

November 21, 1941.

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

Dear Mr. Kissell:

Thank you very much for your very good letter of the 17th; also for the clipping enclosed. It is very interesting.

I will not write you a lengthy letter, but I do want to tell you that I enjoy your letters very much and I hope to see you here Saturday for the Missouri game.

I could not see how Kansas State could lose, but in reviewing the case in my mind I can see how, as you say, Kansas State was "just right" for what happened. It was interesting about the way they boomed Jack Gardner for a field house, wasn't it? But if we hadn't been as luck as the mischief and as torrid as hot tar they would have licked us.

The last two years that we played Gardner out there at Manhattan our boys have done the impossible - almost. So some day if they catch us off our stride they are liable to lick us.

We should have a fairly good year in basketball. I am not rounding the boys any too rapidly, waiting for the coming of the men from the football squad before we go all out and in dead earnest this year. All of our boys are improved over last year, and I believe that Sollenberger is going to be a dandy. Of course, Evans and Miller will strengthen the squad perceptibly, and these other boys are coming along in good shape. Charlie Walker, John Buescher, Vance Hall, T. P. Hunter - all are improved over last year. And our freshmen of last year are coming along in good shape. Max is improving, comparatively speaking, although he is not up with some of last year's gang. But he is flashy, intelligent, aggressive, and he is an A No. 1 fighter. He gets a little over-anxious on certain play situations, but when he is out and on the court driving and fighting for that ball he is just as versatile as most any of them. He will make a great player for Kansas before he finishes. I will make that prediction to you.

I was interested in reading about the time you played with Kansas Wesleyan. That must have been in 1909 or 1910, was it not?