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January 14, 1938

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

Dear Doc:

I have not yet seen a copy of your new basketball book but I understand it is a dandy. We would like to give you a write-up regarding the book in the Kansas Athlete which goes to all the coaches and officials in the state and if you can furnish me with some appropriate material I shall be glad to prepare a story.

Of course, I would like to look over the book and if you can furnish me with a copy for a few days I shall appreciate it. I am not asking for a complimentary copy and do not wish you to feel obligated to furnish one. Perhaps there are some copies here in town which I can see.

One of our high school principals who seemed to like the book very much suggested that we should encourage our coaches to purchase it and if you think a story of this kind will be desirable I shall be glad to see that it is printed in the next issue of the Athlete.

Very cordially yours,

E. A. Thomas,  
Commissioner.

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February 14, 1938.

Mr. Louis Thompson,  
1130 Kentucky St.,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Red:

I thought you might like to have a copy of a letter which I recently received from Miss Ann Alexander, concerning your fine work at Pinckney School.

I am sure this has been good experience for you, and we are happy that you handled the work so splendidly.

Thank you very much for your willingness to co-operate with us.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 16, 1938.

Mr. E. A. Thomas, Commissioner,  
Kansas State High School Activities Assn.,  
207 National Reserve Building,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Thank you very much for the nice review you  
have given Better Basketball in the Kansas Athlete  
for February, 1938.

You have done a fine job, and I assure you I  
appreciate your kindness in calling this book to  
the attention of the readers of the Kansas Athlete.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



June 13, 1938.

Mr. Ray Tripp,  
Herington, Kansas.

Dear Ray:

I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter that I have just written to your candidate. I am sure that you had much to do with the victory.

I never see you any more, but if you ever do come through Lawrence, I assure you that I would be happy to see you.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH  
Enc.



April 4, 1938.

Mr. Charles Marble, Jr.,  
Superintendent,  
Troy High School,  
Troy, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Marble:

Your letter of April first has been received during Dr. Allen's absence in Chicago. As soon as he returns the latter part of this week I am sure he will write you confirming his engagement to speak at your commencement on May 23rd.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen,  
Director of Physical Education  
and Varsity Basketball Coach.



March 30, 1938.

Superintendent Charles Marble, Jr.,  
Troy High School,  
Troy, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Marble:

Thank you for your very kind letter of March 29 inviting me to speak at your Commencement on Monday night, May 23, at 8 o'clock. It is a pleasure to accept your kind invitation. I shall be glad to come for \$25.00 and I will pay my own expenses.

Thanking you, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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# TROY HIGH SCHOOL

CHAS. MARBLE, JR.  
SUPERINTENDENT

Class A Kansas High School—Member North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools

TROY, KANSAS

March 29, 1938.

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

We would like to have you deliver our Commencement address on Monday night, May 23, at 8:00 P. M. My Board of Education has limited me to \$25.00 for this address.

Please let me know if you could come on the above date and for the fee as given above.

Troy is just 75 miles from the Hill at Lawrence and paved all the way.

Very truly yours,

*Chas. Marble Jr*  
Supt.



May 11, 1938.

Mr. Charles Marble, Jr.,  
Superintendent, Troy High School,  
Troy, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Marble:

I am enclosing a mat of myself  
for use in your local paper, as requested in your  
letter of May 10.

Looking forward to seeing you  
on May 23, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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TROY, KANSAS

May 10, 1938

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

The editor of our local paper requests  
a mat or cut of you to use in our commencement announce-  
ments.

If you have such a mat or cut, please for-  
ward at once.

Very truly yours,

*Chas. Marble Jr*  
Supt.

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Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Phog:

You have asked me a question I cannot answer. I do not recall making a suggestion aimed at improving your Evaluation Chart, much as I should like to have the credit for a hint that might improve that excellent piece of work. So far as I can see, there is no improvement possible.

It must have been some other guy who had the bright idea.

Good luck !

Sincerely yours,

Oswald Tower.



May 6, 1938.

Mr. Oswald Tower,  
Editor, Basketball Rules Book,  
Andover, Mass.

Dear Os:

During our meeting of the rules body you offered one very timely suggestion in regard to the research sheet that we roughly drafted for the basketball rules meeting. I refer to the sheet, "Researches in Basketball".

You made one suggestion that I was sure I had made some notation of, but when I arrived back at my desk to pass this information on to Dr. Lapp I failed to find the notation. I am sending you another sheet and ask you to kindly glance over it and again make your suggestion if you still have it in mind.

Was it in regard to the words, "held balls", or "jump balls", or "the 6-foot circle"? Or just what was it? This embarrasses me to ask you for this information but you know how blind people are when they work over and read over their own stuff.

Thanks, Os, very much.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



April 22, 1938.

Mr. Chuck Taylor,  
Converse Rubber Co.,  
45 So. Wells St.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Chuck:

Pardon my delay in answering your kind letter of April 11. We are very happy that you have chosen Fred Pralle on your All-American team, and are glad to send you the information about him which you requested.

1. Correct name - Ferdinand J. Pralle  
Nickname - Fred, Freddie
2. Height - 6' 2"
3. Weight - 185 lbs.
4. Age - 21
5. Year in school - Senior, College
6. High school attended - Beaumont H. S., St.  
Louis, Mo.
7. Chest measurement - 40"
8. Sleeve measurement - 34"
9. Picture - enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.





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*Sales Office & Warehouse  
45 So. Wells St., Chicago.*

April 11, 1938

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

Dear Coach:

Am sure you will be glad to hear that Fred Pralle has been chosen on my All American team for this past season. We will need some information on him for our Yearbook, also for the sweater which we will send him a little later. Therefore would appreciate your giving us such information possible at your earliest convenience.

1. Correct full name (and nickname if any)
  2. Height *6' 2"*
  3. Weight *185*
  4. Age *21*
  5. What year in school *sr.*
  6. What High School attended *Beaumont, St. Louis*
  7. Chest measurement *40*
  8. Sleeve measurement *34*
  9. Furnish one full length picture of player  
(to show wearing All Stars) *✓*
- 934*

Your cooperation in getting this information to me at Chicago will be greatly appreciated. I enclose return envelope for your convenience.

Yours sincerely,  
CONVERSE RUBBER COMPANY

*Chuck Taylor*

CHT:EK



April 12, 1938.

Mr. Willard Trusler,  
317 Southwestern,  
Chanute, Kansas.

My dear Willard:

I have your good letter of April 8th, and am sorry to state that at the present time we have made all arrangements for next year. I notice that you are to receive your Master's degree in physical education from Emporia in May.

We are endeavoring here to build our foundation more firmly so that when we do offer the higher degrees in physical education it will be a durable undertaking.

Yes, I remember you very well. I have seen you play on your brother's teams, and I admired your ability.

If at any time anything opens up that I think would prove of interest to you I will be glad to communicate with you.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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# ROYSTER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

E. W. GRIGG, Principal

CHANUTE, KANSAS

April 8, 1938

My dear Mr. Allen;

I would like very much to do advance work in physical education and have been wondering if it would be possible for me to earn my expenses by assisting you in your classes. I am to receive my master degree in Education from K. S. T. C. of Emporia in May. My major in undergraduate work was done in physical education under the supervision of Mr. Hargiss and my brother "Vic."

I have had nine years of teaching experience, have had two basket-ball teams that ranked high in the state, and my two years as physical education director of 350 boys of Royster Junior High School have been successful. I have also been elected by the school board to supervise recreation for



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ROYSTER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

E. W. GRIGG, *Principal*

• CHANUTE, KANSAS

the city's playgrounds this summer.  
If you offer me any  
encouragement, I will make  
formal application to the  
proper authorities.

Sincerely yours,

Willard Trusler  
317 Southwestern  
Chanute, Kansas



April 11, 1938.

Mr. Harry Tidd, Contractor,  
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Harry:

I have just now checked with Mr. Earl Falkenstien, financial secretary of the Athletic Association, and asked him to send you an announcement concerning next year's football schedule. I think these announcements are generally sent out in September.

It was good to see you and have a visit with you.

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



March 11, 1938.

Mr. Taft Talbott,  
c/o R. S. Elliott Arms Co.,  
1508-10 Grand Avenue,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Talbott:

The next time you are in Lawrence I wonder if  
you would stop at the office and figure with us on  
recovering some gymnasium mats.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



March 11, 1938.

Mr. Douglas Tarbet,  
1222 Mississippi St.,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Tarbet:

I want to thank you most sincerely for your splendid contribution to the program at the dinner for the basketball team. We all appreciated your music, and I assure you I shall be glad to reciprocate the favor in any way I can.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



February 25, 1938.

Mr. K. B. Taylor,  
General Agent, N.Y. Central System,  
1200 Colcord Bldg.,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Friend Taylor:

I am sending you a copy of our Big Six rules which prohibit our playing games away from university grounds. The section is marked in the book, so you can read it for yourself.

McDermott might be glad to go, but it would be necessary for him to get permission from the Conference, and they have never heretofore granted that permission.

It was good to see you.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Enc.



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# Sooners, Aggies Weighed For National Tournament

## New York Meet Will Bring Together Four Finest Teams in Country.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—(AP)—A national intercollegiate invitation basketball tournament, bringing together four of the country's outstanding teams in a two-day competition at Madison Square Garden, was announced Tuesday.

The tournament will be conducted by the Metropolitan Basketball Writers' association.

The two eastern representatives will be selected March 9 when four picked fives meet in the Garden for the right to clash with two teams to be selected from other sections of the country. The finals will be played March 14 and 16.

Everett Morris of the Herald-Tribune and president of the writers' association, said "one or two teams will be selected from New York City and the others from such outstanding fives as Syracuse, Villanova, Pittsburgh, Notre Dame, Bradley Tech of Illinois and the Big Ten champion, if conference rules permit."

The writers plan to comb the remainder of the country carefully before selecting the other two teams. Such prominent outfits as Wyoming, Kansas, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma A. and M., Southwestern, (Kansas) and Washington and Lee.

"Then there are the champions in the Pacific Coast, Southwestern and Southern conferences to be considered," said Morris.

### M'DERMOTT WOULD BE GLAD TO GO

NORMAN, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Hugh V. McDermott, coach of the University of Oklahoma basketball team, said

Tuesday night he would be "very glad" to take his team to New York for an invitation tournament, "if we are invited and if the Big Six conference will grant us permission."

The Sooners, only undefeated team in the Big Six conference, and the Oklahoma Aggies of Stillwater, leaders of the Missouri Valley conference, were mentioned as being considered among other outstanding western teams for a four-way tournament with eastern quintets in Madison Square Garden next month.

Coach Henry P. Iba of the Aggies was en route to Omaha, Neb., with his team for a game Wednesday night with Creighton.

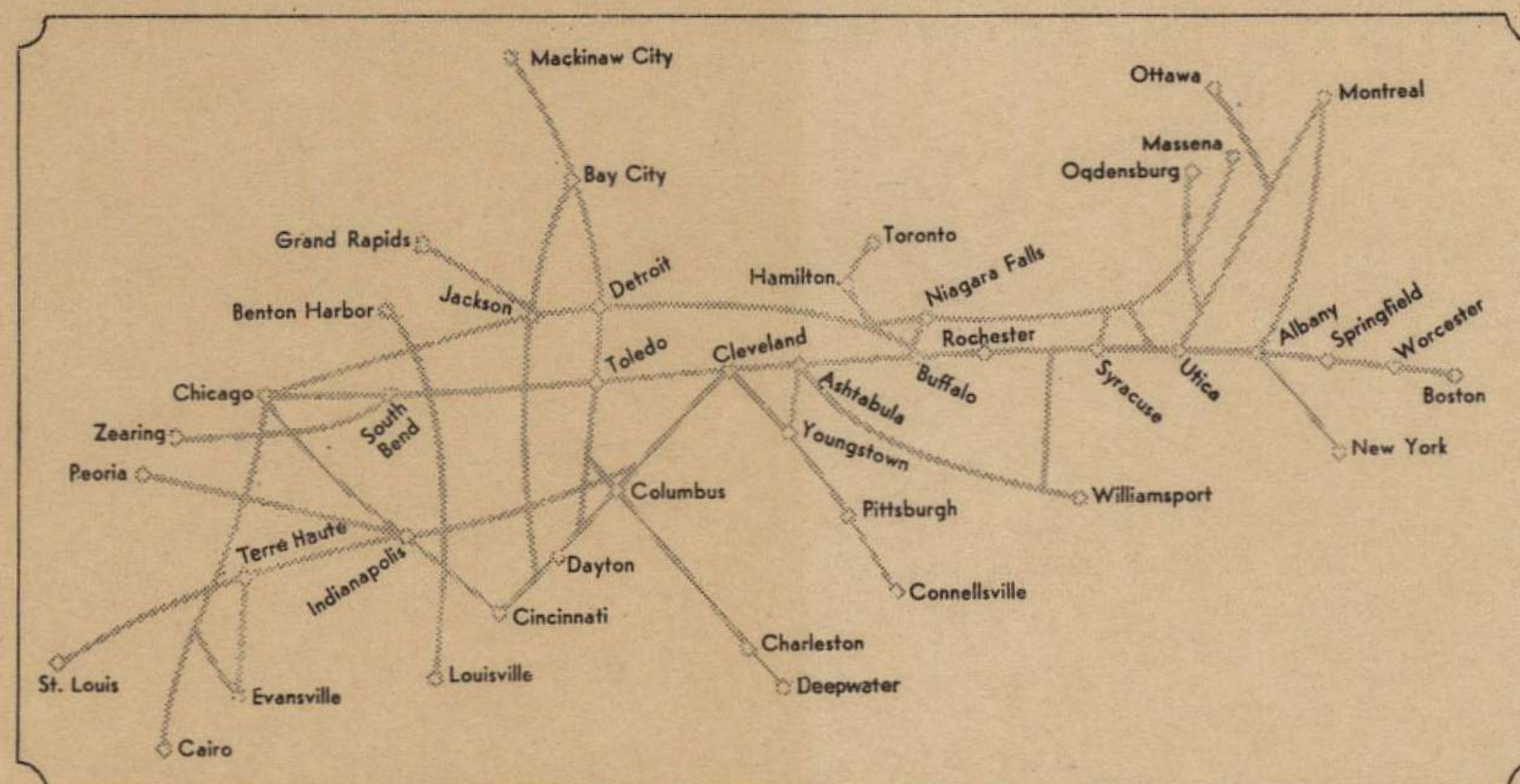
"I hadn't heard of the proposed tournament," McDermott said, "but if we should be invited I would make every effort to obtain the permission of the conference to participate."

Big Six rules prohibit participation of its member schools in athletic contests on neutral territory without special permission. The conference denied Oklahoma permission to play in an Oklahoma City tournament during the Christmas holidays and turned down a request by the Nebraska cagers to participate in an invitation affair at New Orleans, La., at the same time.



# NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM

K. B. TAYLOR  
GENERAL AGENT



1200 COLCORD BUILDING  
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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

February 21  
1938

Dr. E. C. Allen,  
Director of Athletics,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doc:

Congratulations on Friday nights win.

It was bad that weather conditions prevented so many of us coming to Norman the 18th; however, the Jay Hawkers conducted themselves ably even without our moral and vocal support. It was indeed a pleasure to get to see you and say hello again.

I have missed the pleasant association with your department especially the ministrations to my ankle since coming to this territory.

The enclosed article from our Oklahoma City paper, February 20th, gave us the idea we might secure a little business for our System to New York. Is there anything to the supposition that some team from this territory may be included in the National Tournament, March 14-16. How about your's or Hugh McDermott's team? I would be pleased to have a word from you whenever you find the opportunity.

Very sincerely yours,

KBT.S

THE ROUTE OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY LIMITED



June 4, 1938.

Mr. T. L. Thaxton,  
Thaxton's Foot Comfort Shop,  
915 Grand Avenue,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Thaxton:

I believe you were to send me a statement  
on the partial amount that I owe on the white shoes.  
Will you please let me know what I owe you, and I  
will send you a check.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



April 19, 1938.

Mr. T. L. Thaxton,  
Thaxton's Foot Comfort Shop,  
915 Grand Avenue,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Thaxton:

Thank you for your kind letter of the 8th instant. I note what the people at the factory say about the damage to the interior of the shoes being due to perspiration.

They are wrong in this respect. I wear heavy wool socks, use an antiseptic dusting powder on my feet, and my feet do not perspire. All of these shoes have broken in the same place, and I think there must be a defect in the construction of them. It has always been on the right shoe, the left shoe has never broken out.

I think the adjustment you suggest is a very fair one, and if you will send the shoes I will mail you a check for the amount.

Thanking you, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



**FOOT-so-PORT**  
HEALTH SHOES

THAXTON'S FOOT COMFORT SHOP

915 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

4/8/38.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Just received word from the factory in regard to your Tan oxfords that I returned due to the fact that the right shoe split in the vamp. Following is what they wrote back to me in regard to your shoes.

The pair of S067 size 10A, belonging to Dr. Allen, is in very bad condition and we beleive that the damage on the interior is traceable entirely to perspiration and body acids. When this is sufficient to curl the insoles, as the result of actual burning, we can expect disappointing results elsewhere. The vamp may have been slightly defective, although this is not evident and the tread may not of been entirely standard but as stated, because of the present condition of the shoes, we do not feel that a complaint could be clearly placed against them now. Younsay in your letter that this is the second pair that have done this for him, and that he is a booster for these shoes. Due to the fact that we beleive a satisfied customer is more valuable than a dissatisfied one we are allowing you to make an adjustment to Dr Allen of  $\frac{1}{2}$  price for his next pair shoes.

The above adjustment sounds very reasonable dosent it. So the next pair you buy doctor will be just half price. You told me when you were in and left the above shoes that I could send you a pair white Buck oxfords just as soon as they arrived. The white buck oxfords Doctor are \$12.00 and allowing you your adjustment on the tan shoes will make your white Buck oxfords cost you just \$6.00 is this O.K. with you? I surely hope your new tan shoes are O.K. Thanks a lot for your past business. Yours truly,

*T. L. Thaxton*



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