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APO 321 70 P.M.

San Francisco, Cal.

Feb. 5th, 1945
Philippines

Pls read

Dear Doc:

At last I can write you with a clear conscience. After reading in the "Rebonds" of all the KKK fellows overseas I feel just a little guilty still writing from the States.

Bud new I'm in my fourth month overseas and feel that I'm at last "one of the boys." And I do wish I could find a few kids from KKK or even the state. There's one in this squadron from Anthony, a Beta at K-state, and my co-piled from Junction City and Badtensfeld is still with me.

We certainly had an interesting trip across. We stayed in Honolulu five days. There I was with Bobby Riggs, the tennis champ, and Bud Blatter, former world tennis table champ and still owned by the N.Y. Giants as a shortstop. We had some long bull-pests.

Christmas Island was one of the prettiest spots I've ever seen with hundreds of cocoa-

mud trees. The steps other than that were rocky atolls or jungle messes. Tarawa was certainly a discouraging sight. To think that a barren atoll like that cost so many American lives. But the Navy and Marines learned a good lesson the hard way there and didn't make the same mistake again.

I was stationed in New Guinea for a month and it was a hell-hole. The heat was terrific - very hot and extremely humid. The natives were fuzzies-waggies and quite primitive.

Here in the Philippines it's much better. This island is hot, dry, and dusty but a cool breeze is present most of the time. The rainy ^{season} doesn't start on this island until April. The countryside is green and rolling with a good river running right beside the air strip.

A nice little town is next door. There are many houses, all with red tile roofs; also there is a sugar mill, an ice plant, a lumber mill, and a narrow gauge railroad with miniature cars. At night

the whistle sounds like the real McCoy.

The natives are a poor ragged lot with no clothes but what Army ~~is~~ give them. The Japs stripped them of everything - and I do mean actually. They do try to keep immaculate and do our laundry very cheap.

Every squadron overseas has a different set-up as far as flight assignments and also the method of returning men to the States.

Supposedly this squadron is a photo and reconnaissance outfit but the past six weeks we've been doing only low-level bombing of bridges and supply dumps and tree-top high strafing of all Jap troops and equipment moving along the roads.

We've covered every inch of Luzon it seems. We've flown completely around the island and up and down every valley or plain. But the Japs are mighty scarce about now, especially their planes. We've seen all the landings we've made on Luzon. What a huge, mighty

Navy we do have. Its mighty comforting to see, besides the hundreds and hundreds of our ships in the water, the long columns of Yanks and equipment rolling down thru Clark Field and onto Manila. This war would've lasted long if the Nips weren't so fanatical in their fighting. Since they are it will necessitate more by-passing, consequent mopping-up activities, and an extended war.

This squadron requires 300 combat hours before we're even eligible to return to the States. I have 50 hours towards this total now so I'm hoping on a Kansas Xmas in '45.

My mail had a terrific time catching up with me, taking as long as 12 weeks sometimes. But letters to this APO have been coming thru in 14 to 20 days. I've received no magazines, papers, or boxes of any kind. I hope my Xmas boxes arrive by June. And it would be

nice if a Rebounds was on the way.

Mattis keeps sending me clippings from the Beacon and my sisters send me several from the Denver Post. I send all these to Clint Kanoga and he sends me KC star clippings in return.

The Post certainly did rave about Evans near the end of the season. His switch to tailback really sparked the team near the end. Coach Post Welch of Univ. of Washington said he was ^{one} of the two best backs on the West Coast (the other Gordon Gray of USC). He led the Rocky Mountain district in scoring and topped the Superbombers in several departments.

Sure was sorry to hear of that one point loss to Oklahoma. There must be some kind of a jinx Drake has. Harold Keith keeps me posted on Big Six activities by his weekly letters.

I hope everyone in your family is well. Tell them all "hello" for me and perhaps see see you all before another court season gets underway.

As ever
Chuck

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

January 18, 1945

Dr. F. C. Allen
Coach of Basketball
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Mr. Floyd Rowe, chairman of the Questionnaire Committee of the National Basketball Committee, is now working on the material to be included in the questionnaire for the 1945 season. He has asked NCAA district representatives to submit material now so as to allow time for preparation of the sheet; for adequate distribution to interested parties; for collection and correlation of replies; and for drafting recommendations to the Committee. The attempt to cover the field requires that all preliminary suggestions be in Mr. Rowe's hand by February 1.

This is your chance to present your difficulties and suggested relief to the Rules Committee. Please take time right now to write out features of the game which have caused trouble this year, either in the playing code or game administration. Send your suggestions to me and I'll see that a hearing is obtained.

Yours truly,

George R. Edwards

George R. Edwards
Coach of Basketball

March 14, 1945.

Mr. George Edwards,
Basketball Coach,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear George:

I am sending the information to Floyd Rowe, as you suggest.

I am also sending my opinion of certain changes that should be made in the rules.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

PCA:AH

March 1, 1945.

President M. S. Eisenhower,
Kansas State College,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear President Eisenhower:

Our Chancellor, Deane W. Malott, has passed on your letter to Mr. Quigley and me regarding the untoward incidents that happened after our basketball game between your college and the University of Kansas.

I assure you that we appreciate the sentiment expressed in your letter and doubly assure you that we will do everything we can to minimize any after effect.

I have been asked to speak at the basketball banquet of the Manhattan High School and I expect to use this in building a better friendship out of this incident. I suspect that there are children in the high school whose parents attended the game, and I will discreetly endeavor to do a worth while job, and yet not make the incident the main part of my talk.

May I say that we are especially fortunate in this state to have a man who understands the benefit of athletics and yet who can take it when things go tough. I enjoyed my contact with you very much. You are a red-blooded and understanding gentleman.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

cc-Chancellor Malott

February 15, 1945.

Mr. George Esterly,
School of Business Administration,
University of Newark,
Newark, New Jersey:

Dear Brother George:

Yes, I did get your letter of October 25th and am ashamed of myself that I did not sit down immediately and write you, but I didn't, due to procrastination and other alibis, using the busy schedule idea, perhaps, as one that might excuse me. But I should have written you because you have been so darn nice upon so many occasions that I feel very apologetic.

Hy Goldberg had the dope. When you sent me this last clipping as of January 31, I thought, Well, I will write George right away, but here we are just answering it the day before we start to Manhattan, - perhaps to get knocked out of the conference spot. Thanks a million, Mister, and when and if I get a moment to breath I am going to write you a long, lengthy epistle. Most of my days have been taken up here lately by well intentioned people and politicians endeavoring to get me to run for mayor here against Charlie Russell. This is confidential, but I hope I have enough sense to stay out of it.

The town certainly needs somebody to do something in the way of a clean-up job, both civically and physically. But that is what basketball and the collegiate sports need, too, and I don't know which will succeed.

Give my kindest regards to your wife and that center of all attraction, the youngster in your home. I talk to your Dad quite often and our thoughts and conversation always stray your way.

With every good wish, I am

Fraternally yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

UNIVERSITY OF NEWARK
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

October 25, 1944

Dear Gray -

"I see by the Papers" - Probably
you have had other copies of the
attached - at least the current one
will let you know I think of you.
Good luck.

Incidentally I have had the sad job of
turning down applications for admission from
some wonderful material for our basketball
club. However, our coach "Hank" Robner
is a great fellow and puts academic
recognition first where ^{it} belongs. Incidentally
"Hank" is one wonderful teacher of men.

and as straight as they come! He was
something of a sensation on the court himself
some years ago. One New York writer
last year dug back into history to place
him the greatest of this area - all time.

Wish we could be so certain about
the election throughout the U.S. so it
appears to be certain in Kansas - God bless her!
Best of good wishes to you & yours.

George.



BY HY GOLDBERG

APPARENTLY the chief complaint against Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Kansas University basketball coach, is that he goes by the nickname of Phog. Dr. Allen made the charge last week that college basketball, since it attracts large collections of gamblers with fists-full of coarse money, would some day soon be rocked by scandal. Furthermore, he declared that at least one player sold out to the betting gentry during an Eastern tournament last year.

The Kansas coach was immediately assailed on all sides, with his nickname as the focal point. "He carries his own 'phog' with him," cried one defender of the good name of basketball. "He's on the 'phoggy' side of the street," said another.

A sympathetic critic tossed in, "Down through the years he has been a fog horn for basketball, sounding loud and long blasts whenever he felt the game was running close to rocky waters." All in all, Dr. Allen was taken to task on a wide front, extending from New York to Utah. In some quarters, his charge was brushed aside as simply another means of seeking publicity. To that, we can only say a college coach usually can find a less startling way to break into print.

Ned Irish, who promotes college basketball in Madison Square Garden, and also is the institution's acting president, indignantly retorted that "all known gamblers are barred from the Garden." Accordingly, New York must be crowded with unknown gamblers. Before any sporting event, the lobby of the Garden is crowded with "innocent bystanders" and except for a total stranger, it's often easier to make a bet than to buy a ticket.

Collegians Scornful

COLLEGIATE officials greeted Allen's charges with cries of horror and scornful rebuttals. Emil Liston, director of the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball, censured Allen for "lack of faith in American youth." To which the Kansas coach replied, "I find Mr. Liston's child-like faith very touching and I hope nothing ever happens to enlighten him."

In that respect, we find ourselves somewhat in agreement with Allen. We have as much faith as the next fellow in the average boy who engages in college sports, but if gamblers are going to make a practice of approaching the players, sooner or later they're likely to find some who will succumb to an attractive offer.

Vadal Peterson, the Utah coach, confirmed Allen's assertion that a man came to his hotel room in New York and asked how much it would cost for Utah to lose the game. Peterson considered the incident closed when he slammed the door in the intruder's face, but if they rap at enough doors, one of them might remain open.

It wouldn't be a question of throwing the game. Betting on basketball is confined pretty much to a point basis. As long as his team wins, the average player isn't too interested in the score, and if a wily citizen can induce a key performer not to run up the tally, once his team is in the lead, well, it might not sound too bad.

According to Allen, a spectator rushed on the floor after the aforementioned Utah game, and embraced one of the Utah players with the exclamation that the final goal scored by the boy had saved him \$15,000.

It Can Happen

BASKETBALL people should give the matter a little thought, and not simply brush it aside with a scornful, "It can't happen here." The Utah coach, who "doesn't want to become a party to a reform movement against gambling," pointed out that fans bet on basketball games just as they do on elections or any other contest.

That may be true, but it's probably easier to "fix" a basketball contest than any other team game that comes to mind. Football pools have been rampant in the country for years, but no single member of a football squad can control a game as can a key scorer on a five-man basketball team. A baseball player is similarly incapable of taking charge of the situation. But in basketball, the high scorer need only narrowly miss the basket on a few shots to hold the score down, and not even his own teammates could detect it.

In fact, that sort of thing was a common practice for years in professional court circles. It wasn't necessarily a matter of heavy wagering. The big pro outfits simply avoided humiliating the hometown team. They "made it close," usually with an eye toward a return engagement.

Allen appeals for the appointment of a "Judge Landis." But professional baseball is a compact organization and we doubt whether the same authority could be exercised over a far-flung sport like college basketball. However, while they denounce him publicly, Allen's warning might serve to make the college coaches a little watchful.

January 30, 1945.

Mr. U. F. "Bob" Evans,
Logan High School,
Logan, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am happy to mail you a copy of my book, "Better Basketball", and am filling in your check for \$4.00. Thank you for your order. I trust that you will gain much benefit from the book, and will enjoy reading it.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

LOGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

C. E. MATTHEWS, Superintendent

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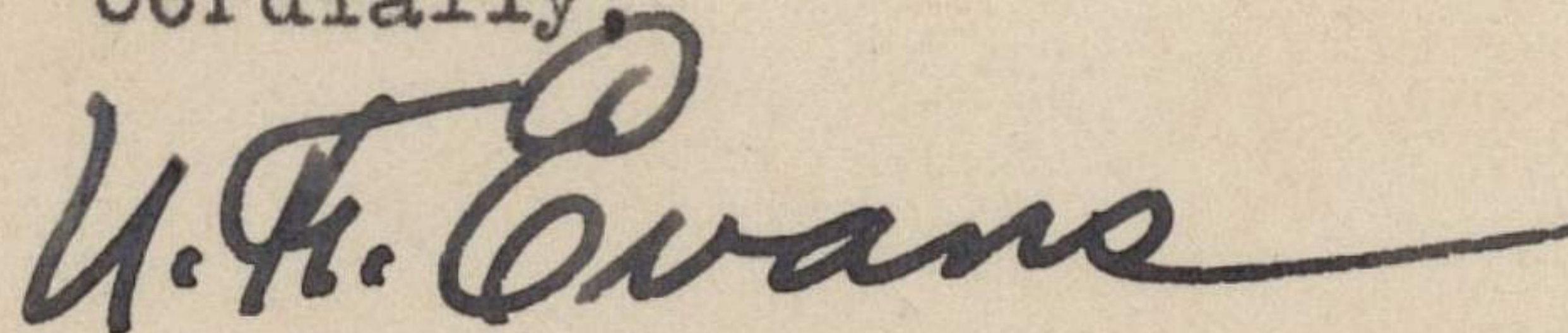
January 29, 1945

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawerence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am enclosing a check for the purchase of your
basketball book.. Please fill in the amount on
this check.

Cordially,



U. F. (Bob) Evans
Logan High School
Logan, Iowa

Somewhere in England
Dec. 28, 1944

Dear Phog -

I'd like to contribute something to your "fan" mail. This article appeared in "The Stars and Stripes" this morning and I thought you might be interested in knowing of the favorable treatment given to your protest against gambling interfering with the clear progress of the great game of basket ball which you have done so much to further. I'm sure this columnist reflects the opinions and desires of the bulk of his thousands of readers over here - all of whom are looking forward to getting back home and finding American life including collegiate sports in the wholesome position they left.

Perhaps the "Daily Kansan" might like to re-print this column.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Charley J. Embree Class '27

Major A.C.

January 17, 1945.

Mr. Jack Elliott,
R. S. Elliott Arms Co.,
1508 Grand Ave.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Jack:

It was not necessary for you to write me, although I did appreciate your informing us of the passing of Taft Talbot. I read it in Monday morning, December 18, Kansas City Times.

I was only sorry that I could not get up, but the services came at a time when I had no one to leave my basketball squad with. Therefore, I was not able to go, but I was there in spirit because I was very fond of Taft.

I am sure that Taft would have desired you boys to be his active pallbearers.

I have not written Mrs. Talbot, but I expect to in the next day or so. I intentionally delayed writing her because so many letters come in at that time that I thought a letter a little later on would serve the purpose better.

Through all the years I have been very fond of Taft, and although he had to go that way, I am sure that you and I and all of us would prefer that way when the time comes. All of us discussed the untimely passing of Taft, and each deeply sympathized with his loved ones.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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KANSAS CITY, MO. December 20, 1944

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

Dear Phog:

It is with deep sorrow that I write you that Taft Talbot died on Sunday December 17th, while quail hunting.

We are closing the store at 1:00 o'clock today to attend his funeral and all of we boys in the store are going to act as pall bearers because we think Taft would have wanted it that way.

Apparently in chasing a quail that he had wounded down a thickly wooded draw his heart suddenly gave out at the moment that he picked up the quail and he was found dead by his companions flat on his face with a quail in his hand.

We do hope that you will tell all of the boys at the University of Kansas of Taft's death.

Yours sincerely,

R. S. ELLIOTT ARMS CO.

By

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"It Pays to Play"

Esquire

THE MAGAZINE FOR MEN

919 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE

CHICAGO

December 6, 1944

Dear Friend:

Once every generation sport produces individuals whose names will live as long as the world reads sports pages and thrills to the sight of a perfect athlete performing as only he can. The basketball wizard of this generation was Hank Luisetti, Stanford's immortal forward, and the January issue of ESQUIRE magazine features this unforgettable cage star in a full-color gatefold reproduction of an original painting by James Bingham, LUISETTI SCORES AGAIN. The setting of the picture is Madison Square Garden on December 30, 1936, when Hank Luisetti led Stanford to victory over Long Island University in a game that broke a three-year winning streak for L.I.U. The accompanying article, HANK LUISETTI: BASKETBALL WIZARD, was written by Purdue's coach, Ward Lambert, and points out the qualities that made Luisetti a basketball giant.

Six-foot-three, big-handed, loping Hank Luisetti did much to break down the sectional barriers of basketball and give the great game the nation-wide scope it deserves, says Coach Lambert. He and his Stanford team helped spread the gospel of the game from Pacific to Atlantic, sometimes blazing new trails and always performing in a way that made the game's fans remember him and want him, or players like him, to come back.

You'll want to see this exciting painting of an exciting event ... you'll want to read Coach Lambert's description of the top basket-hitter of this generation. Look for this double-dose of basketball thrills in your January issue of ESQUIRE, today!

Cordially yours,
ESQUIRE . The Magazine for Men

Charlotte Warren

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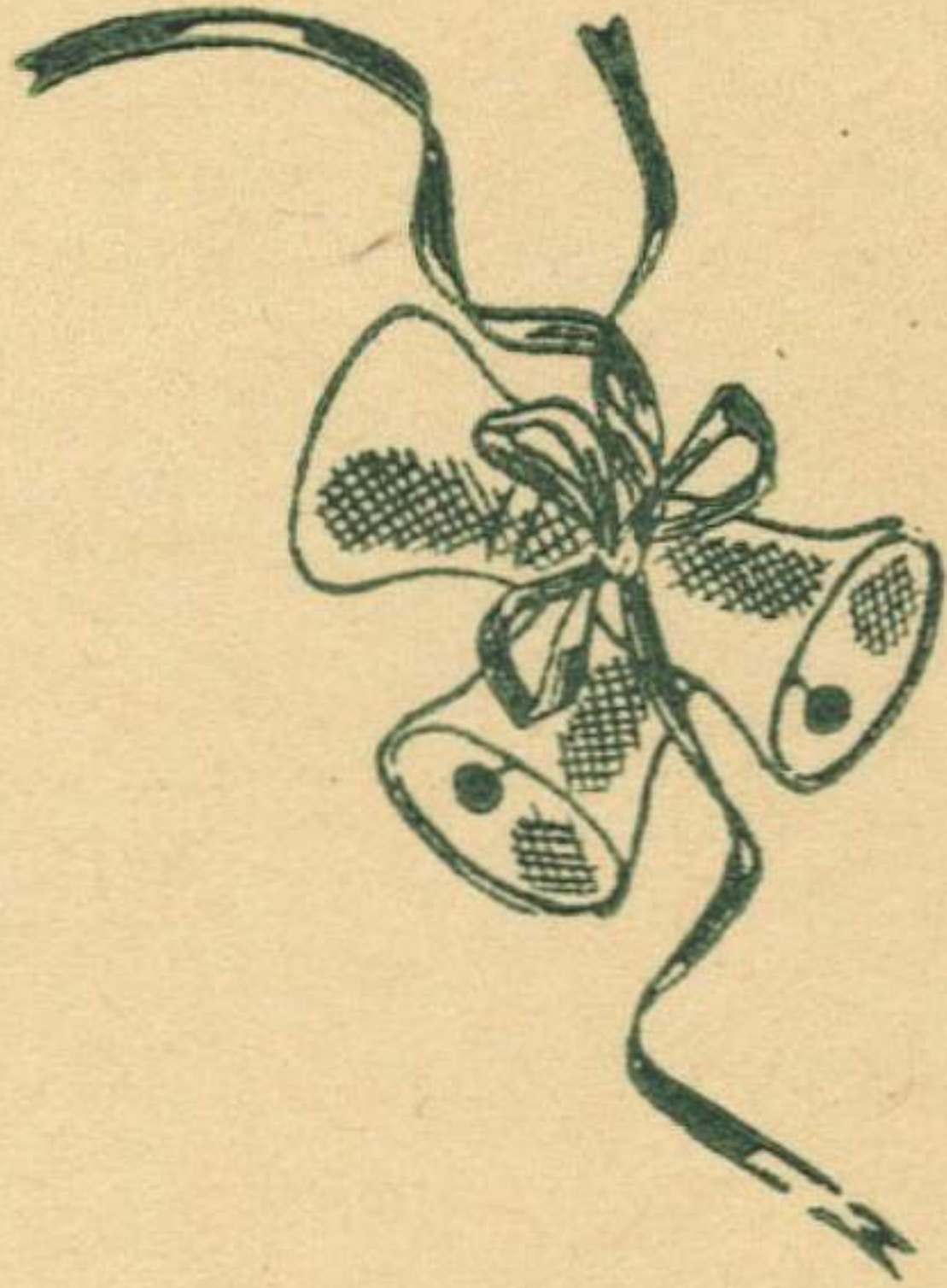
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr & Mrs Forest Allen
Lawrence
Kansas

Christmas Still Means Song



Four Christmas songs of old are found
In Doctor Luke's immortal book.
We need today the happy sound
Of those four songs, and their far look.

MAGNIFICAT was Mary's song,
God's power is gracious now as then;
The GLORIA by the angel throng
Still breathes of peace, good will to men.

The BENEDICTUS at John's birth
Proclaims God hears as in the past;
The NUNC DIMITTIS pictures earth
As happy, Christ has come at last.

Mid war's alarms and strife of men,
We sing the Christmas songs again.

Merry Christmas from the Ebrights of Baldwin.

December 14, 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. George Eberhardt,
905 $\frac{1}{2}$ Massachusetts St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear George and Mrs. Eberhardt:

I have been wanting to write you for a long time. Having lost our oldest son, Forrest, Jr., in October, 1925, I assure you that I can extend my understanding sympathies to you.

I have wanted to come in, George, and have a talk with you, but somehow I did not have the command and the words to express my feeling for you and your good wife. People will tell you that time will ease your anxiety and suffering. Well, that is right, George, but you can't realize it now. Time is a great healer and it is wonderful that we can have even that to assuage our feelings.

Raymond will never grow old to you. He will always be young and wonderful. This may not appeal to you at the present time, but you will find it true. All of his vivacity and youth you will always have with you.

Words are so inadequate at a time like this, but I did want you to know that I have many times thought of you, and my prayers are that your philosophy and your faith will endure even though at times you find them shaken.

With full understanding and the deepest friendship, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY
ROCHESTER 4, N. Y.

October 25, 1944

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

Dear Coach Allen:

We are sorry for the delay in replying to your letter of September 29, 1944, referred to us by Mr. W. E. Barr regarding the 16-mm. film of the fight between a cobra and the mongoose.

The film you describe is indeed one that we had in our Cinegraph catalog, known as "Killing the Killer," our number 3507. Unfortunately, our stock of this subject is exhausted, and we do not expect that any more will be made up.

We are sorry that we are unable to be of help to you in this matter but there is a possibility that you might be able to obtain a print of the film by directing an inquiry to the larger dealers in Kansas City, St. Louis, New York City, Chicago, etc.

Yours very truly,

EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY



Cine-Kodak Sales Division

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EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY

ROCHESTER 4, N.Y.

October 4, 1944

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

Dear Coach Allen:

Your letter of September 29 addressed to Mr. Maddock has been referred to me for reply.

Mr. Maddock retired from the office as of January first and evidently you have not been informed of the transfer of Eastman Classroom Films to the University of Chicago. I am enclosing a copy of the announcement for your information.

However, the film to which you refer is a Kodak Cinegraph entitled, "Killing the Killer", and your inquiry is being sent to another division and you will doubtless hear from them within a short time.

I am conveying your regards to Mr. Edwards as you request.

Yours very truly,

EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY



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EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY

ROCHESTER 4, N. Y.

April 14, 1944

EASTMAN CLASSROOM FILMS GIVEN TO UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

To All Users of Eastman Classroom Films:

As early as 1923 Mr. George Eastman envisioned the use of motion pictures produced specifically for classroom instruction but found that there appeared little prospect at that time that an organization with sufficient resources would enter upon a program to produce films of this type on an adequate scale. An educational experiment was conducted, under the supervision of Dr. Frank N. Freeman of the University of Chicago and Dr. Ben D. Wood of Columbia University, to test their value, and on May 5, 1928, the Eastman Kodak Company founded Eastman Teaching Films, Inc., to produce a group of 16-millimeter silent films which would provide sufficient material to warrant the adoption of motion pictures as an integral part of school curricula.

As a result, Eastman Classroom Films, numbering close to 300 subjects, in the fields of Geography, Science, History, Health, Nature Study, Religion, Applied Art, English, Agriculture, and Medicine, were produced and became the first extensive library of 16-millimeter motion pictures made specifically for classroom instruction. Pioneering in this field made close co-operation necessary with educational institutions in this country in order to work out techniques and set standards for this new teaching medium.

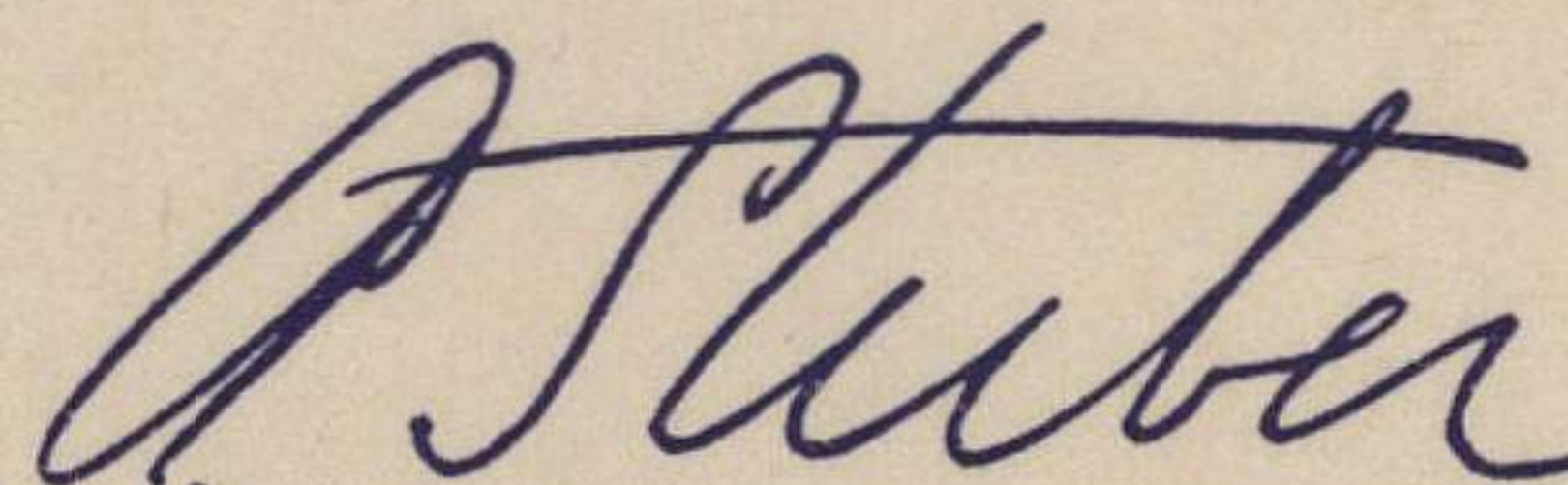
It can now quite safely be said that the place of motion pictures in the field of visual education is firmly established. Thousands of films have been made by various organizations in this country and abroad. More recently, the idea has been widely used and thoroughly approved by the armed forces in their training programs.

The University of Chicago has in the past demonstrated its interest in motion pictures as a teaching medium and expects in the future further to broaden this program. The Eastman Kodak Company has therefore decided to give to the University of Chicago the Eastman Classroom Film library. It is our understanding that the University will arrange for the continued distribution of these films and any revisions thereof under the name of Encyclopaedia Britannica Films, Inc.

We are sure that your orders for Eastman Classroom Films, Teachers' Guides, or replacement footage, and inquiries, placed after May 1, 1944, with Encyclopaedia Britannica Films, Inc., 1841 Broadway, New York 23, New York, the distributing organization for the University of Chicago, will be given prompt and careful service. After that time we should also expect to refer any such orders and inquiries coming to our attention to them to be filled. Arrangements as to future transactions having to do with these films should be taken up anew directly with Encyclopaedia Britannica Films, Inc.

We should like to express our thanks for your patronage and help in developing this enterprise. The value of the use of instructional films in educational institutions, industry, and the armed services has been confirmed, and we feel in the future will be even further developed and improved.

EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY



Vice-President

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December 8, 1944.

Mr. Fred Ellsworth,
University of Kansas.

Dear Fred:

Fred Young is the only fellow I know on the list you sent over December 6th. He is a fine basketball and football official, and has worked for us. I think it would be good psychology to keep him on the sports mailing list.

I don't know about this boy from Halstead, but it might be a good idea for us to keep the news going that way.

The Illinois and Wisconsin area won't hurt us, unless the item of expense is involved.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION

December 6, 1944

Mr. F. C. Allen
Robinson Gym
Campus

Dear Phog:

Thank you for the changes you suggested on the sports mailing list. We are sending out a questionnaire to a number of these people asking them if they want to be continued.

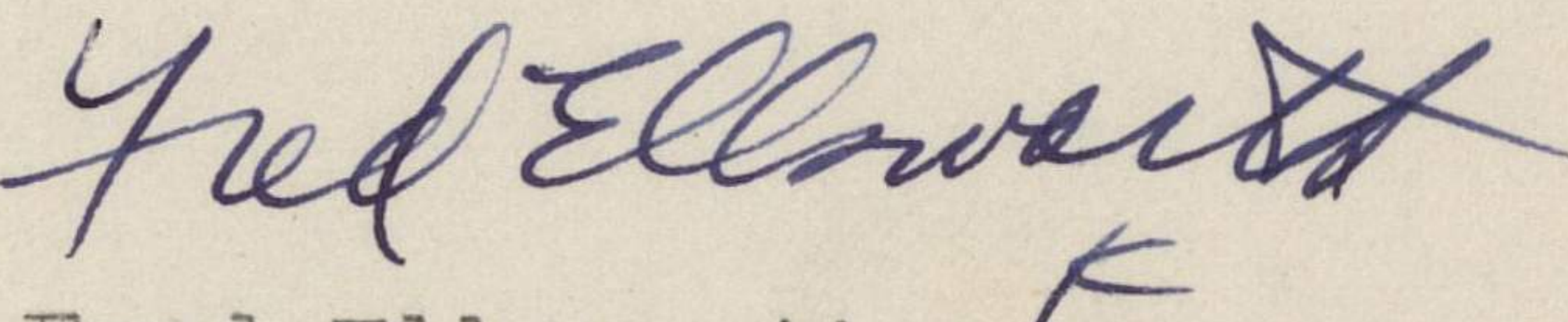
There are a couple or three names which I thought you might know about, and I wonder if they should be continued. They are as follows:

Ralph Van Camp
Halstead Independent
Halstead, Kansas

Fred Young, Sports Editor
The Daily Pantagraph
Bloomington, Ill.

R. A. Drysdale, Sport Editor
Ill. State Journal
Springfield, Ill.

Eddie Lee
Sports Editor, Station WJMC
Rice Lake, Wisconsin.


Fred Ellsworth

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