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I think now what I will do is to meet the boys a couple of times and outline the work for early fall. There is no reason why we should not start basketball in late September with a few drills in the afternoon. Then all the boys will be back soon thereafter. You state that you will be in November but I think with this set-up all of us can get going early and develop the best possible conditions.

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Dear Don:

Mighty happy to have your letter and to know that you like your work. We have just finished our Jayhawk Rebounds and since there is so much news in the bloomin' thing we will not write a long epistle at this time, but send you a Rebounds.

However, I do want to tell you that Mrs. Allen is fine, but the heat in the last few days is rather getting her down. We had a wonderful July, not a single day above 97 and many of them in the 80's. It had rained and the weather was delightful.

Jane and her husband, Lieut. Mons, navy flier, are due to arrive Friday or Saturday of this week on a five-day furlough. He has not been assigned but has been sitting on the expectant seat for a month now at the Chicago base. Mary, our oldest daughter, is coming from Palo Alto about September 1st. Bob and Jean report Philadelphia hotter than blazes and their apartment is cooking, or at least par-boiling.

Bob says he will be mighty glad to get out of that city where there are so many little fellows with big noses. And I read yesterday where the colored gentry are putting on a show. I believe Bob will manage to stay out of that, however. Bob is not sure that he will stay for graduation, although he is president of his class. He will have to stay for two weeks after the regular work is finished, and Kansas has quite an urge for him, so maybe the implorings of his mother to come may be unavailing.

Mrs. Allen will be mighty happy to hear from you. I will take your letter home for her to read.

We did not start basketball practice because there is a 12-team intramural league and that takes all the available material. And frankly, after all the play program that they are having I think practice would be too much for the boys, physically and mentally. They do not have that much time to take from their studies. I had planned on about a 6-team league and then we would spread the games further apart, but with the 12-team league to get the job done they are playing their games practically every night.