

THE KANSAS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

THOS. W. BUTCHER, PRESIDENT

EMPORIA

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND
DIRECTOR OF TEACHER TRAINING

November 13, 1940

Brother Official:

For sometime there has been a desire among a few college officials of Kansas to form a state organization. We are now attempting to organize this group.

The origin of all organizations start about the same--by popular demand of a small group interested in a good cause which will be beneficial to the individual and the group as a whole. A small group of officials met last week in Topeka, selected Dwight Ream as temporary chairman and yours truly secretary and decided upon the following procedure.

A. The first official meeting will be held in Kansas City, Mo. on the week end of December 7th. Why? Because all the conferences in the Missouri Valley district meet there at this time and several coaches are officials and several Kansas officials have to be there for other meetings.

B. Invitations will be extended to only those officials who have worked college basketball or football games.

C. At this meeting permanent officers will be selected, objectives and other necessary regulations will be drafted to insure a functional and permanent organization.

D. Attend this meeting if its possible--we need your help. If you can't attend please write us your views concerning the organization so they can be considered in our procedure there.

E. Within a few days after the Kansas City meeting we will hold the second meeting in a centrally located place, expand upon the first meeting and start the ball rolling by having a basketball rules interpretation.

F. For a successful organization every college official should be active. At present we do not have a complete list of college officials--please inquire of your friends who officiate college ball whether they have received an invitation and if not extend them one.

G. Please understand this is your organization. We merely take the initiative in getting it started.

Sincerely yours,

"Gus"

Everett "Gus" Fish

EF:CR

November 20, 1940

Mr. C. E. Forsythe
Director of Athletics
Michigan High School Athletic Association
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Forsythe:

My belated letter of this date will acknowledge receipt of your very fine communication of the fourth instant. I was in Chicago and Milwaukee a week after my trip to Toledo, and then being called out of the city much has prevented my answering your good letter in which you enclose Ray Clarke Rose's "Jest Kept Fishin' ", the contribution from "The Vagabond". He did such a swell job in characterizing this old boy that we could actually see him at work.

I enjoyed meeting and visiting with you, even the small time that was allotted to us. I assure you that I enjoyed very much your forceful comments and it was a great pleasure to have been with you.

Wishing you a very happy Thanksgiving and a very merry Yuletide I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
EUGENE B. ELLIOTT, SUPERINTENDENT
LANSING

C. E. FORSYTHE, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS
MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

November 4, 1940

Dr. Forest C. Allen
Director of Athletics
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

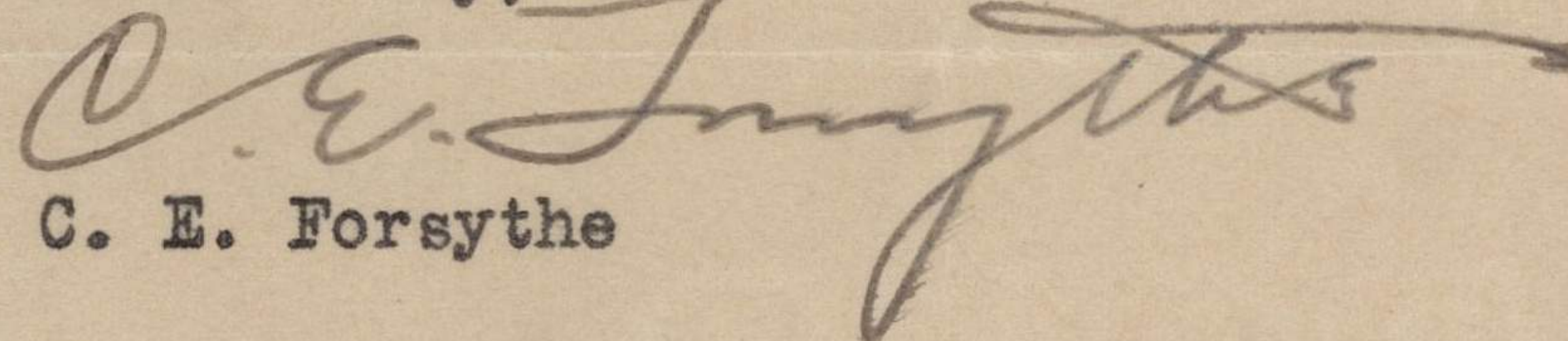
Dear Dr. Allen:

I am enclosing a copy of the poem that I used at Toledo last Friday night in accordance with your request.

May I say that I certainly enjoyed meeting you and visiting even the small amount of time that was possible. The thoughts which you presented to the group were very much worth-while and I concur in them one hundred percent.

I hope that some time we may have the opportunity of being together again and renewing our acquaintance.

Yours truly,


C. E. Forsythe

CEF:bg
Enc.

"JEST KEPT FISHIN' "

Hi Somers was the durndest cuss
Fer ketchin' fish--he sure was great!
He never used to make no fuss
About the kind of pole er bait.
Er weather, neither; he'd just say,
"I got to ketch a mess today."
An' towards the creek you'd see him slide,
A-whistlin' soft and walkin' wide.
I says one day to Hi, says I,
"How do you always ketch 'em, Hi?"
He give his bait another swish in
An' chucklin'*, says, "I jest keep fishin' ".

Hi took to reading law at night
An', pretty soon, the first we knowed,
He had a lawsuit, won his fight,
An' was a lawyer! I'll be blowed!
He knowed more law than Squire McKnab!
An' tho he had no "gift for gab"
To brag about, somehow he made
A sober sort of talk that played
The mischief with the other side.
One day when someone asked if Hi'd
Explain how he got in condishin,
He laughed an' said, "I jest kept fishin'."

Well, Hi is Gov'nor Somers now,
A big man 'Round the State, you bet!
To me the same old Hi somehow,
The same old champeen fisher yet.
It wa'n't so much the bait er pole,
It wa'n't so much the fishin' hole,
That won for Hi his big success;
'Twas jest his fishin' on, I guess.
A cheerful, stiddy, hopeful kind
Of keepin' at it--don't you mind--
And that is why I can't help wishin'
That more of us would just keep fishin'.

-----Ray Clarke Rose, "The Vagabond."

November 21, 1940

Mr. Sam Francis
Columbus Club
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Sam:

I have your very good letter of the second instant and I am sorry that I was out of town when it arrived. I had speaking dates in Toledo, Chicago, and Milwaukee at teachers' meetings and returned to find your letter and others waiting.

I assure you that I do not resent your taking the liberty of using my name for reference. I will always be happy to help you and other young men gain headway and you may count on my giving you a good recommendation. However, I have not heard from Dr. Richmond of Murray State Teachers College of Murray, Kentucky; but, if and when I do, I will be very happy to assist you in all possible ways.

I had the pleasure of officiating at a game for your brother who is coaching the Abilene High School football aggregation. He has a fine group of boys and they played excellent fundamental football. They had good team morale and they were successful in running over the Haskell Indians here 26-6. I thought he had an excellently coached team.

Please give my kindest regards to Mike Getto. He is a fine man and I am sure that you enjoy working with him.

With all good wishes I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Columbus Club
Brooklyn, N.Y.
Nov. 2nd 1940

Dr. Phog Allen
Athletic Dep't, Univ. of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

A few days ago I wrote a Dr. Richmond of Murray State Teachers College of Murray, Kentucky using your name as a reference.

It is my hope you will not resent me taking the liberty of using your name for recommendation, but felt your remarks would carry very much weight, especially since my athletic beginning had its start in your state. I competed in your Kansas Relays, and also against your fine university in other athletic ways.

Naturally I feel you are in a position to know of my capabilities and would greatly appreciate any good word you might feel I am worthy of, in the event you are asked for a recommendation of me.

Mr. Mike Getto asked me to pass on his regards to you and wishes you as I do, a successful basketball season this coming year of 1941.

Thanking you, I remain,

Sincerely

Sam Francis

Sam Francis

November 5, 1940

Mr. Sam Francis
Columbus Club
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Francis:

Your letter of November 2 to Dr. Allen
has been received.

Dr. Allen is out of town at the present
time and does not expect to return until the early
part of next week.

Your letter will be called to his
attention when Dr. Allen returns to the office.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen

November 27, 1940

Mr. Austin Faulkner
7527 Ridge Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Austin:

Thank you for your good letter of the 22nd.
I am glad that you received the catalog from Dean Stockton
and that you are well acquainted with the University of Kansas.

My daughter, Jane Allen, was home for the
Democratic Thanksgiving on the 21st and we had a great time
meeting with all the family present. My daughter and her
three children from Louisville, Kentucky were here and Mit,
Bob and Eleanor, so it made a very happy group. I only wish
that you might have been in Lawrence to have gotten acquainted
with the entire family.

Jane's address is 1300 North Dearborn Terrace,
3 Arts Club, Chicago. I know that she would be happy if you
would give her a ring or drop by and say hello.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

FCA:lg

cc: Jane Allen

November 22, 1940

Dear Dr. Allen,

I was so happy to receive your very thoughtful letter and regret very much that I have been so late in answering it ,but hope you will forgive me.

I received the catalogs from Dean Stockton and have read them over thoroughly and am all the more sold on the University of Kansas.

Due to the misplacing of your daughters address I have not had the opportunity of meeting her, and would appreciate having it again, as I would like very much to meet her.

Thanking you again for the interest you have taken in me, and hoping to see you on your visit with the team to this city in January, I remain as a future "Jay Hawker" to a true "Jay Hawker,"

Your friend,

Justin Saulkner

*7525 Ridge Blvd.
Chicago, Ill.*

*1300 N Dearborn Terrace
Chicago
3 Arts Club.*

December 7, 1940

Mr. Edward S. Foltz
426 Santa Fe Trail
Olathe, Kansas

Dear Mr. Foltz:

I am answering your communication of the 5th instant in which you ask me to give you an explanation of the theory of the diagrammed backboard in basketball.

The large 18-inch square box above the basket is to encourage the players to arch their shots high enough so that when the ball comes down it will strike the box and carry it into the basket. I encourage high loop shooting. The smaller box on the backboard is for short carom bank shots and the lanes that were drawn on the board are for carom bank shots further out to the side of the court.

If this does not clear up your questions please write me again.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Kansas School for the Deaf

OLATHE, KANSAS

Department of Physical Education

Dec. 5 - 40.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kans.

My dear Dr. Allen:

I would appreciate it very much if you would send me an explanation of the theory of the diagrammed back board in basket ball. What I want to know is what the three boxes on the board are there for. I have the diagram all right - but am as yet a bit hazy as to exactly how it works.

Thanking you in advance,

Very sincerely yours,

Edward J. Fetz

426 Santa Fe Trail

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Old Timers Take Part in Semi-Pro Day

File

Members of the Wichita Old Timers Baseball Association will figure in the ceremonies connected with National Semi-Pro Day at Lawrence Stadium next Sunday afternoon. Thousands of baseball clubs in every part of the United States are scheduled to swing into action promptly at 3 o'clock CST, with the Wichita games occupying a key spot.

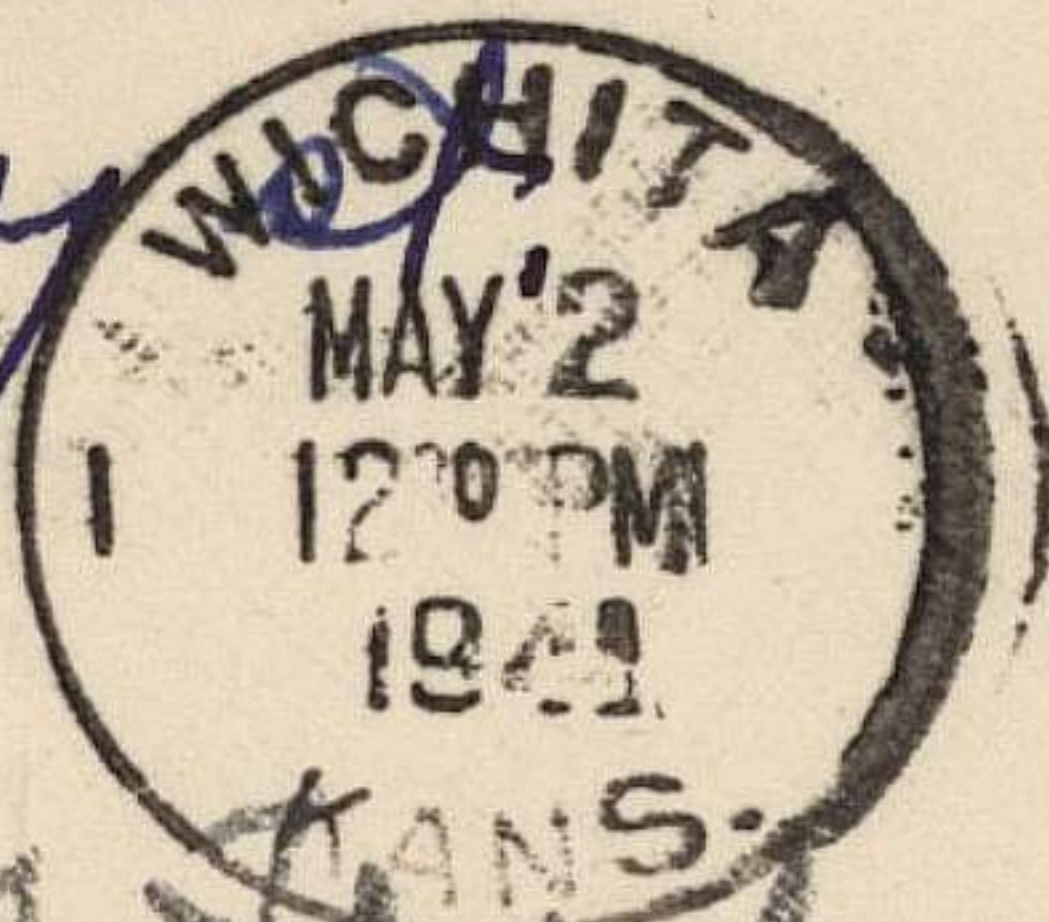
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Two veterans of Wichita will work as the battery for the opening game, for a pitch or two at least, with Dalton (Dummy) Fuller on the mound and Jack Moran behind the plate. Fuller has been identified with sand lot baseball, here for more than 40 years and is a protege of the famous Luther Taylor, who for years was one of the leading hurlers in the major leagues, as a member of the New York Giants. Moran's connection with baseball in Wichita, also goes back many years, the man who was the first president of the Old-Timers group having been responsible for the first attempt to bring tournaments to Wichita. Around 25 years ago Moran conducted a one-day affair at Island Park, which included eight clubs and has been actively interested in other capacities that have served to boost the diamond game here.

Other activities in connection with the opening day exercises are being worked out by the Old-Timers and will be announced at a later date.

Officials expect a capacity throng for next Sunday at Lawrence Stadium.

Dalton H. Fuller
509 E Harry



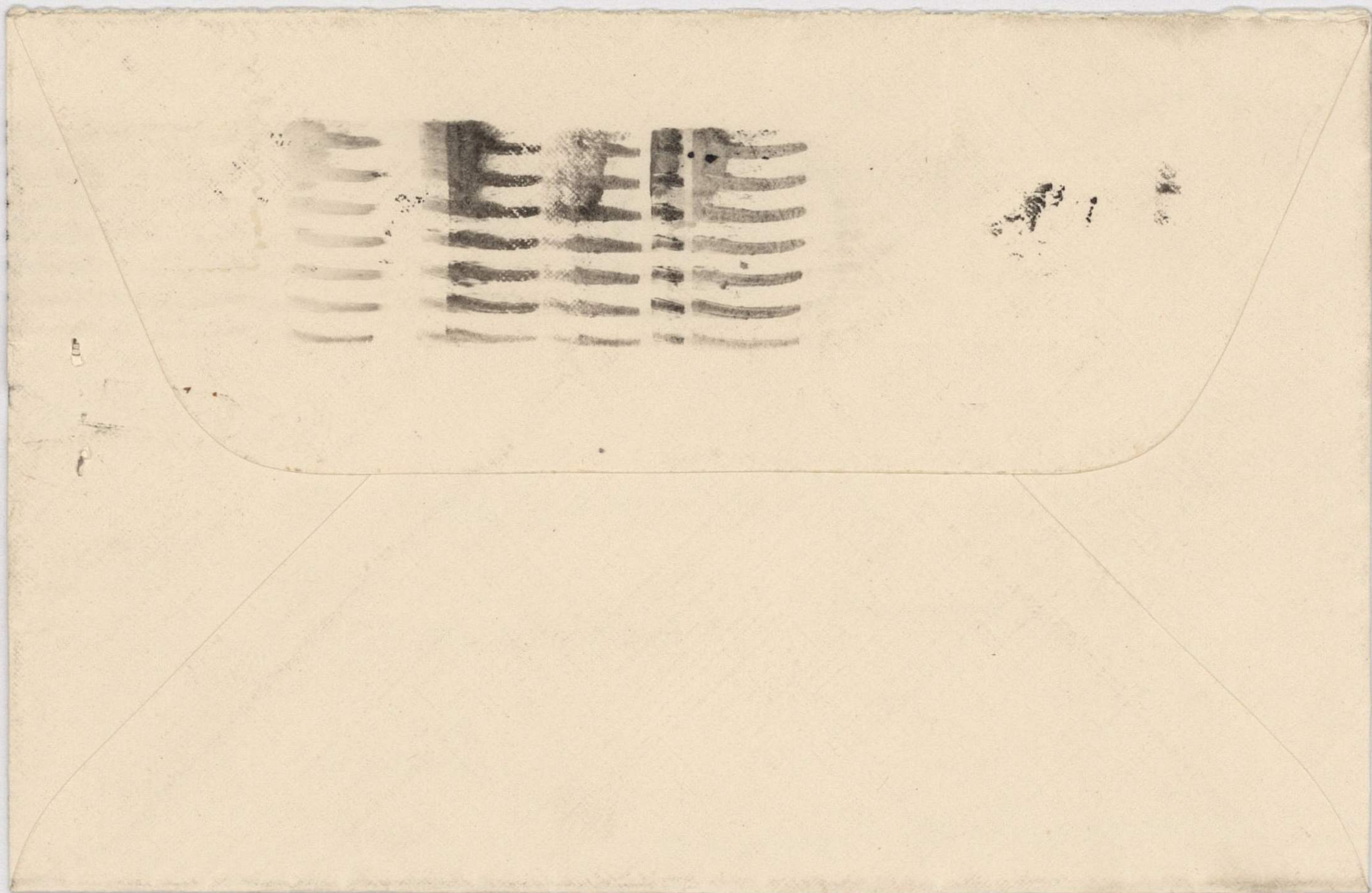
Summary of day:

Mr Forrest Allen

Lawrence,

Kan

University of Kansas.



December 20, 1940

Sgt. Ed A. Fetting
G-2 Office
9th Division
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Dear Eddie:

I am sorry that I fell down on you in your request as of November 19, 1940. I was surprised but I was pleased to hear from you. I fully expected to do the thing that you requested of me, but work piled up so rapidly and my basketball coaching duties were just a small part of my main job of administering this department.

Doubtless the date is already past where anything that I might write to you would be in good form. We are leaving on December 23 for Madison Square Garden, Philadelphia and Chicago. We will not return until after the first of the year. If at any future time I can be of any benefit to you, please let me know and I will be a little more prompt in responding.

Your letter arrived just about Thanksgiving time and everything was so piled up on me that I failed to get the job done as I desired.

At any rate, I want you to know that I enjoyed hearing from you and will respond more promptly hereafter.

With all good wishes to you and your boys, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

Headquarters Ninth Division
Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Office of G-2

19 November 1940

Dear "Phog":

I expect you will be surprised to hear that I am in the Army but I still am able bodied and all that and thought I would do my share in apprehending "that man".

I hope this letter finds you and your family in the best of health.

I am in the G-2 Office(Intelligence) and one of the functions of this office is to supervise publications. We have a soldiers weekly paper named the "Fort Bragg Post", devoted exclusively to soldiers.

It occurred to me that since basketball season now is upon us, that you might contribute one "guest column" on basketball to our paper. I have asked about 25 men whom I consider leaders in their profession, to contribute and the result has been unanimously successful--Walter Winchell included.

I wish you would contribute about 250(or more) words, Doc, if you will and I am not intruding on your time. I feel a column by you at this time would be very appropriate and know that, being written by you, it would lend the very touch of authority that I desire.

We have more than 20,000 men down here, many from the Middle West, and I know that your message would be a greeting to a number of your very loyal friends, including Ed A.

Also, Doc, I wish you would have your publicity man send me something about the Kansas basketball record since you have been there. Something that I can use for the advance build-up that I am going to give all our guest columnists.

Write on anything you wish, but imagine something on clean play, need of good condition, how to keep in good condition, or something like that, would be good.

I hope I am not too presumptuous. Please give my regards to the men on your staff that I know. With advance thanks, I am

Respectfully

Sgt Ed A. Fetting

Sgt. Ed A. Fetting
G-2 Office
9th Division
Fort Bragg, N.C.

January 30, 1941

Mr. John Maxwell Ferguson
Department of Economics
The University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Fergie:

Thank you, fellow, for your thoughtfulness
in writing me as of January 26 regarding the Steve Post.
It was good to hear from you, I assure you.

Fergie, you know anything will lie on paper,
so do not take that write-up too seriously; however,
I do want you to know that I think of you often and
appreciate your greetings.

I saw George Esterly in New York when we
played in the Garden. His Dad and Mother were there
as well as his wife so we had quite a congenial evening,
although it was short.

Lots of good luck to you, Fergie, and my
sincerest regards.

Fraternally yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Jan. 26, '41.

Dear Phog -

That was a great
write-up of you in a recent
issue of the Saturday Evening
Post (wasn't it that publi-
cation?) Anyway, I read every
word of it, and felt so proud
of you.

Yours in $\Phi K \psi$

Fergie

John Maxwell Ferguson

(20½ years away from K. U.,

February 1, 1941

Mr. L. B. Fugitt
The Central Construction Co.
Hoisington, Kansas

Dear Mr. Fugitt:

My administrative duties, together with basketball coaching, kept me from answering your good letter sooner.

However, upon receipt of your letter I immediately saw Mayor Russell at Rotary one Monday and asked him about the matter with which you are concerned. He said the specifications are not as yet made out so he could not do much about it. I am sure that the city administration would welcome your bid and I trust that you have not waited for my reply, because contractors are not that backward, are they?

I have done all the good that I can with Mayor Russell, and I trust that I may be of further service to you should you and your company desire to place a bid. You may count on my full cooperation.

With kindest personal regards and with best wishes to you and your good family, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Sewers, Sewage Disposal Plants,
Street Improvements,
Foundations



Hoisington, Kansas
January 4, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
801 Louisiana St.
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

It has just come to my attention that the City of Lawrence contemplates some street improvements in the form of concrete paving along South Massachusetts St., and to say the least, I am greatly interested in this class of work.

It is my understanding that the present Mayor is a man by the name of Russell, and the City's Engineer's name is Babb, however, not knowing either of these gentlemen, and not being familiar with any of the governing body and the way they handle such work was wondering if you knew anyone connected with the City Administration, and would intercede for me to the extent of having my company to submit a proposal on this work.

Anything that you might do for us or any information in this connection will be greatly appreciated.

Kindest personal regards and best wishes.

Yours very truly,

THE CENTRAL CONSTRUCTION CO.

L. B. Fugitt
L. B. Fugitt

LBF/me

January 8, 1941

Mr. L.B. Fugitt
The Central Construction Co.
Holsington, Kansas

Dear Mr. Fugitt:

Your letter of January 4 addressed
to Dr. Forrest C. Allen has been received.

Dr. Allen is out of town at the present
time but as soon as he returns your letter will
be brought to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen

February 6, 1941

Mr. W.W. Fuller
Fuller Grain Company
Board of Trade Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Fuller:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter that was mailed to you last night and I discovered this morning that I addressed the original to you at Kansas City, Kansas instead of Missouri.

No doubt the original letter will reach you but there may be some delay. Since Dr. Allen was anxious that you have the information as soon as possible, I am forwarding a copy to your correct address.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen

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~~Mr.~~

W. W. Fuller

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February 5, 1941

Mr. W.W. Fuller

Board of Trade Building
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Fuller:

I had a conference with Mr. Earl Falkenstien, Financial Secretary of the Athletic Association, and he says absolutely there are no tickets left that would be at all desirable.

However, I told him that you were such a good friend of our athletics that even though you had called at a time when you did not know that the Legislature had taken all available seats, that we would give you four seats on our players' bench and we will see that the substitutes sit elsewhere. I am convinced that a friend such as you are will never miss a game if I have an opportunity to do anything about it.

If you will send me a check for \$3.15; four tickets at 75¢ apiece plus 15¢ for return insured postage, I will see that you get those four seats. Mr. Falkenstien will mark them in such a way that you will have no difficulty in getting access to these splendid seats, and I am glad for you to have them.

Of course, if you prefer, Ada Lee could call for the tickets at the Athletic Office.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

cc: Mr. Falkenstien

February 7, 1941

Mr. W.W. Fuller
Fuller Grain Company
Board of Trade Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Fuller:

I am passing on your check of \$3.15 to
Mr. Earl Falkenstien.

There are no other seats in the building,
so I assure you for once in their lives the Nebraska
people will sit on a Kansas bench and we will be happy
to have you along with them.

Anticipating the pleasure of seeing you Monday
night and assuring you that any small favor like this
is a great pleasure, I am, with kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

February 22, 1941

Sgt. Ed A Petting
G-2 Office
9th Division
Ft. Bragg, North Carolina

Dear Eddie:

Doubtless our letters crossed in the mail and you probably received a copy of my article before I received your letter. I trust it is satisfactory.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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HEADQUARTERS, NINTH DIVISION

FORT BRAGG, N. C.

Office of G-2

15 February 1941

Dr. F. C. Allen,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kas.

Dear Friend Doctor:

Due to the fact that the telegraphic facilities here are so crowded (and inefficient), it occurred to me that perhaps you did not get my wire of a few days ago. Then again, you may have been away or may have been quite busy, which I fully appreciate.

We will start our series on the first Wednesday following receipt of your column. The Colonel (Colonel Dockler, who knows your brother) suggested that on account of the fact that basketball is in full swing down here right now, that it would be quite appropriate to open the series with your column.

So we are "holding everything", until we receive your contribution. We now have a really splendid list of columns, the latest being one by Bill McKechnie, manager of the Cincinnati Reds. It is not a sports column series in any sense of the word. We have representatives in all the major lines of endeavor--and all are absolute leaders.

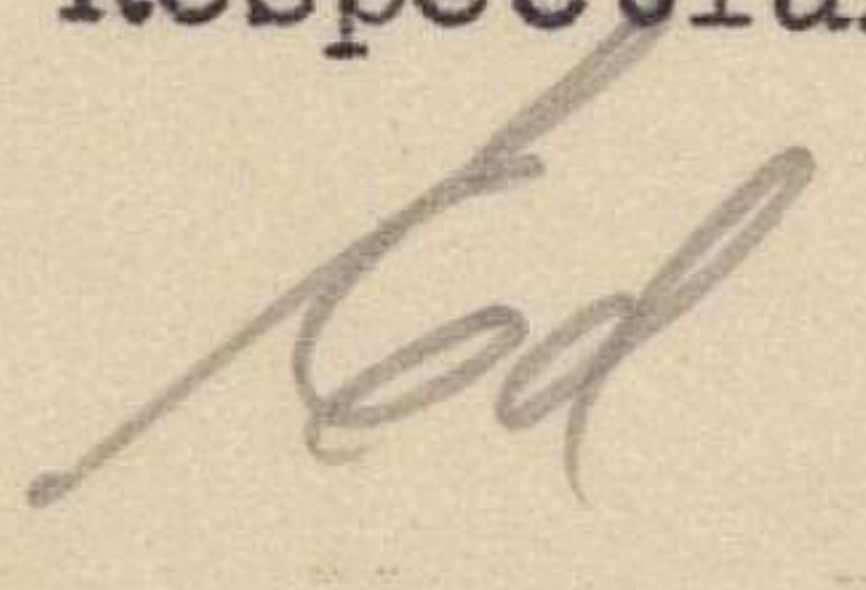
I sure hope I am not acting hasty, Doctor, but if you find it convenient, I know we all will appreciate your column at your earliest convenience. We really are figuring on you strong.

I recently wrote your secretary but have not as yet received an answer. I requested your picture. Also a resume of Won and Lost, etc. records of your teams, with your present "jobs".

I am keeping close watch for a letter posted at Lawrence, Kas.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you, your family and the Jayhawks, I am

Respectfully


SGT. ED A. FETTING,
G-2 Office,
9th Division,
Ft. Bragg, N.C.