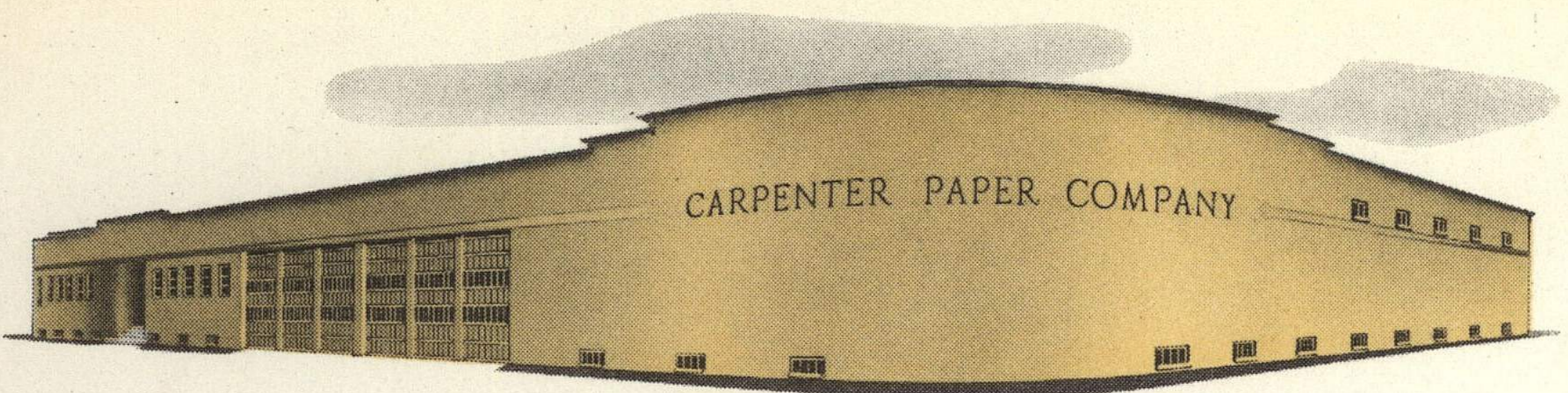


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Dear Doc:

I have your letter and already have the old spine tingling feeling over the prospect of seeing your great club play this week. I am not certain that I will get to Stillwater but I have the promise from Iba that I can sit behind the Kansas bench if I get there. I guess you have heard about the rubber shortage and the war. This in part will account for the reason that you have not heard from me, but who doesn't have problems these days and why should I worry you about mine.

I have already made arrangements for the use of the Central Gym for you. I will be happy to extend any service or facilities I can to make your stay here as pleasant as possible. Would you want to practice as soon as you arrive or later in the evening? It will be necessary to have a custodian there to turn on the lights for you.

I don't know what the traffic situation will be but I will have a Highway Patrolman escort you to Norman. If everybody goes to this game that says they are going at four o'clock, you won't even be able to get your team through the door. Frankly, you are going to have a rough evening from the standpoint of the crowd as well as from an inspired basketball team. I think they will have to lock the doors at about ~~4:00~~ <sup>4:00</sup> with about 7,500 inside and about 2,000 people outside, a situation ~~comparable~~ <sup>comparable</sup> to the one when Henry Iba was there.

I wish I could help you dismiss the thought from your boys' minds that they are going to have a picnic down here. O. U. thinks you

