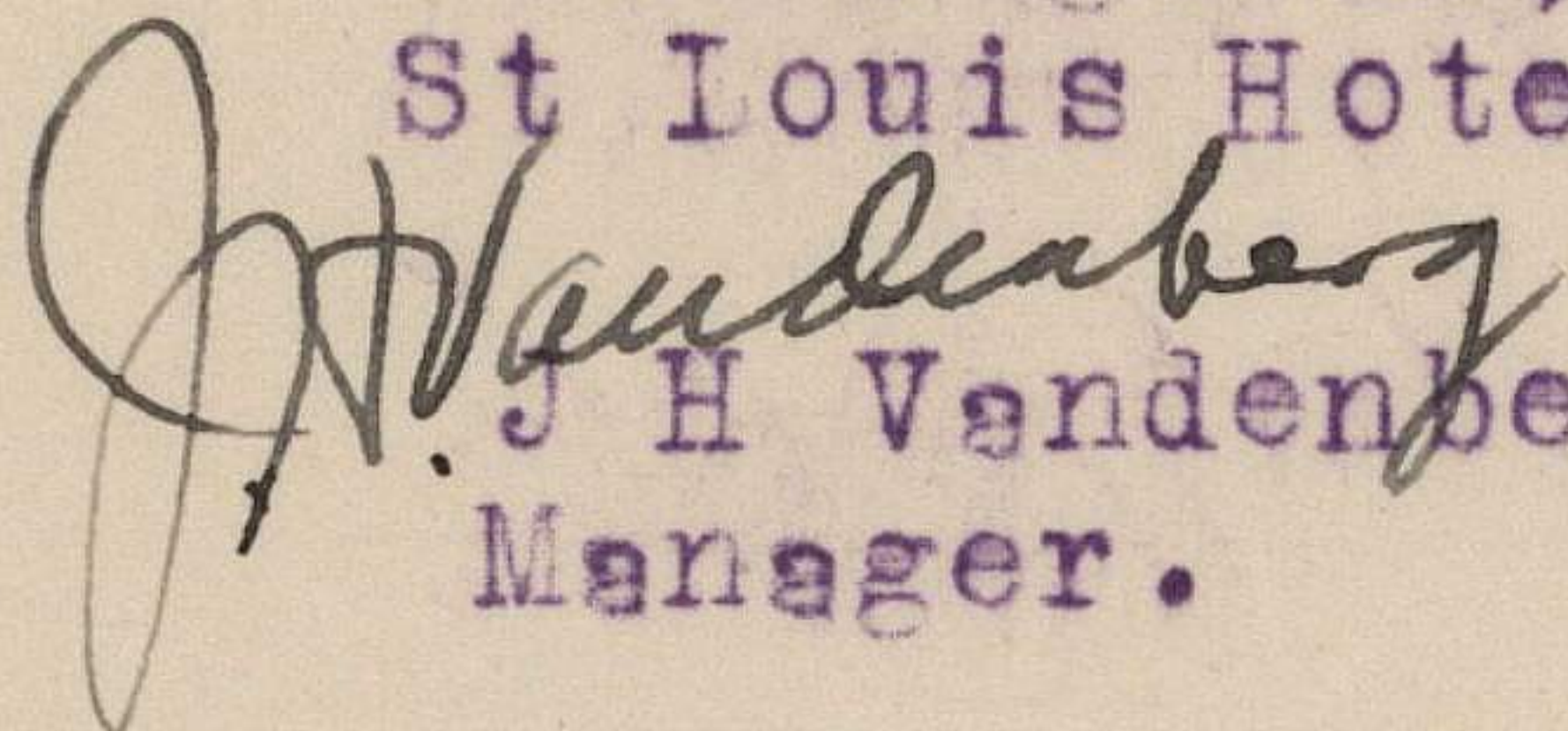
Apr 7 1942

Forrest C Allen,
Dear Sir;-

Have Begun to wonder what happened to the bill for, Rooms for the University of Kansas basketball team when they were and played Stillwater, To date I have not received payment.

Thought I would write to you personally as you would know about it probably better than any one else.

Best regards,
St Louis Hotel by


J H Vandenberg
Manager.

March 16, 1942.

Mr. W. N. Van Slyck,
Principal, Topeka High School,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Van Slyck:

You were very kind, indeed, to write as you did on March 6th, and I regret that I have been unable to reply sooner.

It was a great pleasure for me to speak at the Father and Son banquet at the First Methodist Church. I enjoyed meeting the group there, I assure you.

I would be very happy if you would care to send a letter to be included in our collection of letters from friends. These letters are in a large loose-leaf book, and it is possible to add letters which come to us from our friends. The committee in charge of the celebration is still active, and if you care to send a letter we would treasure it highly.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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W. N. VAN SLYCK, Principal and
Director of Secondary Education
S. H. STARK, Vice Principal

LLOYD W. CHAMBERS, Director of Guidance
and Counselor of Boys
ANNABEL PRINGLE, Counselor of Girls

TOPEKA HIGH SCHOOL

TOPEKA, KANSAS

March 6, 1942

Dr. F. G. Allen
The University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

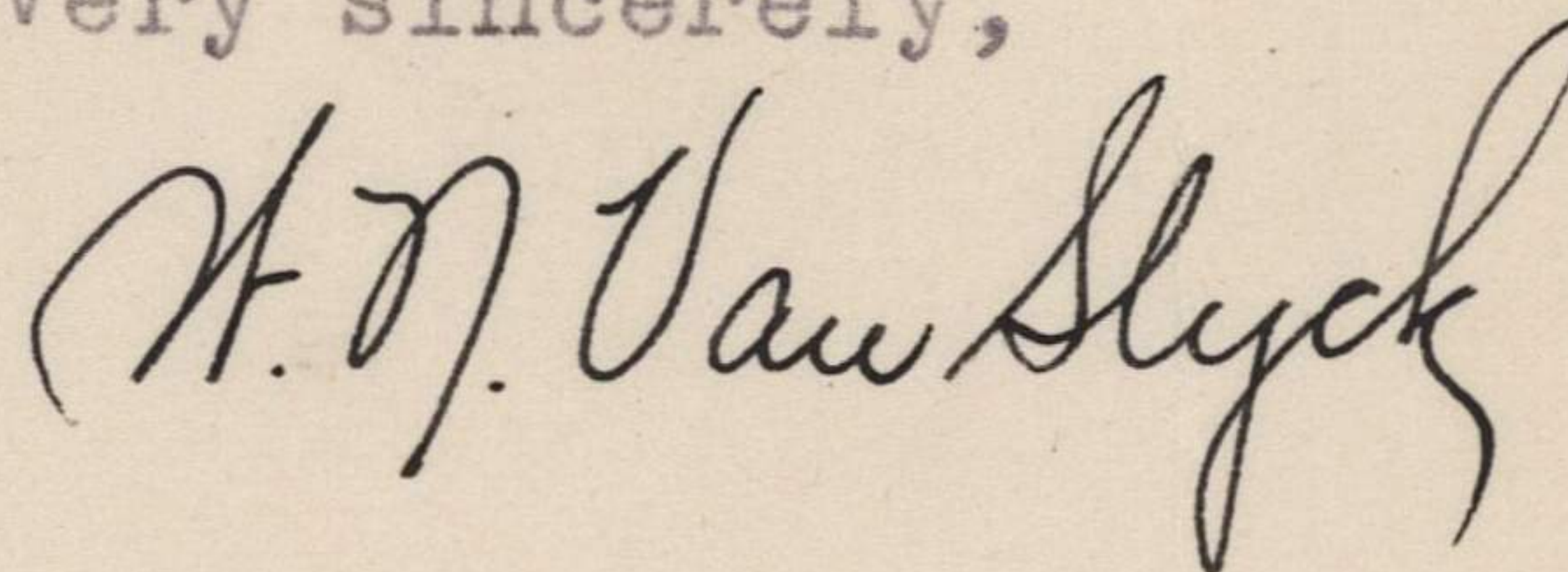
I have been absent from the city for the last two weeks and have missed out on two things which I regret.

The first one was the Father and Son banquet at the First Methodist Church, where I attend. I am sorry to have missed this but reports are all very favorable. The men and boys were delighted with your talk to them.

The second thing I regret is - I was unable to get a letter in for the collection of letters of greeting which were being sent in from your friends.

I have admired the fine work you have done over the years and want to be considered one of your admirers and friends.

Very sincerely,



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