

STATE OF KANSAS



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HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES

January 2, 1945

RICHARD L. BECKER
REPRESENTATIVE TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT
COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS

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JUDICIAL APPORTIONMENT
JUDICIARY

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

Enclosed is the final draft of the bill we propose to introduce in the Legislature providing for a Recreation Commission.

I would appreciate it if you would discuss this matter with Ray Wright, Ed Ables and Senator Swoyer of Oskaloosa of your district.

Yours sincerely,

RLB:1s

cc. Mr. Clifford D. Dean, President
Lawrence Recreation Council
Lawrence, Kansas

January 4, 1945.

Mr. Richard L. Becker,
Representative 26th District,
Coffeyville, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Becker:

I have written each one of the gentlemen mentioned in your letter of January 2nd, asking for their favorable consideration of the bill, and also for a personal conference some time in the near future.

Congratulations to you on the final draft of the bill. I think it is very fine and I hope that the bill will be able to benefit the youth of our state. I trust for its early enactment.

Assuring you of my full cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

January 4, 1945.

Representative Ray T. Wright,
824 Massachusetts Street,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Ray:

Superintendent Dean and I have collaborated on a bill written by Representative Richard L. Becker of Coffeyville, Kansas, providing for a Recreation Commission. Representative Becker is sponsoring it in the Kansas Legislature, and we think it is a very wonderful thing.

I would like some time in the near future to have an opportunity to talk with you and set forth the benefits to be derived from the enactment of this bill. However, I am leaving at 5:30 tomorrow morning for Columbia, Missouri, with the basketball team and will not return until Saturday night.

I would appreciate it if you would give your support to this bill because I think it is a very worthy thing for our youth in the State of Kansas.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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*also to Abels
and Swayer*

JAMES F. SWOYER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
OSKALOOSA, KANSAS

January 11, 1945

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

Dear Phog:

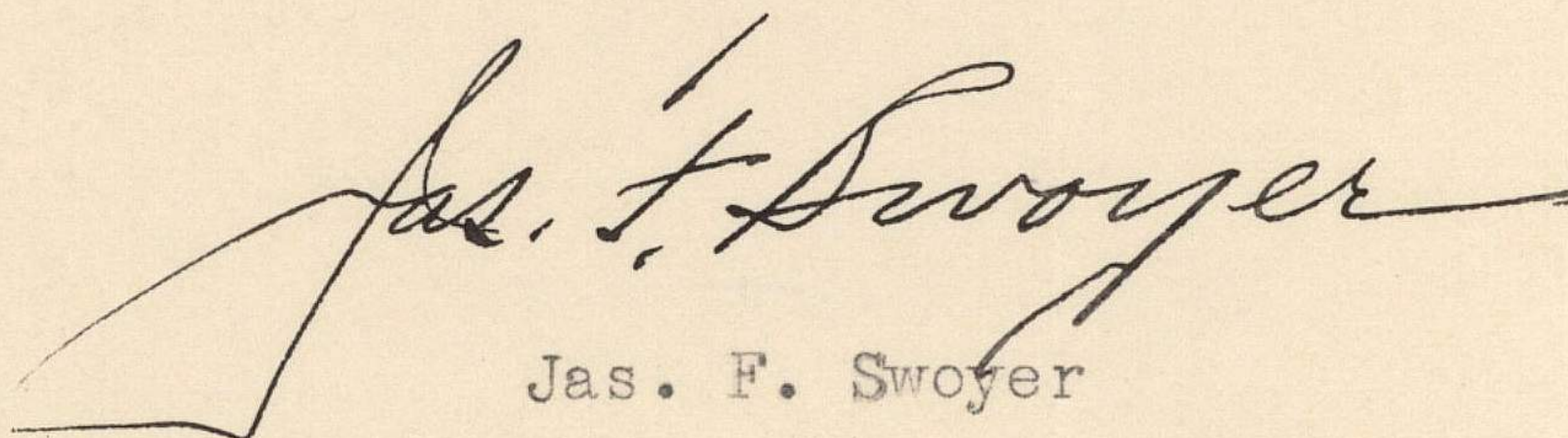
I have your letter of January 4 concerning
Becker's bill for a Recreation Commission.

I shall be glad to discuss the bill with you
as soon as it is introduced and will gladly look after
it for Richard if and when it reaches the Senate.

Richard's daughter has been very ill, and he
has not yet been in attendance this Session.

Let me know a short while before just when you
would like to go over the bill with me, and I will budget
my time accordingly.

Sincerely yours,


Jas. F. Swoyer

JFS/vr

January 4, 1945.

Representative Ed Abels,
Lawrence Outlook,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Ed:

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January 4, 1945.

Senator Swoyer,
Oskaloosa, Kansas.

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January 18, 1945.

Representative Richard Becker,
Attorney-at-Law,
Coffeyville, Kansas.

Dear Richard:

Representative Ray Wright and Senator James Swoyer both wrote me that your little girl has been very ill. I fervently hope that she is well on the way to recovery. We have had six children, and I know how deeply ingrained is their love.

With fondest wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

RAY T. WRIGHT
REPRESENTATIVE ELEVENTH DISTRICT
824 MASSACHUSETTS ST.
LAWRENCE, KANSAS



STATE OF KANSAS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
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ROADS AND HIGHWAYS
RULES AND JOURNAL

January 13, 1945

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

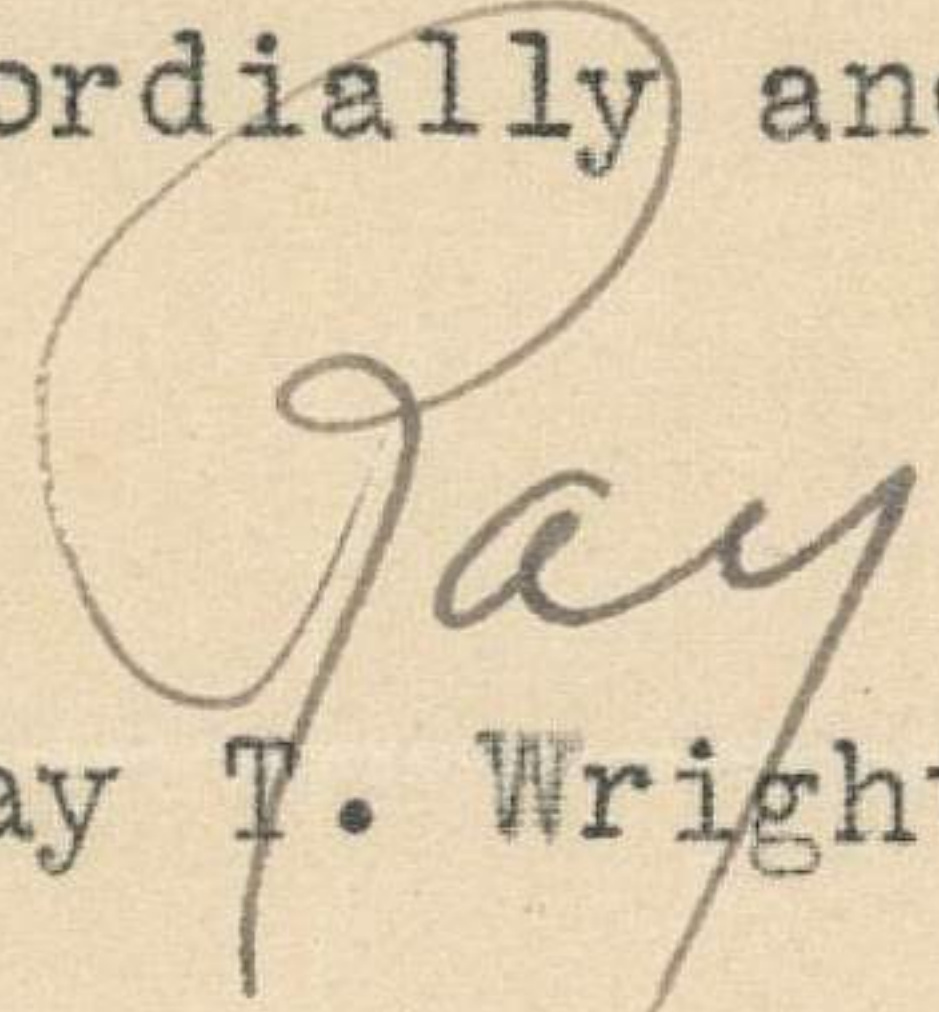
Dear Doc;

I received a letter from Dick Becker as regards the bill providing for a Recreation Commission. Of course, Dick's little girl has been deathly ill and, consequently, I haven't seen Dick at the session yet.

Rest assured, however, that when the subject of the bill in which you are interested comes up, I'll most assuredly give it a boost.

Congratulations on the game last night. How you do it, I'll never know -- but, brother, you really get the job done!

Cordially and sincerely yours,


Ray T. Wright.

RTW:hr

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO OPERATE SYSTEMS OF
PUBLIC RECREATION AND PLAYGROUNDS AND LEVY TAXES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
AND MAINTENANCE THEREOF.

Be it enacted by the legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. Any city or school district may operate a system of public recreation and playgrounds, acquire equipment and maintain land, buildings or other recreational facilities, employ a superintendent of recreation and assistants, vote and expend funds for the operation of such a system.

Section 2. Any city or school district may operate such system independently or they may cooperate in its conduct in any manner in which they may mutually agree, or they may delegate the operation of the system to a recreation board created by any or all of them. Provided, however, that such recreation system shall not be conducted by both the city and school district independently.

Section 3 Any municipal corporation or board given charge of the recreation system is authorized to conduct its activities on (1) property under its custody and management; (2) other public property under the custody of other municipal corporations or boards and with the consent of such corporations or boards; (3) private property with the consent of the owners; (4) to receive gifts from any source whatsoever.

Section 4. Whenever a petition signed by at least five (5%) per cent of the qualified and registered voters of such city or school district shall be filed with the clerk thereof, requesting the governing body of such city or school district to provide, establish, maintain and conduct a supervised recreation system and to levy an annual tax for the conduct and maintenance thereof of one-half of one (1) mill on each dollar of assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate limits or jurisdiction of such city or school district, it shall be the duty of the governing body of such city or school district to cause the question of the establishment, maintenance and conduct of such supervised recreation system to be submitted to the qualified voters thereof to be voted upon in the next regular or special election of such city or school district; provided, however, that such question shall not be voted upon at the next regular or special election unless such petition shall have been filed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such election.

Section 5. The above-mentioned petition may be directed to the governing body of the city or school district, or it may be directed to the governing bodies of said city and school district jointly. Where said petition is directed to the governing body of the city and school district jointly, it may be filed with the clerk of either the city or school district. Upon receipt of said petition, said clerk shall set a day for the joint meeting of the two governing bodies for the consideration of said petition and the submission of said proposition to the electors, if said petition shall be found sufficient.

Notice of the receipt of said petition and the time when the same will be considered shall be given immediately by said clerk to the executive officer of said city and school district by mail, and said clerk shall direct that said joint meeting shall be held not less than five (5) days nor more than ten (10) days from the date of the receipt of said petitions.

Section 6. Upon the adoption of such proposition by a majority of those voting on it at said election, the governing body of such city or school district shall by appropriate resolution or ordinance provide for the establishment, maintenance and conduct of such supervised recreation system as they may deem advisable and practicable to provide and maintain out of the tax money thus voted. And said governing body may designate by appropriate resolution or ordinance a board or commission to be vested with the powers, duties and obligations necessary for the establishment, maintenance and conduct of such recreation system, as provided for in this act.

Section 7. When the provisions of this act shall be adopted by the electors of the city and school district jointly, then the governing body of the city and the governing body of the school district shall each select one of their members to serve upon said recreation commission and the persons so designated shall appoint not to exceed three additional members to serve upon said recreation commission. All of the members of said recreation commission shall serve without pay for their service as members of said commission. Said commission shall elect a presiding officer and secretary-treasurer, and the disbursements made by said commission shall be paid by voucher, and the claims paid by said commission shall be duly verified. That the amount received from the foregoing tax shall be set over to said commission and used by said commission for the purposes herein set out.

Section 8. When the provisions of this act are adopted by a city and school district jointly, said tax shall be levied upon all of the taxable property within said city or school district, whichever is the larger. The tax so levied may be levied outside of said aggregate levy limitation prescribed by any of the statutes of this state. The governing body of such city or school district adopting the provisions of this act at an election and until revoked by an election by a majority of the qualified voters thereof shall thereafter annually levy and collect the tax above set out, which tax shall be designated as playground and recreation fund and shall be levied and collected in like manner as the general tax for such city and school district.

Section 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official state paper.

V. R. Baker Sic Sp 5
Wane Bks 658, NAS
Pensacola, Fla

May 1, '45.

Dear Dr. Allen,

"Better late than never" is still my motto. All is quiet on the front today. The softball team left at 2:30 P.M. to go to Whiting to play. That is one of the outlying fields. It will be a good game ^{and} I'd love to see it; but someone needs to stay ^{and} keep the home fires burning.

No, I'm not playing on the NAS team. It takes a lot of time for practices ^{and} games. I could go ahead ^{and} drop the other activities ^{and} be secured to play; but I figure that my job in the Navy is not just to play ball for them. I seem to have too much interest in the other 850 waves here, ^{and} I feel it's my job to teach ^{and} supervise sports for them.

We have several unit softball teams on the station ^{and} they have automatically become my "baby." I have a new officer over me now ^{and} she doesn't care too much for major sports. She came here from a training school where all P.E. is required ^{and} just routine classes so she has had quite an adjustment to make here where all sports are more or less on a recreational

basis ^{and} everyone has her choice of sport.

Softball, tennis, swimming, golf ^{and} sailing highlight our program at the present. We're running a tennis tournament this week ^{and} next week. Tis amazing to see the number of girls who have been here for a long time who can't play tennis. We have very nice courts, free racquets ^{and} balls, ^{and} free instruction from Bruce Barnes ^{and} other nationally known players; yet not more than 20 girls are good for tournament play.

Everything is moving along in pretty good order now ^{and} I'm certainly happy to be here in this good "ole Warm South"

I noticed in the last Jayhawker Rebounds that Curvin Green is somewhere around here. I wonder what he's doing. Tis only natural when two K.U. people are stationed at the same place that they should get together regardless of rank or rate. Sometime I'll find him, maybe. I certainly enjoy every issue of the Rebounds. I think you should be awarded the Service Cross or something for good work you're doing. Heres hoping all is well at K.U. Someday will all return for a grand reunion.

Sincerely
Velma Ruth Baker ^{She}
Pensacola, Fla. ⁷⁵

H. C. Coburn with
Navy Frontier Base
Galveston, Tex

Galveston, Texas
9 April 1945

Dear Dr. Allen -

You have been on my conscience for quite a spell. Frankly, I have missed you and all of the fine friends of civilian days so much. Only the challenge, excitement, adjustment and tempo of service life has filled the void.

It was fine to hear from you and I thoroughly enjoyed your Rebound News Letters. I can appreciate the effort for I have carried out a similar plan for the men who have been trained or had a tour of duty here and are now at distant spots.

Dorothy and Cobby read them all and we have rehashed some of the golden moments spent with you and the boys.

Yes, I had a letter from Anne McLowen and Claud Monnett about the trip to Norman. Then, last year Gus Harrington, an O. U. Phi Delta and now a vice-president of the First National, wrote that he carried a car load of your boys to Norman.

He wasn't sure but what the 1943-44 club was your best. I did a tour in the hospital at the air base at Corpus Christi in 1944 and saw many of the all-time great play basket ball. - my only glimpse of sports since the 1941-42 season.

Biographical sketches of ordinary people are boring but I will tell you I spent two years in this show in mine warfare as training and mine-sweeping operations officer. At least that was my specialty with collateral duties as educational officer for anti-submarine warfare. I trained a few British minesweeping crews in 1942 and early in 1943 but have had only officers since then. I had five training ships for a time and have had duty at four spots in the gulf, Panama City, Fla., New Orleans, Galveston, and Sabine Pass Tex. I had several K.U. men here for training, Lt. Chet Mize

kids fresh from college and I do miss the days at sea. But, doc, I'm longer a kid and the bones used to creak a bit on those rough days at sea when these kids pitched their pickles over the rail.

Lorathy and Cobby have been here for over a year. They stuck it out four months last year when I was away. We are fairly comfortable in a 2x4 apartment in this semi-tropical spot. This is a rotten old town - as most gulf towns are - but we have enjoyed the sun, the surf and the mild winters if one can enjoy anything under a war cloud.

This base is scheduled to close this summer and I haven't the faintest idea where I will be ordered. It is remotely possible that I will go on inactive duty. On March 27 I had 6 years in two wars in the service and that is a large segment of one's life up to 45.

Lt. Arch Galloway, Lt (j.g.) Getman,
Lt (j.g.) Walters and Ensign Herb.
Kauffman, all of whom did well.
I processed 305 junior officers up to
Oct. 1944 when I received orders as
executive officer of this activity. Our
present function is largely logistic
as we subsist crews, pay, supply
and outfit ships which come here
for shakedown (a process of getting
new ships and crews ready for their
maiden trip, comparable to your
pre-season practice sessions). The
Amphibious Shakedown Group have
landing craft (LSTs, LSMs and
LCIs) here for 21 days and the
auxiliary group have cargo vessels,
sea going tugs and sundry other
types. The other classes which are fitted
here cannot be mentioned.

It is ~~not~~ a very necessary function
but without a grandstand seat to the
real shooting. It is not as stimulating
as working with these red-blooded

I certainly do not want to end up as viceroy of some malaria infested island in the Pacific but if the rich uncle sends me - O.K.

Doc there'll come a day - but it is still hull down on the horizon - when the young and the old veterans will return to their native haunts and we'll be ready for a few spots, a bit of quiet living and part of all the old-time friends who have stood the test of years.

So, carry on Doc, it is men like you who ~~have~~ given our kids the zeal, courage and will to do a job in this dirty mess.

Thanks again for your kind letter and the news. With best regards to Mrs. Allen, Milt & Bob. I am,

Ever a friend
Bob,

H. C. Burnett
Executive Officer
Navy Frontier Base
Galveston, Tex

May 1, 1945.

Mr. A. G. Barteldes,
The Barteldes Seed Company,
1521-25 Fifteenth St.,
Denver 17, Colo.

Dear Armie:

Owen Carl has just turned your letter over to me with instructions to ship to Pfc. F. W. Barteldes, USMC, A Battery, Heavy AA Group, 9th AAA Bn., Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, one copy of "Better Basketball".

I have autographed the same and trust the young man, your son, I presume, receives it in the shortest possible time. I have great admiration for these boys in the service and have tried to express myself thus.

On the bottom of your letter to Owen wherein you express a need for three white shirts, I am wondering if these are golfing shirts or just tidy-ups.

We would certainly be glad to see you out our way.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

P.S. The book is \$4.00 and postage 10¢. You may send me your check when convenient. Thank you.

F.C.A.

OWEN CARL

C. C. CARL

CARL'S
GOOD CLOTHES

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

For

Send the bill to A. G. Banters
Denver Colo
Pc Banters Seed Co

DENVER, COLORADO
TELEPHONE TABOR 4211

Barteldes
SEEDS

LAWRENCE, KANSAS
TELEPHONE 93

THE BARTELDES SEED COMPANY

1521-25 Fifteenth Street Denver 17, Colorado

P. O. BOX 5170 TERMINAL ANNEX

4/27/45

Dear Owen -

yes get Better Basket Ball &
mail to
Pfc F. W. Barteldes USMC R
533092

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a Battery, Heavy AA jump.

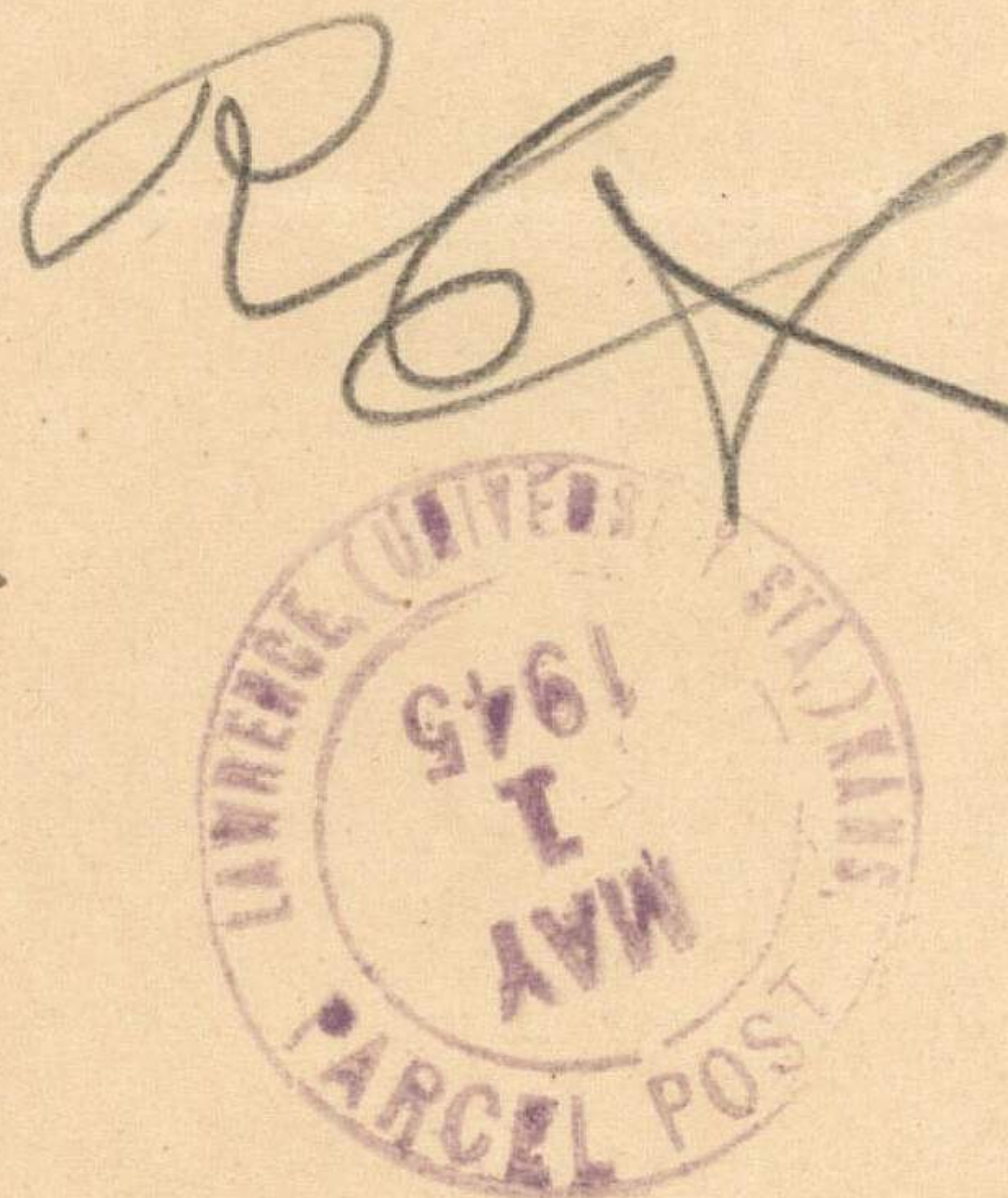
9th ~~th~~ AAA Bn.

First Post office - San Francisco.

and send me a bill for book and postage.
And tell that scholar to learn to
read.

I can still use three white shirts
when ever you get some in.

Thanks -
Mearie.



May 10, 1945.

Mr. Armin Barteldes,
The Barteldes Seed Company,
1521-25 Fifteenth Street,
Denver 17, Colorado.

Dear Armin:

I sent the book out pronto. I don't know which one of the big bullies was my boy, but I remember you once before telling me about that guy of mine, so I believe he must have stuck his knee in Frederick's abdomen with an emphasis. You know these Allen guys always were bullies.

But I don't know any of them that can play golf as well as the Barteldes.

I too am sorry that I missed you when I was out for the tournament. I got in Sunday night and left Tuesday afternoon. During that short stay it was impossible to see a lot of friends that I would liked to have seen, you among them.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

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Dear Phog:

Thanks very much for sending your basketball book to Frederick. I am sure he will enjoy it and I hope it will improve his Battery's ball club.

Yes, he is my boy and he still remembers the time when he was playing football in the side yard at 721 Indiana when your boy who was much larger stuck his knee in his stomach.

Sorry I missed you when you were out here during the basketball tournament. Tried to get hold of you to take you up to the Gyro Club on Friday for lunch but found out you had returned to Lawrence.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Armin Barteldes'.

Armin Barteldes

AGB:mhn

Enclosure

March 19, 1945.

Mr. Loren V. Brown,
Lowe & Campbell Athletic Goods Co.,
1509 Baltimore Avenue,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear "Red":

Mighty nice of you to invite me as your special guest. I certainly will have to talk fast and short for a long dinner. It is going to be a great pleasure for me to be with you, I assure you.

I am leaving for Denver tonight (Saturday) and will not get back until the latter part of the week, but I am counting on being with you on the 27th. This letter will not be signed by me, but you will know that I will be with you.

You have got a swell committee and it will be a treat to visit with Casey, although we always called him Dutch.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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2843856 Tm
~~Eddy~~

Personification of Fight

Doc

Ray Bud Parmelee

Pis Traynor

Lon Tousek

Ray Elliott Del

Slip Madigan Iowa

Vadal Peterson

Jo Allen

WELCOME HOME "CASEY" !

Our mutual friend "Casey" Stengel - - (it used to be "Dutch") - - is coming back home to manage the Kansas City Blues.

About a hundred of his old friends, neighbors, school mates and former teammates are getting together the night of March 27th, Tuesday, 6:30 PM - Aztec Room - President Hotel - - where there'll be plenty of reminiscing; lots of food, some "appetizers" before eating; a few short "story telling" speeches, and just a lot of good clean fun. WE WANT YOU THERE ! "John Q. Public" is not invited.

*you're a
great &
we'll look
to you for
a good
speech
or some
good
stories
or
anything
you
say.
Karen*

~~It'll cost you - - "Five Bucks" (but it will be worth it.)~~

Who'll be there ? Guys you haven't seen for years - - old teammates and Coaches - - some ex-big leaguers - - all friends of "Casey's" - For example:

- George "Red" Trautman - Pres. American Ass'n. Base Ball League.
 - Dr. F. C. "Phog" Allen - A "runner-up" Coach from Kansas Univ.
 - W. O. Hamilton - A swell Coach in them "daze".
 - L. L. Touton - Taught Casey how to pitch.
 - Frank Welch - Caught Casey's pitchin' .
 - Harold "Buzz" Woodbury - Lugged the old pigskin with him.
 - E. A. "Fuzz" Barlow - He was no "foul-baller".
 - Kenny Hamilton - No relation to W. O.
 - Major Hiram Avery - Played guard with the boy.
 - Roy Sanders
 - "Cot" Tierney
 - Zack Wheat
 - "Dutch" Zwilling
 - "Kid" Nichols
- } A few of the ex-big
} leaguer playmates.

and a hundred other "old men" whom you'll be surprised and happy to see again. We'll have a few guests, also Press and Radio representatives - perhaps - a little entertainment.

It'll be your loss if you're not there - - but we must know for sure if you are coming - - we gotta commit ourselves in advance for so many plates and so many "cases". We must hear from you before March 20th.

Mail your check making it payable to either Lederman or Brown of the following Committee and a ticket will be mailed to you.

- Chairman - Harold Lederman- Goldman Jewelry - 646 Minn. Ave.
Kansas City, Kansas.
- L. V. "Red" Brown - Lowe & Campbell- 1511 Baltimore,
Kansas City, Mo.
- Judge Ben Terte - Court House
- George Goldman - Goldman Jewelry- Kansas City, Mo.
- William "Bill" Gardner - Fire Patrol Hdqts.

INFORMAL ? - VERY ! ! !