

April 2, 1943.

Mr. J. F. Gilliland, Principal,  
Hutchinson High School,  
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Gilliland:

The antiseptic foot powder that we have in the gymnasium is made by the Cramer Chemical Company of Gardner, Kansas. However, our Professor Boughton, Professor Mix and Professor Treece, of the University faculty, have been working on the formula for Cramers.

We are using the powder in three large boxes, and the scientists say it is very fine.

If you are going to get a lot of it I might get the formula for you, but I would want that kept confidential if you would make your own. I think it is not very expensive and it might not pay to try to make it yourself.

Glad to know that your track team will be here the 17th.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

HUTCHINSON HIGH SCHOOL

J. F. GILLILAND, PRINCIPAL

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

March 23, 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen

Director of Athletics

University of Kansas

Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Dr. Allen:

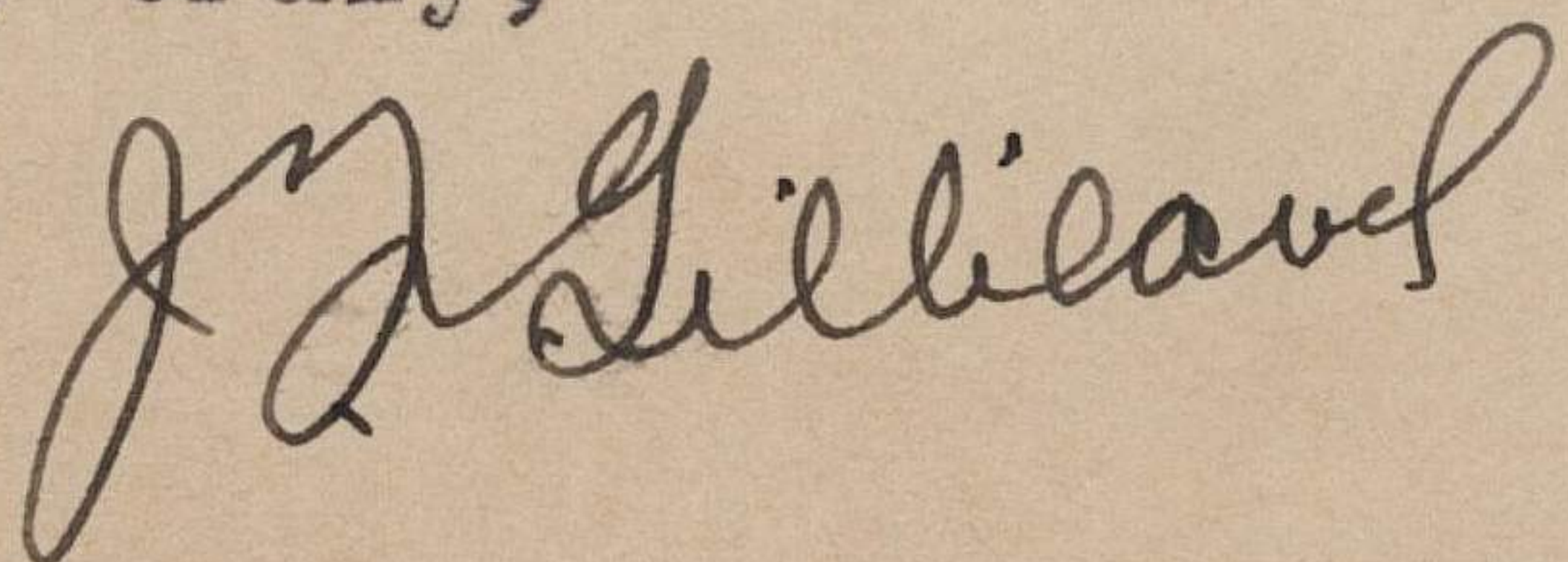
I have a son, Charles, who is a junior in the University. He tells me that you have the best solution for preventing and curing athletes foot that he has ever seen. He thinks it is a preparation compounded by your own chemistry department.

I should like to know if it is a commercial preparation. Will you please give me the name of it and the company manufacturing it. If it is of your own preparation, give me the ingredients and formula.

We are planning on bringing our track team to your relays on April 19th. I may see you then.

Yours very truly,

JFG:ARC

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. F. Gilliland".

March 29, 1943.

Mr. Terry Gaskill,  
1603 Massachusetts St.,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Terry:

Finally I have gotten around to my promise, although it is belated. It was necessary to find the original "Casey At The Bat" poem over at the library. That took a little time.

I had "Casey's Revenge" printed in my text-book on Basketball, but it is necessary to read carefully "Casey At The Bat" first before you can fully appreciate "Casey's Revenge".

I know that your grandson will enjoy it, and I know that you will enjoy it equally as well as he does. It is a great philosophic poem by Grant Rice.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

February 27, 1943.

Mr. Arthur Kay Gardner,  
Springfield Y.M.C.A.,  
Springfield, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I have read your letter very carefully and I think you and your committee did exactly what was right in the matter. Whenever there is an argument in regard to the playing time, the officials shall decide in favor of the longer playing time. Whenever there is a dispute in regard to the score, the officials shall decide in favor of the smaller score unless the official has positive knowledge otherwise.

So, according to that ruling, the score would have been a tie. But after checking the score book, as you people did, and found that it was a tie the only thing to do was to play the game over. Had it been discovered at that time you would have played an additional five minutes. But mature wisdom and better administrative procedure would be to play the entire game over.

The reason that many of these questions and answers have been eliminated from the rule book is because of the fact that now the referee says to the scorer - You are the official scorer - You are the official timer. And there are very few arguments between the timers and the scorers as there were in the early days.

Assuring you it is a pleasure to give you any testimony that I might have for the benefit of the game, and thanking you for your very gracious letter, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

February 11, 1915.

My dear Mr. Garrison:

Dear Mr. Garrison:

I have read your letter very carefully and I think you and your committee did exactly what was right in the matter. I have been so much occupied in regard to the singing class, the abolition class, and the work of the Boston singing class, that I have been unable to write to you more often. I am sorry to hear that you have been so busy. I shall be glad to hear from you again when you are able to write.

As regards the fact that the names would have been a list, I am sure that the names would be very good. I am sure that it is the only thing to do in the way of the names. I am sure that it is the only thing to do in the way of the names. I am sure that it is the only thing to do in the way of the names.

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The names of the names are very good. I am sure that it is the only thing to do in the way of the names. I am sure that it is the only thing to do in the way of the names. I am sure that it is the only thing to do in the way of the names.

According to the list of names, I am sure that it is the only thing to do in the way of the names. I am sure that it is the only thing to do in the way of the names. I am sure that it is the only thing to do in the way of the names.

Very respectfully,  
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Secretary of the Boston Convention.

1915

# Young Men's Christian Association

Springfield, Mo.



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February 22, 1943

Dr. Forest C. "Phog" Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear sir:-

I believe I am correct in the assumption that you know as much, or more, about the game of basketball as any living man. With that in mind I am writing this to ask your opinion as to the proper course to pursue when an occasion arises such as I am about to describe. The following incident took place here at the Springfield, Missouri Y.M.C.A. this month. It aroused considerable comment and evoked some pretty strong feeling among basketball players and fans, not only here in Springfield but in this entire area, - southwest Missouri. I shall be very grateful to you if you will send me your thoughts and reactions to the matter, for your words will carry great weight here.

Here is what happened: -

The "Y.M.C.A. Senior Independent Basketball League" for many years has had a split season schedule. The Constitution of the League provides that a two-out-of-three game series shall be played by the winning teams of each half in case the same team does not win both halves of the League. This means, of course, that the winner of the play-off is declared the League Champion for the season.

This year the Dr. Pepper Independent team won the first half of the league, and the Central Labor Union team won the second half of the league. There were six teams in the league. -- At the end of the first game of the play-off series the official scorer had the running score on his book thus: Dr. Pepper 32; C.L.U. 31. Thirty seconds before the game ended, at the request of the captain of Dr. Pepper's team the referees came to the scorer and asked if the score-board on the wall - 32-31, - was correct. The scorer did not check the box score to see if it corresponded with the running score, but simply looked at the running score <sup>on his book</sup> and saw that it was 32 - 31, - favor of Dr. Pepper. Assuming that this running score corresponded to the box score he answered the referees that the score on the board was correct and the game ended with the crowd, both teams, both referees, and the scorers thinking <sup>32-31</sup> that Dr. Pepper had won and that C.L.U. had lost the game. Besides the official scorer there was another scorer, a representative of the C.L.U. team. His running score corresponded with that of the official scorer, so the scoreboard on the wall, as well as the running score on both scorers books showed Dr. Pepper 32; C.L.U. 31.

Dr. Forest C. Allen  
Lawrence, Kansas

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After the game the two score books were not checked while the two scorers were still at the Y.M.C.A. After the crowd & the teams, had left the building, I took the official score-book and began preparing the summary (as was my custom) preparatory to phoning in the results of the game to the Springfield Daily News. To my astonishment I discovered that the box score showed that the game was a tie with Central Labor Union making 32 points as did Dr. Pepper. I rechecked and "readded" until I had repeated the process five times. In order to check with the other scorer, I phoned him and had him read his box-score to me. To his amazement he found that his box-score was identical with mine and that his book showed 32-32 in the box-score, while his running-score showed 32-31. This could mean nothing except that identical errors had been made by the scorers.

Now the questions:

What should be done in a case like this?

- (1). Should the game have been given to Dr. Pepper since the error was not discovered until after the game was over and the teams and spectators had left the "Y" building? (The officials did not sign the score-book).
- (2). Should the game have been declared a tie?
- (3). If it were declared a tie game, should an overtime period have been ~~played~~ played at a later date, or should the game have been thrown out as "no-game", and another one played in its stead?

The rules committee of the League met and reached a decision, - together with the help of the two officials who refereed the game. It will be a great favor to us if you will tell us what, - according to rules - we should have done in this instance. If there is nothing in the rule book to cover such a situation, can you, and will you tell us something out of your rich experience that will help guide us in the future if some similar tense situation arises?

I found nothing in the Official Rules to help me in this case. The Committee ruled that the game should not be counted, and declared that it must be played over. Did we do right?

Thank you very much for your attention to this.

Yours very truly,  
*Arthur Kay Gardner*  
Arthur Kay Gardner

P.S. I learned of your recent game with Camp Crowder. You "played them for your amusement, and they beat you to your amazement"!!

*A. Kay*

BOISE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
BOISE, IDAHO

GENERAL OFFICES  
1010 WASHINGTON STREET

Febr. 17, 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Uni. of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doctor Allen: -  
It was most kind of you to  
answer my letter, and to make  
the fine suggestion you did. I know  
you are a very busy man. We will  
take advantage of the film shortly.  
My, what you did, to  
Nebraska, recently. Isk, Isk!! In fact  
your boys have been showing the  
way along the entire basketball front.  
We have been fairly  
successful out here. So far we  
show ten victories against three  
defeats. If you ever see my good  
friend Bob Rough, give him my  
regards. He used to be at Colby, Kansas.  
Thank you again. Sincerely Bob Hill

February 24, 1943.

Mr. M. J. Getto,  
Eldridge Hotel,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mike:

I have been intending to write you a letter for some few days to congratulate you upon your membership in Rotary. I was sorry that I was out of town with the basketball team when you were inducted, but I assure you it is a great pleasure to have you in Rotary with us.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

February 11, 1943.

Miss Margaret Gurley,  
1345 West Campus,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Margaret:

It was very nice of you to write me as you did. I was happy to be of any service that I could in aiding you in straightening out a rather embarrassing situation. You deserved the aid and I was very glad to be of some little benefit.

It was nice of you to say the things that you did and I appreciate them.

With all good wishes for your continued success and happiness, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

February 11, 1943.

Hon. A. H. Gurley,  
Barnard, Kansas.

My dear Buck:

It was a pleasure for me to do what little I could in aiding Margaret in getting her difficulties ironed out. I received a very nice letter from her thanking me for what little I did. She is a fine girl and it was a pleasure to help her.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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REPRESENTATIVE, EIGHTY-THIRD DISTRICT  
BARNARD, KANSAS

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January 29, 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
Department of Physical Education,  
Kansas University,  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Allen:

I want to thank you for your assistance in getting my daughter's difficulties lined out. They were not serious, but meant a lot to her and I do not know how I would have gotten the job done without your help.

I was happy to renew my acquaintance with you after about thirty five years and to see that you have retained your youthfulness and faith in the younger generation.

Again thanking you and wishing you lots of success in your work there, which I trust may continue for a long time, and with very best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*A. H. Gurley*  
A. H. Gurley

February 15, 1943.

Mr. Merlin R. Garey,  
Farmers & Merchants Bank,  
Edison, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Garey:

I am very happy to send you material describing my text, "Better Basketball", in response to your inquiry of the 11th instant. This book is on sale at most sporting goods firms. The price is \$4.00.

If you should desire an autographed copy I will be happy to send it to you postpaid on receipt of your check or money order for \$4.00.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



# Farmers and Merchants Bank

Edison, Nebraska

February 11, 1943



Prof. Phoog Allen,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Have you published any books or pamphlets covering the playing of basketball? I have reference particularly to the technique of passing, shooting, etc., in the game.

If you have none of your own, please give me names of some good one you know and let me know where I can get them.

Yours truly,

*Merlin R. Garey*  
Merlin R. Garey.

MRG:e

LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
LONG BEACH JUNIOR COLLEGE  
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

January 20, 1943  
55 Roycroft Ave.  
Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Some time ago I asked you to write two letters of recommendation, one to the Marine Corps and one to the Navy. On January 13th I was sworn in as a **First Lieutenant** in the U.S. Marine Corps Res. (AVS). The clippings I am enclosing will tell you something about it. I thought you might like to read what the local papers had to say about my work since I have been here. I think it tells you better than I can, so I am enclosing the clippings.

I wish to thank you again for the help you gave me in securing my commission. I will do the best I can to make a good officer so your confidence in me will be justified.

I have enjoyed my work here at L.B.J.C. Since I am to receive a military leave of absence, my job will be here when the war is over. There is a lot of satisfaction in being able to go and to know my job is here when I get back.

Bert C. Smith has been a very fine person to work with and he is one of the best friends I have ever had. When I was ill three years ago, he took my work and did my coaching without a murmur. His advice has always been good and I have benefited much by being in his department the last 13 years. He is well liked by all the physical education men in Southern California. You can be proud of him as a Kansas U. man.

I will be quite busy from now on, but will try to keep in touch with you and let you know where I am from time to time.

I get to finish the first semester, but some time after the first of February I will be assigned to active duty. I took my physical examination last Tuesday and it was marked active duty, so I am all set as soon as the orders come from Washington.

Virginia and I send best regards to Mrs. Allen. When this is over we will come back to Kansas and have a good drink of ginger ale with her. If I remember, that is her favorite drink.

Thank you again for everything Doctor Allen.

Sincerely yours,



# Mel Griffin, Jaysee Coach, in Marines

## Seven Athletic Coaches Now in Service

Mel Griffin, coach of Long Beach Junior College basketball who received statewide recognition for his cage combinations through 1940 and 1942, yesterday became the seventh member of the city's coaching staffs to join the armed services of the United States when he was sworn in to the Marine Corps Reserves as a first lieutenant, aviation volunteer specialist. Griffin took his oath Wednesday in Los Angeles.

It had been known for some time that Griffin had applied for a commission in the Marine Reserve and the announcement of his plans was held up pending his appointment.

### SIX OTHERS

The popular Long Beach jaysee coach follows six other local coaches into the service—Lieutenant Orian M. Landreth, former dean of men at jaysee and football coach at Poly High, in the Navy; Charles Church, basketball coach at Poly, now a captain in the Marines and Walter W. Bell, also of Poly, now a captain in the Army; Lieutenant Jess Hill, formerly at the Jaysee, now with the Navy preflight school at Del Monte; Lieutenant Vincent Reel of Wilson High, with naval training school in Idaho, and Mike Dimas, St. Anthony's football coach, now in the Army at Florida.

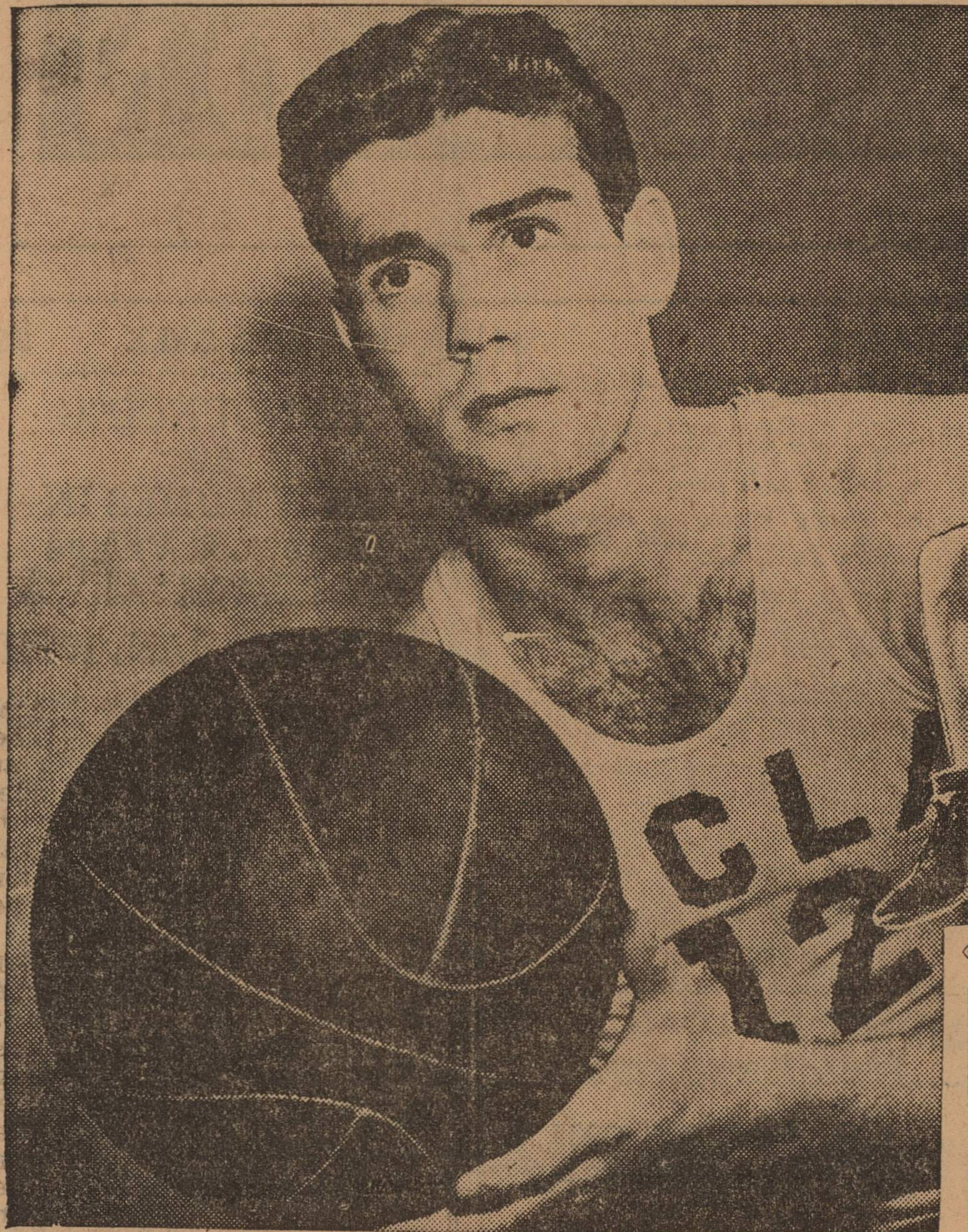
Griffin will leave in a short while for a special officers' training course at San Diego or Quantico, Va., after which he will be assigned to active duty with the Fleet Marine Force in the Eleventh Naval District, probably at San Diego.

Griffin has been connected with the local school system for 13 years. Graduating from the University of Kansas in 1924, Mel coached for awhile in the midwest before coming to Long Beach.

### SEVEN WINNERS

As basketball coach at jaysee, he produced four championship teams in that sport and three baseball championships. As Vike football coach in 1935, his team finished second in the Metropolitan Conference.

Griffin's 1942 basketball team was the best he ever had at Long Beach. Coaches: Charles S. Dixon, Gerald L. James W. Albright, James L. Owen, Elmer W. Jimison, Johnson, Clyde L. Beoughner, and others.



**AULD LANG SYNE**—The appointment of Mel Griffin to a lieutenancy in the Marine Corps Reserves recalls a great basketball team that he coached at Long Beach Junior College. Left, Dick West, forward; (upper right) Captain Bob Howard, Coach Griffin and Don Cecil; (lower right) Grant Denmark. Dave Cohee, spark-plug forward is not in the picture. West is at U. C. L. A., Howard and Cecil at Oregon State, and Denmark at St. Mary's Pre-flight. Of the reserves, Ed Gillian is in the Merchant Marine, "Red" Meirs in the Navy; Gordon Courson is at Douglas; Arvid Sutherland at Oregon U., and Jack Bradley at Long Beach jaysee.

By CARL STONE.

**I**T'S before Pearl Harbor. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was just beginning a third term. You could buy tires, butter, meat, eggs and rationing was something you read about in Europe and felt smug about here.

It's at Modesto in January, 1941, the semifinals of the state junior college basketball championship are under way. The favored team of the tournament has just left the floor for the half-time intermission. It has scored only six points in the first half and trails, 25-6.

The boys come back after the intermission and play spectacular ball but lose, 48-40, scoring 34 points in the last half.

That was one of two games lost by that Long Beach Junior

cause they wanted to, but because with their natural abilities couldn't help it.

Like in the Pasadena game when Pasadena got a little "come-uppance" in the first half.

#### 35 PER CENT FOR SEASON!

Starting the second half, the Vikes hit 80 per cent of their shots in the first 10 minutes! It is just as well to mention here that they had a season's average of a little better than 35 per cent on shotmaking. Five per cent more than is considered good for any one game!

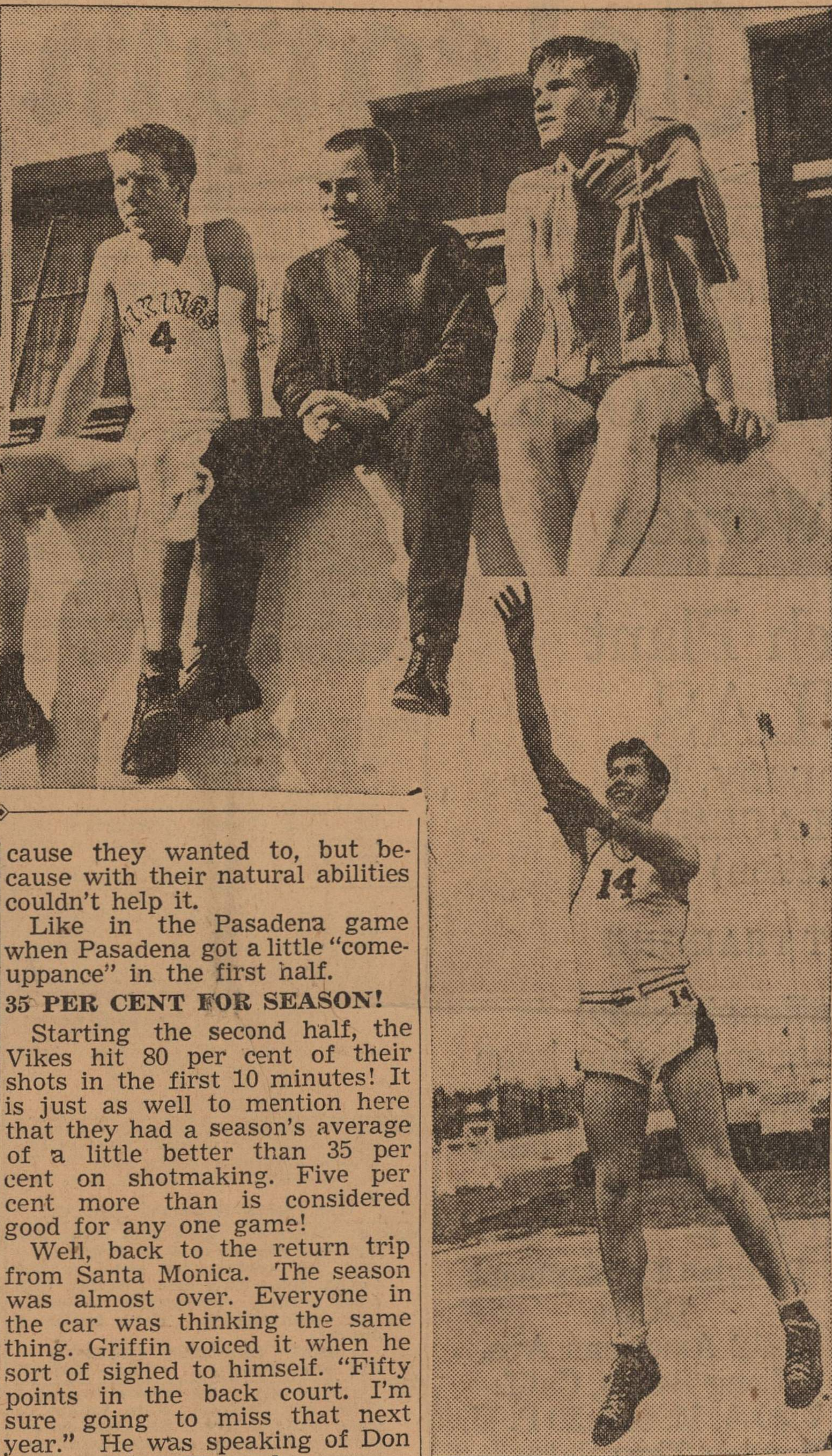
Well, back to the return trip from Santa Monica. The season was almost over. Everyone in the car was thinking the same thing. Griffin voiced it when he sort of sighed to himself. "Fifty points in the back court. I'm sure going to miss that next year." He was speaking of Don Cecil and Bob Howard.

Which reminds of another amusing little incident which was typical of the Vikes.

It was at Westwood when the Vikes played the U. C. L. A. frosh as a curtain raiser to the Stanford-U. C. L. A. varsity game.

The Vikes were loafing in the first half and the Bruin frosh were taking some liberties.

Starting the second half, the Vikes began their merry-go-round. Passing, passing until the frosh themselves stopped in sheer admiration and lack of breath. Finally some wag in the stands yelled: "You'd better make a break, they can do that all night!"



College team that season—a team that won 25 of 27 games and swept the Southern California and Metropolitan Conference championships.

### **BOYS MAKE A PLEDGE**

After the defeat in the Modesto tournament the boys who would return next season, made a pledge to Coach Mel Griffin:

"We'll be back next year and we'll show 'em more basketball than they ever saw before."

It's January 1942, and Modesto again. The state junior college championship tournament is over and Long Beach has won. It has set a new one-game scoring record of 82 points and a tournament total-game scoring record.

Fans and coaches are still talking with awe and admiration about the greatest display of individual and team play that the tourney has ever seen. The Vikes had won more fancy cups than used to be displayed in an old barber shop mug case. Bob Howard, Don Cecil and Grant Denmark were unanimous choices for all-state and Denmark was declared the tournament's most valuable player. Some coaches on the committee to select the all-state team, said: "Just name the whole Long Beach team."

### **ALL FINE SPORTSMEN**

There's another tale untold about this basketball team of modest American lads — Dick West, Dave Cohee, Denmark, Cecil and Captain Howard.

Southern California jaysee champions and now state champs, the time came for the Modesto sportsmanship award. Another team received the award, not because the Vikes didn't deserve it, but because the coaches laughingly decided that Long Beach had taken enough trophies for one tournament although they were unanimous in their acclaim of the Vikes' sportsmanship.

Many little incidents could be told about this team, but some stand out more than others.

It was on the way back from Santa Monica. The Vikes had just scored 69 points with a typical display of power for them. They had already won the state junior college championship. They had outclassed all opposition in the Southern California junior college tournament and were well on their way to a decisive triumph in the Metropolitan Conference with the loss of only one game.

### **COACHES BECOME IRKED**

The coaches who sent teams against the Vikes got pretty irked at Mel sometimes. The ones, at least, who thought Mel was trying to "turn it on." Mel couldn't help it unless he jerked them all off the floor.

There wasn't a game that one, two or even three of the boys didn't hit baskets with the persistency of an adding machine and even when Mel put in Ed Gillian, his No. 1 reserve, big, lumbering but speedy Ed could do a spectacular job of scoring.

As Mel remarked time after time: "It's the boys' game. I've got no right to take away their glories by putting in reserves who might lose for them."

It was the last game of the season. With Santa Monica again.

The Vikes had cleaned up everything—the Southern California, the state and the conference championship.

The little Poly gym was packed, not because the fans expected to see a close game, but because they came to see a great team perform.

When Mel was reluctant to play the first team the entire game the fans yelled protests so the Vike coach turned them loose and they scored 82 points again in a great display of shot-making and teamwork to climax the greatest season of basketball Long Beach ever has seen.

### **SCHOOL RECORDS GO**

Four of the five members of that team broke school scoring records. They shattered the game scoring mark of the school three times, hitting 82 points twice in one season. In 57 consecutive games, starting in 1941, the club averaged 52 points a game and they broke the Metropolitan Conference scoring record by hitting 713 points in 12 games for an average of 59 points per game.

Needless to say, the man who coached that team in 1941-42 will never forget it.

Mel Griffin bids good-bye to Long Beach basketball in a little while until after the war. He's now a lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserves after coaching for 13 years at jaysee.

He refuses to name his five greatest players because "it wouldn't be fair to the players," but he doesn't hesitate to say that his combination of West, Cohee, Denmark, Cecil and Howard was his greatest.

Most of these games saw them literally pouring in points, turning the heat on when it was necessary, taking it easy until the time came to pour it on, as true champions do. They overwhelmed their opposition, not be-

## KANSAS GRADUATE

Mel graduated from the University of Kansas in 1924 where he was better known as a football and track man. He was all-Western and all-Missouri Valley end in his senior year on an unbeaten team whose goal line was uncrossed.

He's regarded as Kansas' greatest quarter-miler and still holds two records at that distance, one as a member of the mile relay team that has stood for 19 years.

After graduation he coached first at McPherson High and at Lawrence High in Kansas where he produced championship teams in football, baseball and track.

In 1935 he came to Long Beach and took over the football team at jaysee, finishing second in the conference. In addition to producing four championship basketball teams at Long Beach, he has turned out three championship baseball teams and five that were runnersup.

Mel Griffin leaves Long Beach with a fond memory and Long Beach waves farewell to Mel with nostalgic remembrances of

a great basketball team whose records will stand, no doubt, for many years to come.

## "To the Shores--



Melvin F. Griffin

ball in 1936 and 1940. In 1936 the Norse hosehiders also copped the Southern California title.

League basketball crowns were won in 1933, 1937, 1941 and 1942. All but the '33 team won the Southern California title. His 1942 team carried off the state championship while the 1941 squad came back with runnerup honors.

## Mel Griffin Joins U. S. Marine Corps

Melvin F. Griffin, Viking basketball and baseball coach for the 13 years, was sworn in January 13 in Los Angeles as a first lieutenant in the United States Marine Corp Reserve. He will be an aviation volunteer specialist.

The Viking casaba coach will finish the present semester and will be called up for active duty sometime after February 1.

### Kansas graduate

Griffin was graduated from the University of Kansas in 1924 where he won his freshman numerals and three varsity letters in both football and track.

In his senior year Kansas finished the season unbeaten and unscored upon.

Griffin was picked on the All-Western team for an end post in his last year. He is a member of the relay team that holds the record for the mile relay in the Kansas Invitational Indoor track meet and shares the record for the 440.

Before coming to Vikingville coached for three years at McPherson high school and three years at Lawrence high school. At both Kansas schools he was director of athletics. At Lawrence his football teams suffered only one defeat in three years.

### Comes to Long Beach

Since coming to Long Beach Junior College the Viking mentor has won championships in base-

# Jaysee Mentor Enters Marines

## First Lieutenant's Rank Is Given Mel Griffin

Long Beach lost another of its leading athletic coaches to the armed forces yesterday when it was announced that Mel Griffin, veteran Long Beach J. C. mentor, was sworn into the United States Marine Corps Reserve as a first lieutenant, Aviation Volunteer Specialist, Wednesday in Los Angeles.

Griffin expects to leave within three or four weeks. He'll attend a special officers' training course either at San Diego or Quantico, Va., before being assigned to active duty with the Fleet Marine Force in the Eleventh Naval District, probably at San Diego.

Griffin is the fourth prominent local coach to receive a commission in the armed forces and the second to enter the Marines. The others are Captain Charles R. Church of the Marines; Captain Walter W. Bell of the Army, and Lieutenant Orian M. Landreth of the Navy.

The junior college basketball and baseball coach is enthused over his appointment, stating it was just the line of duty he had hoped for.

"Griff" graduated from the University of Kansas in 1924 and, after coaching a few years in the midwest, came to Long Beach. This is his thirteenth year in the city school system. Incidentally, the number 13 figures prominently in the Griffin family, Mel having been sworn in on the thirteenth, his wife's birthday falling on February 13 and his mother-in-law's birthday on January 13.

In his stay at Long Beach J. C. Griffin has had four championship basketball teams and three championship baseball clubs. He coached the Viking football team for one season, in 1935, and the Norse finished second in the conference race. Mel is best known for his great 1941 and 1942 hoop teams. The '42 club of Grant Denmark, Dick West, Dave Cohee, Ed Gillean, Bob Howard and Don Cecil captured all jaysee honors, winning the Western Conference, Southern California and state titles.

February 11, 1943.

Mr. Ross Clover, C. Sp.,  
27th Regiment,  
U. S. Naval Training Station,  
Great Lakes, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Clover:

Your postcard addressed to the Department of Physical Education and Athletics has been received by me.

I have a text on basketball, entitled "Better Basketball", published by the McGraw-Hill Book Company of New York. I am sending you a pamphlet describing the same.

I do not quite know what you desire. Will you be more specific regarding the type of publications on physical education and coaching methods that you desire? Most all sporting goods houses handle these texts on the coaching of different sports. A. S. Barnes and Company, New York, publish a great number of very fine books in their dollar library. Perhaps you should write them.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Ross Clower C. Sp.  
27th Regiment  
U.S. N. T. S.  
Great Lakes, Ill



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Dear Sirs: -

would you please send  
me a list of your available  
publications on physical  
Education and athletic  
coaching methods? This  
is for research source  
material

Yours very truly  
Ross Clover, Chief Specialist  
27th Regiment  
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February 10, 1943.

Mrs. William Greene,  
Smith Center, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I thank you very much for sending Bill's letter on to me. I enjoyed it very much and am happy to know that his application was accepted and that Grand Rapids will soon be his destination for training.

When you write him give him my kindest regards and tell him that what Frank Pattee told him about our offense being changed is not true. It may look so to him, but of course we change our plays according to the strength of our team.

Tell Bill that I will be happy to hear from him when and if he has time, but I doubt if he will have much time.

With all good wishes to you and Bill, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

# *Smith Center Public Schools*

VAUGHN E. McCOLEY, Superintendent



SMITH CENTER, KANSAS

January 26, 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Varsity Basketball Coach  
Director of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doctor Allen:

Basketball season at K. U. is always an occasion for rejoicing with me after three months of razzing about the football team. Some of the men here thought they had me this year before Christmas. Now I'm laughing for I told them not to pass judgment on early season results.

Frank Pattee, a freshman at K. U. from Smith Center, says you are using a different type of offense this year. I certainly hope I can get down for a game.

I am coach of all athletics this year at Smith Center and like coaching more as I go along. I don't care so much for teaching science, however. I believe I'd like teaching physical education and coaching much better. My football team this year was undefeated and we placed one man on the All-State Team, and one an honorable mention.

This year's basketball season is going very poorly. We've lost five out of six ball games and may lose more. Last year's outfit that went to the State, after winning the Class A Regional, is gone. The entire starting line-up graduated and I have one boy who has had first team experience. The team is coming along, and the last two games have been outstanding defensively, but the boys cannot hit. Game averages from the field run about 15% or less. I am almost at wits end to know what to do about it. I have tried various drill without a great deal of success--yet, some improvement may be forthcoming. If you could suggest any particular drills for such weaknesses, I would appreciate them.

One of the chief reasons for writing you at this time is to ask another recommendation from you. You have give me such splendid ones in the past--I was hired here on the strength of your letter, and I want you to know how deeply I appreciate it.

I have made application to enlist in the Air Corps Army Reserve Corps as a Meteorological Aviation Cadet. My appearance before the examining board is imminent and I need three letters of recommendation, concerning my ability to instruct and handle men. I would again be deeply indebted to you if you could oblige me with such a letter.

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I am supposed to hold the letters here until I am called for, and therefore, you could send it to me in a sealed envelope, if you find it convenient to write. I expect to be called up momentarily and would appreciate any assistance you might lend.

Best wishes for another Championship.

Very sincerely,

Bill Greene  
Director of Athletics

BG/glw

Dear Dr. Allen:

Bill wrote this asking for a letter of recommendation. However, he was called before the board sooner than expected, so this letter was never mailed. I thought you might enjoy it, so am sending it on.

Bill's application was accepted. We left last Saturday night, and expects to be sent to Grand Rapids Michigan for his training.

Sincerely