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Dear Mit, Isabel, & Judy:

I was delighted to get your dandy letter Isabel and your fine letter too Judy. I am awfully happy that you had a nice trip and that you are not located so pleasantly. I will write a longer letter when Jayhawk Rebounds #17 is mailed the first part of the week.

I just wanted to let you know that I Expressed your golf clubs postpaid to you this morning and I sent your shoes, Mit, Parcel Post. The Express was \$1.50 and the Parcel Post .42 I tried to find room in the corrugated box for the shoes but the golf clubs, golf balls, and golf bag took up all the space.

Last night I got home from the jayhawk Nibble about 9:00 o'clock. The Nibble is a little feed and dance to welcome new students to the University. By the time I packed the stuff, shined your shoes and shined Bob's it was 1:00 o'clock. You may find some difference in the looks of the shoes because I don't believe I ever saw a "Cornier" pair, mud and Country Club debris was securely fastened to them. I washed them off with soap and then gave them a good polishing. I did the same for Bob.

I might add that when I was a youngster at home there was 6 of us and somehow I got the job of shining all the Allen's shoes every Saturday night for Sunday. You can see why I am very proficient in such a very fine calling. That is the way I got my start in life, and I am continueing it in the very same fine way. My prescription for young men is to take a box of Shinola with a very good shoe brush and apply a copious portion of the Shinola on the cleaned surface of the outraged shoe, with the use of a lot of elbow grease. Then put another coat on and a lot more of elbow grease. Then apply a coat of Shinola on that portion of the shoe between the sole and the upper leather. After you have done all this sprinkle a little bit of water on the shoe for lustre, polish again and then use a rag on the surface of the dampened shoe. You will then have what you are about to receive in that Parcel Post package. Now don't keep old Grandpappy Allen shining shoes all his life, because already Grandmammy and Grandpappy have gone to war by taking care of "Stormy" and Jill and all the other little Jacks and Jills that have come our way.

I had an ideal box for the golf clubs because three years ago I had sent my clubs to Kenneth Smith to have them cleaned and repaired. You remember on the shelf in the garage was a long corrugated box that I had saved for some purpose, and it was just for this purpose apparently, that I saved it, because I don't know where I would have gotten a box that would have filled the purpose any better.