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DR. F. C. ALLEN,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir and Friend:

I frequently feel called upon to write you about one thing or another but generally get too busy to get a letter off.

Right now I have in mind the all-star basketball game in Chicago the night of Friday, November 28th; the contestants being an all-star group of 1941 college seniors and the champion, or so-called champion Detroit Eagles. I guess you know about it as I see by paper you are on some advisory committee in connection with it.

Are the KU senior boys, that is Bob Allen and Engleman, eligible for this game and if so, do they care to take part, so far as you know, if they were chosen--either of them? I read the Chicago papers and see a good deal in them about the game and that that if the Kansas boys were eligible and cared to take part, that some move might be made in their favor. I know a number of fellows there that I could at least suggest names to.

If you can give me some information on this, I will be glad.

I see that Gene Kemper devoted a column the other day to you and football and I was amused at some of the conclusions he drew. He evidently wants to make a big noise that sounds good to him but which will back-fire with some of his readers. You ought to have Kemper referee all of your basketball games and then maybe he could give you a boost????? You understand of course that I am joking on that because, though I have seen worse referees of basketball than Kemper, right now I can't recall where it was.

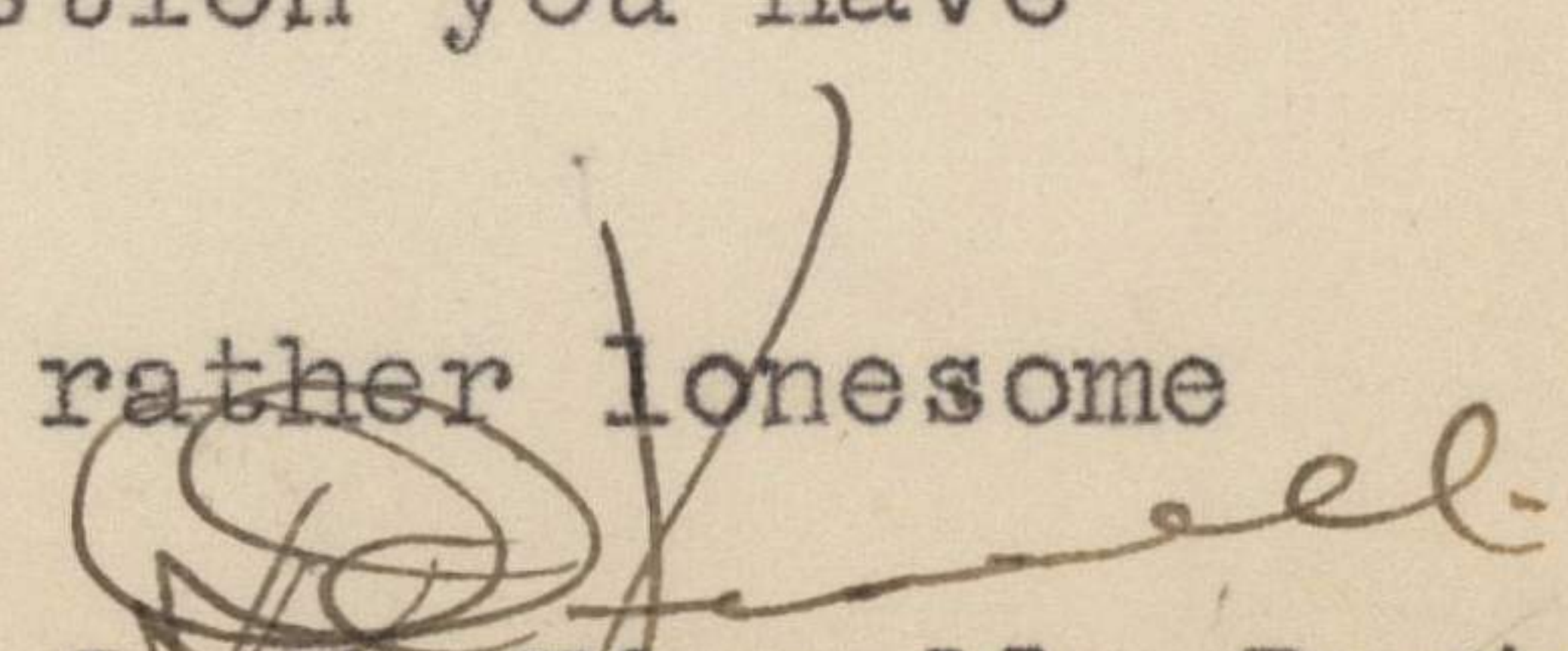
I was of course disappointed Saturday in the KU--NU game. From this rather long range, I wonder if maybe KU is not putting too much dependence in Miller's passing. I noticed a wise crack in some paper that Kansas had only Miller and a prayer and that Miller forgot part of the prayer. The Kans. running attack was not very strong and it seems to me they ought to develop a little more in the way of reserves with as many men as they have out. Of course I am just second guessing and at long range, and this is just confidential.

Fine fall weather here and flowers still pretty. Some volunteer wheat and barely has headed and if stays warm, might be cut, that is with mature grain, by last of month.

Clipping enclosed from Chicago paper and any suggestion you have will be appreciated.

Have been wondering if you and Mrs. Allen are not rather lonesome with the children all gone.

Kindest regards,


J. E. Kissell, Portis