

801 Louisiana Street,
Lawrence, Kansas.

August 28, 1941.

Mrs. O. L. Houts,
Corner of Broad and Holden Street,
Warrensburg, Missouri.

My dear Mrs. Houts:

Your very sad letter came to us this morning. Mrs. Allen and I both recall Forrest, Jr.'s and Wilsie's play days with many fond recollections, and it grieved us both to know of the trouble that you are in.

My, what a brave soldier you have been. I have always admired you from the depths of my heart because you were so brave in raising those two sons. I know the Golgotha Road that you have traveled, and never at a single instant did I ever hear you complain about anything. On the other hand, you were buoyant and brave in every situation.

Of course I will do everything that I can for you. If it is necessary to make any trips to seek the necessary information or to talk to Wilson or to go with him wherever it is necessary to make the connections I will be most happy to do so.

This morning I called my very dear friend, Dr. A. J. Anderson, a practicing physician here in Kansas for many years. He is our most prominent and highly respected physician in the town. I asked him about a hospital of this kind in Kansas and he said that there are none except the one at Parsons, which is more for epileptics and not for alcoholics. He told me about a sanatorium in Kansas City, Missouri, under the name of Drs. Ralph and Ralph. He says that that place, which is located near Penn Valley Park, is one of the most reputable and efficient that he knows of. He told me of a woman drug addict that came to him, a very respectable looking woman, and offered him \$500 for five grains of morphine. He said to her, "I suppose you will pay me with a check", and she ripped \$500 out of her handbag and offered it to him. Of course he refused. She was then on the way to Drs. Ralph and Ralph, and they cured her. He followed up the case.

August 28, 1941.

Mrs. O. L. Houts,

Mrs. Houts, I am writing you very frankly. Is Wilson or anyone able to pay, or would you care to have him committed to a state institution with only nominal expenses? The thing that I feel, since Wilson is a resident of Missouri, is that other states will refuse to take him unless he is or becomes a resident of that state.

Do you care for me to look into this Drs. Ralph and Ralph institution, find the cost and all details concerning the treatment and care, and advise you further concerning this situation? I will await your letter and as soon as I have the necessary information I will immediately act on this and other data that you give me. Will you also give me most of Wilson's background, what he has been doing or attempting to do, where he is living, and if he is living with his wife, and so forth? I want this merely to better help out in working on the problem. Has he been employed at all? And just how long has this total situation been going on?

When you see Wilson please tell him that he can count on me.

Is Rod in the service? You say he writes from Newfoundland, so we take it that he must be in the Navy or in the Marines. Please assure Rod that we will do everything that we can for Wilson. Please give Rod the Allen's sincerest regards. I know that he is a great source of comfort to you.

The Allens are in the midst of preparing for Jane's wedding which will take place in Lawrence on September 6. She is marrying a fine young man from Chicago. He prepped at Exeter and finished at Princeton. He is a designing engineer and Jane is a designing artist. Now isn't that a pair of designers? She met this young man when her steady who was not Elwood Mons asked Elwood to take her home from the depot one night. It kind of sounds like "Speak for yourself, John," doesn't it? Well, the Allens are very happy with him, and this morning Mrs. Allen said, "I really wanted Mrs. Houts, but I knew that she had her problems at home." Mrs. Allen said that she has been wanting to sit down and write you a long letter, but you know how Mrs. Allen prepares for anything so - she just goes in one hundred per cent for preparation and she hasn't gotten around to the point of writing you. She got up at 4 o'clock this morning to write some letters and other details because she had a dentist date which I took her to at 9:30. She can thank her healthy forebears for her strength. She seems never to wear out and goes at an unprecedented clip. But all good things come to an end and I am sure that she is realizing that she must slow up. I think this great stimulus is due to the wedding. She wants everything in perfect order for the wedding. She is very artistic and if there

is one hair out of place on any one of the principals it would just be too bad.

I did not tell you that Bobby is going to Medical School at the University of Pennsylvania and Eleanor, who has finished her sophomore year here will enter the University of Pennsylvania with Bobby. Bobby took his pre-medic work here and was fortunate enough to make Phi Beta Kappa, so we are proud of him.

Milton graduates from the Law School next summer. This is his second twelve months here going through all the term. When he graduated in the Business School he took his pre-law work. So we are hoping that in his connection with the Standard Oil Company, from which he took a leave of absence two years ago, that he will be happy in his new position. However, I would not be a bit surprised to see him want to practice on his own when he gets his degree, but that will be up to him. He and Isabel have one pretty red-haired little tyke three and a half years of age named Judith.

Mary has three children and she and Pete Hamilton are living in Louisville, or rather Anchorage, which is a suburb of Louisville. They are getting along especially fine and Mary, of course, is coming up for the wedding.

Jane and Elwood Mons will live in Chicago in Marshall Fields Apartments there. If you should happen to get to Chicago some time on your deans's meetings I know that Jane would love to see you.

I am sure that Mrs. Allen will write you in the very near future, but I just could not pass up the opportunity of visiting with you a little while.

With our love and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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

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OFFICE OF
THE DEAN OF WOMEN

CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
WARRENSBURG, MO.

August 27, 1941

Dr. F. C. Allen
18 - Louisiana
Laurence, Kansas

My dear Dr. Allen: I am coming to ask your help in a trouble which I cannot handle. Rod writes from Newfoundland that you may be able to help me and that if you can, he and I believe, you will.

Wilson, as you know, is a victim of alcoholism. I think now that he is past the point of self-control. I think he will have to have care and

and attention if he ever comes out
of it.

I am told that Kansas has hospitals
(not Keeley cures) where alcoholics
are treated. There is such a hospital
near Chicago, I am told; not Keeley
Institute at Dwight but a state
hospital. Missouri has none.

Do you know of such places, and
if so, could you and would you help
Wilson get assigned?

I have talked to Wilson and he will
do anything you recommend.

May I say to you and to precious
Mrs. Allen that there is tragedy worse than
the death of a beautiful boy.

I have never said this much to



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any one except Rod. You will shield
me, I know.

Very truly yours,

Fanita B. Honts (Mrs. O. L.)



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THE DEAN OF WOMEN

August 30, 1941

My dear Dr. Allen; your good letter helps. Friendship is the finest thing life holds for me. I thank you. It was wonderful for sweet Mrs. Allen to call me and to call Wilson.

Can you and will you go to Kansas City tomorrow, Sunday, to Frost Arms Hotel, (an awful place) get Wilson and take him to the St Joseph state hospital? He objects to Nevada because poor Claude Frost went there. If it takes legal steps or medical recommendation get Hale Honts. Dr. Raymond Zeale

will give medical recommendation, I believe, on request from Hale. If Alynne must consent, she will. They are separated but not divorced, Wilson has not worked since December when he was a bridge inspector on a Missouri Pacific construction job. He was messenger for Armour's for a long time, making banks and freight offices. Later they put on armored cars. Before that he was in a refrigerator factory in Michigan. He has worked in filling stations and has worked for the Christopher water company here.

If I need to come, I will. Wilson however will be much more amenable to suggestion from you than from Hale or me. Any business arrangements you make most gratefully, I shall gladly agree to.

-Janita B. Honts (Mrs. O. L.)

September 9, 1941.

Mrs. Fanita B. Houts,
Central Missouri State Teachers College,
Warrensburg, Missouri.

Dear Mrs. Houts:

When I returned from St. Joseph Thursday evening I found that my next three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, were taken up so thoroughly that I could not even dictate a letter to you telling you of the trip that I made to St. Joseph with Wilson. I wanted to immediately send you the State Hospital No. 2 receipt signed by Dr. J. R. Bunch. Hale had given me a draft for \$90.00, which was assigned to me, and I endorsed it for Dr. Bunch.

Milton and Bobby Allen accompanied me on the trip. I went to Kansas City to the Troost Arms Hotel and talked to Wilson, but before I had gone out to Wilson I stopped to see Hale so that the papers could be arranged properly without too much delay. It was necessary that Wilson have the endorsement of two physicians and the county clerk should sign for Wilson's bond of \$500.00. Wilson and out two boys then drove down to Dr. Gibson's office in the Professional Building where Wilson interviewed Dr. Gibson and Dr. John Hayden.

We then went back to Hale's office and after all papers were signed we started for St. Joseph. Just before we started, however, we went back to the Troost Arms and made all arrangements on checking out, then drove over to 3126 Forest Avenue to Alyne Houts' hotel and left Alyne's and Wilson's car in charge of the landlady there. Wilson had an electric fan and he gave the landlady \$2.00 to give to Alyne. Then the landlady took the fan and told us that she would see that Alyne got the car which we parked beside a filling station just off from the apartment. He explained to the landlady where we were going, and I gave Wilson's forwarding address to the landlady at the Troost Arms Hotel and at the apartment on Forest Avenue.

Wilson went into the place as a voluntary patient and he read all the papers while we were enroute to St. Joseph. He had looked them over when in company with Hale, but on the way to St. Joseph he asked again to see them and I turned over all the papers to him. He said then, "I can get out when I want to, can't I, because I am entering as a voluntary patient?" I said to him in good faith, "I imagine you can because you are not committed there by the state. As a private patient it is different than where the state assumes the full responsibility."

Wilson and I went in to talk to Dr. Bunch and he called a male attendant who came for Wilson's baggage and a fine extra new suit of clothes that we brought over for Wilson. Wilson asked me to write his wife, Alyne, giving his address. I promised him I would, and when I told him that he was going in as a voluntary patient I did that in good faith. Just before leaving I spoke to Dr. Bunch and told him of our conversation. Dr. Bunch told me that Wilson would be constrained during his ninety days stay at the hospital.

When we first talked to Wilson it was on a six months proposition and he remonstrated very strongly while we were waiting in the reception room at Dr. Gibson's office, but I told him, "Wilson, this is going to be a double tough job for you." I said, "How old are you, Wilson?" He said, "Thirty years of age". I said, "Then you have wasted sixty times as much time as that and if you are not willing to put one-sixtieth of the time and effort into rehabilitating your life then I can't be bothered." He said, "All right, I'll do it." I said to him, "It is going to be tough and you are going to feel terrible at times, but other people have suffered with you and for you and now it is your time to suffer a little on your own account to make yourself a man again."

We had a very serious and firm talk and I pulled no punches in telling him of his responsibility to his family and to society. And the pleasing thing about it was that he said, "I am willing." So I am hoping that he still wants to fight back and be the fine boy that he was that the Aliens and all of his friends so much admired. I said to him, "The first four days and the first week or ten days are going to be the toughest, and then when the body has gotten rid of some of the alcoholic poisoning and the physicians have given you things to build up your body and mind, then you will want to beat back into the only way of life that has its satisfactions."

Wilson said to me, "I want to ask you one thing. If I go over there and make good, will you get me a job?" I said, "Yes, sir, I'll guarantee that to you, Wilson. I personally will get you a job." And he said, "All right, that clinches it." So it was with the hope of rehabilitation and the promise of a job that my bargain was made.

I am sorry that I did not write you before, Mrs. Houts, but it was physically impossible to keep the promises to Mrs. Allen and our family and take the time to write you the letter that I wanted to write you. Please feel free to call upon me at any emergency in which you feel I can help you.

With sincerest and best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

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

September 9, 1941.

Mrs. Alyne Houts,
3126 Forest Avenue,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mrs. Houts:

I am sending you a carbon copy of a letter that I have written Mrs. Houts at Warrensburg. I felt the one letter would suffice to give all of you the same information.

I am also sending you a copy of a letter that I have written Wilson.

My sincere wish is for Wilson's rehabilitation, and for your and your family's happiness.

Sincerely yours,

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

September 9, 1941.

Mr. Wilson Houts,
State Hospital No. 2,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Dear Wilson:

I have written your mother a lengthy letter. She wrote me that she was going over to see you yesterday. I trust that your meeting was one that left hope in both of your hearts for your future.

You can still make it, Wilson, but you are going to have to fight and keep your chin up every day that you are there where people are trying to help you fight back to a path of durable satisfactions.

Your mother told me you had a lovely wife and you also told me so. You told me that her first husband, who is the father of her little girl, went bad like you did. I know that you are going to try to be somebody so that the little girl and your wife can have someone to lean on.

At the first opportunity I will drop over and see you. Won't you write me a letter and tell me how you are getting along? Enough time has elapsed to allow you to think things over. You remember you told me you couldn't write. I told you to print a letter to me. I can read printing very easily. So I will count on your printing me a letter, and your writing will improve a lot in the next few days.

Expecting a letter and hoping that you are feeling very much better, I am

Your good friend,

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

September 9, 1941.

Mr. Hale Houts,
29th Floor Fidelity Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Hale:

I am sending you a carbon copy of letters that I have written Mrs. Houts at Warrensburg. I feel the one letter will suffice to give all of you the same information.

I am also sending you a copy of a letter that I have written Wilson.

I am happy to have had a visit with you, but sorry that it had to be under these conditions. I am hopeful for better things.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

September 9, 1941.

Dr. E. T. Gibson,
Professional Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dr. Gibson:

It was a pleasure to have a short visit with you when I was in your office in regard to Wilson Houts. I am sorry that we met under such adverse conditions, but I am thankful to you for your thoughtfulness and kindly bearing.

I trust that at some future time we can have a longer and more pleasant visit.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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2900 FIDELITY BUILDING

911 WALNUT STREET

KANSAS CITY, MO.

September 10, 1941

WILLIAM S. HOGSETT
ALVIN C. TRIPPE
HENRY DEPPING
HALE HOUTS
CHARLES R. WESTMORELAND
J. D. JAMES
LEWIS SANDERS

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Forrest:

Thank you very much for your letter of
September 9 and the copies of your letters to Mother
and Wilson. You have undertaken and accomplished
what no one else could have done so well. I believe
you know that you have the everlasting gratitude of
the family.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

HH:S



November 13, 1941

Mr. Harley Davis
Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer
Kansas City Power and Light Company
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Harley,

Thank you very much for your good letter regarding Wilson. He is doing fine and each evening he comes over to the house and visits with us.

Wilson is working for us here at the University on the stadium building and grounds shift and doing some fine work. I believe that he will get in good shape physically so that he can stand the work of Joe Westwood's foundry. I appreciate your mentioning this and I am writing Joe a letter today and am sending you a copy of the same.

If you have a chance to give Joe a ring I would appreciate it. Anything that you can do in Wilson's behalf will be greatly appreciated by me. I took your letter home last night and read it to Wilson. He seemed greatly pleased with the possibility. However, I told him that he would have to work hard around here for a while and make good and in addition he would have to get in tip-top physical shape to stand foundry work. I believe that he will do it.

Wilson is married and his wife has a child by a former marriage. This little tot had a mastoid operation yesterday and Wilson had to make some arrangements at St. Luke's hospital. We helped him in this situation and he really is beginning to feel a share of his responsibility.

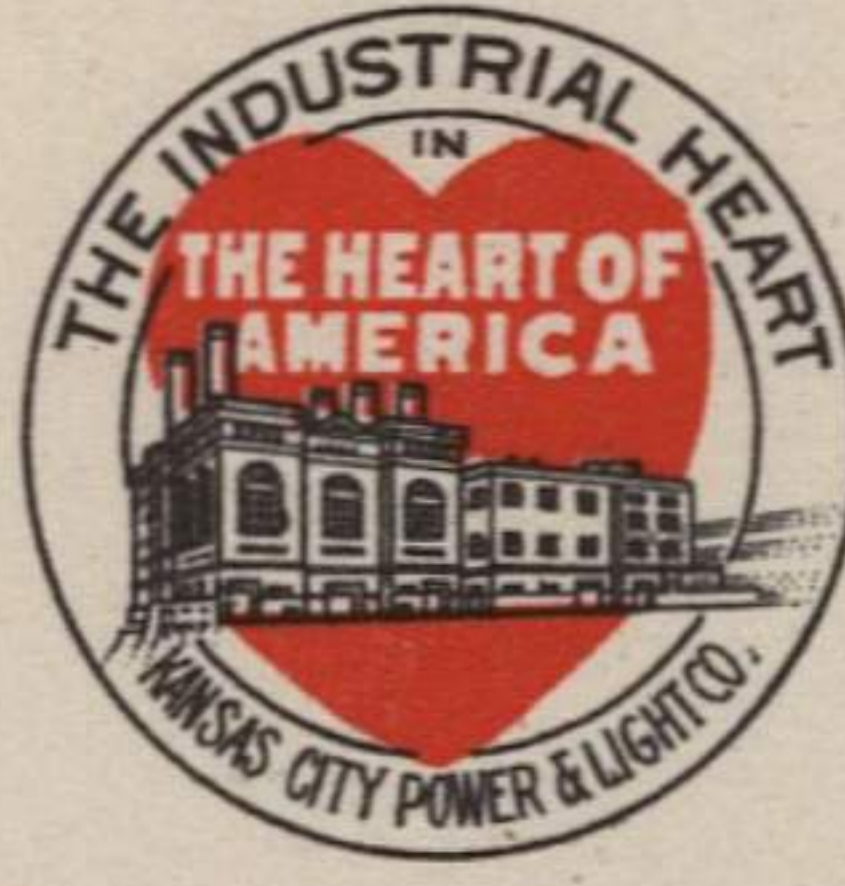
Thank you, Harley.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY



KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

November 11, 1941

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

Dear Forrest:

The last time Wilson was in I told him that if he did not make connections at Remington-Arms to drop back and see me. I later called the Troost Arms Apartments and they advised me that he had moved, so I took it for granted that he had made connections and was living in or near Independence.

I had a talk with Joe Westwood, who owns and operates the Blue Valley Foundry, 1711 East 12th St., and spoke to him about using Wilson and he said that he would be glad to use him, if he thought he could do the work. The first time Wilson was in I do not think he would have been able to do the work which Joe has, but if he has been taking care of himself since I last saw him, I believe he should be able to stand the average grind, for as you know, this foundry work is pretty heavy.

A letter from you to Joe will, at least, give him every consideration, and since Joe is adding to his force daily, I would advise you to have Wilson drop in and have an interview with him. It will, at least, be something to tide him over until we can find something better, although there is a good future in the foundry business for one who wishes to apply himself.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Harley'.

Ass't. Secretary-Ass't. Treasurer

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November 10, 1941

Mr. Harley Davis
Kansas City Power and Light Co.
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Harley,

I want to thank you so much for your kindness and consideration concerning Wilson Houts.

I thought, under the circumstances, that it would be best for me to employ him here a while. It is always a problem to get a man a job when he has been unemployed. Therefore, I have him working for me and after he has worked some time I will endeavor to get him on somewhere else. I do appreciate your kindness.

With all good wishes I am

Sincerely,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

November 10, 1941

Mayor Roger Sermon
Independence, Mo.

Dear Rog,

I want to thank you so much for your kindness and consideration concerning Wilson Houts.

I thought, under the circumstances, that it would be best for me to employ him here a while. It is always a problem to get a man a job when he has been unemployed. Therefore, I have him working for me and after he has worked some time I will endeavor to get him on somewhere else. I do appreciate your kindness.

With all good wishes I am

Sincerely,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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November 1, 1941

Mr. Graham B. Hovey
International News Service
Hearst Building
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hovey,

I'm very glad to have your letter from New York dated Oct. 30. It will be a pleasure to see you if and when I am in Chicago. The Kansas basketball team is playing DePaul in Chicago on Jan. 31 at the Chicago stadium. I trust that I may have the pleasure of visiting with you at that time. We play Iowa at Iowa City on Jan. 30 and doubtless we will come on into Chicago on the 30th.

I'll be very happy to talk with you regarding my attitude on big-time inter-collegiate athletics. That takes in both football and basketball. I've said that big-time basketball is as much a racket as big-time football only basketball is on a smaller scale due to the fact that there's not so much money taken in at the gate. The same proseliting, the same abuses of making the boy feel that athletics are his primal purpose in college are dominant, but they are less apparent.

The coaches are becoming proseliting hounds rather than teachers of physical education. Formerly, it was the barber shop that the coaches hung out in and told the down town bunch about the activities of the team. Now it's the banks and the bond houses that the boys frequent.

Please understand me, I'm not saying that we do not have many fine coaches yet who do not do this thing, but what about the next generation of coaches taken, of course, from the athletics who are playing now. If these present-day athletes get their laboratory experiments under the proseliting type of coaches what can we expect? If these present-day athletes get their board and room and tuition expenses paid for playing on an athletic team, what will be the attitude of these fellows when they become coaches? It is perfectly obvious that they will not be in the position to challenge the boys regarding the fine, high, standards that should obtain in regard to athletics, but they will go out to the market and buy them the same as any of the big-league clubs buy their baseball players.

Now don't misunderstand me, I'm not against football. I'm strong for football and I'm strong for basketball, but the coaches are making a racket out of it rather than a sport. The professional baseball

plays for his base knocks and his fielding average. If he has a high rating in both he's a hold-out until they come across with more money, because he pulls them in at the gate. It is conceivable that there is exactly the same attitude of many of the Big players in inter-collegiate athletics.

Let's look at such a boy when he gets through his three years of eligibility. He perhaps has not graduated or maybe he has, and if he has, he must go out and get the job as an apprentice at a small salary. Such an outlook is not very glamorous to him -- he's been too used to everybody kow-towing and shouting, and when nobody shouts he can't take it. There's only one thing left for him to do and that's to go into professional athletics. He goes into them with the same attitude of ease and luxury that obtained in college -- he wants the same old hip-hip-hooray stuff and everybody cheering for him. But after 4 or 5 years of getting along easily and following the easy, glamorous, lazy life -- what then? Well, just trail a Pro football club for a couple of years and listen into the dressing room statements of the participants or follow some of these independent basketball players who are playing basketball for big business houses for the advertising that they'll give the company. These fellows will tell you that it's a no-good racket. Now the lure of athletics has vanished and they're right back where they started -- a highly disillusioned bunch.

While the chaps who took their athletics for the fun of it and went to college for something else are in an entirely different position. They did not expect athletics to carry them through life. They used their athletics as a favorable introduction to society and business and they're happy that they participated in athletics because it was sheer fun and they made a lot of fine friends. But they're still hitting the ball and going on while the disillusioned Pro player is yelling "It's a gip!"

That's my story, Mr. Hovey.

The same story applies to basketball as to football, but most of the sports writers isolate football. There are as many racketeers in an athletic way coaching basketball as are coaching football. This type all want to win, but they want to proselite their material on the hoof rather than take the chance of losing. These fellows don't want anything but the best material, and then it becomes a manager's job and not a coaches job to manage these young athletic broncos.

I've coached for 30 years -- this is my 25th year at Kansas, and I think I know whereof I am speaking.

I'll be glad to see you, of course, at any time that it's convenient. With all good wishes I am

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE

235 EAST 45TH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

October 30, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Basketball Coach
The University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Just a line to let you know that I am now writing sports in our Chicago bureau, and would like to have you drop up to the Hearst building and see me whenever you get in here.

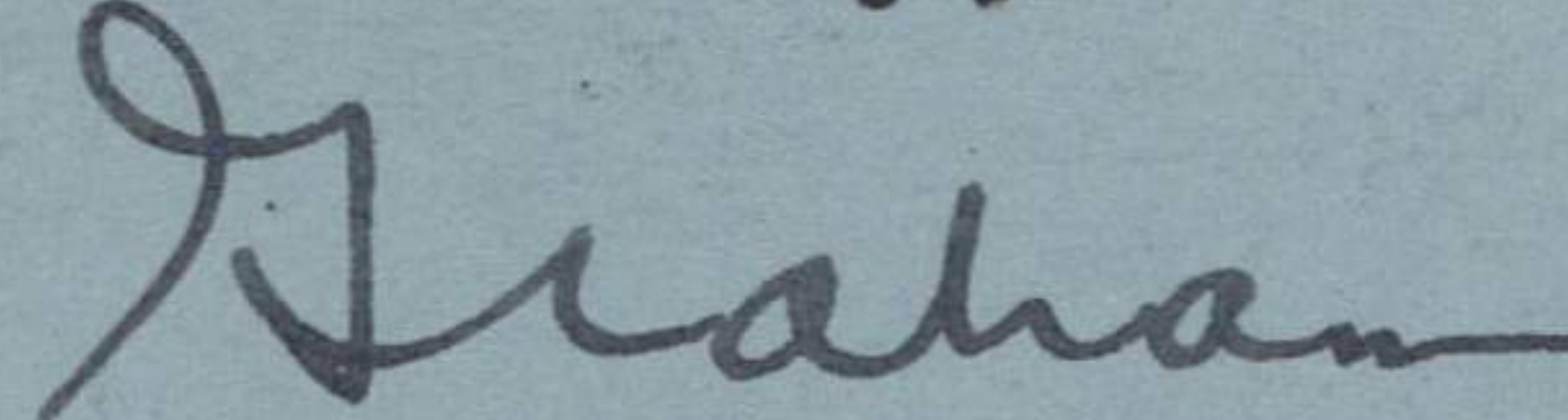
I have appreciated your help on stories in the past, and I'm especially anxious to confer with you sometime in the future on your attitude toward intercollegiate football as we know it today. I've read several write-ups of talks you have given on the subject and I think it would be an interesting interview story for our wires. It was one subject you and I never got around to in my brief visits to Mt. Oread during my stay in the Kansas City bureau!

Incidentally, along the football line, I'm planning a trip to the Midway in the next few days to try to get a cross section of reaction to abandonment of football at Chicago after nearly two full seasons.

I'll be glad to hear from you at any time, and be sure to make our office one of your stopping off places when in Chicago.

The best of luck to you and your boys this year.

Cordially,



Graham B. Hovey
INS -- Chicago

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
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January 15, 1942

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

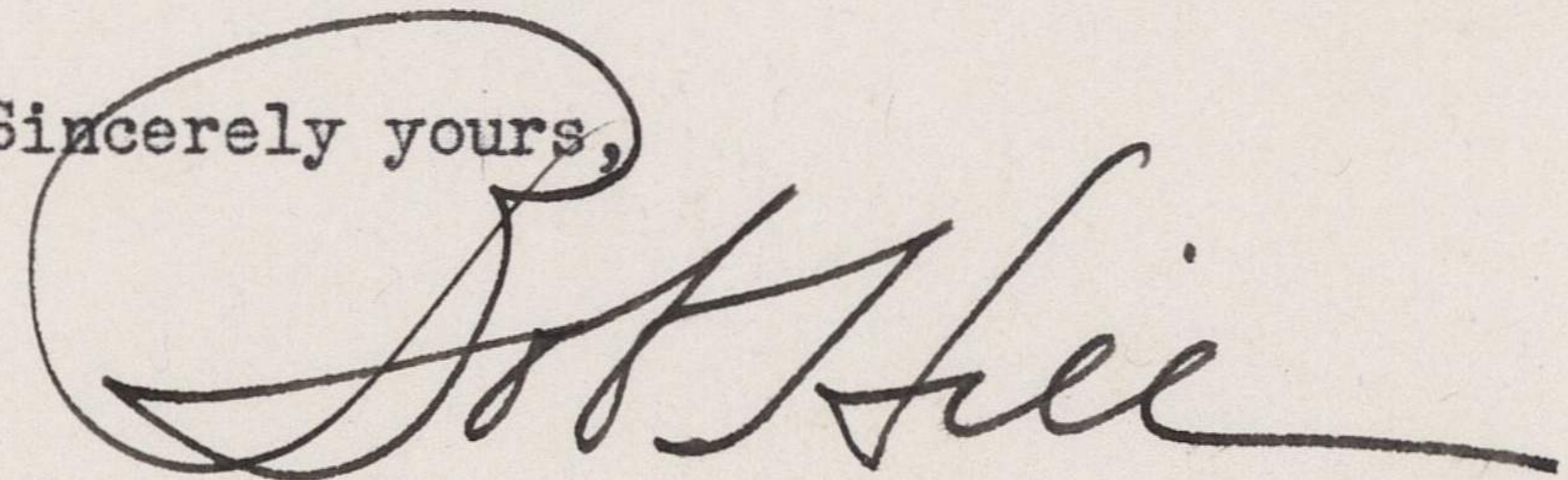
Dear Phog:

Upon arriving at the Tiger Hotel last night for the Chamber of Commerce banquet, I met our mutual good friend, Syd Stephens, who told me he had just had a brief, but pleasant visit with you. It was necessary for me to be in Jefferson City yesterday, attending the meeting of the State Defense Savings group. It was a most inspiring meeting and an overflow attendance. I'm sorry that I missed a visit with you. I shall mark my agenda with an item of unfinished business until I have had the pleasure of a visit with you when you're here.

A goodly number of us hated to miss the basketball game. The report indicates that your men acquitted themselves with glory. I tried to get you after the Chamber of Commerce dinner, only to learn that you left immediately after the game.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. H. Allen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely yours,".

RLH:g

January 16, 1942.

Mr. Robert E. Lee Hill,
114 Jesse Hall,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Bob:

It was swell of you to write me as you did in your letter of January 5th. You know, I didn't think it was possible, Bob, that they could have a football game like the Sugar Bowl with Missouri in it and keep you away from that gathering, even though they hog-tied you.

At Rotary meeting last Monday we had J. Willard Ridings, one of your boys of former days, together with his son, Paul. He spoke on "Publicizing a Big Time Football Team". J. Willard is at present Director of Publicity at Texas Christian University, and his son holds the same position at Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska. This is the only father-son combination of this sort in the world, and they also have the distinction of being the only father and son holding master's degrees in Journalism from the University of Missouri.

I told the Rotarians that we had endeavored to get Bob Hill, and failing to get Bob on account of duties in which he was tied up at other places, we got another good Missourian. And say, Bob, he did a swell job of it.

It was rather an interesting coincidence, because next year we play T.C.U. at Fort Worth, and in '43 we play T.C.U. here. Since J. Willard is the publicity man he always travels with the team. He made a host of friends here, and we will all be looking for him back to visit us in 1943.

And too, I want to thank you for your generous invitation although we could not go through with it for luncheon on January 14. We drove all the way back after the ball game, getting in at 3:30 a.m. We could not get pullmans because they would not lay one off, and we could not get special buses, so I commandeered my son's and my car and we drove down.

I saw Hugh Stevens in the lobby and he could not get to the ball game because he was going to some defense meeting. You Missourians are really on the job, but I believe that goes

for every state in the Union, doesn't it?

Thank you for your kind invitation, and remember, nothing would delight us as much as if you would use that rain check for the Lawrence, Kansas, Rotary at your earliest possible moment. Is there any time on any Monday that you get to Kansas City? We would love to have you out here to speak to our Lawrence Rotarians. We would upset almost any kind of a schedule to have you with us. Won't you write me and let me know what the possibilities are?

With all good wishes, I am

Rotarily yours,

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

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Robert E. Lee Hill
PAST PRESIDENT (1934-1935)
Rotary International

114 Jesse Hall
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo., U.S.A.

January 5, 1942

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Chairman, Program Committee
Lawrence Rotary Club
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Your letter addressed to me in Louisiana quoting your telegram inviting me to speak at your January 12 Rotary meeting has just this minute reached the office. Evidently your telegram will be forwarded to me by mail. I did not go to Louisiana for the Sugar Bowl game, hence, the delay in receiving your letter. I hasten to explain in order that you may know why I have not communicated with you. I did have a letter from Fred Ellsworth, reply to which he doubtless has now. I am sending a copy of this letter to Fred.

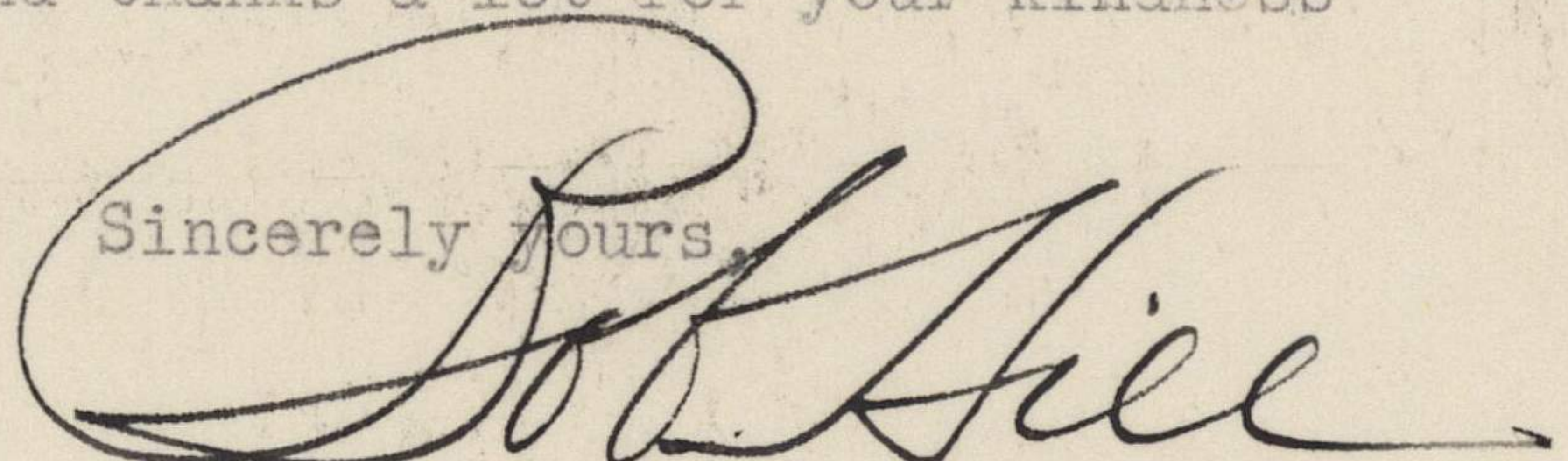
Your invitation is appreciated tremendously. I am terribly disappointed because I cannot accept it. I have looked forward with eagerness to the pleasure and privilege of being with you and Fred and our other mutual friends of the Rotary Club of Lawrence, and I do hope you will give me a rain check.

When I wrote to Fred, I explained to him that I could not be in Lawrence on January 12 because of a Defense Council meeting scheduled that day in Jefferson City, our State Capital. The meeting, however, has been re-scheduled in Kansas City for noon of that day at the Muehlebach. I'm trying to arrange travel plans so that I may be in Lawrence Sunday, January 11, for Fred's meeting of the American Alumni Council. Please bear with me.

You'll be interested to know that I had planned to invite you to have lunch with me January 14, the day of the Kansas-Missouri basketball game...in fact, I had dictated the invitation to go in this letter, but I've changed^{ed} because just a few minutes after I dictated the invitation, I received an announcement that our U. S. Savings Committee is to meet in Jefferson City that day. But I'll give you a rain check.

New Year's greetings to you, and thanks a lot for your kindness and hospitality.

Sincerely yours,



RLH:g

January 10 1942.

Mr. Robert E. Lee Hill,
114 Jesse Hall,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Mr. Hill:

Dr. Allen left last night for Ames, Iowa, where he expects to see Missouri play Iowa State College tonight. He hopes to answer your letter of January 5th early next week, and asked me to tell you that he greatly appreciated your generous letter to him.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen.

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Jan. 16th. 1942.

Mr. F. C. Allen
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Coach;

I wish to thank you for your patronage last wednesday nite and I also want to apologize for being short of some of the items you and your boys wanted.

I went home early wednesday nite as it was quiet and I did not know whether you were traveling by highway or train, and had I known you were coming I assure you I would have been here to take care of you and your boys for you have been loyal to Holt's Cafe to say the least, and I am hoping things turned out to your satisfaction.

Thanking you again Mr. Allen, for your business and I wish you a most successful season, and I hope we will serve you and your boys in the future as we have in the past, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. G. Holt Jr.

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January 20, 1942.

Mr. Lacy Haynes,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Lacy:

Thank you for your kind note of the 16th instant.
I appreciate your thoughts, and best of all I appreciate
your taking time to write as you did.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

FCA:AH

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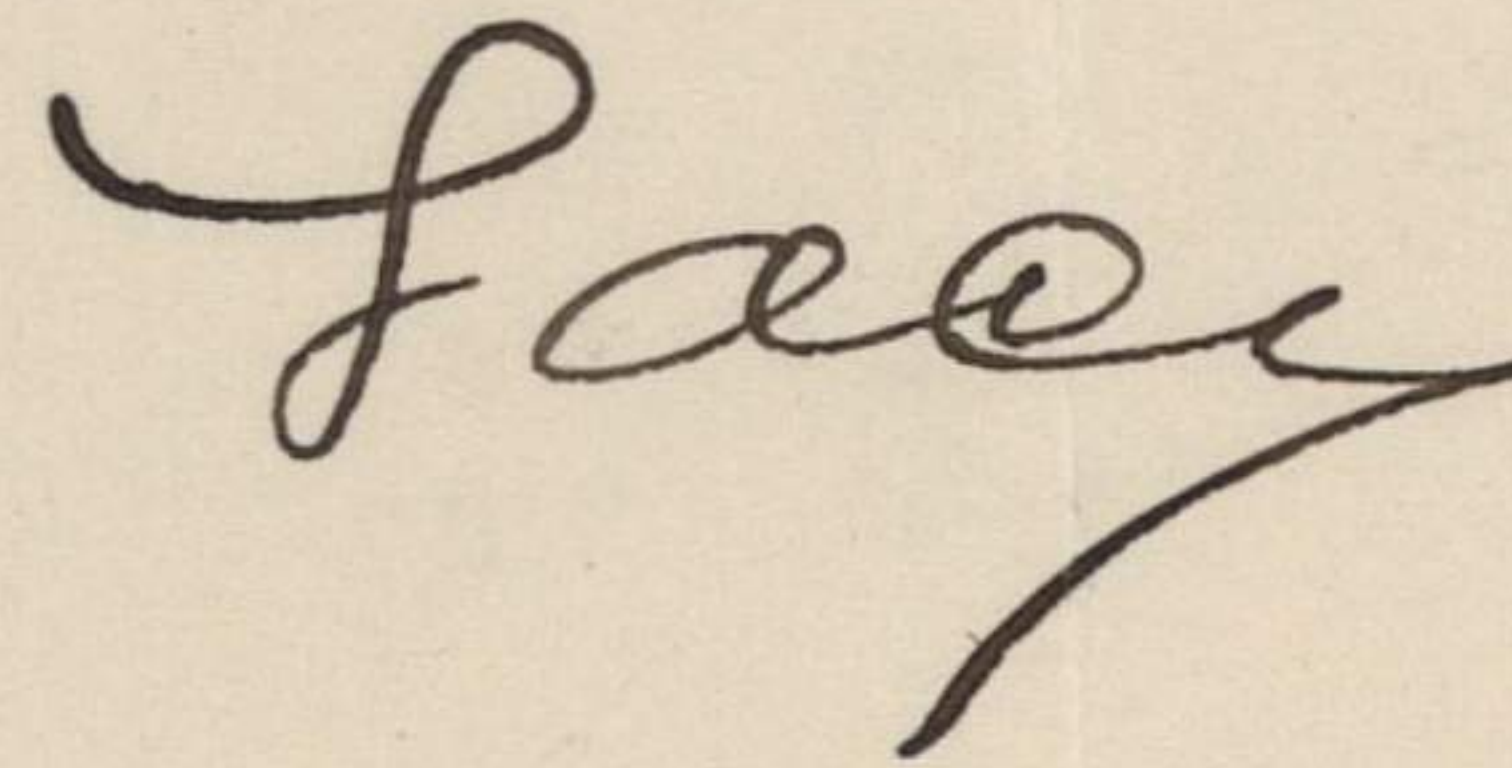
As always, you are in the habit of doing fine things. Even away from home, you think of your friends. That is fine.

Of course I had planned to see that game and will enjoy the box very much.

I like the looks of your team in the Oklahoma game; you seem to have already got your teamwork going. I don't know how you do it, Phog, but it is a pleasure for one of your friends to sit in the crowd and watch your results.

Thanks again, and with best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,



LCH:VS

January 26, 1942.

Mr. Lacy Haynes,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Lacy:

I am enclosing herewith copies of correspondence regarding our game at Iowa State. This is for your confidential information.

Sincerely yours,

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

January 26, 1942.

Mr. J. Craig Harper,
19 E. 51st Terrace,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Craig:

Your note of the 23rd was received this morning and I immediately took your check in to Mr. Earl Falkenstien, financial secretary of the Athletic Association. He will mail the five tickets to the address given in your note.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

FCA:AH

DON'T SAY IT—WRITE IT

TO Dr. F. B. Allen

DATE

1/23/42

FROM J. Craig Harper

After Mother talked with you today
we decided on five tickets instead of four.

Enclosed you will find Dad's check to
cover and we sure appreciate your
courtesy in this matter. Will see you
the night of February fifteenth. Please
mail tickets to, J. W. Harper

19 E 51 Terrace

K. City, Mo.

Room 1014
19 South LaSalle St
Chicago, Illinois
(Telephone - Central 4100)

January 30, 1942

My dear "Phog":

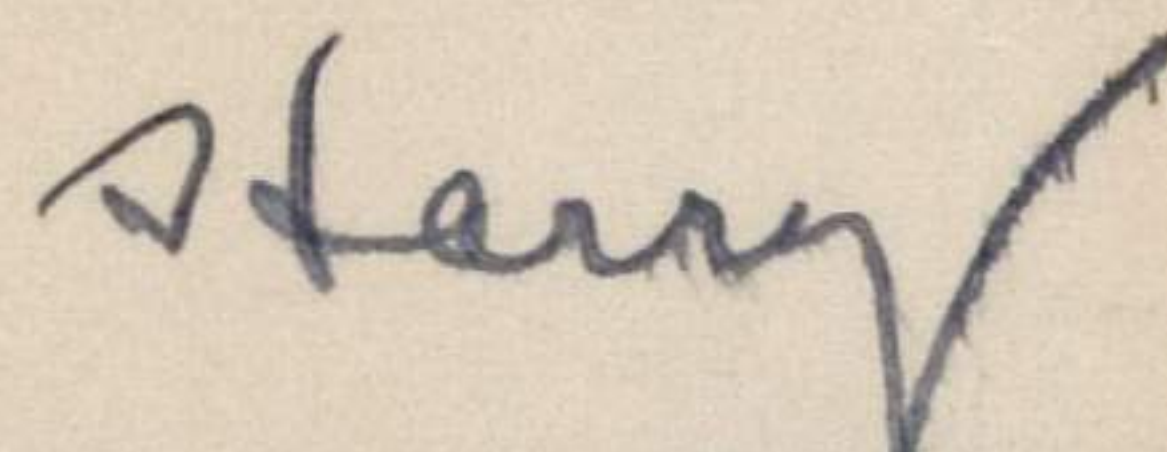
To be sure there is no confusion as to your engagements this afternoon, here they are.

You are expected at Studio 3, WGN broadcasting station, in the WGN building just north of the Tribune Tower on Michigan Avenue, at 2:45. The address is - 441 North Michigan Avenue. On arrival inquire for Bob Elson or Hall Fogarty. You are appearing on the "Elson and Anson" program.

The Annual Dinner is being held tonight at 6:30 at the Sweden House, 157 East Ohio Street, a short distance from the loop. Please arrive by 6:30.

I regret that I am tied up this afternoon and cannot call for you at the hotel. Take a taxi and you will be over in ten minutes.

Sincerely yours,



Harry C Herman

Dr Forrest C Allen
Kansas University Basketball Team
Morrison Hotel
Chicago, Illinois

P S - Lieutenant MacLoud, captain of the Dartmouth football team, '37, '38, will be with us tonight as well.

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Jan. 30, 1942

Dear Phog:

Thanks for sending me your
correspondence with Iowa State. It is
very interesting.

With kindest regards and best
wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Lacy