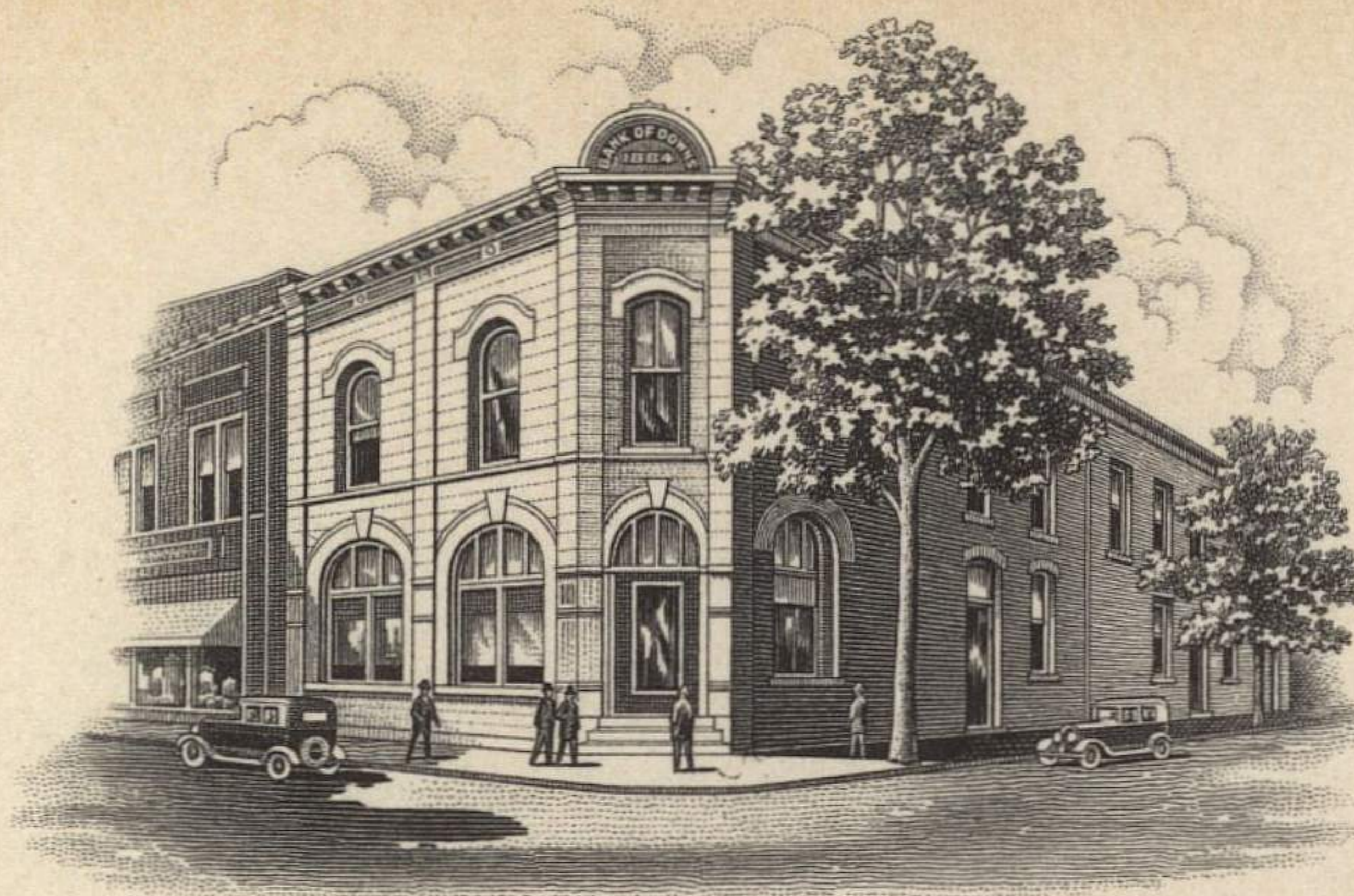


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January 18, 1939.

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

Dear Dr. Allen :-

I have intended writing you for some time about a High School basketball player here in Downs, Kansas, but wanted to have some definite idea as to his future plans before doing so. The chap I have in mind is Vance Hall, who was placed on the all State Class B Team last year at Salina as a forward. Hall has decided definitely that he will go to K U next Fall and I know that anything in the form of recognition from you would justabout tickle the boy to the utmost. He will not have to work his way thru school as his parents can help him. He is a good student, a conscientious church member and an all around fine chap. Does not have any bad habits and I know him very well.

I don't know whether or not it is your custom to write letters to boys who have signified their intentions to an alumnus but I do think Hall is worthy of attention from any School. All of the coaches from the smaller Kansas Schools are after him and he will have offers of every kind this Summer but I feel sure that I have drilled Phog Allen and K U into him for so long that he will not change his mind. So far this year Hall has averaged over 20 points a game and is not a Grandstander. I honestly believe he is one of the best forwards in the State. He is six feet tall, weighs about 165 and is still growing.

I had intended bringing him to the game at Manhattan but Downs plays that night so that is out of the question. If there is such a thing as a Saturday night game this Season at Lawrence I will ^(with Hall) bring him down there as he is very anxious to see your boys play. I called on you during the Relays last year but found you were in the South at a conference of coaches. Please let me know if K U does play on a Saturday night this year.

My very best regards to yourself and Mrs. Allen (she may remember me as I sat next to her in French classes back in '20). I hope sincerely that 1939 is one of the best year the Allens ever had in all of their business and family life.

Sincerely Yours,

W. H. Harrison, '21.