

March 1, 1943.

Mr. Bruce Drake,
Basketball Coach,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Bruce:

I have obtained the address of the Kansas alumnus who was Chief of Police at Oklahoma City during the time of the hot car charge against Ug Roberts and Allie Paine, and I am writing him and trust to have the information very soon. I will send it to you at once.

This is in regard to our conversation of Saturday night following the altercation between Ug Roberts and Bill Brill. You will recall that Jack Copeland was in our car when we rode from Mount Oread down to the hotel. Jack Copeland told me at the Eldridge Hotel that he was in the car with the chief of police of Oklahoma City and me when we rode back from Norman and that he heard the chief tell me of the incident of having gone out to Allie Paine's and Ug Roberts' house about 1:30 or 2 o'clock in the morning and taking them down to the police station on this hot car charge.

I said to Jack, "Why in the world didn't you tell Bruce so that he would know that this chief of police really said it?" He said, "Well, I didn't want to get in it, but I did hear the chief of police tell about it."

If you have any doubt of this you can easily confirm it by talking with Jack Copeland, sports editor of the Wichita Beacon.

Ray Evans also tells me that Gerald Tucker was picked up on the same charge when he was playing in a high school tournament in Topeka during his senior year. Evans and Tucker were both in the state tournament at Topeka, and Evans is authority for the statement.

So much has been said about this and there has been a definite denial by the boys that I am going to give you a statement by the chief of police. You stated that you went down to the station and there was no record of the booking of these boys. All I was able to do was take the word of the chief of police as authoritative, but since there is some doubt as to this I will present the written document from this ex-chief of police of Oklahoma City.

I regret that this had to come up, but your boys have consistently ridden our boys, especially at Norman. The most ferocious riding started with Paine and Roberts, and followed with Tucker. I remember when my son,