

November 6, 1944.

Professor A. W. Davidson,
Department of Chemistry.

Dear Professor Davidson:

I have just had the protecting support placed back on the bumper of my car. They had to take off a part of the bumper to get this readjusted. The charge was \$2.00. You may send it to me at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

99 Middaugh St.
Somerville, N. J.
Oct. 22, 1944.

Dear Sir:

Could you tell me where
I may send for 16 mm sound films
on "Basketball" for teaching the fun-
damentals of basketball? Are there any
good films out that I could rent?

I have enclosed a return post
card. I would appreciate any information
you may send me on films or on good
coaching books for basketball in high school.

Yours truly,

Ralph Davies.



October 10, 1944.

Mr. Jack Durfee,
National Bank of Tulsa Building,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Jack:

It was good to see you when we were in Tulsa last week-end.

I am sending you one of the Jayhawk Rebounds, a monthly letter that I get out to our boys overseas. I wonder if you would give me a list of the boys who were at the Jayhawker luncheon. I have sent two or three of them the Rebounds, but I would like to send them to the others. If you would kindly give me their names and addresses, as you remember them, I would greatly appreciate.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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October 3, 1944.

Major Fenlon Durand,
Junction City, Kansas.

Dear Fen:

I was terribly disappointed that I did not get to see you when you stopped by the house to say hello. But you did more than your part. You called at the office and then went to the house. This break was against me, as I assure you that nothing would have given me more pleasure than to have grasped your victorious hand and have given you the Phi Kappa Psi clasp.

What a splendid record you have made, and what a wonderful thrill you imparted to the Allen household when you stopped by to see them. I must confess something to you that you must not tell, but Major Burt DeGroot had called at the house and the girls were upstairs. They did not think they were presentable to come down. Burt DeGroot was in our department of Physical Education and the family lives at Palo Alto, and Mrs. DeGroot is a good friend of Mary's. Mrs. Allen was visiting with him, but when they looked out and saw Major Fenlon Durand coming up the sidewalk they recognized him and they tore down the steps to greet a hero from the South Pacific. So you see how you rate in the Allen Gals' books, and that goes for the whole family, Fen, including the male members.

I certainly do want to see you and have a long visit. I won't talk about the things that you don't want to talk about, but we will have plenty to chew the fat over. I sincerely hope that you are enjoying a splendid rest, and I know how wonderfully happy the old folks are to have you back. Just to put your feet under Ma's and Pa's table is mental and spiritual food as well as food that sustains the body.

There is nothing more that I can say at the moment, only that all of us feel that we are debtors to you. Will see you at Homecoming, if not before.

With all good wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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October 3, 1944.

Mr. Don Diehl, A/S,
Corpsman Barracks,
U. S. Naval Hospital,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Don:

Mighty happy to get your letter and to know that you are going to be back with us if you don't get too seasick around the Waves. Sounds rather a paradox, doesn't it, Don? You say, "I'm now working on a sick Waves ward. . . . Most of my spare time is going to athletics." What kind of athletics do you have down there?

Don, of course you know I am just kidding, just to get a laugh. I am glad that you are using the old A.P. 1,2,3,4, and so forth, and that will be good practice for you. And the fact that you are working on it down there will make it easier for you when you come up here. I will be mighty glad to have you.

We met the squad for the first time yesterday afternoon, and had 39 out. Not a single man had ever been out for the varsity before. Dean Corder is on restriction and cannot compete for two weeks yet. They caught him playing poker after the lights were out and he was socked thirty days. Bill Lindquist flunked out and cannot return. Lou Goehring will leave November 1st, and Bob Malott will soon be moving, I guess.

Yes, I am going to be in Tulsa the 7th of October and I will see you. Mr. E. C. Quigley asked me to take his place at the rally down there Thursday night at some dinner meeting at the hotel. When I see you we will talk a lot about athletics at K.U. I think they are definitely on the upgrade and going places.

I will extend your greetings to your friends, and hope to see you next Saturday.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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9/24/44

Dear Doc,

It was swell to get your letter and "Rebounds", and find that all is still in good condition at the old State U. I've been rather busy of late. If you can imagine it, I'm now working on a sick WAVES ward, and although at first I was pretty bashful, it doesn't bother me any more!

Most of my spare time is going to athletics. I'm managing one of the 6 intramural teams in a basketball and touch football league. Our b.b. team is using the incomparable K. U. - Allen style - A.P. 1, 2, + 3, etc., and as yet we haven't been beaten.

How is practice going? I understand by the "Lancer" that it will be rather limited until November. I'm looking forward to joining the squad then, for I can't seem to remove basketball from Position I in my mind. Do you know whether or not it's O.K. with the med. school

for a student (calling me a "student" is debatable) to participate in varsity athletics? It had better be, cause I'm getting most eager for another season.

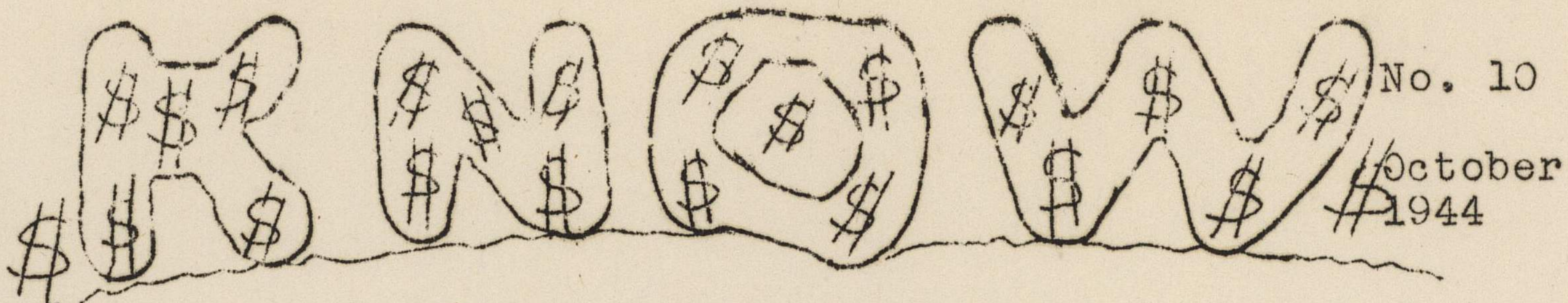
I hope your family is still fine. Tell your wife I'll be around to see her in my new cadet uniform in November. I can hardly wait! I suppose Spark, Duck, and the boys are still O.K. I'll really miss them this winter, as I know, will you. Will Lou Goehring, Bill Lindquist, Charlie Moffett, and Dean Corder be back? I guess Bob Malott's not too far away from the draft call.

I must get to work on my part in this week's radio show (not so red hot), so I'll close for now. Are you going to be in Tulsa the 7th of October? If so, I'll see you there. In the meantime I'd surely like to hear your opinion of K. U. - basketball, football, etc. for '44-45 if you have any time. Tell everybody in the office and at home "Hello" for me.

Very sincerely,
Don Diehl

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A B O U T H E A L T H

THE DOUGLAS COUNTY HEALTH UNIT, City Hall, Massachusetts Street, at 11th, functions daily from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Come in and tell us your troubles.

ANENT STATISTICS

STATISTICS are always dry--and should be. They are dead, finished, crystallized--and should be. We need a few stabilized statements of facts and collections of such statements for study and comparison. Any change, forward or backward from such statements would be other Statistics.

Let me hope you are interested in knowing that 74 persons died in Douglas County during the first half of 1944. In the same period 105 people died in the city of Lawrence. Births were respectively 96 and 153--one woman lost her life in her effort for motherhood. Five babies were stillborn--2 in the county and 3 in Lawrence. There were 16 deaths from cancer of which probably more than half might have been prevented. In the county, 1 died of tuberculosis and in the city 11. All of these should have been prevented. There were 10 fatal accidents in the county and 9 in the city--19 in all. At least 10 of these should have been prevented or avoided.

Summarizing to this point, there were at least 30 preventable deaths in this county the first half of this year. If the average age was 40 and the average expectancy was 25 years when they died, we lost 750 years of human life, well up to the life of the man who made the record for longevity.

Suppose these people worked 300 days a year (which they probably would not) their untimely deaths mean a loss to us of 225,000 labor days. Say the average work day will be 6 hours, this means a loss of 1,350,000 hours of more or less productive labor. Computed on present price of 3 hours for \$2.00 this means a financial loss of \$900,000.00. Add to this the \$7500.00 or so that their funerals cost and we conclude that if we could save only a quarter of this loss a \$15000.00 annual budget for health would show an interest return that would make any Shylock's voice tremble and his eyes snap.

RATS

Speaking of money and thinking of rats reminds me that our sanitarian, Howard Weindel, who recently did some special work on rat control in Denver, knows a lot of interesting things about rats. When he has time he tells things about them. He says they have something like a symbiosis with human kind, i.e. in general they live only where people do, make their nests or houses almost entirely of materials that have been handled by humans and like to live in places in or near where people visit frequently.

In any settled region the rat population is essentially the same as the human population. Ten years ago, it was estimated from careful studies that each rat consumed food to the cost of \$2.00 each year and that he spoiled ten times as much more. In the present mild inflation, this means that each rat costs about \$30.25 each year. Multiply this sum by 25000, a low estimate on the number of our rats in this county, and we have \$756,250.00. This would easily build us two new court houses each year.

COLDS

One of the trends in medical nomenclature (accent on second syllable) is to become more specific. Thus: in the memory of numerous people now living "Inflammation of the Bowels" has become "Appendicitis" and at least nine other diseases, all separately described and recognizable. Eczema (accent on the first syllable) has been restricted by the recognition and naming of so many of its protean manifestations that what remains is almost synonymous with "I don't know" or the more dignified but equally uninforming "G.O.K.", (God only knows) used in some hospitals. "Cold" is such a name for a disease or a group of diseases. This name is applied to less and less as time goes on, but the group remains in status quo. Reminds one of Shakespeare's lines about names.

I cannot begin with a definition of the common cold much as I would like to. Apparently not all colds are exactly alike. They vary much from time to time and from person to person. Epidemics of colds are often seen. Some of these are dignified with special names--such as "Rose Cold", etc.

No one agent or circumstance seems to cause all colds. Food deficiencies, vitamin imbalance, bacteria, pollens, dust, exposure, viruses have, singly and in combinations, been set up and discussed as causing colds. Even the mental and emotional condition seems to have something to do about it or with it.

Are colds contagious? Apparently some of them are, and it passes from one person to another by actual or near actual contact. So far as known such contact is effective only when made on mucous membrane--not on the skin. This means that if you must kiss your child or some other friend while you have a cold, do it on his forehead or the back of his neck. Also avoid staying long with him in a small closed place.

In the general prevention of each there are two widely divergent systems of practice,-- a. seeks to build up a resistance by using all the known factors including that of fractional natural vaccinations, so great that no reasonable exposure will produce an appreciable effect and b. seeks to avoid all exposures and conditions known to promote colds. In the whole population, they are about equally successful or unsuccessful. The "a" group becomes rugged, careless of health precautions and completely devoid of cold consciousness, whereas the "b" group becomes softer each year, is over cautious about health and gets to be painfully and annoyingly cold conscious. The great mass of people to which most of us belong do not think or do much about it either way. Maybe we should!

H. L. Chambers, M.D.