

April 23, 1945.

Gray

Mr. James F. Bunting,
General Secretary, Y.M.C.A.,
Schenectady, New York.

Dear Mr. Bunting:

Confirming our conversation this morning, I am writing you so that you might get what information I have on Mrs. Laura Glidden Gray, at the earliest possible time. I checked with the Alumni Office, as well as the Teachers Placement Bureau, and I am glad to give you the benefit of the information I have been able to obtain.

Laura Glidden graduated from the University of Kansas in 1926 with a B. S. in Education. She was Honorary R.O.T.C. Colonel in 1925-26. The boys in the R.O.T.C. each year elected a colonel who was supposed to be the most popular girl on the campus, so far as the R.O.T.C. was concerned. Miss Glidden was also secretary of her senior class. At that time the R.O.T.C. organized a Girls' Rifle Team, allowing the girls the use of the range and the rifles for practice. Miss Glidden made the highest record that was known to have been made by a college girl in the United States when she shot a 97 out of a possible 100. She was a member of the Jay Janes, which is the women's pep organization here at the University. This is still in existence and it is one of the top honors that a girl may attain here in extra-curricular activities. She was also a member of the Y.W.C.A. while in school.

Laura Glidden Gray has two daughters, born in 1928 and 1933. She held a number of teaching positions in the Northwest. Until only recently she was chief receptionist at the Farragut Naval Training Center, with 14 or 15 people working under her. She has two brothers, Horace and John Glidden.

I heard from Mrs. Gray on January 9 saying that the reception center was being de-commissioned and she would terminate the 15th of the month. In her letter she states, "I understand there is a shortage of teachers at this time and I am seriously interested in teaching again if I can find a suitable opening. I would prefer to find something in a college or university and Kansas University sounds fine to me." I wrote Mrs. Gray that in our Department of Physical Education there were no openings at present, nor did it look as if there would be one this year. I suggested that she try the National Recreation Association in New York.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

James F. Bunting,

General Secretary, Y.M.C.A.,

Schenectady, New York.

Laura Glidden -

Graduated in 1926. Was honorary ROTC colonel, 1925-26. Captain of Girls Rifle Team, and made the highest record that was known to have been made by a college girl in the U.S. (shot a 97 out of a possible 100). Member of Jay Janes; member of Y.W.C.A.; secretary of class of '26.

Married Horton Gray; two daughters, born in 1928 and 1933. Held a number of teaching positions in the Northwest.

Chief Receptionist at Farragut Naval Training Center, with 14 or 15 working under her.

Brothers - Horace and John

January 17, 1945.

Mrs. Laura Glidden Gray,
General Delivery,
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Mrs. Gray:

I am afraid that I am not in a position to give you any definite information regarding the teaching situation in our University. At the present time we have no opening. Miss Hoover and Miss Stapleton are with us still, and the only job that generally opens up is the dance instructorship. We have had several changes there, but we have always been able to fill them without any great difficulty.

I would suggest that you try the National Recreation Association because there are always good openings there, but at the University here there have been few.

Assuring you that I will be glad to help you in every way possible,
I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Reception Center
Farragut, Idaho
January 9, 1945

Dr. Forrest Allen
Dir. of Athletics
Univ. of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

After having been here at Farragut Naval Training Center as Senior Receptionist for nearly two years and a half, the Center is being decommissioned and I will terminate the fifteenth of this month.

I understand there is a shortage of teachers at this time and I am seriously interested in teaching again if I can find a suitable opening. I would prefer to find something in a college or university and Kansas University sounds fine to me.

In view of my experience here in dealing with the problems of all the station personnel and their families, I would be interested in any personnel work along this line.

I am writing you in the hope that you may know of an available position or of some one to whom I might write. Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

A letter will reach me if sent to: Gen. Delivery,
Spokane, Washington.

With greatest appreciation for your cooperation,

Remain sincerely,
Laura Glidden Gray
Laura Glidden Gray

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GENERAL OFFICES
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Springfield, Illinois
March 9, 1945

Dr. Forrest Allen
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Congratulations on your successful political venture and your election. I was pleased to hear of your success.

I was sorry that I didn't have an opportunity to see you this past basketball season. I worked several games in the Chicago Stadium and had DePaul in their Purdue and Great Lakes games.

Kind personal regards and looking forward to seeing you in the future, I am,

Yours sincerely,

"Ron" Gibbs
Ronald J. Gibbs

RJG:aim

Envs. ~~Michael~~ Guban USNR

U.S.S. EASTLAND APA 163

FLEET POSTOFFICE

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

17 January 1945

Dear Dr. Allen,

Say, my Christmas card certainly brought forth a nice dividend! Thanks a million, Doc, for adding my name to your mailing list of the "Rebounds." Never was news more welcome. I've read and re-read that November issue and I must say that you've packed a whale of a lot of good reading into those pages. I must now confess that for the first time since leaving the campus in May of 1943, I feel up-to-date and fully informed on the adventures of Jayhawkers, whose gridiron, basketball, and track achievements I once had the opportunity to write up for The K.C. Star.

If those damn Japs hadn't dragged us into this fricas, I'd still be turning out sports copy on K.U. athletic teams. Now that I'm in this war, I wouldn't trade my "blues" for the snappiest sport suit that may be even now on display at Carl's. No sir! As I look at it, Uncle Sam is giving me a wonderful opportunity to see a part of the world outside the continental limits of the good ole' U.S.A. and fight for those "freedoms" that every man in the armed forces and those we left behind...want preserved!

Really, Doc, so much water has flowed under that proverbial bridge since my leaving the "hill," that I hardly know where to begin in bringing you up to date on my activities and adventures in the Navy. So, I'll retrace my steps and go back to July 1st of 1943, when I began my V-12 training at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. I spent four months happy months at that quiet, conservative school. Made a lot of new friends. Since my major was journalism and because the school did not offer a curriculum by which I could continue work toward my degree, the V-12 Unit Commander arranged a transfer to Northwestern.

On November 3, I arrived on the N.U. campus. I was enrolled in 14 hours of journalism and 3 of navigation. So, although the Navy was paying my tuition, board and room, I felt almost like a civilian student again! When I entered the Midshipmen's School at Columbia University, I soon found out I was really in the Navy. Those sixteen weeks of training were really rugged. Don't know when I ever studied so hard in all my life. Really, Doc, I think I could make Phi Beta Kappa now if I returned to K.U. and practiced my "middie" school study habits! Heh, heh!

Well, to continue, I became an "officer and gentleman by Act of Congress" on the 28th of June of 1944. Yes, I finally became an Ensign. Left Columbia U. with a pretty good record, too. Stood 164th in a class of 1400, which isn't bad for K.U.'s perennial "freshman," for as you know, I had a little trouble getting initiated into A.T.O. Just couldn't make a "C" average! Guess I just played around too much with those Chi O's and Pi Phis.

With my midshipmen's training behind me, I thought I was through with book-learning. Was I ever wrong! When I reported to the Amphibious Training Base at Coronado, Calif., on the 12 of July, I found out I was still an Ensign under instruction. That I remained until the 4th of September, when I and eleven other officers were given a draft of "boots," to train as a transport boat group. This we did, spending another six weeks, teaching those kids the ship-to-shore movement applied in amphib operations and small-boat handling. You see, as boat officers, we lead in a wave of landing barges. Yes, that's my duty in the Navy.

On the 21st of October, our outfit received orders to pick up a troop transport, the U.S.S. Eastland which was just commissioned at one of the West Coast ship yards. I reported aboard on the 28th and it was then that I began drawing that ole' sea pay! Heh, heh.

AIR MAIL

I found the EASTLAND to be a darn nice ship! Quarters are comfortable; the food excellent. With a well-provisioned canteen, a library and record collection of both popular and classical stuff, you can see that it isn't bad duty. We also have our own movies aboard, shown in the messhall when the ship is blacked out and underway. When in port, the Chaplain shows the flicks out on deck, where a screen has been rigged up on No. 2 hatch. To date, I've seen a number of good Hollywood releases, including "Wilson," "Going My Way," and other feature productions.

I'm getting a wee bit ahead of myself, so perhaps I should say that I was named Personnel Officer when I reported aboard. This collateral duty also included work as the Ship's Secretary and also the editor of the ship's news paper....and just recently, the Captain appointed me as the Public Relations Officer for the ship. So, you see, a guy is kept rather busy in the Navy.

Well, we spent two months in the "states," engaging in advance amphibious operations, a "shake-down" cruise, designed to determine if the ship was seaworthy, and an availability period, during which minor repairs and alterations were made to prepare us for our initial trip across. On the 23rd of December we received orders to sail. Boy, was morale low because all believed we would be spending Christmas at sea. Instead of heading due West, we hugged the coast and returned to our "shake-down" port.

I spent Christmas with an editor-friend of mine, who works on the Los Angeles Times. Christmas, however, just wasn't the same again this season. The spirit just wasn't in me. All in all, however, I think I had as merry a Christmas as anyone could possibly anticipate under such conditions. So, I guess I shouldn't bitch! But that's every man's privilege in the Navy and don't think they don't take advantage of it.

We left the states on the 26th. With anchors aweigh and setting a course for the blue Pacific, we were off. The trip was a pleasant one and uneventful, though reports that Jap subs were operating off the West coast, kept us all on edge. We made the voyage without mishap, I'm happy to say, however. Upon arriving at the islands, after celebrating New Year's Eve both soberly and quietly at sea, the captain granted liberty. I was among the first to go ashore.

Since this was my first trip to the Pacific, I must confess that I was quite thrilled. I made a tour of one of the islands near which we were anchored. Felt just like a tourist as I absorbed the natural beauty of the scenic spots that I visited. Unfortunately, I left my camera aboard, so I didn't take any pictures. Without them to offer in evidence, you'll just have to take my word that this isle is truly a tropical paradise. If there was some way in which to earn an income, I do believe I'd seriously consider returning here to live. That's how much I'm sold on this place.

Out here, summer is perpetual. The days are bright and sunny...the water cool, clean and inviting. The inhabitants are healthfully lazy. The effect is the same on all visitors. After a few days in this climate, it's no wonder that you begin to think that the life of a beachcomber would be just perfect.

I don't know how long we'll be anchored in this lagoon. In due time, I guess, we'll join a task force, participate in an amphibious operation with the aim of knocking the hell out of those damn Japs and returning home to stay when the job is done. Well, Doc, I believe I've just about exhausted all the available news and information that I can get past the censor. So I'll close for now. Thanks again for that issue of the "Rebounds." Will be looking forward to your next. Extend my best wishes to Mrs. Allen for me...the same to the rest of the family. So, until next time, I'll remain,

Sincerely — Michael Cuban

AIR MAIL

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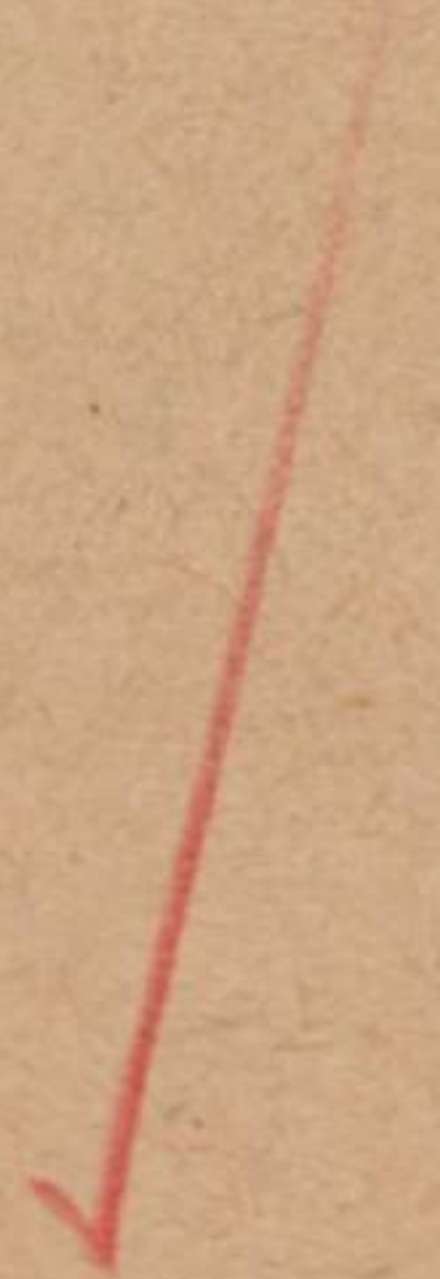
My Address has been changed from

Personnel Officer
Naval Air Station
Banana River, Florida

to

Staff Personnel, Chief of Naval Air Training
Building 633, Room 213
Naval Air Station
Pensacola, Florida

Please change your files and mailing list accordingly.



CURVIN H. GREENE
Lieutenant S(A), USNR

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PHONES: Office 633; Res. 2413-J
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February 28, 1945

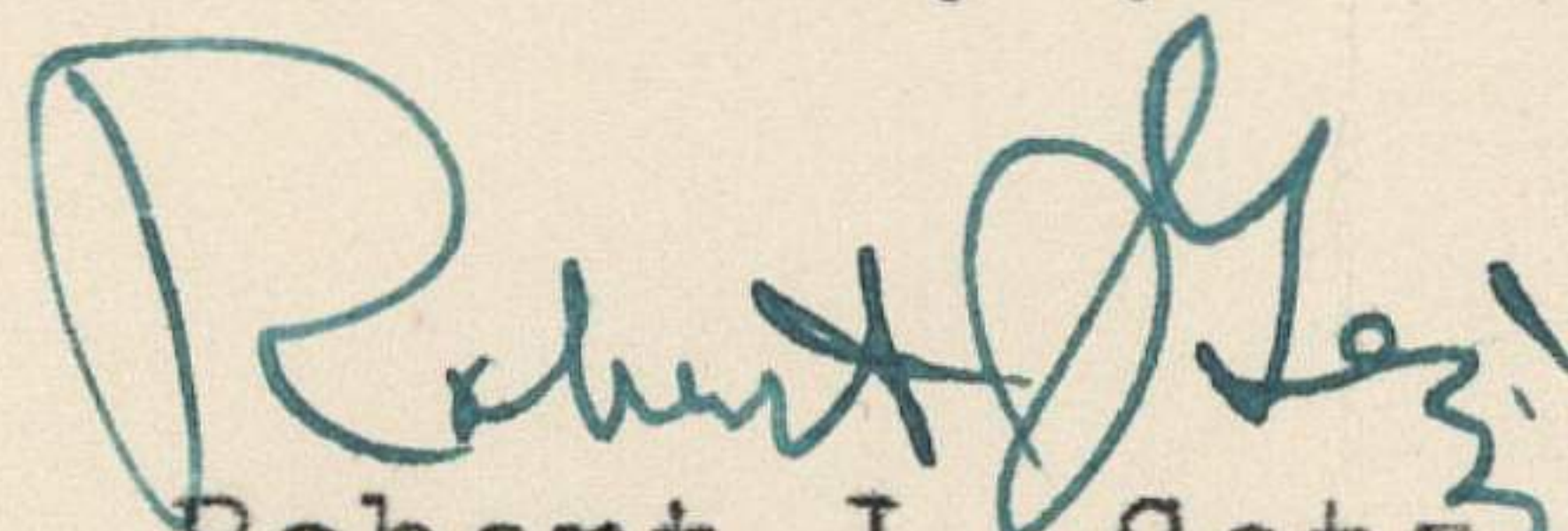
Dr. Forrest C. Allen
801 La.
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

The annual Salvation Army Advisory Board meeting is to be held Thursday, February 8th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hearth. Your presence, with your wife, is requested. Aside from the annual reports there will be other business items on which your opinion is desired.

Please inform us by return mail on the enclosed card as to whether or not you can attend so we can arrange for the proper number of dinners.

Sincerely yours,


Robert J. Getz,
Captain

RJG:md

encl:

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General

John J. Allan
Territorial Commander

Victor Lundgren
Divisional Commander

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March 14, 1945.

Lt. Col. J. R. Gilman,
512 Tuxedo Blvd.,
Webster Grove, Mo.

Dear Colonel Gilman:

William "Bill" Nichols, a graduate of the University of Kansas, received a letter from officer Herb Gilman telling about your fine son, Dick, who scored nine field goals in the game against St. Louis U. High. Bill Nichols is interested, as I am, in having Richard pick a good school after this fuss is over.

Bill handed me this clipping at the Men's Night at the Country Club last night and asked that I write Dick. I thought it would be much better to write the father and assure you that if Dick is interested in the University of Kansas we would be happy indeed to have him entertain this school as one of his possible choices for his higher education.

If he is interested I would be happy indeed to hear from you or from Dick. Herb Gilman stated that you are on a terminal leave until April 10.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

March 6, 1945.

Captain J. Robert Getz,
The Salvation Army,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Captain Getz:

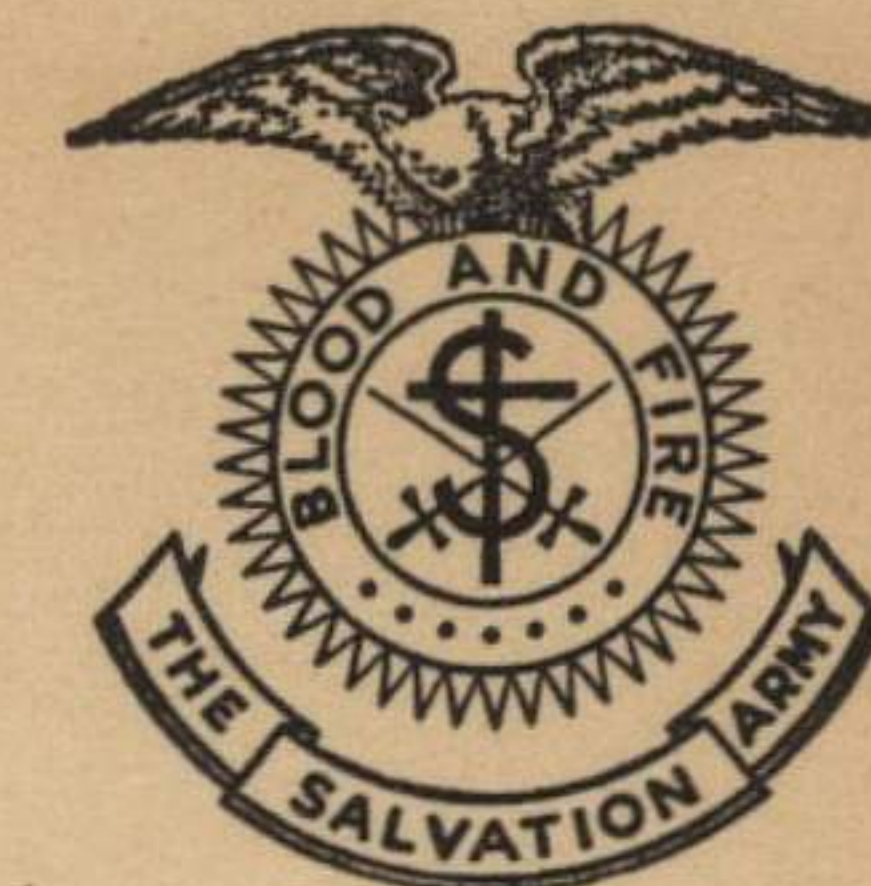
I am sorry that I have other engagements which will
make it impossible for me to attend the annual board meeting
on Friday night, March 16th.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FOA:AH

MEMORANDUM



TO:

FROM:

Captain J. Robert Getz

Representing THE SALVATION ARMY

March 3, 1945:

Dear Board Member:

Due to circumstances beyond our control it has become necessary to postpone our annual board meeting for a week which will be on Friday night, March 16th at 6:30 at the Colonial.

Please check the enclosed card in reply by return mail.

Sincerely yours,

Regret

January 15, 1945.

Mr. Ralph Graber, Principal,
Liberty Memorial High School,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Ralph:

It was very kind of you to send me complimentary
season tickets for your home basketball games. I assure
you it will be a pleasure to see some of your games if the
opportunity presents itself.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.



LIBERTY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL



Ralph E. Graber, Principal
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

December 15, 1944

F. C. Allen
Department of Athletics
University of Kansas

Dear Phog:

Please find enclosed complimentary season tickets for our home basketball games, 1944-45. You will be admitted upon payment of the tax. We will be happy to have you as our guest and hope it will be possible for you to attend the games. I assure you that we appreciate your loyal support and fine cooperation that is seemingly prevalent at all times.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Sincerely yours,

Ralph E. Graber

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January 9, 1945.

Mr. W. C. Sutherland,
Local Employment Service,
National Recreation Association,
315 Fourth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Sutherland:

I am very happy to recommend Mrs. Laura Alice Gray
for your employment service.

Mrs. Gray graduated from the University of Kansas in
1926. She was secretary of her senior class, and was also
Honorary Colonel of the University R.O.T.C. at that time.
She was a leader in many extracurricular activities and made
a fine record.

Since her graduation she has done excellent work in the
field of physical education and recreation. She has a splendid
personality, and is very competent in her work. I am happy to
recommend her to you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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NATIONAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

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315 FOURTH AVENUE

NEW YORK 10, N. Y.

January 5, 1945

Dr. Forrest Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen

Laura Alice Gray

has registered with the National Recreation Association for employment service. Your name has been given as one possessing knowledge of the applicant's qualifications, character and ability.

The types of positions which come to our attention include: Superintendent, the chief officer in charge of a department or division and its personnel; Assistant Superintendent; Supervisor of Programs for Girls and Women; Director of athletics and boys' and men's activities; Director of Community Center (Civilian or Soldier); Supervisor of Playgrounds; Playground Director; Supervisor of music, drama, arts and crafts, social recreation and nature; Director of Adult Education; Director of Recreation for Industry; Director of Recreation at Housing Projects.

Such positions call for promotion, administrative, organization and community leadership ability. Statesmanship, good character, initiative, desire to be of service to others, creativeness and ability to work cooperatively with all kinds of people are also important requisites.

Your frank and confidential opinion of the applicant in terms of the above qualities and in terms of the applicant's capacity for work will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours



W. C. Sutherland
Local Employment Service

P.S. Your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

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January 5, 1945

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Your frank and confidential opinion of the applicant in terms of the above qualities and in terms of the applicant's capacity for work will be appreciated.

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Sincerely yours

W. C. Sutherland
Local Employment Service

P.S. Your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

January 5, 1945.

Mr. Lawrence H. Gardner, Supt.,
Boys' Industrial School,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I am very sorry that we do not have any used basketballs that we can spare. I realize the difficulty you have in getting them, and we experience the same difficulty. Every ball that we have is used until it is worn out. I am sorry that we are unable to help you.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

STATE OF KANSAS
BOYS' INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
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C. A. YEOMANS, SUPERINTENDENT



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TOPEKA, KANSAS

December 20, 1944

Department of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Gentlemen:

Do you by any chance have any used basket ball that we might purchase from you? We would be willing to pay you what ever they are worth in case you do have any to spare.

We have had some balls ordered for some time but have been unable to secure delivery.

Yours truly,

Lawrence H. Gardner
Lawrence H. Gardner, Supt.

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Winfield, Kansas,
Dec. 20, 1944.

Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basket Ball Coach
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I wish to thank you for the fine letter I received, commending me on my work on finishing your basket ball court. I do appreciate this letter very much and was pleased to learn that my work was satisfactory.

Please find enclosed, letters properly signed, which you asked to be returned to you.

I have been keeping close touch with the games you have been playing and I am sure you will have a good season like you always do. I expect to attend the college basket ball games at Oklahoma City next week. Sorry your team is not entered there.

Wishing you a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, I am,

Very Sincerely yours,

Chas. Goforth

*Send to
Bayles, et
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December 6, 1944.

Mr. C. G. Bayles,
Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Bayles:

Having been with the Hillyard Chemical Company for twenty years and having had active experience and personally supervising the treating of the larger basketball arenas of the country, both college and municipally owned courts, I would like to pass on to you what information I have gained in these years of experience.

I have a very distinct recollection of the play-off game between Henry Iba's Oklahoma A. & M. team and Dr. F. C. Allen's Kansas Jayhawkers at Oklahoma City back in 1940. The teams met on the Oklahoma City municipal arena to decide which team would represent the fifth district in the Western N.C.A.A. play-off to be held in Kansas City. Mr. Iba and Dr. Allen arrived with their teams the night before the play-off. Two local teams were playing on the court. A dance had been held a few nights before on this basketball floor and they had waxed the floor. It was impossible for either of the two competing teams to stay on their feet and they floundered through a miserable exhibition. Dr. Allen and Coach Iba both refused to play on that floor, saying that it was like playing on an ice hockey rink.

I had just previously finished the Oklahoma A. & M. beautiful new floor so naturally Mr. Iba came to me and said, "Mr. Goforth, what can you do with this floor? It is impossible for us to play on it."

It was necessary for me to take six men with three scrubbing machines and work ten hours to remove this wax. At that, this floor was not highly satisfactory, but the teams played before an overflow crowd. Kansas won the game, as I remember, in a thrilling overtime period, by a score of 42 to 40.

Knowing that your floor has been used for dances from time to time, I feel in fairness to our job that I should make the following observations: (1) This floor should be taken care of according to instructions; (2) This is a non-skid floor and no wax should ever be used on this floor. Not only is wax dangerous to the basketball players so far as shattering an elbow or causing other serious

injuries, is concerned, but where wax is used it takes a severe scrubbing to take it off, with many man hours work, and it ruins the finish and lustre and removes all the lines on the floor. And then to have a satisfactory playing surface it would be necessary later to re-surface it.

I give you this information out of my long experience, and trust that you will enjoy this beautiful floor many years. And further, if I am needed at any time please do not hesitate to call upon me.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Chas W Goforth

December 6, 1944.

Mr. C. G. Bayles,
Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Bayles:

Having completed your basketball floor in your auditorium, I am desirous of giving you information as to the care and maintenance of this floor. This floor was the worst floor that we have encountered in our experience. It took ten sandings to bring it to the required smoothness. A half truck load of cuttings were taken off by the sandings.

I think that I should mention that an ordinary floor like this cannot stand over three sandings. Therefore, it is necessary to keep the surface that we have intact as long as possible.

After the floor was well sanded, it was treated with Hillyard's Wood Primer. The Primer was then steel-wooled down with a steel-wool machine, and lines and markings were put on. Then the two coats of Hillyard's Super-Gym Finish was applied.

We believe this will be one of the most durable and one of the prettiest courts in this part of the country. The Hillyard Company will mail you directions as to how this floor surface should be maintained.

Assuring you it was a pleasure to come to your University and aid your fine basketball team in their excellent performances, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Charles W. Goforth