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Dr. F. C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen: I get on a letter writing spree at times and when I do, I usually manage to get to you, especially at this season of the year when basketball is on.

Writing letters now to get some worry off my mind as my wife has been in poor health lately and we had thought it was due to the 'change of life' situation. Took her to hospital at Halstead Jan. 31st and there they have feared a tumor of brain though do not locate such yet via X-ray. Last I talked there she was some improved but still is in quite serious condition and of course I am greatly concerned and much worried.

As to basketball, I watch your club pretty closely though with not quite as much enthusiasm as in other years and especially when Max and boys I knew well, were operating for you. In war times tho any average small college may pick up some good transfer men and have a fine club. I will be glad when things get settled again and we get back to normal routine.

Your club this year seems to be very good but just lacking a little punch in a number of games that might have meant first place for you in the Big Six instead of a lower berth. Wish you had all of last year's boys back on deck.

Guess I may have written you that Max is doing well in Naval Aviation at Athens, GA. and the Coach is Chuck Finley who knows you. They have a great raft of good men there. Max has been Capt. in some of the games and was high point in some games and is apparently playing good basketball. They were short on guards and threw him back to guard at times. The other night they defeated Georgia TECH. which to then had won seven straights and were undefeated. The Ath. Dir. there is Matty Bell whom you likely know or know of.

Hi basketball out here seems rather dull this year. Imagine this for Portis -- Just six boys out for basketball so that when one is sick there is not a sub. Small towns have been hit hard. Maybe after the war we can induce folks to come back to our small villages. At least, I believe we will have to in the new set-up of conditions.

Kindest regards to all and hope you and your people are getting on nicely and that the future is good to you all.

Sincerely,

J. E. Kissell, Portis.

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