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Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Director
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Dear "Phog." :-

I rode to the County Tournament in Osborne Friday night with Vance Hall and he came in Saturday to talk about K U with me. Vance informs me that he will have to have some help while in School at least part of the time as his father can't afford to bear the whole brunt of the expenses. I just thought I would mention this to you before calling on you this coming week-end so you could bring up the question to him as he is for all of the glory being bestowed on him, quite a bashful and retiring sort of a chap. If you can assure him that efforts will be made in his behalf to secure part time work it will help him a lot.

Downs defeated Osborne (Class A) 25-19 in the first game of the Tournament, Hall made 19 points. Saturday night Downs beat Alton 40-24 and Hall scored 25 points for Downs. This gives him about an even average of 22 points per game for the season, and he played the first few with his wrist and hand bandaged from an Armistice Day Football break. Vance has scored more points than the opposing team four games this season and has tied the opponents totals in four other games. In every game he has had the whole opposing team trying to stop him and has been subjected to some mighty close and rough guarding. He just seems to run the other boys down and then pour it on them. I believe in the last five games which have been against strong teams he has secured the rebound from both backstops at least 50% of the time in the whole of each game. He is also in almost half of the jumps for held balls. In other words he goes out and gets the ball from the opponents and then either shoots over them or dribbles through or around them and scores. He makes his own opportunities and it isn't a case of the other boys feeding him all the time. He feeds the others a lot and is a team player and not a glory hound. It just so happens this year Downs has a squad with about 7 guards and one forward.

We will see you Saturday the 25th. and in the meantime lots of good luck to you and your boys.

Sincerely,

W. H. Harrison