Mr. and Mrs. James William Thompson

announce the marriage of their daughter

Mary Elizabeth

to

Byron Wellington Hart

Air Corps, Army of the United States

on Thursday, the seventh of September

One thousand, nine hundred and forty-four

Church of Our Savior

San Gabriel, California

22 Aug., 1944

Dear "Doc",

Just a few lines to let you know I'm still kicking. I received the last issue of the "Rebounds", and I mean it was really fine to know how all the fellows are making out. Their a great bunch those Jayhawkers are.

Knute told me in his last letter about running into "Rope", "Hub", and expecting to see "Swede" Linquist soon. It must be a wonderful feeling to run in to some of the old gang; I'm always looking for some fellow "Jayhawkers", but haven't been very lucky so far.

Our ship is no longer on the Cuba run. We got a change this time and are going across the next time out. Maybe, I'll get to see some of the old gang over there and get our heads together on old Kansas "chatter" - I meant "bull" ha-ha.

The last time going down to Cuba our main engines went out and we just drifted a whole day. We didn't do anything but fish and had good luck. One of the chiefs caught a 250 lb. hammer head shark and that was something to look at don't you know. Another member of the crew caught a barracuda and it was about the most vicious fish I've ever seen. Of course the engineering gang

(blackgang we call them) were busy getting the engines back in running condition.

I have assumed a lot of responsibility aboard now for our compliment of officers has been cut from 16 to 9. My duties are as follows: Assistant Gunnery Officer, Ships Service Officer, Athletic Officer, and Second division Officer, also officer of the deck in port and underway. I like my gunnery work the best and after taking my 20 mm and 3"50 gun crews out to anti-aircraft training school for actual fire at sleeves, I believe we could raise a little "hell". We ought to get the chance this time for we are going where it'll be hot. Of course I'm anxious to get in the thick of things now, but I'll probably be twice as anxious to get out of the mess.

It was swell to hear old George is going to play in the All-Star game and has a chance to play ball with the Detroit Lions. The folks sent me a clipping from the Star telling me. I hope I get a chance to see some games this fall. That is one thing about this type of duty, we will always return to the States to load up again.

Tell everybody back that way "hello" for me. I sure think a lot of the old times I've had on Mt. Ared and am anxious to get back with all the gang.

Thanks again for remembering me with a copy of the "Reborns". I'll be looking forward to the next issue. Take it easy and sharpen up on that golf game; for I'm gunning to turn you in that temporary postponed game we have scheduled - Give up.

Sincerely yours
Jesse Paul

September 15, 1944.

Mr. E. A. Thomas,
Kansas High School Activities Association,
National Reserve Building,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear E. A.:

Please find enclosed $1.00 for registration fee for football officiating. Will you kindly send me the registration card?

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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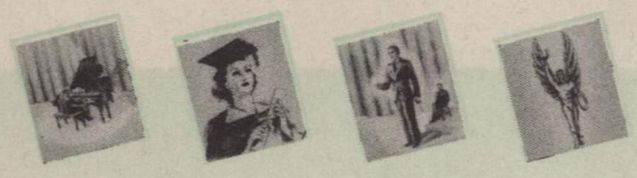

E.A.THOMAS
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April 11, 1944

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Head Basketball Coach,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:-

I wrote the enclosed article after I had been asked by a certain publication of wide circulation for my views on the new basketball rules. I don't know that I'll offer it for print but am thinking of running it as an editorial in the next issue of the Kansas High School Activities Journal.

We high school fellows have been thinking about certain desirable changes for some time but have taken no active part in the controversy over higher goals and the curbing of the performances of the extra long boys. Since the rules committee has acted, however, it appears to me that the subject is as much ours for consideration as it is one for anybody else.

I believe I have indicated just about how I feel in regard to the subject at the present time and with the information I have at hand. I'm not for any such "whittling" remedies as the rules committee has dished out to us. I would favor, however, a conscientious study of the game in an endeavor to eliminate as many of the inequities in the game as possible, provided that is what the basketball people really want.

I'll be glad to have your comments before I decide to publish this article and if I am wrong in any of my factual statements, I'll be glad to have you correct me. I'm not endeavoring to agree with anyone in his particular views. All of us are entitled to our own views, provided we are honest about them and use ordinary judgment in presenting them. This I have tried to keep in mind in preparing this short article which, of course, does not go very deep into the subject. I'll be glad to hear from you.

Yours very cordially,

E. A. Thomas, Commissioner.

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BASKETBALL RULES SURGERY

The new 1944-45 official basketball rules contain at least four important changes, which constitute the largest amount of fundamental rules surgery the committee has performed for many years.

Two of the rules changes, those permitting unlimited substitution and five personal fouls before disqualification, no doubt will meet with general approval. They have been tried by many high school teams in a number of states during the season just past, and will be accepted without question. Not so much can be said for the other two major changes.

THE NEW INJURY RULE

The change which permits an official to stop play for an "obviously injured" player, regardless of which team is in possession of the ball, is good in theory. There was a time when this practice was permissible, but the faking of injuries when opponents had the ball in favorable scoring position caused the rules to be reworded so that play might not be stopped during possession by the opponents until the play in progress had been completed. Already officials who remember the old days of faked injuries have raised questions regarding the new rule. Perhaps proper and definite interpretations, accompanied by appropriate penalties for obvious injury faking, will take care of the situation adequately. The best deterrent to the faking of injuries, of course, will be the "branding" a coach and his team will get for their unsportmanslike conduct.

GOAL-TENDING RULE A DELUSION

The new statute designed to prohibit the tall "goal tender" from intercepting shots that would otherwise score baskets, appears from this angle to be a subterfuge and a delusion.

Without offering an opinion regarding the necessity for this operation by the rules surgeons, may we ask the reason for the peculiar diagnosis and the decision to operate in the particular part of the anatomy indicated by the scar which remains? And assuming it is desirable to curb the activities of the abnormally tall player, for what reason did the rules committee attempt to curb the overgrown defensive player while permitting his counterpart at the other end of the court to continue to wreck his opponents with his activities around the basket? For years the big boys have taken advantage of their anatomical resources to score freely against any opponents who did not happen to have players large enough to stop them, but now since a few of the extra tall defensive lads have become proficient enough to perform similar operations in reverse at the other end of the court, the rules committee has succumbed to the "blitz" engineered by a few coaches and apparently have lost their sense of direction and proportion.

We have heard a great deal about raising the baskets out of reach of the tall college players, while leaving them at the present height for high schools. May we suggest that IF the rules need correcting in order to limit the advantage the abnormally tall player now enjoys, there is need for a similar limitation on the activities of the high school player of unusual altitude. IF the proponents of a "statute of limitations" are really concerned ~~with~~ about a change that will more nearly provide equality of opportunity for all players on the basketball court, then merely raising the basket for college players is just as much a subterfuge as the temporary aspirin-tablet remedy the rules committee has concocted this year.

None of the high school basketball leaders, to our knowledge, have attempted to carry the torch for higher baskets or any other major changes in order to curb the performances of the altitudinous youngsters, but we have never thought that the boys who object to changing the height of the basket on the grounds that we do not limit the weight of football players or the speed of runners on the track, could possibly take themselves very seriously. After all, there is a particular principle involved which is not related to those sports in which the players have almost unlimited space for their operations and no goal restrictions such as prevail in basketball. Superficial and prejudiced opinion will not provide an answer to the problem which, now that the rules committee has whittling, has been thrown into our laps. Basketball under the present regulations has grown into the greatest interscholastic sport in the nation, and before any changes in the fundamental principles of the game are made, here are a few of the questions that should be answered:

1. Is it desirable that the game of basketball provide, as nearly as possible, equality of opportunity for all players?

2. Does the present 10-foot basket give the extra tall boy an abnormal advantage over his opponents of reasonable and average height?

3. Is there anything sacred about the 10-foot basket now in use? If so, how was it decided that ten feet is the proper height?

4. Would those who oppose a higher basket also oppose a lower basket? If so, would their objection be that it would give the tall players too much advantage? (It should be observed that the 10-foot basket provides more advantage to the tall player now than a basket nine feet, six inches high would have provided twenty-five years ago).

5. If it is desirable to neutralize the advantage to the tall player, is there any way to do it except to raise the basket to a height that will not permit interference with opponents' bona fide shots and will not permit tall players to "jump up and drop it in" without any chance of interference by shorter opponents?

6. Will it remove the abnormal advantage to the tall player if the baskets are raised so that every goal scored will have to be the result of a "shot" whereby the "Shooter" must throw the ball at the basket and not merely "lay it in"?

7. Will the raising of the baskets take away from the game some of the spectacular plays now enjoyed by players and spectators?

8. Does the rules committee have in mind further changes that will curb the offensive activities of the long, tall boys in order to compensate for curtailment of possible defensive demonstrations?

After the war there will be thousands of high school gymnasiums and athletic plants built. The old style low-ceiling basketball court will be entirely passe within a few years. Provisions for greater seating space will be necessary and if there are to be other requirements for more floor space, higher basketball goals, or any other facilities, then we should begin our plans to get ready for them and the basketball rules committee should act in a positive, educational way to solve the pending problems that will confront us, instead of resorting to negative performances of the new "whittling" variety.

GOAL TENDING, or DEFENSIVE PLAYER FORBIDDEN TO TOUCH BALL ON DOWNWARD FLIGHT

The National Basketball Rules Committee at their last meeting proved itself to be a "model" rules committee - see Webster - "a model is a small imitation of the real thing". The Rules body temporized. They did not meet issues squarely.

The Rules Committee did nothing about the extremely tall player on the offense. But they humored a pressure group which protested against the giant goal tender on defense. Symptomatically they dabbled awkwardly in the same direction of their mistakes the previous year. Why discrimimate against the defense while permitting full freedom to the offense as the same rule in principle concerns the extremely tall player under both baskets.

The newly exacted goal tending rule will be only about ten per cent efficient. I predict that Hank Iba and other crafty coaches with goal tending giants will still place their goal tenders in front and under the defensive basket. Had the Rules Committee members done any research previous to their hasty action and studied the flight of the ball toward the basket they would have discovered that an extremely tall player can still steal most of the shots before the ball gets to the basket. The ball does not begin its downward arc generally until it gets above the basket.

Most players shoot "skimmers" - low shots - just clearing the rim. The ball leaves the players hands at a height of less than six feet and the basket is ten feet high, hence tall defensive players will get the ball while it is still going up. Offensive shooters cannot readily learn a new arch shot just for the benefit of the hyper-tall goal tender without seriously affecting their shooting accuracy.

Few officials will bother themselves regarding the questionable arc of the ball when they are paid to watch the action of the players for fouls and violations on the floor. Certainly this distraction of the officials eyes away from the playing floor cannot improve the calibre of this already difficult game to officiate.

I challenge the N.C.A.A. Basketball Rules Committee or the National Coaches Association to show one substantial research project accomplished in the past ten years.

Freeze the rules for a three-year period with the intention of formulating a research committee for intelligent rules study and research.

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add more out of bound plays to the already too many, and in addition they created this fire-wagon, harum-scarum type of game that has placed a heavier burden on the poor officials. As now played the game leaves the players, officials and spectators fatigued and dizzy after forty minutes of this hectic, kaleidoscopic, shuttle-hockeyized basketball jargon.

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INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

July 3, 1944

J. D. TURNER
DIVISION MANAGER

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

Dear Phog:

Following our telephone conversation I had a little talk with Dave Dennis. He says that Shive is mistaken about his plans to enroll November 1. David will be 18 years old within the next few weeks and, therefore, does not plan to enter school at all. However, if there is some army or navy course that would give him reasonable assurance of completing a semester or two, he would enter school now and would prefer KU. Neither he nor I knows of any such course but perhaps you do. I told him that I would pass this information on to you and that he would probably hear from you either direct or through me.

It was good to have a little visit with you over the telephone. Hope we can soon have one face to face.

Best wishes always.

Sincerely,

Joe

J. D. Turner
Division Manager

JDT:js

THE ROTARY CLUB OF INDEPENDENCE

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No. 211

INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

March 24, 1944

Dr. Forrest C. Allen, President
Rotary Club of Lawrence
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

No, you didn't spill any beans. I had told Stockebrand that you were coming and he had told the boys. Stevens was not aware I was breaking the news to our club during his absence at the Kansas City tournament.

Our meeting time is 12:05 P.M.

I don't know how you can run a Buick for as little as six cents a mile. I hasten to accept your terms.

I do appreciate your taking time out to fill this date and look forward to a good visit with you next Friday.

Rotarily,

Joe

J. D. Turner
President

JDT/gd

ROTARY HOSTS TO BULLDOGS

Phog Allen Addresses Club And Basketball Squad

Dr. Forrest "Phog" Allen told the Rotary club and the Independence Bulldog basket ball squad, guests of the club at its meeting this noon, that he would advise every boy to go out for competitive athletics not only for the body building they bring but also because through playing on a team boys learn to get along with people and acquire the "sense of belonging."

The University of Kansas director of physical education and coach of Jayhawker basket ball teams which have won 10 out of 16 Big Six championships with three ever-victorious seasons, declares that athletics can be of the finest influence on a boy if he keeps in sight first the chief objectives for which he attends college—to get an education.

"The boy will benefit from athletic training if he plays under a coach who teaches him to say 'no' to a thousand things before he says 'yes' to a championship," declared the fiery K. U. mentor.

Allen reiterated his often-made plea for a "Czar" of college athletics and paid his respect to coaches who recruit star players from high school teams with promises of easy jobs to pay their school expenses.

"I tell boys there is nothing easy in success," he said, "but that it is tough. I want to win but not a boy on the K. U. team gets more for part-time jobs than the standard 25 or 30 cents an hour and he cannot work more than two hours a day."

"Too many coaches no longer develop character or men but merely develop teams."

"There is nothing wrong in itself with going to college to participate in athletics. Many who do that catch the gleam and go on to become leaders in scientific and other fields."

Allen was presented by Harvey Ray, chairman of the club's boys' work committee after President Joe Turner had told the Bulldog champions of the S.E.K. league that the club was proud of them because it is interested in boys.

C. O. Brown, club song leader, created a bit of K. U. atmosphere by leading the group in the school's Alma Mater song and the Rock Chalk, Jayhawk yell after the meal.

Turner then presented the club's guests for the occasion and Coach Ira Stockebrand presented the members of the squad.

The schoolmen guests and squad members were:

Squad Members: Donald Aitken, David Dennis, Jack Caskey, Joe Turner Neal Post, Jack Rains, Carl Overfield, Donald Maugans, Seward Shukers, Robert Moss, Walter Renner, Gene Etz, Edward Todd, Bob Revelette, Dick Ray, Joe Worl, Bob Chambers, Bob Montgomery, Jack Evans, Bill Combs, Robert Fitz, Gordon Choteau, Rivard Lombard, Marlin Swalley, Dean Featherngill.

School Officials and Coaches: I. D. Stockebrand, Melvin Clark, Fred Cinotto, L. E. Losey, Chas. R. Stewart, jr., voluntary official scorer.

Election of directors, carried on in voting booths during the meal, resulted in selections of Joe Turner, Dr. Porter Clark, Willard J. Griff, Ed Hayes, Dr. James Hughbanks, Gerald Krienhagen, and E. E. Woods. They are to meet and elect officers before the next club meeting.

Glenn DeLay of Neodesha was a visiting Rotarian and the following were guests of club members: Bob Norris and Dick Burgland of Cincinnati; Lt. Jack R. Colburn, Lt. (jg) Bill Ditch, W. R. Casserly, Robert Moses and F. C. Sands of Independence.

Bob Gooldy was presented as a new Rotarian.

KANSAS GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

J. D. TURNER
DIVISION MANAGER

April 3, 1944

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

Dear Phog:

This is to get into the record the gratitude of the Independence Rotary Club, and more especially of the president, for coming down here last Friday when we entertained the High School basketball squad. I have heard a lot of complimentary comments from our club members and my operative tells me that the boys were enthuiastic about your talk.

Thanking you again and with best wishes always, I am

Sincerely

J. D. Turner

JDT/gd
Enc.

PS: The enclosed clipping is from the Independence Reporter of March 31st.

March 23, 1944.

Mr. J. D. Turner, President,
Rotary Club of Independence,
Independence, Kansas.

Dear Joe:

There are one or two confessions that I should make to you that I am wondering if you knew.

When your Independence basketball team went to Kansas City they stopped here at Lawrence, and Superintendent Stevens and Coach Stookebrand brought the boys in to say hello. We had quite a visit and I inadvertently mentioned to the boys that I would see them at Independence. Stevie told me that you had not announced the speaker. I hope that I did not spill the beans for you.

Will you kindly tell me what time your club meets for noon luncheon? I presume 12 or 12:15.

One other item, Joe, I think I should mention. I drive my Buick which happens to be a Buick deluxe sedan, a great big hearse. It is the only car that I have and it eats up a lot of gas and oil. But it is the only way that I can make connections and I fine that it is necessary to charge six cents a mile each way to break even on a car of this weight and size. I thought it only fair that I mention this to you because at that rate I cannot make any money, but it may seem a lot to pay out for an animated cartoon just to talk about basketball. Won't you write me and let me know if this is agreeable?

With all good wishes, I am

Rotarily yours,

FCA:AH

President.

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No. 211

INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

March 17, 1944

Dr. Forrest C. Allen, President
Rotary Club
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

I am delighted to have your letter of the 15th saying that you will be here for our recognition of the basketball squad on March 31st.

We are not trying to make a banquet out of this but simply plan to have the squad as our guests at a regular Friday noon luncheon meeting. Of course, Coach Stockebrand and his assistants will be there to present the individual members of the squad. It happens that that is also the date of the annual election of directors, but the way that is handled in this club it does not interfere with program time. My chief thought is to have these boys meet the man that I consider to be top-notcher of all basketball coaches (and that ain't hay) and have you meet them.

As for your appearance before the school, I did tell you that if you wanted to address a high school assembly I thought I could arrange it. I have said nothing to school officials as yet and will be guided by your wishes. Please drop me a line or give me a ring in this regard.

I hope that you can get here early enough and stay long enough after this luncheon meeting for me to take you around Independence and introduce you to some of my friends. I certainly appreciate your accepting this invitation, Phog, and want to do whatever I can to make your visit enjoyable if not profitable.

Rotarily,

Joe

JDT/gd

J. D. Turner, President

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Howard M. Quigley
H. E. Julien
Olathe
Solon

March 15, 1944.

Mr. J. D. Turner, President,
Rotary Club,
Independence, Kansas.

Dear Joe:

I find that I will be able to speak to your Rotary Club basketball banquet on March 31.

Somewhere in the back of my mind I have a vague recollection of your asking me to speak to the high school. I wouldn't necessarily care to do this, but I want to keep my dates straight, so I am writing you asking about it. Please don't make a date for me if you haven't planned it that way.

Also, please tell me what time the banquet will be. Give me all the details, Joe, and I will be there and do the best I can for you.

With all good wishes, I am

Rotarily yours,

FCA:AH

President.

Dr. Allen -

Raymond Nichols is counting on your taking this speaking engagement. He will notify us later when he can work in the Budget Conference.

AH

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No. 211

INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

March 8, 1944

Dr. Forrest C. Allen, President
Rotary Club
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Thanks for your letter of March 4th. I sincerely hope that you can work out a ~~the~~ schedule that will enable you to be with us on the thirty-first.

I know that transportation is a problem these days. It is one that is a little difficult to offer help on too; however, I hope that you can hit on a solution that will not make the trip too burdensome to you and give me a chance to put on a program that I really want to stage.

Let me know if I can do anything to further the cause.

With best wishes to you personally and looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Rotarily

Joe

J. D. Turner
President

JDT/gd

March 4, 1944.

March 4, 1944

Mr. Joe Turner,
President, Rotary Club,
Independence, Kansas.

Dear Joe:

I called Raymond Nichols immediately upon receipt of your telephone message and he said he would do everything possible that he could toward changing the date of the budget conference so that it would be possible for me to speak at your Rotary Club on March 31st.

Raymond stated that he had Good Friday open at the present time but was holding it for a Good Friday convocation. If he does not have that convocation, then my budget meeting will be o.k.

I am wondering about transportation. I will see what I can do about that. I believe we are safe in tentatively planning on the thing. I will follow up in a week's time, at least.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Rotarily,

FCA:AH

President.

Ensign, J. P. Turner
Lewis Park 3-30-2
Naval Operating Base
Norfolk, Virginia

UNITED STATES NAVY

6 April, 1944

Dear "Doc",

Dim pretty anpious to receive your latest edition of the "Jayhawk Rebound" and find out how all the boys are doing. I think I would be pretty safe in saying that they are on top no matter what they are doing or where they are. If all the men could just be Jayhawkers, this war would soon be over. How about that? Of course they would have to have a little of Dean's fight or they would be sunk.

I sure did enjoy my visit back to Mt. Mead. It just made me all the more determined that I wanted to come back. I had a fourteen day leave, but where all those days went I do not know. It hasn't been long, but Dim sure ready to get back for a few more, but better than that "for good". We all are though, that's just exactly why we'll come out on top too. Dim sure that boys like "Knute" and "Teepee" will be there when

they take the count, on both feet too.

I played handball with Dean, Schaache and George that afternoon after visiting with you; and I mean I really enjoyed myself. I received a few bruises from Dean swinging at the ball, but then you have to allow for a bruise here and there when you play with a couple of guys like him and Elmer.

Oh yes, by all means, I must thank you for letting Dora May (my better half) ~~to~~ miss school and yet get a chance to make it up. She'll make it up, and I'd bet my bottom dollar that it will be in good shape too by golly. It sure was swell to be able to be with her nearly all the time I was home. Thank the other instructor's for me too — you know Miss Stapelton and Henry Shenk. She's sure a fine girl "Doc"; keep your eye on her for me — ha ha!

I'll sure be glad to get out of Norfolk, but as yet I haven't heard anything about where my cargo ship is or nothing. I just standby rather close to my quarters here. I don't know whether I'll catch my assigned ship out of here or get the first available transportation to my ship in whatever port she may be now. As you have probably been told before, Norfolk is a hell of a city, and I mean it is. I don't

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go into town; instead I take in a show every evening over at the receiving station or at the Base, both of which are pretty close to my quarters here.

My roommate is from New York. He played two years of basketball at N.Y.U.. Every afternoon this week, we have spent at least 3 hrs. over at the gymnasium working out. He is an Italian boy, and his name is Tony Lucca. He has a very good long shot and is a very good floor man. All you have to do is screen off for him and he'll put it in alright. I'd still work on my hook shot, but believe-it-or-not I take time and look at the basket a little quicker now and try to mix a faint in here and there. It's a cinch I get a good workout anyway for we usually have some type of game going on all the time. I think it's time well spent anyway.

I can't think of anything else to rattle on about so had better end this up. Tell all the faculty and the boys I know "hello" for me. I suppose I could rattle

on, but since it's almost time for this evenings show to begin, I better close and take out.

I'm sure looking forward to receiving the "Re bounds". If I leave here before they arrive, they'll reach me alright for I can leave a forwarding address. I'll be dropping you a line from somewhere in the Atlantic next time or from some port down South American way.

Sincerely your,

Jesse Paul Turner