

Shantung Annual Conference of the Methodist Church

Perry O. Hanson
Taian, Shantung, China
Furlough Address: Iola, Kansas

June 11, 1942

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

Dear Doctor Allen:

Many thanks for your good letter
of the 4th with the two enclosures, all
of which are greatly appreciated. It
was a great pleasure to be with you on
that occasion.

I was in Lawrence for Commencement
and enjoyed meeting many friends, but
did not have the pleasure of shaking hands with you, as
there were so many people on the hill at that time.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Perry O. Hanson

June 13, 1942.

Mr. Robert E. Hunt,
2331 Corning,
Parsons, Kansas.

Dear Bob:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of Sunday, June 7th. I know of no other procedure that you should take in your interview with Lt Commander Tunney.

You will remember, Bob, that I talked to both you and your father regarding a Physical Education degree, but your father thought that you would rather take the work under Dean Lawson and take enough coaching work to qualify for a teacher's diploma. Had you done this thing you would have already been enlisted in Tunney's earlier program.

With best wishes for your success, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

Sunday.

Dear Dr. Allen,

I wish to thank you for the recommendation you gave me for Randolph Field sometime ago. I received a reply stating that I would be notified if any appointments were made.

I am going to K.C. June 16th to have an interview in trying to get into Gen. Tunney's Rd. I received a letter from Washington D.C. notifying me that appointments were being re-opened and sending me an application.

If you have any suggestions as to what procedure I should take in this interview I shall appreciate it. If they call for recommendations, I am taking one of your copies along to present them.

Thanks again for all your help and advice you have so willingly given me. I shall let you know how I come out.

Most sincerely,
Bob Hunt

July 2, 1942.

Coach Victor Hurt,
Athletic Office.

Dear Vic:

This letter from Philip Dynan has been on my desk a week or so and has remained unanswered.

It is not necessary that you do anything about it at all, but I did not want to do anything and felt that it should be referred to you. He may write you, and again he may not.

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

July 2, 1942.

Dr. Robert A. Hunt, Minister,
The First Methodist Church,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Hunt:

It gave me much pleasure to be able to be of any service to Robert, and in this special instance it gave me added pleasure because it got him into the group that he desired to enter.

I should say that Robert did mighty well and must have given a good account of himself to have been selected one of the 25 when they considered 200. I am very happy for you and Mrs. Hunt, and I am sure that Robert will make a fine record.

With all good wishes from the Allens to the Hunts, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
SALINA, KANSAS

MRS. FRANK CROWL—
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ROBERT A. HUNT, MINISTER

MRS. HAROLD FRONING—
PASTOR'S ASSISTANT

July 1, 1942

Dr. Forrest Allen
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Mr. Allen:

I want to thank you for your interest in Robert and for the recommendation that you gave him. I found that your backing has been instrumental in getting him into Gene Tunney's group.

There were about 200 in Kansas City for the examination and Robert is very fortunate to be one of the twenty-five selected. He is very happy about it and I am sure will make good. Of course these eight weeks of training will be very severe but he was pronounced perfect physically so I am sure he can take it.

Give my regards to the family. With kindest regards,
I am

Most cordially,

Robert A. Hunt

Robert A. Hunt
Minister

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July 2, 1942.

Mr. Elmer F. Hier,
Hotel Muehlebach,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Hier:

It seems as if we cannot get things straightened out.

While I was sitting at my desk the other day I wrote you a note and sent you a check for \$4.08, the same to cover two day rate registrations on the 13th and 20th. On the 13th I met Mr. Roy Roberts, of the Kansas City Star, at the Muehlebach and had a conference with him on a very important mission. He was having a dinner date with the Navy people and not being able to have a long conference with him I wrote him a fourteen-page letter in my room.

I went downstairs about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, checked out, signed the account, and turned in the key to the lady at the desk and remarked that I was then checking out, and I see no excuse why there would be any reason for charging me for the full time. I thought my letter of explanation to you would cover that, but apparently it got by you.

The reason I wrote you personally was to take care of this matter. You told me your help often got you in difficulty because you had to make so many changes, but I see no excuse for this error.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

July 25, 1942.

Mr. Robert E. Hunt, C. Sp. (A)(AA),
Squad 43, Physical Instructor School,
Naval Base,
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Bobby:

I received a letter from your father dated July 23 giving me your address and some of the incidents and highlights of your stay at Norfolk. Having boys from Texas, Oklahoma, Florida and Kansas places you in a good group of fine fellows.

I am sure that you will enjoy not only the contacts but the training that you receive under these outstanding Navy representatives. I have talked to a great group of boys who have taken the indoctrination course and they all have the highest praise for the personnel of that outfit. I think it would be a fine thing if every high school boy upon his graduation could take a similar course or enough military or naval work to teach a fellow discipline and respect for higher authorities. That is good for all of us.

Well, Bobby, here's hoping you lots of luck, and I know success will crown your efforts. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH SALINA, KANSAS

MISS ELOUISE STEWART SECRETARY

ROBERT A. HUNT, MINISTER

MISS MADALEINE KLEPPER PASTOR'S ASSISTANT

July 23, 1942

Dr. Forrest Allen,
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear Dr. Allen:-

Robert is now in Norfolk Virginia. He writes that in his Squad there are about 60 men from Texas, Oklahoma Florida Kansas and other places and that most of them are between 30 and 35 years of age. He feels that he will be able to take any physical training that the others can. I think he looked in the best condition I ever saw him when he left.

He writes that last Friday or Saturday they went to see the Navy team(Feller and the other big league players) play a semi Pro team. One of the Semi Pro men did not show up and they called for a volunteer from the stands. Robt. offered his services and suited up but the player came before he could get in the game. However he sat on the bench and coached and in the ninth inning he got a chance to bat and drew a walk and got on base. His only disappointment was that he did not get to bat against Feller. I think Robert's alertness to take advantage of the breaks is an asset to him.

Of course the eight weeks away from his wife will seem like a long time but I write to him every day and try to keep him from getting homesick.

Thanks again for your interest in Robert through all these years, - you have been a great help to him.

He will not have much time to write but if you or
Bobbie could drop him a few lines it would please him. His
address is, Robert E. Hunt C. Sp. (A) (AA)

With best wishes, I remain,

Most cordially,

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July 25, 1942.

Rev. Robert A. Hunt,
First Methodist Church,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Hunt:

Very happy to have your letter of July 23 and to know about Robert and his successes. I have kept up with him pretty closely and I am interested in him very much.

I am glad to see the initiative that he showed in the baseball situation. Bob will get along all right. He has intelligence and a keen insight, and if the breaks go fifty-fifty he will get more than his share. I am writing him today expressing to him my confidence in him, and also extending my very best wishes for a fine indoctrination course.

Robert and I have corresponded quite consistently and I am glad to see him making the continued progress that he has shown. Through several sources I have also learned of his progress.

The Allens kindest to the Hunts. With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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August 3, 1942.

Dr. F. C. Allen,
City.

Dear Phog:

The Membership Drive is over and everyone who worked is to be congratulated on the fine job they did.

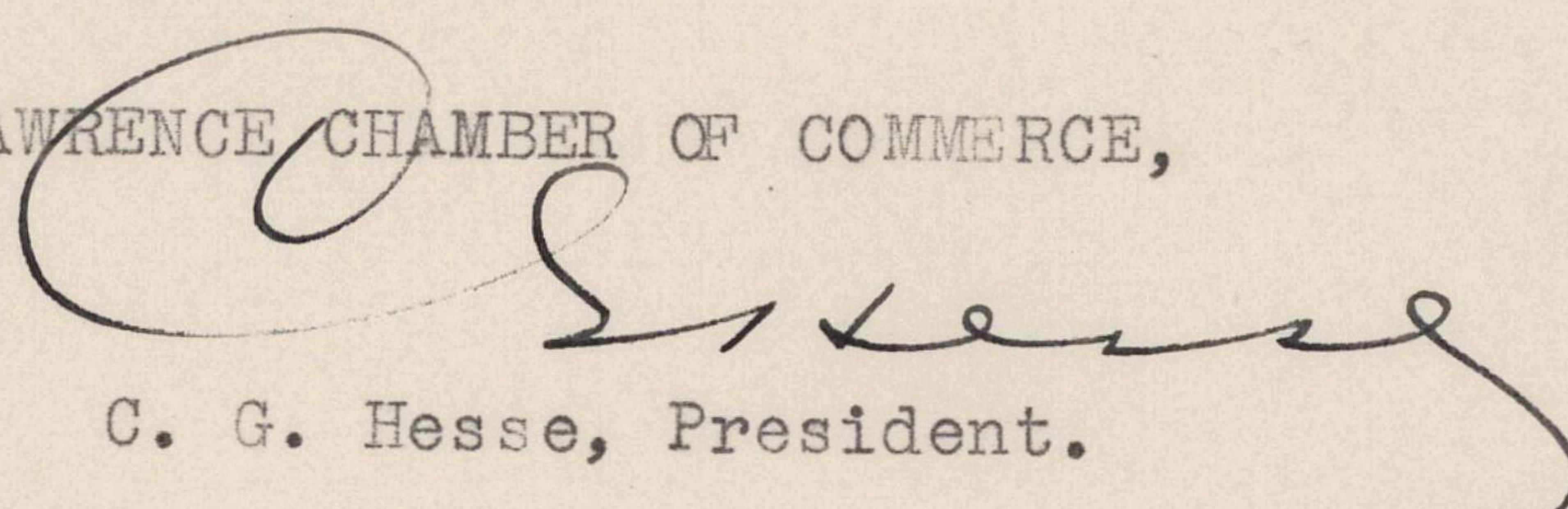
I want to thank you personally for taking the time from your work to help sell the Chamber of Commerce to others.

Your cooperation is certainly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

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August 4, 1942.

Mr. Elmer F. Hier,
Manager,
Hotel Muehlebach,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Hier:

I am sending you a check for \$3.06 to cover the room for July 26.

It seems as if I still have trouble, and perhaps will unless I see you when I make connections. I had a date with Harry Welsh, the Missouri alumnus, and I wanted an air-cooled room. I told the fellow at the desk, who is your right hand man - the big fellow, kind of bald-headed. I even told him that I rated a special rate, and he looked in the little book, and instead of giving me an air-cooled room he gave me 1101, I believe, on the corner looking into the court, with a fan.

This must have been a \$3.50 room and he figured I was entitled to a 50% rebate, and he did not give me an air-cooled room. I guess the only way I can have any luck is to call for you when I come in. It seems as if there is always something happening when I try to make the proper connections. But it happened the fan was a good big overhead fan, and the day was not unpleasantly hot. But it was not as comfortable as it might have been.

Sincerely yours,

PGA:AH
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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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August 5, 1942

Dr. Forrest Allen,
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear Dr. Allen:-

Thanks for your letter, I knew your advice would be the best. If the other boys are taking their assignments as they come- that is good enough for my boy. It was not my thought to suggest an easy place for my boy, but that if he was to be placed at a base somewhere in America, I wondered if there was any choice in the matter.

Robert has never even suggested that he wanted to choose, he realizes the possibility even of foreign service, and he is determined to make good anywhere he is placed.

Your letter to him was appreciated very much. The training has been strenuous, but from what he says perhaps the heaviest has passed, or at least he is hardened enough to take the rest of it without difficulty. I think he is working diligently with the thought of making a good record.

He gets his three Uniforms this week, Blue, White and Khaki-- and he is proud of them. I am hoping he may get a short furlough when his training is passed, so he may spend a few days at home, but that is not at all a certainty.

I am keeping busy this week doing odd jobs on the farm and helping to paint the house. The Cummins family live now at the edge of town on the old home place of the Edwards family.

I may be in Lawrence some day soon and if so I hope to see you for a few minutes.

Best wishes to Mrs. Allen and the family.

Most cordially,

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STAR BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MO.

AUG. 14, 1942.

DR. FORREST C. ALLEN,
BASKETBALL COACH,
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS,
LAWRENCE, KAS.

DEAR DR. ALLEN:

I AM ENCLOSING THE OUTLINE OF A STORY I PLAN TO USE ON OUR WIRE SERVICE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE NEXT WEEK.

IT PRIMARILY IS A CONTRADICTORY PIECE OPPOSED TO SEVERAL STORIES RECENTLY CARRIED BY OURS AND OTHER NEWS SERVICES PLAYING UP THE PART COLLEGE FOOTBALL WILL PLAY IN THE WAR EFFORT.

~~REDACTED~~ THE THOUGHTS ENCOMPASSED IN THE STORY BASICALLY ARE MINE, BUT HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED BY MANY OTHERS, AND AS YOU WELL KNOW ARE RATHER COMMON KNOWLEDGE.

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH IF YOU WOULD ANALYZE THE IDEAS FOR ANY FALLACIOUS REASONING, AND ALSO TO GIVE ME ANY ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE.

IF YOU ARE IN ACCORD WITH THE THEME OF THE YARN, AND FEEL THAT YOU CAN TAKE SUCH A POSITION FOR PUBLICATION, I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO HANG THE STORY AROUND YOUR NAME, WHICH, OF COURSE, WOULD INSURE MUCH WIDER USAGE.

AT ANY RATE, I WOULD FIND YOUR SUGGESTIONS VERY HELPFUL, AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN ANSWER TO MY SEVERAL REQUESTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WITH KINDEST REGARDS TO YOUR FAMILY AND BEST PERSONAL WISHES, I REMAIN,

SINCERELY YOURS,

Frank Hood
FRANK HOOD,
SPORTS EDITOR, ASSOCIATED PRESS, KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, AUG. - (AP)---MANY PERSONS BELIEVE THE ROLE COLLEGE FOOTBALL IS PLAYING IN THE WAR EFFORT HAS BEEN HIGHLY OVEREMPHASIZED.

THESE SKEPTICS POINT OUT THAT WHILE NO ONE WILL DENY FOOTBALL IS ONE OF THE TOP SPORTS TO HARDEN A BOY FOR THE RIGORS OF WAR, THE PIGSKIN PROGRAM DOESN'T AFFECT ENOUGH COLLEGE MEN.

THE AVERAGE VARSITY SQUAD AT A LARGE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY CONSISTS OF BUT 40 TO 50 ATHLETES, WITH AT THE MOST ANOTHER 100 PARTICIPANTS IN FRESHMEN BALL. IN INSTITUTIONS THE SIZE OF BIG SIX AND MANY MISSOURI VALLEY SCHOOLS THAT GROUP REPRESENTS CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN 10% OF THE TOTAL MALE ENROLLMENT.

AND, THEY ADD, NO DRAFT BOARD OR RECRUITING STATION IN THE NATION HAS YET INSISTED A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER OF THE ARMED SERVICES PRESENT A MONOGRAM OR A LETTER FOR ADMISSION.

THEY ALSO BELIEVE TOO MUCH HAS BEEN MADE OF PROSPECTIVE FISCAL CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH THE ATTRACTION OF COLLEGE-SERVICE TEAM GRID GAMES.

THEIR ARGUMENT IN THIS CONNECTION IS THAT PRACTICALLY ALL SUCH GAMES ARE ON A 50-50 SPLIT BASIS AFTER THE DEDUCTION OF GAME EXPENSES.

THE SERVICE TEAM'S SHARE, OF COURSE, GOES INTO THE ARMY OR NAVY RELIEF COFFERS, BUT THE COLLEGE TEAM'S DIVIDEND GOES INTO THE SCHOOL'S ATHLETIC TREASURY. THUS IF EACH PARTICIPANT DRAWS DOWN FROM \$3,000 TO \$10,000 THE COLLEGE HAS MADE NO GREAT SACRIFICE, INSTEAD, THEY VERY LIKELY HAVE COINED MORE MONEY THAN THEY WOULD HAVE IN A REGULARLY SCHEDULED CONTEST.

ON THE COLLEGIATE SIDE OF THE LEDGER, HOWEVER, IT CAN BE STATED THAT THEY ARE OPERATING WITHIN A VERY LIMITED SCOPE. MANY STADIUMS ARE NOT PAID FOR. SOME OF THE VALLEY SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN LOSING MONEY FOR YEARS---MODERN FOOTBALL HAS BECOME A COSTLY BUSINESS---AND JUST NOW SEE A CHANCE TO GET BACK ON THEIR FEET. TOO, THE GOVERNMENT GETS A 10 PER CENT CUT OF THE GATE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE SCHOOLS MAKE MONEY OR NOT.

MOST OF THE SCHOOLS IN THIS REGION HAVE SET UP COMPULSORY PHYSICAL

TRAINING PROGRAMS TO ENCOMPASS ALL MEN STUDENTS, AND ARE GOING TO DO THEIR VERY BEST TO SEND YOUTHS INTO THE WORLD FRAY IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION.

AT OKLAHOMA FOOTBALL HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE FOR MANY ADDITIONAL STUDENTS BY AN EXPANSION OF THE OLD "B" SQUAD TYPE OF COMPETITION.

ANOTHER UNDENIABLE FACTOR IS THAT GOOD COLLEGE FOOTBALL AFFORDS DESIRABLE RECREATION FOR THOUSANDS OF PERSONS WHO NOW NEED THIS RELAXATION MORE THAN EVER BEFORE.

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February 13, 1942.

Mr. S. C. Hudson,
617 Commerce Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Friend Hudson:

Answering your inquiry of the 9th instant, I beg to state that the Modern Woodmen of America team was composed of Cedric Dickinson, center, William "Punch" O'Brien, manager, Harry Allen, forward, Alma White, guard, Lewis Kraas, forward, Albert Barnhardt, guard, Emil Helff, forward, Lambert Dick, forward, Oliver Sheley, guard, Earl Humphrey, forward, and John McClure, guard.

This team defeated the Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, team in a series of two games out of three in Independence, Mo. Independence won the first game, 22 to 17, the second one 18 to 16, and the third contest was won by Fond du Lac 25 to 18. The games were played in the old Reardon Livery Stable hall. Later Compton Brothers had the place and I do not know whether the building is now standing or not, but it was on North Liberty Street.

This was before I played on the team at Independence, but a few years after that when I played on the team we won practically all of our games. And later I was player and manager of the Kansas City Athletic Club team when we defeated the Buffalo Germans, of Buffalo, New York, for the so-called world championship in Convention Hall in March, 1905. The Buffalo Germans won the first game, 40 to 36; we won the second, 30 to 28; and we won the third and final game 45 to 14. Dr. James Naismith and U. S. G. Plank officiated the last game as the first two games had worked out very unsatisfactorily with each team having one of the officials in the game.

If there is anything further that I can give you I will be happy to do so.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

P.S. The Allen brothers had a team that played most of the colleges and athletic clubs. There were six boys of us -- Homer, Elmer, Harry "Pete", Forrest "Phog", Hubert, and Richard "Dick". We defeated practically every college team in the country for a period of years, but most of our games were played during Christmas and vacation time as the boys were working and the only time we could get together would be during the Christmas vacation.

F.C.A.

OFFICE PHONE: HARRISON 6363

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S. C. HUDSON
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

February 9, 1942

Dr. Phog Allen
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

I had an argument a few days ago. We were discussing basketball and as I recall, a great many years ago Independence, Missouri, had a championship basketball team. My contention was that they had beaten every team in the United States that year, having finally won from some team that I believe was Wisconsin. I think you, and possibly one or two of your brothers, were playing on this team at that time. Kindly advise me if I am correct or not.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours very truly,

S. C. Hudson
S. C. Hudson

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February 13, 1942.

Mr. W. A. Haldeman,
Independence, Mo.

My dear Bill:

Thank you very much for sending me the clipping from the Independence Examiner. It is very interesting to read the activities of the old timers when they organized the Independence Athletic Club in 1894, and on up through the time that Independence took her place in the basketball world.

Yes, I remember all of the incidents that you bring forth in your letter. I remember that shot that Pete made from one end of the court to the other.

Pete is now commandant of the R.O.T.C. at Stanford University, Stanford, California. He would be happy to hear from you, I know. Why don't you drop him a line?

I had the pleasure of seeing your good mother at the homecoming at the Methodist Church this past fall. She looked well and happy. I also saw your good wife.

My kindest regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

Independence, Mo.
Feb. 8. 1942

Dr. Forest Allen
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Herewith, an article taken from the Independence Examiner which goes back into past history, but I thought you would like to read it. It takes me back to when I was a young buck, and how I do remember the Fond du Lac games, especially the last game when it could have ended up in a first class fight. As to the Allen Team- I suppose you remember them-- I remember one game you played in the old Christian Church building, the score was tied and Pete was under the basket at the far end of the court and shot the ball to your basket and it went through without even hitting the rim, well, only Pete could save a game that way.

How is Harry? I would like to see him and ask him if he remembers how he used to maul us, and about that time your mother would come out and put a stop to all the noise.

Well, Phog I will not take up any more of your time, and wishing you the best of luck, I am

Yours truly,

W.A. Haldeman
Bee

May 2, 1942.

Mr. Melvin Henry,
Central High School,
Lonaconing Md.

Dear Mr. Henry:

I beg your pardon for my long delay in answering your good letter of March 3rd. I know that you will feel that I did not care to answer your inquiry, but that is far from the fact. We had a play-off series in our conference, and in our district and the National Collegiate. I was out of town so much during that time, and upon my return administrative matters and teaching responsibilities left me no alternative but to put aside much of my correspondence until I could find time. I am just now getting around to some of the letters that should have been answered months ago.

In endeavoring to answer your question, first I would venture an opinion that the shooting in the east has been after the teaching of Clair Bee, of Long Island University, who is a very excellent coach. His shooting technique and mine are entirely different. I can only speak as to my own coaching, and will answer your questions to the best of my ability.

I teach the thumbs to be placed at the side of the ball and not the thumbs pulled back as so many coaches teach. My argument against this is that it tenses or ties up the palmer arch when the thumb is pulled back, the fingers are restricted, and when you give the tonic snap to the ball you do not have the freedom of action as in the case where the thumbs are placed in their normal position and used only as a bracket. I believe my book gives a good deal on that and I have not changed one iota in the teaching of it.

The wrist joint is locked, but relaxed; fixed, but not tensed. The ball is dropped slightly, only for relaxation of the forearms and the wrist and fingers, and then the upward movement of the hand with a tonic snap in an extension movement. I do not teach using the thumbs on the ball except as a bracket. I do not coach a downward and upward break of the wrists. When the ball is dropped downward the elbows are thrown out. By teaching a relaxed wrist joint you get perfect relaxation of the wrist and fingers and an accurate propulsion of the ball toward the basket.

I use this argument - if you can pass to a player with great accuracy in this fashion, why can you not pass to the basket as accurately? So I use the terminology in training the boys -- pass to the basket as you pass to a player, and with that tonic snap the ball is delivered with no difficulty.

I find so often than an individual can lift the ball with his arms toward the basket, rather than letting the arms be held in a fixed position and the forearms, wrists and fingers used to propel the ball. The arms are the fixed part. The forearms, fingers and wrists work from the base of the arm.

If I have not made myself clear, won't you write me after you have read my text on this technique? I will be happy to answer any question that you care to ask, and I assure you that I will be more prompt in answering your communication.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

SEMPER FIDELIS

Central High School
Lonaconing, Maryland

ARTHUR FRANCIS SMITH, A. M., PRINCIPAL

March 3, 1942

Mr. Phog Allen
Basketball Coach
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

In recent years here in the East there has been a tendency to teach the two-hand set shot as follows:

- 1-feet together
- 2-arms extended
- 3-loose finger grip
- 4-break the wrist or drop the wrist and shoot the ball as you leave the floor

When I started coaching I decided to give the boys first hand information as to hit and miss information and I purchased your book on Better Basketball and also John Bunn's book on Methods in Basketball.

We were successful this year, winning 23 out of 25 games and having one of the best teams in the state of Maryland. Everything I used was on a team basis, the set shot, one hand shot, offense and defense.

I used your apex-defense and three out and two in on the offense.

After a statistical check-up with the manager I found that we weren't doing as well as we should on our shot shot.

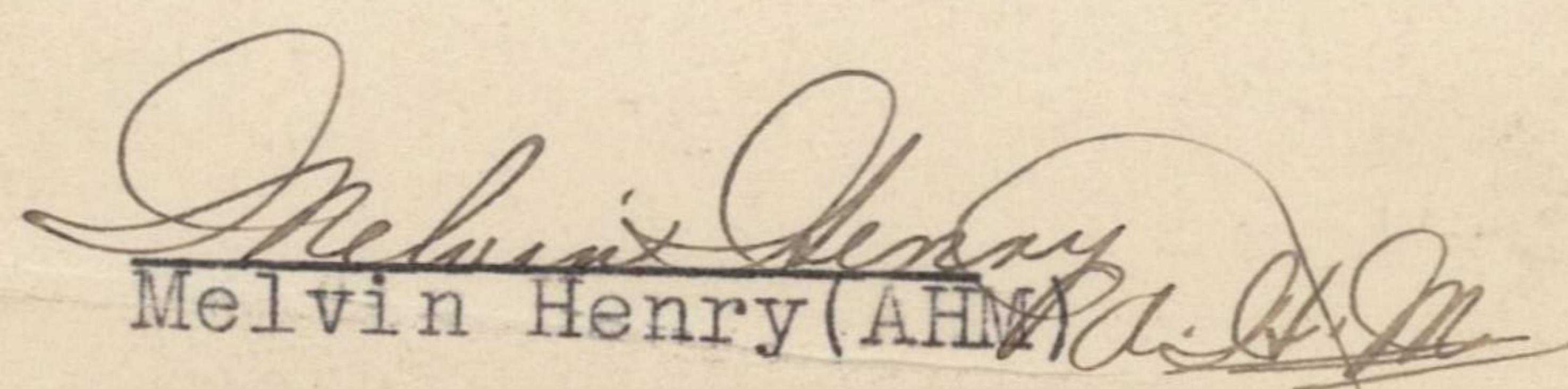
Would it be asking too much if you would inform me as to how you coach the following points on a set shot:

- 1-finger control; where are the thumbs placed?
- 2-propulsion of ball to the basket. Is it a "shot put" pushing movement with the wrist joint locked or fixed; or do you coach a downward and upward break of the wrist?

The other points concerning the shot you teach are clearly illustrated in your book.

Hoping to hear from you, I am

Sincerely yours,


Melvin Henry (AHM)

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July 6, 1942.

Mr. John O. Herbold,
Attorney-at-Law,
201 Hollywood Security Bldg.,
6381 Hollywood Blvd.,
Hollywood, California.

Dear Mr. Herbold:

Pardon me for not answering your favor of March 14th sooner. You certainly do keep up on sports. Our mutual friend, George Halas, did have a great year. I was called back to the University of Illinois in 1916 and was fortunate enough to be able to fix George Halas's bum knee, which he often dislocated while he was playing end and guard for the Illini football and baseball team. I often see George in Chicago and if I am ever around there he never fails to insist that he take care of me for some tickets to the game. Of course, I never make my presence known unless it is at a time to say hello to him in a personal way, and not to see a game. If there is anything I dislike it is a chiselor in athletic contests. But George is a good friend of mine and I have a very high regard for him. He is a high type college man in professional sports, and he is very intelligent and a great personality.

I thank you for sending the clipping on the glass backboard. The theory of the glass backboard is that it does not give a shooting background for a basketball player. The rim is painted black and the net is white, and the backboard should be white to set off the black rim for better visibility. Glass is blue and it is always darker behind the basket in these large auditoriums than on the playing floor.

Therefore, when a basketball player attempts a shot on a glass backboard he is really shooting into the dark for a background. I think you know the value of shooting from clay traps with a black background when you are shooting clay pigeons, or the baseball batsman hitting at a white baseball with a white painted background back of the pitcher in center field. If you will notice any of those situations you will find that they will not take a white painted sign and place it in the center field section. It is always green or dark.

The N.C.A.A. did sanction the use of the illegal equipment but after the meeting was over, to save their face, they made glass backboards legal. But this was done a week after the tournament.

You ask about the outlook at Haskell and K.U. Haskess has gone back now to high school participation only. The philosophy of the educators who control education among the Indians is that the Indians should be absorbed by the white men. The Quakers, in fact, are the only ones that the Indians trust because William Penn bought his land from the Indians, and most of the administrators are of Quaker descent. The Indians won't stand for anyone else. They have done away with highly commercialized and competitive athletics altogether.

When Dick Hanley and Frank McDonald were at Haskell as football coach and athletic director they got into big time for a few years, but Indian education in Washington soon stopped that and they are now back in the old stand doing business in an educational way according to the Quaker methods. And too they have nothing above high school work at Haskell. They had junior college for a while, hoping to build it up to a college level, but the Commissioner of Indian Affairs was of the firm opinion that the American colleges could do this, and to them it would be a duplication of educational effort it done in Indian schools.

The government is paying the tuition for Indian students who can still live at Haskell and attend the University. This goes for all educational institutions in which the Indian is desirous of obtaining a higher education. In fact, many high schools are now receiving tuition from the government for Indian students who live in places not accessible to educational facilities.

Now, regarding Kansas. I think that athletics will be deflated at Kansas and all other places. While the government is anxious that we continue in athletic activities, they are going to discourage the gathering of large crowds at football games. The tire rationing is the immediate cause of such an attitude by the government. However, teams located in small colleges will suffer tremendously. Only football games in large cities will draw a crowd because the transportation facilities there are on a municipal basis and that transportation must be maintained in those large cities. But there will be very few people who will drive long distances to football games this fall on account of rubber and gas rationing which is sure to come.

Basketball will be able to carry on, on account of the very small expense involved in equipment and the fact that most college towns have large enough population to take care of seating facilities. Of course, the government will want entertainment, such as movies and games of this sort, but they will clamp down on fairs of all kinds, rodeos, auto races and anything that uses tires to an excess.

I am looking one decade in the future. I do not look to see athletics in college on such a free basis after this war is over. I do not believe that the public utilities and corporations will have that extra money that they use as donations to football teams and charge it off as good will expenditures because the taxes of the nation will be so heavy that we will not have the loose money to support these football players. The fraternities and sororities will not be able to feed that extra mouth that all fraternities and sororities did prior to World War Number Two. Of course, there will be more athletics than ever and I believe intramurals will take a very definite place in university life and the individual will play more. However, the individual student will not support the competitive field as he has in the past. But we will have competitive athletics and we will have bigger crowds, but I believe there will be a change in the matter of compensating boys for playing on teams. I don't know where the money will come from for that.

Thanking you for your good letter and the clipping, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Dear "Phog":-

It took the enclosed article from tonight's Hollywood Citizen-News to get me to drop you a few lines, a thing I should have done long ago.

First of all, how are you and all your family? I trust all are well, happy and enjoying life.

And how goes everything at the University? And what kind of a baseball and football team do you expect to have this year? Are any of your 1941 team going to play "pro" ball?

The Chicago Cubs and White Sox, Philadelphia Athletics and Pittsburgh Pirates are all getting into shape here or near here but my old Cincinnati Reds are down at Tampa, Florida.

My friend, George Halas had his greatest Chicago Bear team last season and they were practically unbeaten, losing but one game and that to the Green Bay Packers, whom they later trimmed twice. I notice that Pete Bausch is coaching and playing with the Philly Eagles after several years with the Bears.

Let's hear from you when you have time to write and let me know the sport outlook, both at Kansas U. and Haskell.

With every good wish, I am,

JOH/H.

Very truly yours,

John O. Herbold

KANSAS COACH PANS GLASS BACKBOARDS

LAWRENCE, Kan., March 14.
(AP)—Phog Allen, University of Kansas cage coach, is on another tear—this time about the glass backboards to be used in the N.C.A.A. basketball meet at Kansas City.

"The use of such backboards is clearly illegal," he said. "Here is a tournament to determine the national collegiate basketball champion, and the N.C.A.A. is sanctioning the use of illegal equipment."

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February 13, 1942.

Mr. W. A. Haldeman,
Independence, Mo.

My dear Bill:

Thank you very much for sending me the clipping from the Independence Examiner. It is very interesting to read the activities of the old timers when they organized the Independence Athletic Club in 1894, and on up through the time that Independence took her place in the basketball world.

Yes, I remember all of the incidents that you bring forth in your letter. I remember that shot that Pete made from one end of the court to the other.

Pete is now commandant of the R.O.T.C. at Stanford University, Stanford, California. He would be happy to hear from you, I know. Why don't you drop him a line?

I had the pleasure of seeing your good mother at the homecoming at the Methodist Church this past fall. She looked well and happy. I also saw your good wife.

My kindest regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

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