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Monday morning, December 23, 1940, we had basketball practice at Robinson Gym in Lawrence before leaving on the most enjoyable trip of my life. We practiced from 9:30 a. m. to 12 o'clock noon. At noon we had dinner at Wiedeman's Cafe in Lawrence.

Seeing us off and wishing us the best of luck was Mrs. Malott and children.

We left Lawrence on the Santa Fe Streamliner, "The Scout," for Chicago, Illinois, at one o'clock. Paul Lawson, dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Kansas, accompanied the team as far as Chicago.

We arrived in Kansas City, Missouri, at 1:50 p. m. The basketball teams picture was taken by a Saturday Evening Post photographer at Union Station in Kansas City. We were awarded copies of the December 28 issue of Saturday Evening Post for our reward.

We left Kansas City at 2:00 p. m. for Chicago which is 451 miles. This stretch of train ride was the longest I have ever ridden in a non-stop flight. During the long leg of our journey the various team members did many things. There were card games, walking on the train, sleeping, relaxing, studying, and other things to take up the time while on the train.

Bill Hogben brought his small radio on the trip in order to provide us with music, but due to inability to get any radio stations, we all decided it was a fluke.

Howard Engleman enjoyed having his picture taken with his new Christmas hat on so much that he wore it while on the train.