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Mr. Vance Hall,  
Downs, Kansas.

Dear Vance:

Thank you very much for your very nice letter. I enjoyed reading it very much. I am sorry that Max was not at home when you stopped by, but you certainly did your part in calling and leaving a note. I am expecting to get up to Topeka real soon to see him, and when I do I will make it a point that your playing against him during high school days and playing with him at college will be a great experience. I owe his father a letter and expect to write it in the next few days, but I have been so busy with my administrative work and playground supervision that I have fallen behind in my correspondence.

I will be very happy to send you the basketball equipment and basketball when you are in need of it. I rather took it that you will be so tired now when you come home from work that you would not care to have the equipment for a while, but if I am mistaken in that drop me a line and it will be forthcoming. I thought a couple or three weeks would be time enough to let you get hungry for the sport.

I am happy that you have a job with the Hardman Construction Company. You bet, that is what every boy needs - good hard work, and it will give you stamina and put you in good physical condition so that nobody will be able to bounce you around on the basketball court.

Give your good mother, your brother, and all of my good friends in Downs my kindest regards. I am counting on you having a great year at Kansas next year, and I am sure that you will have it. Our summer play program is moving along in nice shape and we are delighted with the lovely weather that we are having. I am glad that Western Kansas is also getting this much needed moisture.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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