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We were very happy and honored to have Mrs. Mallot, her two daughters, and son, Bob, down at the station to see us off. We left Lawrence at 1:00 and were accompanied to Chicago by Dean Lawson of the College.

In Kansas City, the Journal took pictures of the team, and the Saturday Evening Post agent passed out the current issue which contained an article about Dr. Allen. They also wanted a picture of Mrs. Allen and Eleanor, but they went to the other end of the train and hid.

On the train, some of the boys played bridge, others read, and the remainder played with Connie and Johnny, two little kids who were going by themselves to Chicago for Christmas. The little boy was a cute little red head who provided a lot of fun for the boys.

We arrived in Chicago about 9:30 and went immediately to the Allerton Hotel. After unpacking we went for a twenty minute walk. The weather was as warm in Chicago as it was when we left Lawrence. Most of us were pretty tired and also we had an early train to catch, so we went to bed early.

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We got up at 8:00 in Chicago to catch a 9:15 train for Ann Arbor. We didn't count on the traffic being so heavy and we had to make a mad dash to catch the train. The train was the Mercury N. Y. Central line, and was the best train we have ridden. The observation car had glass roof and walls so that we could see the marvelous scenery.