

September 20, 1940

Mr. Harold "Spike" Claassen  
Sports Editor, Associated Press  
Kansas City Star Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Spike:

Sorry indeed to have missed greeting you yesterday.

Answering your query regarding the daily Oklahoman's pseudo-scoop anent my possible retirement, about all that I can say is that this early yarn is possibly like Mark Twain's death--greatly exaggerated.

When a farmer's crop fails repeatedly he sometimes quits farming, and then again he might try it another time. Doubtless those "Saging" Sooner Sooth Sayers have information that I do not possess. They might think that after this year the Kansas crop of basketball players will fail, and then they may have other ideas. However, after thinking on the subject for not too extended a period of time I faintly recall a willingness on their part at times through the past twenty-two years, to send me on a pleasant one-way ride. Maybe the Sooners' pencil pushers thought that the twice-tied Oklahoma Aggie-Kansas Fifty District N.C.A.A. Playoff game gave me heart trouble (Note: Well, it nearly did that thing at that).

But the old ticker still ticks perfectly.

My kindest regards to you, Spike.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach



September 27, 1940

Mr. E. M. Chestnut, Principal  
Beloit High School  
Beloit, Kansas

Dear Mr. Chestnut:

Thank you very much for your check for mileage to Beloit last Friday. I assure you that the delay caused no inconvenience.

I assure you it was a pleasure for me to be with you and to enjoy meeting your representative citizens as well as having an opportunity to see a wonderful athletic plant. I know how busy you were and I think you did a great job.

Everything, I thought, went off fine with the exception of the result of the game. I hastened my remarks because the WPA man had not been quite as brief as I had hoped he would and I felt I was encroaching upon the players' time.

The hoisting of the flag was very impressive. I thought it added much to the effect of the whole dedicatory exercises. Congratulate Coach Murry and the boys on playing a hard, clean game.

I am sure that you have enjoyed Dean Lawson's presence with you last night and this morning.

Assuring you of my pleasure to be with you and wishing you the best of luck, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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BELOIT HIGH SCHOOL    \*\*\*    BELOIT, KANSAS

E. M. CHESTNUT, PRINCIPAL

"Home of the Trojans"



September 25, 1940

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

Dear friend, "Phog"..,

Enclosed is a check for mileage to Beloit last Friday. I'm sorry that I have delayed so long in sending it to you.

I was very happy to have you here for the opening of the new stadium field. I was so busy and had so many things on my mind that I was unable to enjoy myself ~~on~~ anyone else. After hearing the comments of several I believe our dedication ceremonies must have been pleasing to almost all people. The WPA man spoke at considerable length, but that organization had spent a lot of money on the project (and we might want some more!) The hoisting of the flag with the spot-lights playing upon it seemed to have had the desired effect.

We would liked to have won the game. Coach Murry and the boys have been hard at work and hope to do differently with Minneapolis.

Dean Lawson will ~~bet~~with us Thursday evening and Friday morning.

Again, I want to thank you for coming to Beloit.

Sincerely yours,

*E. M. Chestnut*



September 12, 1940

Mr. E. M. Chestnut, Principal  
Beloit High School  
Beloit, Kansas

My dear "Early":

I have your favor of August 30 and you can count on my being present the night of September 20 for the Salina-Beloit football game, which will be the first game played in your new stadium. I will be glad to serve as umpire in your game.

As a suggestion for working out the dedication ceremony during the half intermission, would it be possible to have the field lighting arranged so that you could shut off all the lights, save one, and use that as a spotlight to throw on the flag as it is raised on the flagpole? Of course, you would have to set a flagpole out in the football stadium and then at the half the lights would be snapped out and the band would play the Star Spangled Banner as the flag is raised by the American Legion, or your Boy Scout Organization or the R.O.T.C.

It is thinkable that you could have your boys' and girls' physical education classes march on the field and stand at attention while the flag is being raised to the accompaniment of the Star Spangled Banner. Your boys' and girls' glee clubs and the audience could sing God Bless America at some part of the ceremony, and then the short dedication ceremony might follow which could begin with a short invocation followed by whatever celebrities and celebrities you care to use. I will make a short talk over the loud speaker which I will endeavor to make very appropriate for the occasion.

This speech would touch such things as building the boy physically, emotionally and spiritually strong, touching on statements such as "The Battle of Waterloo was Won on the Cricket Fields of Eden", the words which are cut in stone above the gymnasium at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point by Major Koehler, "Upon the Field of Free Strife are Sown the Seeds that on Other Fields in Other Days are Borne the Fruits of Victory." Well, you can get the general idea, and of course, we will congratulate the School Board and the citizens who have been far looking enough to have this type of structure.



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You write in and tell me about how long I should speak; I thought about ten minutes. With this idea you can perhaps draft a program and write me so that I will know just about where I come in and leave off. I assure you I will do my very best to impress the people that they have done a good job.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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BELOIT HIGH SCHOOL ~~~~ BELOIT, KANSAS

E. M. CHESTNUT, PRINCIPAL

"Home of the Trojans"



August 30, 1940

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

Dear friend "Phog",

This letter is to confirm our two previous conversations in regard to your being present in Beloit the night of Sept. 20th for the Salina-Beloit football game, which will be the first game played on the new stadium field. I'll count on you umpiring in the game, at our usual fee of \$7.50(Big!), and we'll care for your traveling expenses.

We'll try to work out something in connection with the Dedication ceremonies during the half intermission. Any suggestions you might have may help us. There is so much to do that we'll be lucky to be ready for the game. The coach, Mr. Murry has not arrived yet--dressing rooms to be arranged under the stadium--all plumbing not in yet, etc.

We'll be looking for you.

Sincerely yours,

E. M. "Early" Chestnut



September 3, 1940

Mr. E. M. Chestnut, Principal  
Beloit High School  
Beloit, Kansas

Dear Mr. Chestnut:

Your letter of August 30 to Dr. Allen regarding his umpiring the Salina-Beloit football game the night of September 20, came to the office while Dr. Allen was out of town.

It is expected that Dr. Allen will return to the office about the 9th or 10th, and your letter will be brought to his attention at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen

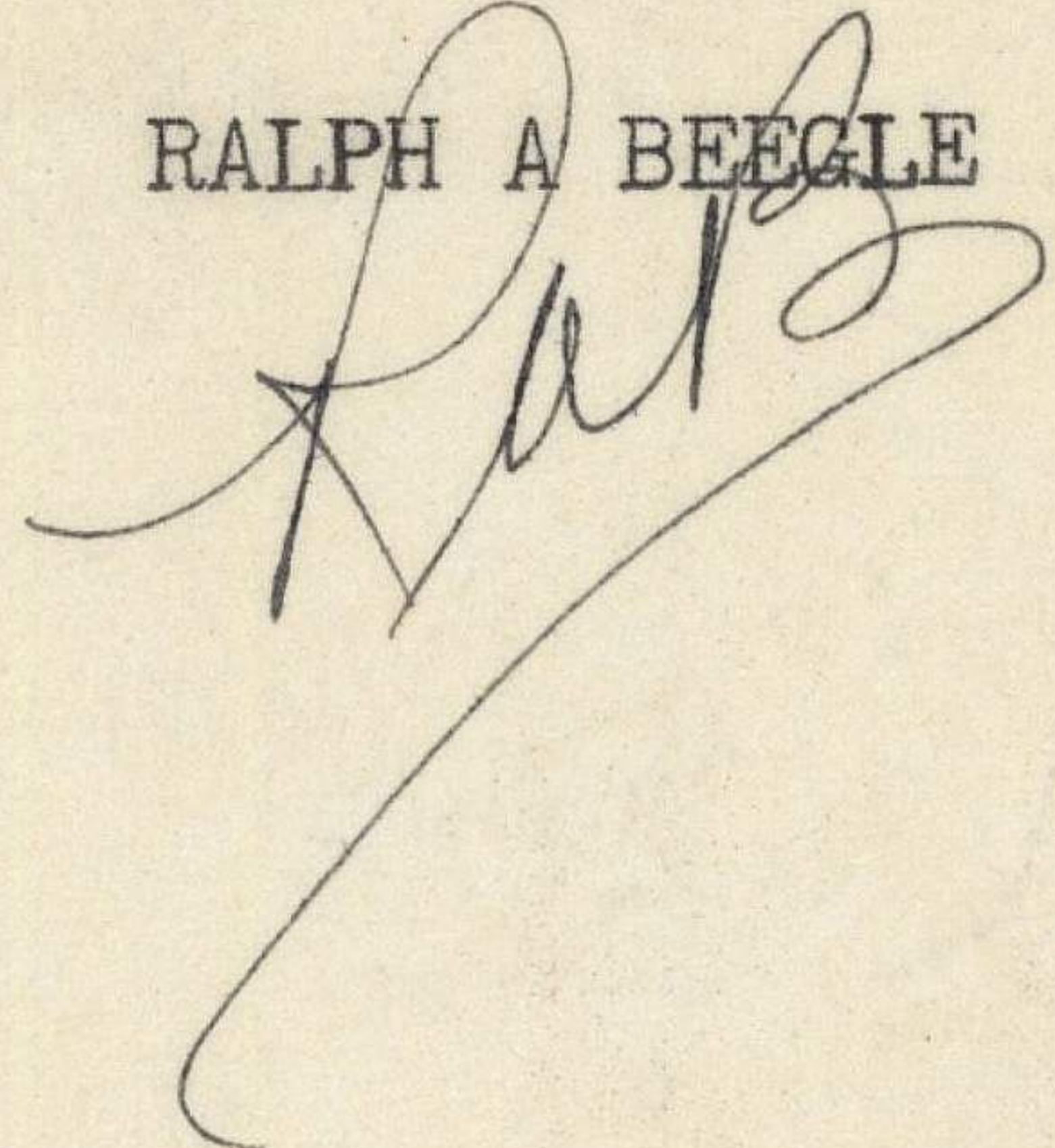


DR. FORREST ALLEN:

I am still unable to see Dr. Peete but have written him  
and will make another effort this week to see him.  
Thanks a lot.

Best regards,

RALPH A. BEEGLE



September 10 - 1940

Mr. Gwin Henry,  
Director of Athletic,  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Coach Henry:

While you are getting your athletic program under way,  
I should like to again call your attention to our product, Cerophyl.  
As I told you, the product is approved by the American Medical  
Association as a natural food supplement. It contains all of the  
vitamins that have ever been discovered - except vitamin D - and  
contains them in a natural form.

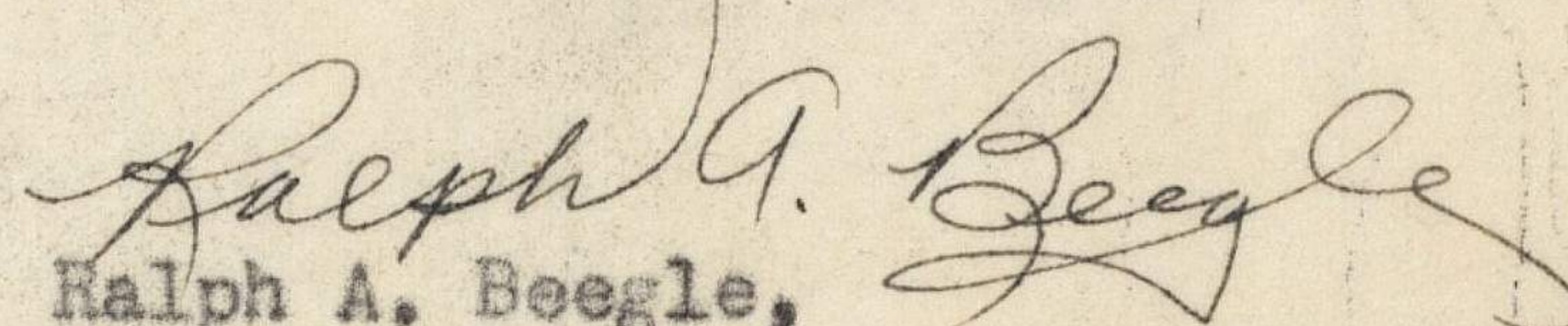
Many Athletic Directors recently have started supplement-  
ing their athletes diet with a vitamin product. Several of them  
have chosen Cerophyl. We feel that you will be interested in Cerophyl  
because it is the latest scientific discovery in the vitamin field and  
is being recognized by the Medical Profession. Those Athletic Directors  
who have used Cerophyl have found their boys go through the season in  
much better physical condition - with less colds and ills - and have  
more strength and pep at the end of the season.

Furthermore, scientific tests have shown that the athletes  
who do have a perfect diet think much quicker. The addition of ten  
Cerophyl tablets per day to your athletes' diet will insure him of  
all the nutritional elements necessary for optimal diet.

We would like to stress the point that Cerophyl is probably  
one of the most economical vitamins on the market today. We are in a  
position to make you a very special school price.

I should be more than glad to drop in and talk to you and  
your physicians on my next trip to your State, if you desire.

Yours truly,  
CEROPHYL LABORATORIES



Ralph A. Beegle,  
Director of Sales

RAB:h



August 29, 1941.

Mr. Bob Charlton,  
U.S.S. Mt. Vernon,  
c/o Postmaster,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Bob:

I am glad to have your letter of the 24th instant and of course it is a pleasure for me to help anyone who is in the service. And it will be an added pleasure to help you if I can be of any benefit.

Thank you for your good wishes for a successful year in 1941-42, and if and when you should get a leave we will be very happy to see you here on old Mount Oread which is even more beautiful than ever. The summer rains have made this a beauty spot not surpassed by anything that I have seen.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



August 29, 1941.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been asked by Mr. Robert Charlton, formerly of Lawrence, Kansas, and a former student of the University of Kansas, to write you concerning him.

I have known Bob Charlton since he was a small boy and have watched him grow up through elementary school, high school and the University here in Lawrence. He is a fine clean young man, knows the value of discipline, and is intensely eager to succeed in any undertaking that he attempts.

It is my understanding that he desires to transfer from the Navy to the Navy Air Corps, and I am happy to recommend him to you. He has no bad habits, is clean, dependable and comes from parents who have trained him from the beginning to be loyal, honest and enterprising.

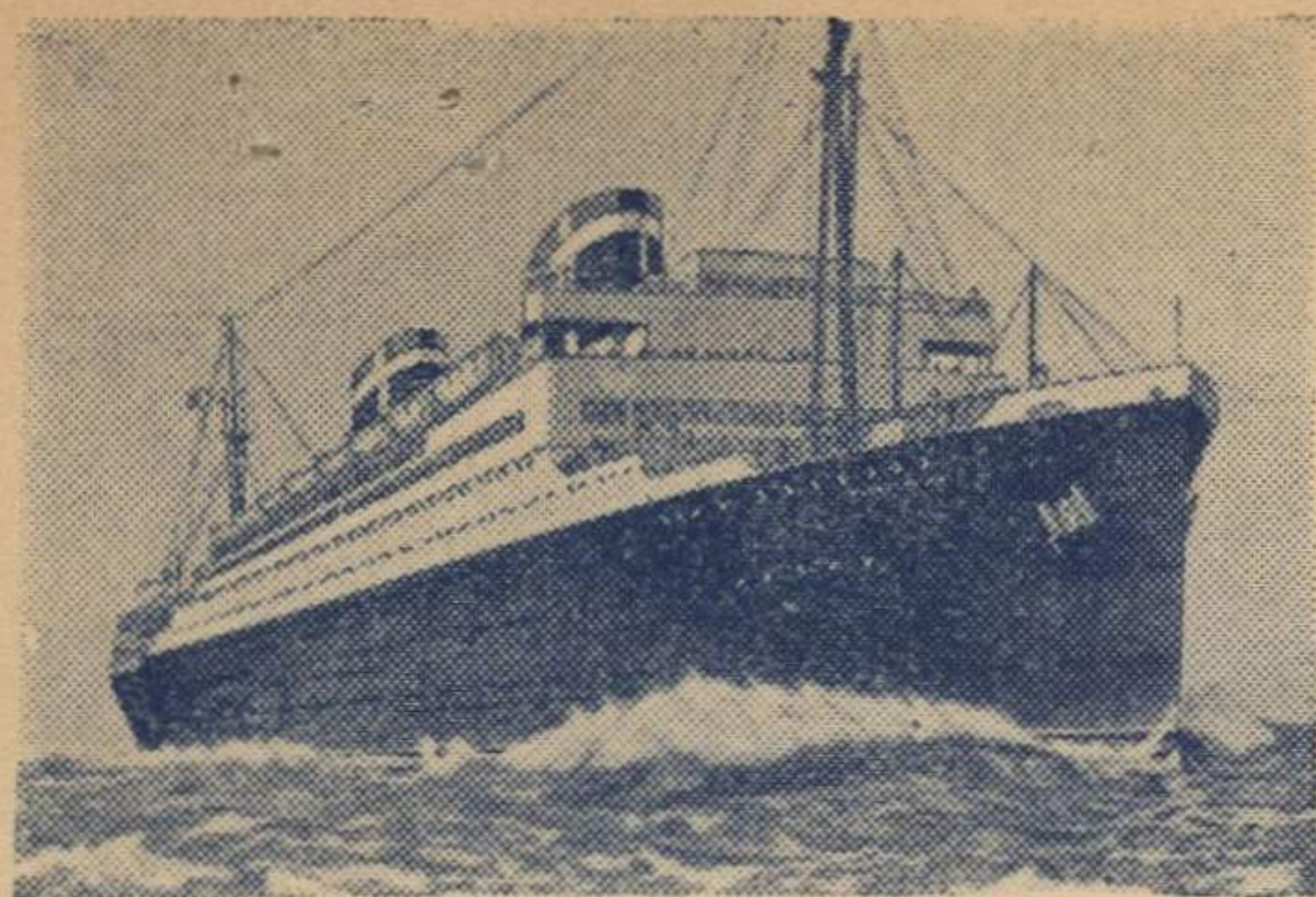
I am very happy to write this testimonial for Bob Charlton.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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





Bob Charlton  
U.S.S. MOUNT VERNON  
United States Navy

Aug. 24, 1941

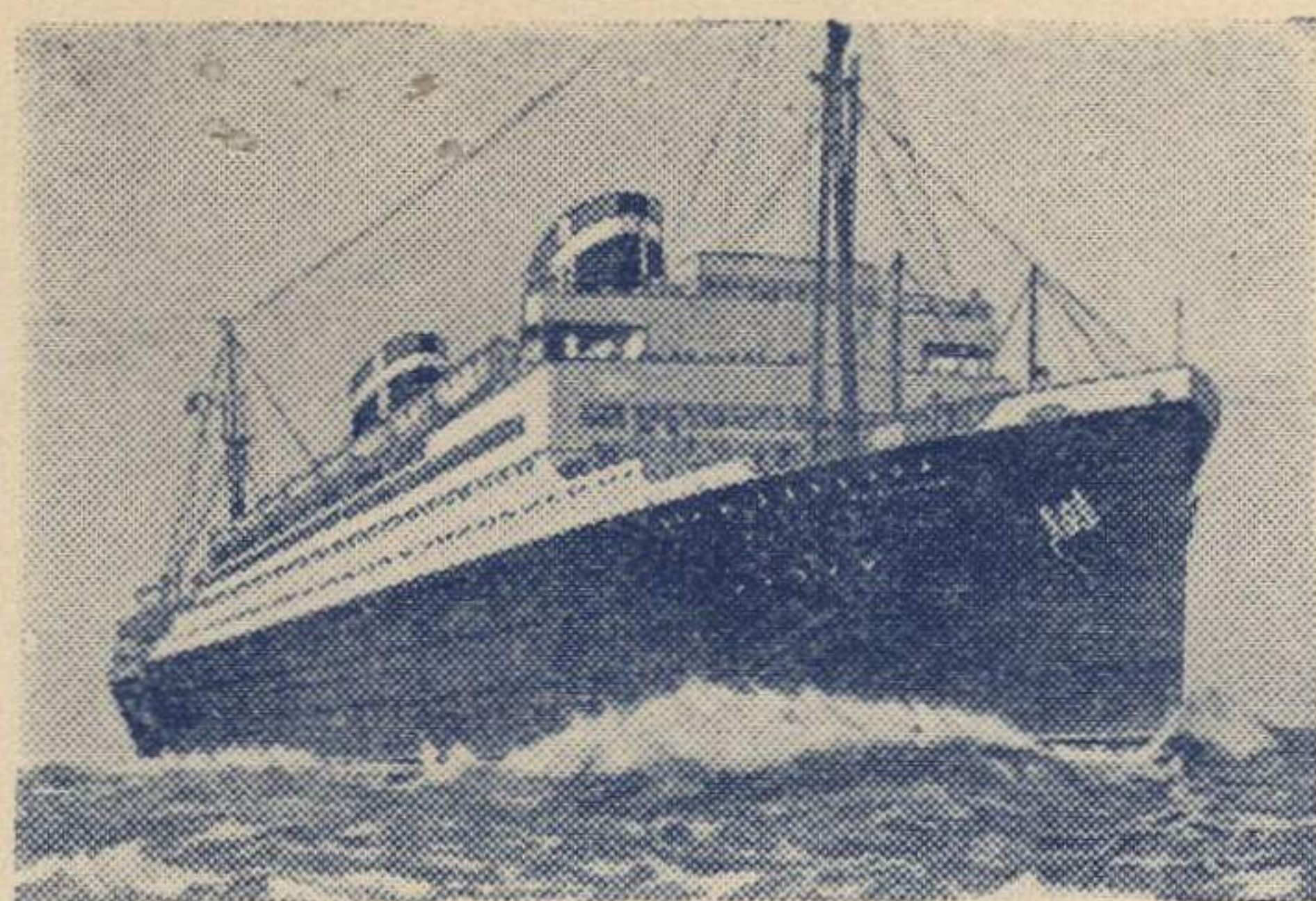
Dr. Phog Allen  
Physical Education Dept.  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Doc -

It has been months since  
I last saw you and my travels  
have been far & wide since then.  
However, I have carried thoughts  
of good old K. U. and the good  
old days with me consistently.

I am considering transferring  
from the Fleet to the Navy  
Air Corps and would sincerely





Bob Charlton

U.S.S. MOUNT VERNON

United States Navy

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appreciate any word of recommendation that you might feel inclined to write for me. Merely address it "To Whom It May Concern".

I am enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your convenience.

I hope that you will have a fine year for 1941-42 and if & when I ever get leave I surely intend to drop in and see you sir.

My very best regards to Mrs. Allen & yourself.

Respectfully,  
Bob Charlton  
USS Mt. Vernon  
c/o Postmaster  
New York, N. Y.



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August 1, 1941.

Lt. James R. Cook, U.S.N.R.,  
Athletic Officer,  
U. S. Naval Training Station,  
Great Lakes, Illinois.

Dear Russ:

I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in asking me as to the probability of my getting to Chicago in August. I am coaching in Iowa at the Iowa High School Athletic Association Coaching School at Boone, along with Clark Shaughnessy, Bernie Bierman, Hank Iba, at their school which runs from the 18th of August for a week.

We do not finish here in our Summer School until August 6th. In the interim I will have things to do that will prohibit my coming to Chicago, and after that my daughter gets married here on September 6th. So I will not be able to make it. But I do thank you for your kindness in offering to have the Admiral send an invitation along to us.

I have the information now at hand concerning college graduates who might desire to get in naval training. There is a lull at the present time during vacation, but prior to the opening of school doubtless we will have several inquiries, and I certainly will direct them to you if they are good ones.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



REFER TO NO.

U. S. NAVAL TRAINING STATION  
GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS

July 28, 1941

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

Dear friend Forrest:

Thanks a lot for your letter of July 25. It's fine to hear from you.

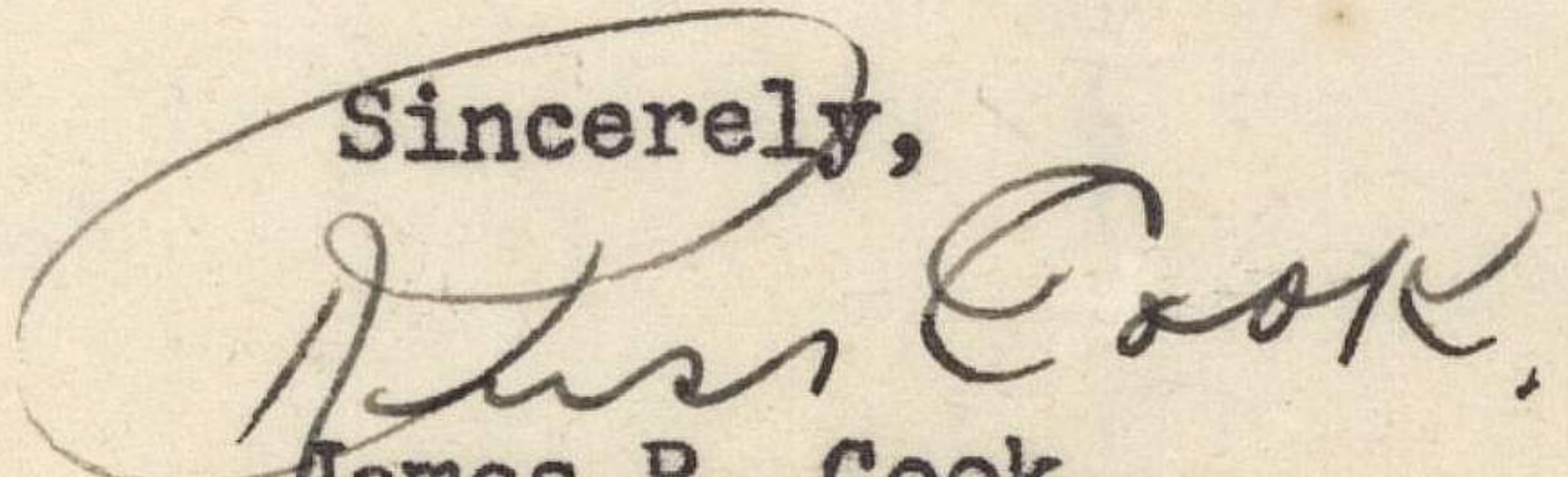
Do you have in mind four or five outstanding basketball players who would be interested in coming into the Navy? We will have a Station team this winter, and it must be one of the best in the country, so I am depending on you and a few of my other good friends in getting the team personnel together. College graduates are preferred as the men will have other duties beside basketball to perform. Good boys with these qualifications will make up our Athletic Staff.

The Commandant is inviting National Athletic Individuals to the Wednesday Weekly Reviews as his guest. Since Kansas is in this Naval District, and practically all Kansas men enlisting in the Navy pass through this Station, I know he would be glad to send you an invitation. This would give you an opportunity to come to Chicago and visit your relatives, and we could discuss a lot of important problems.

Let me know if you can accept an invitation from the Admiral to attend one of the Reviews in August, and I will see that it is sent along to you.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

  
James R. Cook,  
Lieutenant, USNR,  
Athletic Officer.



August 1, 1941.

Mr. E. M. Chestnut,  
Principal, Beloit High School,  
Beloit, Kansas.

Dear Early:

It was a pleasure to see you and Lorraine.  
I trust that Fred Montgomery will be able to put  
over the project that he promised.

I assure you it will be a pleasure for me  
to help the Chestnut family whenever possible.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



BELOIT HIGH SCHOOL     BELOIT, KANSAS

E. M. CHESTNUT, PRINCIPAL

"Home of the Trojans"



July 25, 1941

Dr. F. C. "Phog" Allen,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear friend, "Phog",

This is just a word to thank you for the personal interest shown in Lorraine during our short but interesting meeting yesterday. Although I was unable to see Montgomery yesterday afternoon I did talk with Keeler who was acquainted with the procedure and he thought Fred could see things through. Lorraine had not been too interested in going to college (for several reasons) but yesterday's trip made him really interested.

Of course he as well as his parents would be very grateful for any suggestions or assistance you might give him in finding some employment after reaching Lawrence. I'm fully aware that a beginning freshman cannot expect too much.

Again, thanks, a million!

Sincerely yours,

E. M. Chestnut



NORTHEAST MISSOURI  
**STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE**  
KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI

February 6, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

It goes without saying that I was delighted to receive your kind note of February 4. It is getting me around to what I've meant to do for several weeks; that is, tell you how much I have enjoyed the stir that your interview kicked up. Leyden's latest move is just another evidence in support of your contention. The family was greatly interested in the article in *Colliers*. After our fine time together here, this story seemed to concern part of our family. So many times since you were here I've wished that we might have a bit of time together to talk over a great deal that we have in common.

If you should learn of an opening in public relations within a University or land grant college, or within a good college commuting distance from such a college, I'd be glad for you to pass it on to me. I am very happy working for my Alma Mater, but many times I wish that my youngsters might have an opportunity to live at home and avail themselves of professional training in fields other than teaching since some of their interests lie in other fields. I might even consider public relations work with a business concern near a University if the concern were an old, reliable outfit. However, I prefer to stay close to teaching.

Sincerely yours,

*Clifton*  
Clifton Cornwell  
Director of Bureau  
of Alumni Activities

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Thirty-fourth Annual Tournament



June 11 to 15, 1941, Lawrence, Kan.

## THE KANSAS AMATEUR GOLF ASSOCIATION

Lawrence Country Club, Lawrence, Kansas

For May 17

Prof: Just let you know Tournament is coming  
pretty fair. 17 Clubs have entered and  
we are now seeing out our members.  
- Suppose you & Bob will enter Tournament  
and will you mail you check  
to Geo Wetzel as soon as convenient.  
Which you know is \$3 per entry.

Believe we are going to sell  
60 registrations here at Lawrence  
Club. You have been so busy - did  
want to bother you with meetings  
but when you get some leisure time  
Come down and we will talk over  
these affairs.

Sincerely  
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KANSAS CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION  
713 Kansas Ave.,  
Topeka, Kansas

Rev. W. R. Holt,  
President

July 2, 1941

Dr. Forrest Allen,  
c/o Kansas University,  
Physical Education Department,  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen,

Thank you very, very much for what you did to make our  
Fifty-third annual state Christian Endeavor convention a suc-  
cess. We heard many good words of your address and we appreci-  
ate the address and your fine spirit.

Sincerely,  
KANSAS CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION

per *Carl M. Boyd*  
Rev. Carl M. Boyd,  
Program Chairman

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July 31, 1941.

Mr. Owen Carl,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Owen:

We greatly appreciate your courtesy and kindness in ordering and delivering these three "fatigue" travel skirts for the Jayhawkers.

Since you told me that this year is the last year we may be able to get them we will be loath to give them away and will have some substitute for the three graduating seniors this year.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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July 30, 1941.

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Mr. Bill Cohlmeier,  
8612 Marty,  
Overland Park, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

Pardon my delay in replying to your  
letter of the 20th instant.

We are counting on you helping us at  
the pool this fall, but as you know we cannot  
guarantee you at this time any certain hours. That  
will depend upon your class schedule and also the  
schedules of the other boys working at the pool.  
We usually try, of course, to give the older boys  
their preference of hours, but I am sure we can  
work out a schedule after you arrive.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



July 30, 1941.

Miss Ruth Christianson,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Ruth:

Your very kind letter of the 29th instant has been received and I want you to know that I appreciate your expressions of good will. I assure you that it has been a pleasure to have you the short time that you have worked in our office.

I am wishing for Gordon and you a long married life of health, happiness and prosperity.

Mrs. Allen and I do appreciate your fine invitation to visit you in Texas. And if the opportunity ever presents itself nothing would give us more pleasure, I assure you.

Please give Gordon my very best in his new work that he is now undertaking, and if at any time I can be of any service to either of you please feel perfectly free to call upon me. It will be a pleasure to serve you.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
LAWRENCE

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

July 29th, 1941

Doctor Forrest C. Allen  
University of Kansas

My dear Dr. Allen:

As this is my last day of working in your office after three enjoyable months, may I express in my inadequate way my appreciation for having had the opportunity of working with you and the "Robinson Gymnasium family".

I wish to thank you, Dr. Allen, for your indulgence at times when my unfamiliarity with your office files must have been most provoking. Your patience and understanding were much appreciated, in your realizing that one would have to be a part of this Department for a longer period of time than three months to become actually acquainted with the work here.

We, Gordon and I, sincerely trust that sometime in the near future you and Mrs. Allen, if possible, shall be able to make us a visit in Brady, Texas. Our address, at the present time, will be at the Dr. McCall Apartments. Do come and see us. I'm sure Gordon would be very happy to have the privilege of showing you around at the Field. We, as many many others, admire you greatly, and are both so happy to have had this contact with you.

With appreciation, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth Christensen



July 25, 1941.

Lt. J. Russell Cook, USNR,  
Athletic Officer,  
U. S. Naval Training Station,  
Great Lakes, Illinois.

Dear Russ:

Yes, I do remember you very well, but the fact that I have not answered your letter of June 12th doubtless impresses you that I am busier even than I was years ago. You remember I visited you at the Legion headquarters at Indianapolis. I remember you very pleasantly and I assure you that if at any time I can do you a favor you can bet your life I will do it.

I have a daughter who is an artist in Chicago and I have a nephew who is a physician, Hubert Allen, Jr. He teaches at Northwestern and practices in Chicago. Also, I have a brother, Hubert L., Sr.

I know a lot of basketball players who are graduates and who have military problems ahead of them, but I don't know their status at the present time.

Russ, you can count on my treating any communication you give me as confidential. Is it still too late to send you a list of the boys who might be subject to the draft? I can give you a list and you can write them or do whatever you like about it.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO:

U. S. NAVAL TRAINING STATION  
GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS

June 12, 1941

Mr. "Phog" Allen,  
Basket Ball Coach,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Friend "Phog":

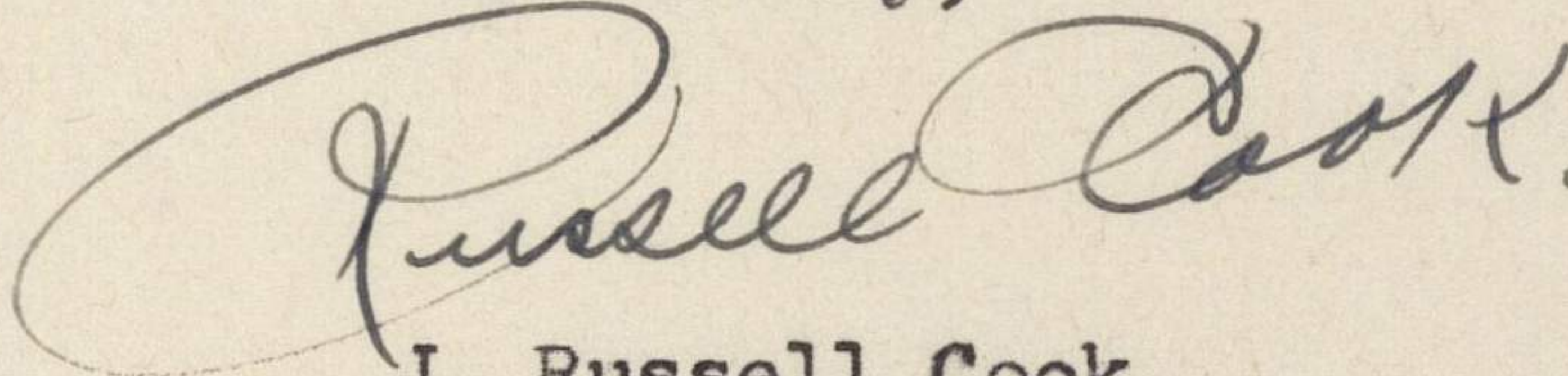
You will remember me as coach at the Danville  
Indiana Normal College, and later National Director of  
Americanism, The American Legion.

Recently I was called to active duty after  
having a number of years in Washington, and naturally  
am out of touch with Inter-Collegiate Athletic Activities  
in the Mid West, so came to you for assistance.

Will you list for me eight or ten outstanding  
basket ball players and their colleges, who are graduates  
and have military problems ahead of them.

I trust you will treat this request as con-  
fidential, and I thank you very much--come and see us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Russell Cook". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

J. Russell Cook,  
Lieutenant, USNR,  
Athletic Officer.



July 20, 1941

Dear Doctor Allen,

I want to thank you for letting me have the pool job again this year. I sincerely appreciate this help you have given me. If the pool is open the same schedule as last year may I have Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons from four-thirty to six and Saturday from two-thirty to five-thirty. Since I will have three hour labs every week day and Saturday morning the working hours I mentioned will coordinate with my class hours. Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
Bob Cohlmeier



December 21, 1940

Charles and Frank Cramer  
Cramer Chemical Company  
Gardner, Kansas

Dear Frank and Chuck:

Mr. Falkenstien delivered the Christmas package to me of which you are the very generous donor.

Thanking you very much, and wishing you continued health and prosperity and the best of the Yuletide's Blessings, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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