

May 7, 1945.

Dean Henry Werner,
University of Kansas.

Dear Dean Werner:

I have just talked to Mr. Charles B. Shaeffer, director of the War Production Board, 414 Interstate Building, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Shaeffer said that it would be a good idea if you could bring the forms in to his office, or somebody from your office, but if you could do it it would be fine, and when you go there please ask for Mr. Shaeffer. He will personally handle the situation.

If Mr. Shaeffer is not in, ask for Mr. Edgar C. (Zek) Welsh. Mr. Welsh is a K.U. man. If neither of those gentlemen are in, ask for Mr. Harley Morsman. If you see Mr. Welsh or Mr. Morsman, then after you have done this, please leave a note with Mr. Shaeffer's secretary so that Mr. Shaeffer can follow through.

I believe this will be o.k. if these things are followed as outlined. I might add that Mr. Shaeffer seemed very affable, and I am sure that you can count on his support.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 24, 1945.

Mr. Russell L. Wiley,
Director, University Band,
University of Kansas.

Dear Mr. Wiley:

I wish to express my appreciation for your kindness
in allowing the K Club to use the risers for their dance last
Saturday night.

Your splendid cooperation is always deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 24, 1945.

Mr. C. A. West,
Athletic Director,
University of North Dakota,
Grand Forks, N. D.

Dear Friend West:

There are a number of people that make electric scoreboards, but I believe the best scoreboard is made by the Fred Medart Manufacturing Co., St. Louis, Mo. They have a dandy.

We made our own and it cost \$600.00, which is entirely too much money to spend for a scoreboard, but we have a Jayhawker blinking his eyes when a goal is scored by the Jayhawkers, of course, and a lot of other gadgets on the board that some people might not want to pay for.

I have seen the Medart board and it passes all inspection. In fact, they asked me to look it over when I was in St. Louis, and I offered several suggestions for the benefit of the same. If this board does not meet with your approval, let me know and I will see if I can dig up some others, but from my experience this is the best.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

THE UNIVERSITY



OF NORTH DAKOTA

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY STATION
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

Dr Forrest Allan
Athletic Director
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Coach

I am quite anxious to secure the address
of some concerns who make Electric Score
Boards for Basket Ball. and thought you
could supply them to me if any one
could. Thanking you for your courtesy, I am

Yours truly
C. A. West
Ath. Dir.

WYANDOTTE HIGH SCHOOL

25TH AND MINNESOTA AVENUE

KANSAS CITY 2, KANSAS

J. F. WELLEMAYER
PRINCIPAL

J. GLYDE HUME
VICE-PRINCIPAL

April 2, 1945

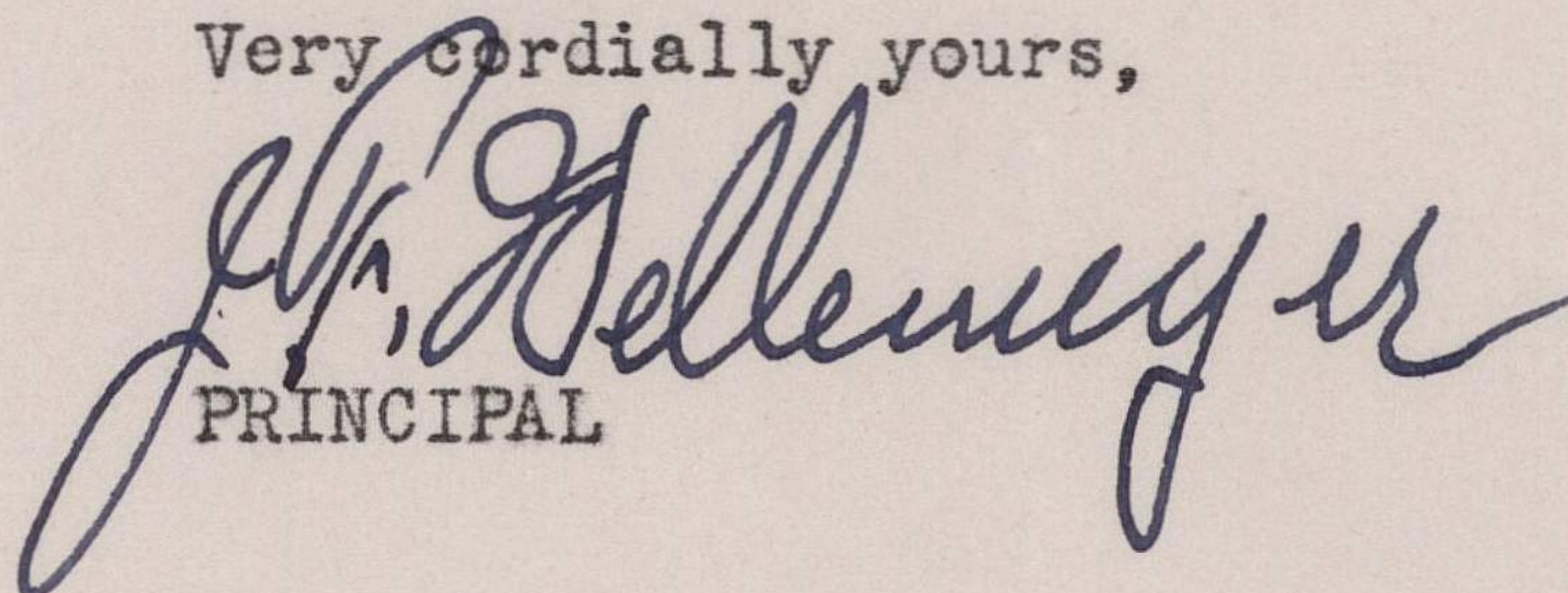
Dr. F. C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear friend Allen:

I understand the situation regarding expenses for members of the department there. We expected to pay your the expenses of your trip and we think the \$7.00 is very modest.

According to present plans we shall expect you then, at Lake Quivira at 6:30 on Thursday evening.

Very cordially yours,


PRINCIPAL

JFW:lg

March 27, 1945

Mr. E. C. Quigley, Director of Athletics
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Quigley:

I am in receipt of a letter from Forrest C. Allen advising me he spoke to you in regards to speaking at our all Sports Banquet.

This Banquet will be held here in Halstead, Monday night, April 16. At this time we will have as our guests all members of our football, basketball, track squads as well as the State Championship Debate Team.

As you know we won the State Class B Championship Basketball Tournament at Emporia last week. This is the second consecutive year we have had this honor. Our team has won 51 straight games and is the only undefeated basketball team in the State. We also have this honor for the past two years.

All of our starting five are seniors and will be graduated this Spring. We have one boy who is a very good ball player which I believe will be classified as 4-F by the Selective Service Board. He has a growth on his arm. Mr. Allen knows about this boy and can tell you all about him.

I will be glad to give you any additional information you would like to have.

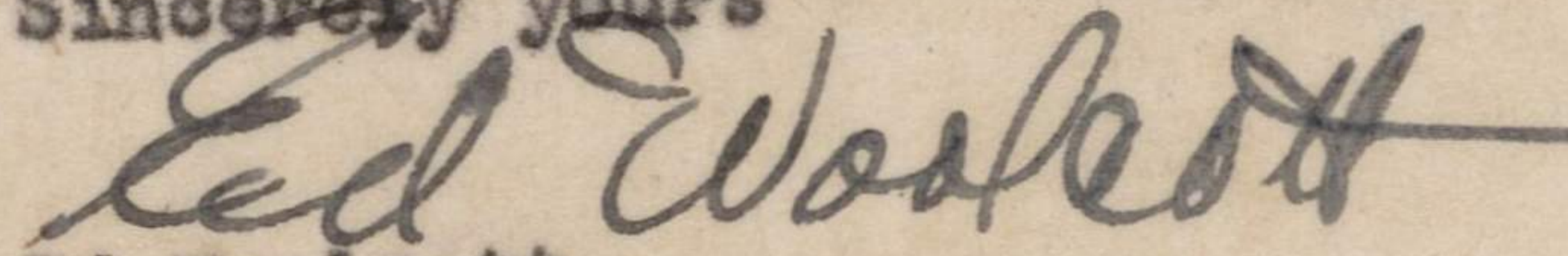
This Banquet is being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

We will be glad to defray your expenses covering this trip.

In writing or calling about the above please get in contact with me personally.

Let me know how you will travel. If by railroad advise time and will meet you in Newton.

Sincerely yours



Ed Woolcott
Chairman of Banquet
Halstead, Kansas

EW-MM

Dear Phog.

This is copy of letter to Mr. Quigley today. If he went Halstead before April 16, have him drop in and see ~~for~~ me - I will give him the dope to date. Sent you copy of school paper today

Port. James E. Williams 1005995

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Recruit Report M. B.

Farris Island, I. C.

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U. S. MARINE CORPS
PARRIS ISLAND, S. C.

Jan 28, 1945

Dear Mr. Allen,

This is my fifth training day here at Haskell and our boat training is well under way. Sometime boat camp is rather difficult at times but we all have fun.

Of the 33 of us that went to Leavenworth that morning for physical examinations, I believe about every one passed, but Hedges and I were the only ones that took the quinine.

Here, we aren't allowed to tell how long our boat training will be or where we are going from here but we get a ten day furlough sometime in April and will be in Lawrence for a few days.

Mr. Allen, it has me



U. S. MARINE CORPS
PARRIS ISLAND, S. C.

been a pleasure knowing you
personally and a great honor
to be a Junior Rotarian with
you and the rest of the gentlemen.
Please give them my regards
and ill try and get around to
seeing them while they are on furlough.

How is Haskell doing in
basketball? Wish you won, "nut"
good luck for me.

Sincerely yours,
Jim Williams

T/5 Vigil L. Wise - 37014690

123 General Hospital

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70 Postmaster, N.Y. N.Y.

Some where in England
18 Jan., 1945

Dear Dr. Allen:

While having a few minutes, since we have finished all our scheduled operations this morning, I thought I had better drop you a line to let you know that I am still knocking around this torn up old world.

I received your ever faithful, and appreciated Jay haiker rebounds about a week ago, and will say that I was very deeply touched about T. P.'s mishap. If you remember it was one of those small fry, so to speak, that T. P. always patted on the back when things got rough.

There has been a slight change in my intentions for my post-War education Dr. Due to the experience gained, and the interest, which has been built up in me, in surgery I am planning on transferring ~~my~~ from the School of Education to the School of Medicine. I realize my grades were not such as to merit entrance to medical school, but at that time of my life I really didn't realize what was at stake, and I do now. I feel that I can come back, and really give those studies the effort and time that I should have before.

Even though I am now in England my basketball still carries on. We have a pretty good team, and could be much better if we had the time and the facilities. Next Tuesday we start our first game in a United Kingdom tournament. If we go to the finals we will play in London. Our home court has

a cement floor and the back boards are only about one and one half feet by two feet. This is such a small backboard that it is impossible to play the board, but it is still basketball to us. Of course you know that we use your plays Dr. To tell you the truth I have played on about eight different teams since being in the army, and I haven't once had any trouble in selling your style of play. We don't have much time to work on fundamentals, but most of the boys have played considerable ball, and the fundamentals mostly come natural.

That time has come for me to go to work again, so will have to stop. If you get time Dr., a note would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Virgil L. Wise

18th February

1945

My dear Dr. F. C. Allen

Our visit

at the Country Club makes obvious
- the fact that you have taken
over a situation, once well out of
hand, and started things on the
road to certain improvement. I
should like to be around when
- the expansion commences. Leadership
is most always an interesting
human face - particularly true in
your instance. By observing, I learn!

with wonderful regularity
your ample newsletter distributes
throughout my thoughts information
to be gotten no where else. I can
not say I envy you your task,
but will admit your show following
therefrom - you is a great asset.

I hope by now sir,
you have an understanding for
my camping mood. Ordinarily I'm a
fairly sensitive fellow - my recent
visit with you was embarrassingly
arranged to be true, however I failed
to detect anything but the warmest
in greeting from you. This I had
hoped for.

Sincerely, "Windy"

March 8, 1945.

Mr. Ellis Whitaker,
Candler County Training School,
Metter, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Whitaker:

I am in receipt of your letter and money order for a copy of "Better Basketball." I have autographed the book and am sending it to you today by parcel post. I trust that you will have much enjoyment from the book and that you will find it helpful in your coaching.

Thanking you for your order, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Candler County Training School
Metter, Georgia
March 3, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Allen,

Enclosed you will find a money order for
\$4¹⁰. For which please send me an autographed
copy of your book, "Better Basketball."

I would appreciate very much an immediate
reply.

Respectfully yours,
Ellis Whitaker

March 12, 1945.

The World Company,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing my check for \$31.33 for bill rendered
as of March 9th.

I wish to thank the World Company and the Lawrence
Daily Journal-World for the promptness, efficiency and
courtesy to me.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH
Enc.

HUGO T. WEDELL
JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
TOPEKA, KANSAS

February 15, 1945.

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

Dear Phog:

After your first visit with McBride
you suggested that I write him.

I am enclosing copy of my letter to
him, which I hope meets with your approval.

Cordially yours,

Hugo T. Wedell

W:K

February 28, 1945.

Mr. Dean W. Welder,
42 Lane End,
Sunflower, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Welder:

I picked up your billfold in the Eldridge Hotel, containing \$17.00 in currency and your Selective Service card and other material that I am sure you will be very anxious to have returned to you.

I left the pocketbook at our Selective Service headquarters in the Community Building with Mrs. Halberg. You can obtain the same by calling there any hour between 8 and 12, and 1 and 5. I think if you buy them a drink everything will be squared.

I am glad to return this to you because being secretary of the Douglas County Selective Service Board No. 1, I have been called upon by different men who have misplaced their Selective Service cards and I know how anxious they are until they have it restored to them.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

cc to 4704 No. 55th St.,
Mission, Kansas.

February 28, 1945.

Mr. Ellis Whitaker, Principal,
Candler County Training School,
Metter, Georgia.

Dear Principal Whitaker:

I have your letter of February 21, and believe that you refer to my book, "Better Basketball", published by McGraw-Hill and Company. The book sells for \$4.00, and if you desire me to autograph a copy and mail to you I will be glad to do so on receipt of your check or money order for \$4.10. This will cover the postage, and yet will be less expensive than the c.o.d. fee.

I am enclosing some descriptive material so that you may read of the contents of the book.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Candler County Training School
Metter, Georgia
February 21, 1945

Dr. F. C. Allen, Basket-ball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Please send C.O.D. a copy of your book on
Basket Ball Plays. I think it costs approximately

\$ 4⁰⁰

Would appreciate very much an early reply.

Respectfully yours,
Ellis Whitaker-Prin.

February 16, 1945.

Major Neal M. Wherry,
1819 G. St., N.W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Neal:

Thank you for your kindness in sending me clippings from the Washington papers. I appreciate your interest in our campaign against the gambling evil in basketball and other college sports.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



UNITED STATES ARMY

D.C.,
2-5-45

Dear Phog -

Here are some AC newspaper
clippings in which I trust you would
be interested.

More power to you.

Best wishes, as always.

Paul

PS,

Thanks for the Rebounds.

February 14, 1945.

Mr. Larry Winn,
American Red Cross,
11th and Central,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Larry:

I am enclosing the information you requested this afternoon,
and trust it will be satisfactory. Call on me any time I can
be of service to you.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

PCA:AH
Enc.

February 9, 1945.

Major K. E. Wilson, O-917704,
Hqqs. 50th Fighter Group,
APO 374, c/o P.M.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Major Wilson:

I am very happy to render any service that I am able, but your assignment is rather difficult. I would rather be an oil cup than a file, in this case, and for me to give a personal opinion would be unfair to our visitors from Indiana and Ohio, so I had better discreetly observe that Indiana and Ohio have wonderful basketball organizations. And when it comes to Alabama, let's talk about football. But Alabama is coming along rapidly in the round-ball sport.

Answering your questions to the best of my ability: (1) Indiana has long been known as the basketball state. That was when Piggie Lambert's Purdue team, and Everett Dean and Branch MacCracken had great teams at the U. However, Illinois has taken the play away from Indiana at the present time. Doug Mills "whiz kids" and other fine Illinois teams have rather overbalanced Indiana's claim.

The weakness of Indiana is that their state commissioner refuses to permit any of the Indiana high schools to schedule games with any other state teams. That has caused inbreeding and a false evaluation of Indiana's claim because she cannot reasonably justify it by never having met any of the outstanding high school teams of other states.

Ten or fifteen years ago Indiana built fieldhouses for her high school teams that were bigger than the high school buildings themselves. It was not uncommon at all for high school teams to have fieldhouses with five to six thousand seating capacity, and they were filled to the rafters. Dr. Meanwell, at Wisconsin, used to eulogize the Indiana set-up.

Indiana has a style all its own. If you have seen one Indiana team play, you can just know how the rest of them are going. It is a four-man offense with a big rear guard under the basket, and a short fast front guard running with the two forwards and center on a fast break - lots of shooting - hoopala - good basketball - fight - and color. They were great basket shots, but I do not believe Indiana basketball is up to some of the other states at present due to this inbreeding.

(2) I do not believe that Indiana can lay claim that "more basketball is played in Indiana than any other state in the Union by the number of teams and basketball attendance". I had some definite figures on this but have not been able to lay my hands on them here of late. I have de-

layed answering your letter intending to find these figures, but I cannot find them. However, I would not dispute it authoritatively, because it might be so.

(3) Mr. Fessler of the high school tournaments in Indiana, originated the system in which the state winners meet at the Butler fieldhouse in Indianapolis to play off their state tournament. I have been present at some of their final games at which 16,000 people attended. I am not sure that we could give Mr. Fessler credit for originating the tournament idea. That would also take some research. Even Kansas started their tournaments in 1908. So again, question 3 is debatable.

Now, as for claims by the opposition: (1) "Outcome of National AAU tournaments should be reasonably accepted as a criterion of what section of the country sponsors the best brand of basketball . . . And in this respect, Kansas and Missouri, as well as Oklahoma have consistently won more titles than other states." As to this question, I would say that naturally the tournaments having been held in Kansas City, Missouri, and Denver, Colorado, - Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma have won more AAU Tournaments than any other states, but these teams are not strictly representative of any one state. For instance, the Phillips 66 Oilers, who won the National AAU title at Denver, have Fred Pralle of Kansas, John Freiburger of Arkansas, Martin Nash of Missouri, Bill Martin of Oklahoma, Lindemann of Washington State, and the team is coached by Bud Browning, formerly of the University of Oklahoma.

A previous championship team of 1941 - 1943 had Howard Engleman of Kansas, Joe Fortenberry of North Texas State Teachers, Clarence Anderson of Stanford, Hank Luisetti of Stanford, Bill Martin of Oklahoma, Chuck Hyatt of Pittsburgh University, Jim Wilcoxon of Colorado, John Adams of Arkansas, Nash of Missouri, and Pralle of Kansas.

So you see these industrial teams pick these boys up wherever an outstanding star blossoms. I do not believe it fair to say that these boys who happen to be playing on a team in Oklahoma are naturally all Oklahoma boys. That applies also to Kansas and Missouri. I believe you get my point.

(2) "There are no high school teams better known for good basketball over a period of time, than Newton, Kansas." I would say that that would apply to Kansas very satisfactorily, but each state has its centers of well-known basketball teams. Years ago Winfield, Kansas, occupied the spot that Newton now occupies. However, the last two years Shawnee-Mission High School, a small rural high school out of Kansas City, has won the state championship twice in succession. And Newton and other large teams, as well as Kansas City, Kansas, were in the tournament.

Logansport, Indiana, is a very famous town for basketball. I know Clifford Wells, the coach, and he has done remarkably well. Everett Case, of Indiana, is another high school coach who has won a number of Indiana championships. Illinois has its championship high school teams, as has every state.

I would say that this would be too difficult a question for me to decide without much research, and at the present time I trust that you will excuse me from that. I am sorry that I have done such a poor job as your arbitrator.

I am sending you a Jayhawk Rebounds which is a letter that I get out each month to the boys overseas. I trust that you will find some information in this that will be interesting to your Kansas loyalties. Kirk Scott, of Newton, is one of our outstanding boys.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Louiseville in France
January 8, 1945

Mr. Phog Allen —
Director of Athletics
University of Kansas,

Dear Mr. Allen —

You are in a position to render
a service which will be very
much appreciated.

Three other officers and myself
are quartered in a tent together
on an advanced air field in
France. One officer is from
Indiana, one from Alabama, one
from Ohio and I am from Kansas.
Athletic discussions are numerous,
there is one claim made by the
Indiana officer and the Ohio
officer, ^{which} has been disputed by the
Alabama officer and myself. It has
been arbitrarily agreed that you are
logically authority to settle the

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Argument

The Claims are:

1. Indiana is known as The basketball State of The Nation
2. - More basketball is played in Indiana than Any other State in the UNION (by number of teams and basketball Attendance)
3. The system of High School Tournaments was Originated in Indiana.

— Claims by The Opposition —

- 1- Outcome of National AAU Tournaments should be reasonably Accepted as A criterion of what Section of The country sponsors The best brand of basketball and in This respect Kansas + Missouri, As well as Oklahoma ~~and~~ have consistently won more AAU Titles than Other States
- 2- There are no high school teams better known for good basketball over a period of time, than Newton, Kansas.

(3)

Your remarks in setting the
argument will be ~~surely~~ ^{surely} anticipated.

Very Truly yours,

Benson

K. E. Wilson

MAJOR, AIR CORPS, 50TH FIGHTER GP.

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