Dean John Bunn, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

Dear Johnny:

Bruce Drake and Harold Keith of the University of Oklahoma, have written a story for The Saturday Evening Post the title of which is "Seven Foot Trouble". It deals with Kurland, the seven-footer.

I remember that you with your Stanford team did quite a bit of research on the higher basket, and the essence of the finding, I believe, was that it fatigued the boys more shooting at a 12 foot basket than at a 10 foot basket.

I would be very grateful to you if you could send me a copy of your research work on that. I am tremendously interested, and if you will give me the method of your technique I think it would be worth while to run a similar finding on the work that you did so well a few years back.

Hugh Fullerton, and in your added maturity I would appreciate your criticizing my article in a very critical way. I think something should be done, and metely legislating against the defensive goal-tender does not answer the seven foot boy who can reach the basket. They are just taking one part of the situation into consideration. At any rate, I am still having a lot of fun.

I trust that you, Bonnie and Mrs. Muff are well.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

1002 E. 7th Winfield, Kansas August 25, 1943

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

Dear Sirs

I am writing in regard to my twin sons who graduated from Winfield High School last May. They are just seventeen therefore not likely to be called for service during term since they will not be eighteen until May 28th 1944. They are outstanding basketball players. Rebert broke the record in individual scoring in Ark Valley League and Clarence did good work in defense.

These boys have planned until recently to go to an Eastern school but, I prefer to have them closer home.

If you are interested in them you can get any information concerning them from Principal Hawk-Winfield High School.

If interested just what can you do for them?

If is necessary that they make a big part of their own way.

I am enclosing a clipping from the Wichita Beacon which appeared early in the season.

Respectfully,

Mrs. James G. Brannum

Mrs. James G. Brannum, 1002 E. 7th St., Winfield, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Branums

I have your good letter of the 25th instant, and am writing to tell you that I am gratified that the mother of two fine sons such as yours is interested in sending her boys to your own state school. I believe if all parents would have the same desire to keep their sons in Kansas, athletics in the state would be of a much higher standard.

I have heard a great deal of your two sons. Doubtless you may wonder why I have not called on them. I do not call on any boys because I believe that young boys who are interested tremendously in athletics may get the wrong viewpoint. Coaches often picture reseate futures to young athletes out of all proportion to their importance. I believe thoroughly in athletics and the great value that they may teach a boy. On the other hand, I find so many coaches that misrepresent to the boy an over-emphasis as to the value of athletics. Athletics are good for especially two things. They keep the boy training. The boy learns to say no a thousand times to temptation before he can say yes once to victory and a championship. Secondly, they introduce a boy favorably to business and society.

But athletics only last about three or four years in college, and after that a boy may play independent basketball but that is only for a short duration. I tell the boys the most important thing is learning to do something well that will carry him past the fifty or sixty year period with has earning power constantly increasing. Therefore, the academic training that a boy gets in college or university is much more important than the athletic training, but they both should complement each other. They should go hand in glove.

I do not write any boys, nor do I make rosy promises. Because of the fact that so many coaches do visit these boys and mis-represent the situation, I desist from doing this because I can only tell the boy one story and that is that life is a struggle and nothing is easy that is worth struggling for. You know, Mrs. Brannum, life has not been easy for you, and I can say that it has not been easy for me. Anyone who has lived past fifty years of age will testify that life has been a struggle. The Good Book says "the days of our years are three score years and ten, and if by reason of strength they be four score years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow for they are soon cut off and we fly away."

I only mention this to letyou appreciate that in raising a family I know the common problems. We have had six children - three

boys and three girls, and we have four grandchildren. So i am writing you an understanding letter.

On the campus at the present time we have enrolled less than a thousand Machinists Mates (Navy), 520 V-12 boys (Navy), 120 Naval Aviation Cadets, and 776 A-12 Army boys. In addition, we have about 400 civilian boys under 18 years of age pursuing their courses. The boys in the service are not permitted to accept any compensation because Uncle Sam gives them board, room, tuition and books, and provides their allotment. That leaves a great field for work for the civilian students. With only about 400 civilian student to 2200 service men, you can see that there is ample opportunity for a boy to get his education and at the same time earn sufficient money to carry him through school if he has the ability to pass his work in school and also work a maximum number of hours.

This fall will be no exception to the rule. We will have about the same number of boys on the campus who are in service and an additional number in civilian life, so I am very sure we would have no difficulty in providing work for your two sons. I am wondering what sort of grades the boys made in Winfield high school. A boy who is a good student can carry more working hours than a boy who has to spend more time on his books. Will you kindly let me know the grades they made?

I would be indeed happy if Bob and Clarence would come up and look over the school. However, there a great number of Winfield citizens who are alumni of the University of Kansas. Ex-Mayor Harry Janicke and Representative Chandler Jarvis are both graduates of the Law School of the University, who have done exceptionally well in Winfield. Of course there are a great many others, but I just mentioned these two to show you the success that comes to men who follow their academic training through.

Adolph Rupp, the coach of the University of Kentucky, came through Lawrence a couple of months ago and stopped to visit me. He played on my championship team in 1923. He was from Halstead, Hansas. He told me that he was going to call on Bob and Clarence and make them a proposition. We do not have such things as athletic scholarships here, but we will be happy to offer them work, and I sm sure that the boys can use their athletics legitimately in aiding their educational progress. Mr. Rupp stated that the boys were figuring on going to Oklahoma. You can see that I made no move toward encouraging them by effering them a better proposition than they had been effered, but if you are interested why would it not be possible for you to move to Lawrence with the boys? I know nothing about your family surroundings but Lawrence provides great opportunities for parents educating their children. I am sure that we would be able to locate you and your family here with positions that would be attractive.

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I am wondering what the boys desire to study. If you will inform me I will be glad to send them a catalog from the college in which they are interested in this University.

With best wishes, I am

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HARRY O. JANICKE ATTORNEY AT LAW FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG. WINFIELD, KANSAS September 10, 1943 Re: - Bob and Clarence Brannum Dr. Forrest C. Allen University Of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas Dear Phog: Your letter of August 22nd was missent originally, and then arrived here during my absence, and I am sorry I was not able to get an answer off to you at an earlier date. I have made inquiry about these boys, both of whom are definitely excellent basket ball players. Their scholastic attainments are very mediocre. The Principal of the High School doubts very much that unless they had some hand-picked instructors or classes, or the boys' "work habits" were completely made over, that either of the boys could get through a collegiate course. They have both taken a considerable amount of crafts work, and Clarence in particular is short in his mathematics requirements. Their I.Q. tests show them to be considerably above average in intelligence, but they have had poorly planned working arrangements and do not seem to have the facility of finishing up anything in good shape. Their mother is teaching in a rural school and their father, who has been in very poor health, is again employed on highway work. I found out that the mother had inquired of the Principal of the High School concerning the names of coaches of several of the high schools in this area. Henry Iba called the Principal in regard to a letter he received. From the information I can gather it seems there was considerable doubt they could get into Kentucky, but that at least one of them will now get by and perhaps the other one at mid-semester. I have not been able to talk to Chandler Jarvis about this matter as he is working for Boeing at Wichita and only occasionally gets down here. Your letter to Mrs. Brannum is a masterpiece and I like your style of approach. If I can be of any further service to you please feel free to call upon me. With best personal regards, I am Sincerely yours, HOJ: IMK

Dean and Mrs. Paul B. Lawson, 2215 Vermont Street, Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dean and Mrs. Lawson:

I am enclosing a copy of some correspondence I have had with Mrs. James Brannum, of Winfield, Kansas, in regard to her two boys. I had known of Adolph's visit to talk to these boys, and I thought it would be interesting to you to know that the mother is still doing a little shopping.

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH Enc. Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

September 6, 1943. Mr. Fred Ellsworth, Alumni Association. Dear Fred: Thanks a million for your confidential info on the Brannum boys. I was convinced that there was a small Semigambian in the woodpile somewhere. You have uncovered him - and them. Sincerely,

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Mr. Harry Janicke, Winfield, Kansas.

Dear Harry:

I am sending you in confidence a copy of a letter written me by Bob and Clarence Brannum's mother. I am also sending you a copy of my reply to her. I am sending, also, copies to Chandler Jarvis.

I would appreciate you two loyal alumni getting your heads together and giving me the benefit of your information on these boys. I am sure that I can use them very nicely and will be glad to help them in every possible way if they are interested in helping themselves.

I do know that a lot of schools have been after them and have made some attractive offers, so I am wondering how this letter came to me from the mother. If she is interested, as she says she is, in having these boys at the University there is no good reason why they should not be here. We can offer them plenty of work - much more than has ever been offered before on account of the small civilian enrollment.

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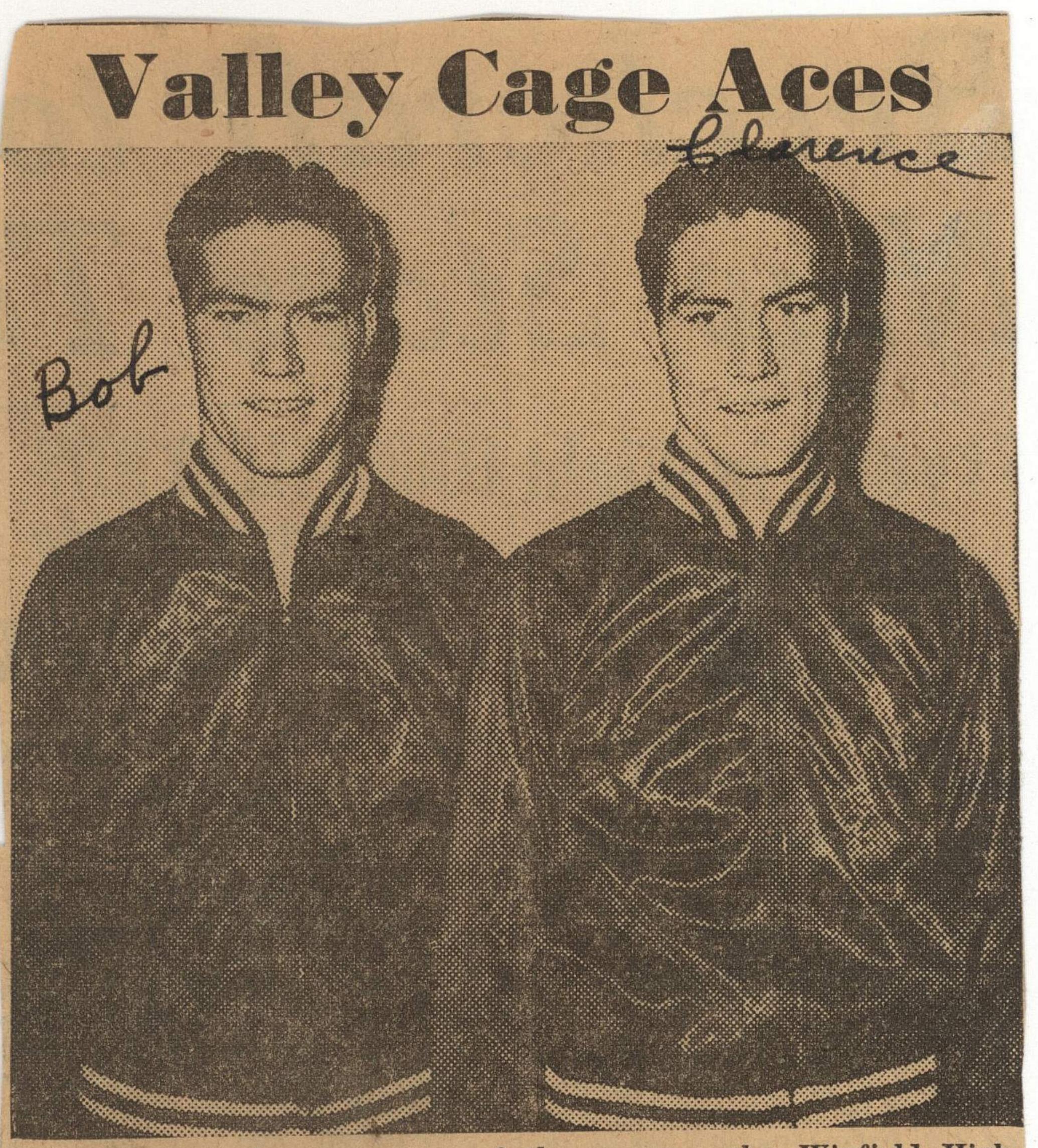
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Director of Physical Education, Versity Desketball Coach.



Pictured above are two of the reasons why Winfield High School is "ups" in the Ark Valley League and is rated a strong contender for state tourney honors. Bob Brannum, left, 6-foot, 5-inch pivot man, is the leading scorer of the circuit with an 11 game average of 13.64, while his twin brother, Clarence, right, is probably the outstanding defensive man in the league. Clarence is the smaller of the two—he's only 6 feet, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches tall. Tho seniors they'll be around in cage circles for awhile for they are only 16 years old.

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WINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT WINFIELD, KANSAS

My dear Mr. Ellsworth:

Your letter just came. I am perfectly willing that you show my previous letter to Dr. Allen if you cam assure me he will not quote it to the Brannum's, their mother, or to anyone who might quote it to them. I am quite willing that he know my feeling regarding him and the Tucker case. The University suffered considerably here by his unwarranted attack on one of the best sports, finest students, and most sportsmanlike athletes we have ever produced—and we have done fairly well through the years.

I just wrote to your sister before your letter came. Suppose you are awfully busy getting ready to roll--though i imagine the University has been rolling all summer.

Most sincerely,

Evan E. Evans Superintendent

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Itwent August 30, 1943 Mr. Even E. Evans Superantendent of Schools Winfield, Kansas Dear Mr. Evans: Thanks for your letter of August 27. I shall respect your request that I do not tell Dr. Allen about your letter. He knows that I wrote to you so I guess the only thing I can tell him is that you do not want to be quoted. He is greatly interested in finding out about the boys, and I would like to deliver to him the facts contained. Do you have any suggestions? I like what you have to say about my sister. She has been showing up her little brother through all the years. You may believe that we are all overjoyed at the recognitions she has received and the opportunity for the wide contacts and service she gets in carrying out the type of thing that is so dear to her and in which she has her best talents. I don't know whether you know the bad breaks she has had all along the way and the obstacles she has overcome -- not as bad of course as some people who are orippled and blind, ut she has always been more than willing to take the rap for her family and her friends and to carry the burden. With kindest regards and best wishes, I am Cordially yours, Secretary FE/k

WINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT WINFIELD, KANSAS

August 27, 1943

Mr. Fred Ellsworth, Secretary
Alumni Ass'n. of University of Kansas
Room 2 Frank Strong Hall
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Mr. Ellsworth:

This letter is to you in personal confidence. Please do not tell Dr. Allen about it since I have no confidence at all in him regarding anything to do with the Winfield Schools. His Tucker stunt has put him off my list for life.

The Brannum twins are high class basketball players and do have another year before they will be eighteen. They spent a week at the University of Kentucky this spring as guests of the University athletic department. The University would not accept their transcripts although they are graduates of this school. One of the boys had to make up a half unit of English credit. He took the work this summer at Southwestern College under a man greatly interested in athletics and very easy to get along with and failed in the work. The boys have good minds. They are not too easy to manage. Clarence is married. The mother is quite ambitious for them. I rather doubt if they will be interested in a place where they have to work for what they receive.

I did enjoy being in your home both for the excellent food and for the equally excellent companionship. Your sister is one of the people for whom the Evans family has the very highest regard—so are the rest of you.

Please do not tell Dr. Allen anything I have written you.

Very sincerely,

Evan E. Evans Superintendent

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Dear Dr. Allen, syss and Jadw ansem velging . The dad evis

Thank you for sending me the Jayhawk Rebounds. I have received every issue and have enjoyed them, passing them on to two other KU fellows who are in my squadron. Idedone yend ere sesse strong sineded

Since finishing five weeks basic training at Sheppard Field, I have attended two month's CTD at U. of Cincinnati and am now "on the line" at Perrin Field, Texas, between Sherman and Dennison.

Please send my next copy at this# address# for I am not sure when I will be sent to pre-flight at SAACC (San Antonio.) 250 leave in August with 250 more in September. 100 will be left over for October, and since my squadron had the fewest weeks of CTD we'll probably remain here longest. We won't mind for we then would get 10 day furloughs and would enjoy? pre-flight under more favorable weather conditions. It's plenty hot there now.

At Cincinnati I saw several Reds' games, seeing an entire Cardinal series. I also saw the Cubs# and Pirates. Tho not realizing it at the time, I saw the best two teams in the Am. League in action##### ### when I saw the Browns and Red Sox in St. Louis in June. Other sports features enjoyed at Cincy was the finals of the Bri-State tennis matches in which Seguara beat Tolbert and Bundy beat the women's champ, P. Betz. All these attractions were for free.

We lived in dormatories, ate better than any king, and naturally our morale was indeed high. Thus spoiled, we griped a little about adjusting back to GI life here but find we are again enjoying most favorable circumstances.

Here July 4th Sam Rayburn spoke and two new wwimming pools were opened. Yesterday I saw Waco AAF trounce the Perrin team. Waco, winners of Texas tourney, boasts Sid Hudson, Birdie Tebbets, and Nick Popovich, former major leaguers.