

December 17, 1943.

Mr. J. E. Kissell,  
Portis, Kansas.

Dear J. E.:

Mighty happy to have your good letter of the 14th instant and am hastening to give you Marvin Sollenberger's address. It is 413 North Bleckley Drive, Wichita 8, Kansas.

I am happy that Max finished his work at Albuquerque in fine style and is now on his way to the University of Georgia at Athens. These boys are gaining a great education in moving from place to place and seeing how people do things in other communities. The fact that Max made 85 in his flying certainly stamps him as an outstanding aviator.

I certainly hope that all the junior basketball boys will be able to return to the University of Kansas. We certainly will be tough on somebody's ball club. We have a rather ordinary team and the fact that the boys come from so many localities who have not had any freshman basketball fundamentals makes it doubly difficult to whittle a team into a comprehensive unit. However, we are doing the very best we can under the conditions, but I am not taking the results of our games too seriously, as I am more concerned with the war effort than I am in the athletic endeavors. Of course, we are not neglecting them but we are not losing any sleep when we lose a ball game.

Doubtless you have read about the play-off in Kansas City between Kansas, Missouri, Kansas State and Washburn. This should provide some nice competition and at the same time make a goodly amount of money for the athletic treasuries which at the present time seem pretty well depleted. I hope that you can get up to see one of our games, at least.

Give my kindest regards to your good wife and the rest of my friends in Portis. I am just getting out a new Jayhawk Rebounds and will send you one.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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