A

September 20, 1939.

Miss Opal Jayne Kennedy,
Pinckney School,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Miss Kennedy:

I am very ahppy to receive your communication of the 19th instant, and I assure you of my full cooperation in giving you the physical education aid that you desire.

I have had two conferences with Miss Joie Stapleton and I have asked her to speak frankly to you so that our cooperation could be more immediate and far-reaching. I pledge you my full cooperation toward the project of which you speak. After your conference with Miss Hoover and Miss Stapleton we will move forward.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Lawrence Public Schools

Lawrence, Kansas

Sept. 19, 1939

Dr. F. C. Allen,
Lawrence, Ks.
Dear Dr. Allen,

Again I'm in need of help in our Physical Education Dept. We did appreciate the help you so kindly sent us last year.

I should like to see cadets from the department in our schools. Do you think this could be worked out with Supt. Dean and the Board of Education?

Sincerely
Opal Jayne Kennedy
Secretary Sch.

B

October 25, 1939.

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

Dear Mr. Kissell:

I received the notice of the high school play, and was glad to see that Max is playing the leading part.

With crop conditions as bad as they are, I imagine that you are having pretty tough sledding, and I wonder if you are going to be able to send Max to K. U. when he is ready to come. We would be glad to provide some work for him to help in a very definite way in paying a good portion of his expenses. Of course, we have no proselyting, as a boy works when he gets a job here. There is work to do and we will be glad to help Max.

Now don't be bashful about any of these things. It would be a pleasure to have Max around where I could use him.

It was mighty nice to see you at Osborne and to have you ask me out there. I was glad to come, and made a lot of fine friends and acquaintances while there. Mrs. Allen was delighted with the trip. After leaving Osborne we stopped to see Milton at Ellinwood where we had a fine visit with the family.

With all good wishes to you and your family, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

October 25, 1939.

Mr. Max Kissell,
Portis, Kansas.

Dear Max:

I see that in addition to being an outstanding athlete you are to have the leading part in your senior high school play. I want to congratulate you on your splendid achievements.

It was good to see you at Osborne the other day. I hope we will see you at K. U. next year.

With all good wishes for your success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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IRENE TULLY, his wife — — — — — — — — PHYLLIS THORNBURG
HIRAM SWALLOW, Richard's rich uncle — — PAUL FRYDENDALL
MIRANDY SWANK, Irene's rich aunt — — — ROMA PLETCHER
CHARLEY JONES, a neighbor — — — — — — — LOYAL YORGENSEN
SUSAN, Charley's wife — — — — — — — — BEULAH STAALDUINE
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December the Twenty-Second,
Nineteen Thirty-Nine.

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

Dear Dr., Sir, Friend, Coach, Taxpayer
and whatever else you may be:

Have intended writing you a number of times since you people were out here, but I let procrastination creep onto me, and so here I am and no letter, yet.

I am writing right now to ask about Max. That is I want to ask about over-exertion or possible weakening of the heart in games, particularly. Max is okay so far as I know but at Russell the other night to see Newton Hi play, some fellows were talking to me about Max and they said (one of them did)---Watch his heart and don't let him burn himself up now. Of course I have him examined at times and the local dock always says he is alright. I also looked thru your book, one of them, and did not locate anything particular on it. Max is strong and quite well all the time but plays very hard and I wanted to ask what amount of practice and play in basketball you think adviseable for him, or any average boy. What length schedule do you recommend for high school boys? Last year we had I think 29 which is too many but seven of them were in tourneys. This year we have I think sixteen, exclusive of tourneys. If boy is in good condition, do you think two games per week (Tues. & Fri.) are too much. We never have two together except in tournaments. Any suggestions you offer will be appreciated. Max is growing and has a time getting enough sleep. We feed him carefully and well and my wife has read all the diet tables and also has read your books on that sort of training and the Dr. here is giving him cod liver and vitamin tablets. Not that he is unhealthy, but to give him just what he needs.

After you were here I had intended clipping the notices from the various papers as to your speech at Osborne, but failed to do that to. Will still get at it, if you care for them. You had some very nice comments from various ones. Generally folks thot it was the best talk for the occasion we had had for a long time and they appreciated it. We usually have some very good, but dry and draggy.

Too, you wrote me some time back asking something as to Max and school, that is college, next year or whenever he gets ready to go. I judge that he will start next fall.

You asked as to finances, that is I judge you wondered whether he would have the cash to atart to college. Max has some money of his own and has worked hard for it. I do not know that he will spe nd it going to college. That may sound peculiar to you and what I mean is that money is hard to get around here now. Economically, our locality is as low as it has ever been.

Fully one-third of the people here are depending upon public agencies for getting along in every way, and none of them appear to have any enthusiasm about getting any other way. I am connected with enough organizations around here that I know whereof I speak and I can't yet see how we are going to pull thru. I am speaking in a general way and I doubt if some good crops would be the answer. So many people have gotten to be so foolish with money that they would go more into debt or buy with their money in good times, and not pay debts. A local man told me he had $50,000. outstanding and he would take $500. cash for it and doubts if he ever collects that much. I have some eight thousand dollars out on subscription account and do not believe I will ever get five per cent of this. I got off onto this rampage about economics and must quit, as it has nothing particular to do with Max and school except that with money so hard to get or collect, it is a problem to know what to do about spendi ng it. However, I am very much for higher education and Max will go somewhere in a year or two no dount. We and he cannot decide what he wants to take up. Be glad for any suggestion from you but I guess you talked to us about it that day at Osborne.

I won't dare get started talking about our Hi basketball this year, or I will get pertinent as I did above on the money question. I will say this, Allen, that I think Max is the best Hi basketball player I have ever seen. Our coach, the Jewish boy, Max Kurman, said the other day, "Max is just a dream player and I never had expected to see a high school player like him." Our Hi has won all eight games by big scores and Max has scored over 200 points, or 26 plus per game. I know that I am partial to his play, since I am his father and can only see the good points and fail to see the weak ones, but I'll say this to you, that Max may write his name alongside some of the basketball greats in the next few years. On the other hand he may go to some school and not get off right, and drop out and find tough competition and turn out to be just another basketball player. I have seen a lot of flashy Hi boys that way; good against weak teams but can't stand up against the hard tests. I think Max can, but can only hope now that he will. The other night a sportsman from California was thru here looking for greyhounds, and a friend of his here said to him to come out to the game and see our pretty nice little basketball team. That night Max ran 35 points, and looked like a basketball machine in precision. The next day the man came in and offered Max a complete coverage (he called it that) education at a big California school. He said that while he had not seen Hank Luisetti much in Hi school, yet he knew Hank did not do the things in Hi school that Max does. Of course, Allen, I am not enthused about his plan as I feel that if Max was not a high-class player in games, they would cut him adrift out there. I guess, tho, that any school would. Two coaches have been here to see us and our coach is trying to get Max at KState and is taking him down there soon for a check-up. Have letters from Northwestern where I know the coach and also from Oklahoma, and Gene Johnson wants Max at Wesleyan, my old school. A doctor we know from California was in yesterday and told Max the place for him to go was Kans. U. and Frank Mandeville was in for a tlak about Max going there.

I see I did just what I said I would not do so will quit on that. I watch your team daily and believe you will go good this year and hope you win them all. I think I will give Max a Christmas present of a trip to Topeka to see that tourney. Thot he might get some good ideas by watching that thru and it is when we have vacation. I hear your son, Bob, is getting pretty slick on the court and see the U. D. Kansan there refers to him as 'diabolical'. How come, Doc, is he like the old gent?

Must close. Regards to your wife, Bob, and all. Sincerely, Kissell,

Portis.

December 26, 1939.

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

Dear Mr. Kissell:

I enjoyed very much reading your fine letter of December 22nd. I am not going to take time to answer your letter this morning as I have just returned from Christmas vacation, and I am to meet my boys later in the afternoon for a work-out prior to the Sunflower Tournament in Topeka.

I trust that you and Max will get down to Topeka to see some of this tournament. I would be glad to have you and him as my guests. We will be staying at the Kansan Hotel, and I trust that you will look me up. If Max comes alone tell him to look me up and I want him to meet each and every one of our Kansas boys on the varsity so that he will get better acquainted with them. I feel that the University of Kansas is the place for Max to attend, and when I answer your letter I will tell you why.

Milton and his wife and baby are here at our house, as well as my daughter and her three children from Louisville. We had a splendid Christmas - everybody was home, and everbody had a good time visiting. Milton and Bobby both asked that I remember them to you and Max. Mrs. Allen and the rest of us also wish to be remembered to Mrs. Kissell.

Our kindest regards to all of you. I am hoping that this snow that we are getting will offer some ray of hope to you people who have been hit harder than most anybody in Kansas. I promise you before the first of the year I will answer your good letter in full.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Portis, Kansas,
March I2th, I9--Forty.

Coach F. C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Allen:

I have your letter mentioning the Quigley broadcast and am gald you heard it and thanks for remembering it to us here. We heard it real well, though the static bothered a lot here that night. I have known EC a long time and though we are on opposite sides of the fence on some things, he is as good a friend as I have, I guess, and I think he is a grand character and his word is as dependable as the Rock of Gibraltar.

When I got your letter I thot I had a letter due from you about some questions I had asked you last holidays as to number of games high boys should play; chance for too much playing; over-exertion; heart weakness, etc. I think I asked you those things and others but maybe not or maybe you replied. I was not asking particulalry as regards Max as he is very well all the time but as regards hi boys in general. I thot maybe our team was over-trained a little and hit the peak too soon.

See Oklahoma beat MU and so you will tackle the Oklahomans. Max and I guessed on it and while we fear Okla. some we take Kansas by 5 points and my guess was 33 to 38, Kansas. Hope you win and also win the game with Ok. Ags. If so will try to get to KC for that 2-night series at least and will be pulling for you if you are in. By the way, how would one get seats, that is who should we write to at KC for reservations if some go down?

I have been a bit gloomy this week since our Hi boys played their last game last Friday night. I am not feeling low for any reason other than it was the last game for Max in Portis Hi schoo l. Maybe I am a sissy but I hated to see that time come. Since then I have hardly slept good, just because I knew he had played his last year. I guess I had ought not feel that way because he has had a fine career and has scored over I000 points for the school and right at 500 this year for a 2I minus av, per game for 24 games. I have had no reason to be other than proud of him in every game and I'm sure he is about as good a kid ball player as generally comes along. He was named on the class B all-team at Concordia Regional and also on the all-regional class A and B mixed and was high-point man there with 46 in 3 games. He also gained considerable other recognition such as outstanding player of the tourney; best tip-in; best long shot and so on. We don't allow him to shoot long but in the last game they tried it and he hit all that he tried and they were long ones, too. As the half ended, he had the ball on one free throw ring as time was about to end. He tried one clear across court to other end. It left his hands just before the buzzer and soared high and far and fell squarely thru the net. They said it mea ured 60 feet floor line from the spot to a point below the goal.

Allen page two---March I2th.

In our game at Concordia where we went out, we lost by just a shade and the other two men who usually help Max with the scoring, failed to come through and we did not get enough points. At that I think there was some kind of a world's record set, in that the opposing team (Jamestown) had 29 chances at the free throw line. Some of our boys fouled pretty much and we had subs in at the finish. I wonder if 29 frees is not some kind of a record. Of course the other team did not make all the frees but they made enough to keep them in the running.

I must shut that talk off or you may think I am goofy on basketball (and maybe some others are like me.)

I watched all your games by PAPER and think you did well with the club there this year. I feel the bad knees of Miller and Engleman cost you at times.

I get the KU Kansan daily but do not see much in it about the fresh. boys and team. What are they doing? Are you really going to pick up some good men from that squad? What about that fellow Buescher, and Sollenberger, and Sanneman and our Downs boy Hall? I am not asking to be inquisitive but just wondered and do not want to bother you if you are busy and I know you are.

Sending herewith a program of the Concordia brackets.

Regards to you and all and tell the son, Bob, to give those Oklahoma teams all he has.

Most sincerely,

J. E. Kissell, Portis.

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CLASS B

Downs
Bye } Downs 6:30 Thurs.

Glasco 2:00 Wed.
Mahaska } 6:30 Fri.

Randall
Bye } Randall 2:30 Thurs.

Delphos 3:05 Wed.
Greenleaf } 8 P. M. Saturday — Winner

Mankato
Bye } Mankato 9:45 Thurs.

Munden 9:10 Wed.
Jamestown } 7:35 Friday

Scandia
Bye } Scandia 3:35 Thurs.

Kackley 7:00 Wed.
Portis }

CLASS A

Marysville 7:35 Thurs.
Beloit } 8:40 Fri.

Concordia 8:40 Thurs.
Smith Center } 9:00 Sat. — Winner

Belleville 4:10 Wed.
Frankfort } 9:45 Fri.

Clay Center 8:05 Wed.
Osborne }

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CLASS B

DOWNS

Cushing, N. --- 3
Beck, B. ----- 5
Simmons, E.-- 11
Dillon, R. ---- 6
Peters, P. ---- 10
Brake, E. ---- 7
Lee, B. ------ 12
Lessenden, G.-- 8
McElfresh, L.-- 4
Verhage, E. --- 9
Coach—Suran

GLASCO

Hillan ------ 29
Chapin ------ 22
Beardmore -- 28
Gibson ------ 26
Sawhill ----- 24
Pilcher ------ 23
Boatwright -- 27
Klein ------- 20
Olson ------- 25
Windhorst --- 21
Coach—Vachel

MAHASKA

Davis ------- 18
Dragoo, D.--- 14
Dragoo, G. --- 13
Garlier ------ 16
Graham ----- 19
Livingston, G. 17
Livingston, R. 20
Harroun ---- 22
Rose ------- 15
Wall -------- 21
Coach—Smith

RANDALL

Barrett ------ 3
Kissinger ----- 7
McElroy ----- 4
McMillan ---- 11
Smith, B. ---- 10
Smith, J. ----- 8
Zimmer ------ 5
Fitch -------- 2
Smith, M. ---- 9
Hartsel ------ 6
Coach—Sallee

DELPHOS

Anderson ---- 44
Skinner ----- 11
Casey ------ 99
White ------ 00
Everley ----- 55
Kiser ------- 22
Dildine ----- 33
Duby ------- 77
Arheart ----- 88
Pilcher ----- 66
Coach—Warren

GREENLEAF

O'Grady, C. -- 99
Donigen, J. -- 33
Padgett, G. -- 66
Talbot, L. --- 11
Scott, J. ----- 55
Cushing, L. -- 77
White, F. --- 22
Vicory, F. --- 88
Miller, L. ---- 44
Scott, B. ---- 10
Coach—Roehrman

MANKATO

Blair ------- 70
Dyas ------- 86
Kier ------- 88
Knapp ------ 78
McNabb, B. -- 76
McNabb, C. -- 84
Nelson ------ 74
Smith ------- 72
Vance ------ 82
Walker, M. -- 80
Coach—Boyd

MUNDEN

Edwards ----- 3
Horak ------- 2
Houdek ------ 1
Hudson ------ 6
Jelinek ------ 5
Odgers ------ 3
Peters ------- 7
Waterson ----- 4
Coach—Hull

JAMESTOWN

Sims -------- 9
Green -------- 6
Rush ------- 20
Grennan ----- 10
Conlee ------ 15
Smith ------- 24
Vollan ------ 16
Kelley ------ 31
Dale -------- 19
Coach—Horn

SCANDIA

Berry ------- 81
Cady ------- 88
Jackson ----- 87
Johnson ----- 89
Larson ------ 83
Marshall ---- 86
Pixley ------ 82
Robison ----- 85
White, A. ---- 87
White, R. ---- 80
Coach—Lemon

KACKLEY

Carlson, A. --- 8
Florell, R. ---- 2
Galloway, A.-- 12
Johnson, D. --- 5
Johnson, I. --- 9
Johnson, M. -- 6
Johnson, M.-- 10
Johnson, N. --- 1
Nelson, E. ---- 7
Swearingen, R.- 3
Coach—Meadows

PORTIS

Kissell ------ 88
Winters, E. -- 66
Yorgensen, L.- 99
Caldwell, M.-- 44
Anderson, R. - 22
Cone, V. ----- 55
Caldwell, K.-- 11
Graham, K. -- 33
Staalduine, D. 77
Pletcher ---- 98
Coach—Kurman

CLASS A

MARYSVILLE

Scheetz M. --- 11
Merriman, H.- 22
Yaussi, F. ----99
Bennett, D.--- 55
Koch, C. ----- 33
Merriman, R.- 44
Dinnel, H. --- 88
Trawick, G. -- 77
Lange, E. ---- 00
Oyler, J. ---- 66
Coach—Purma

BELOIT

Wicks, D. --- 24
Williams, D.-- 21
Adams, J. --- 20
Bohning, P.-- 26
Chestnut, L.-- 27
Hyde, J. ----- 28
Henderson, C.- 31
Ratcliff, B. -- 29
Tice, P. ----- 22
Henderson, B. 30
Coach—

CONCORDIA

Campbell, B. - 00
Arnold, B. --- 11
Dehner, B. -- 22
Gillan, D. --- 33
Sellers, B. --- 44
Short, D. ---- 55
Johnson, P. -- 66
Swenson, S.-- 77
Palmer, F. --- 88
Shrouf, D. --- 99
Coach—Helmert

SMITH CENTER

Rogers ------ 22
Hays ------- 18
Lull -------- 19
Diehl ------- 17
Tattee ------ 16
Reeves ------ 15
Webb ------- 14
Cochran ----- 20
Collins ------ 21
Sonnenberg--- 20
Coach—Hardacre

BELLEVILLE

Ullom, C. ---- 20
Schulz, J. --- 19
Purdy, B. --- 17
Simonds, C. -- 24
Warner, J. --- 18
Neal, L. ----- 23
Jones, M. ---- 21
Todd, J. ----- 22
Broyles, B. -- 16
Coach—Masterson

FRANKFORT

Barrett, W. -- 55
Crooks, C. --- 74
Diehl, W. ---- 54
Fairchild, L.-- 88
Feldhausen, C. 40
Johnston, K.-- 63
Kraemer, K.-- 33
Starr, M. ---- 66
Ylander, F. -- 44
Coach—Capsey

CLAY CENTER

Caley, H. ---- 5
Conrad, R. ---- 7
Cree, M. ------ 3
Fisher, J. ---- 9
Harris, E. ---- 6
Hofmann, M. -- 4
Schuette, L.--- 2
Strom, W. ---- 8
Woellhof, L.-- 11
Coach—Unger

OSBORNE

Kyle, C. ---- 11
Crawshaw, S.- 55
Curtis, D. ---- 44
Hibbs, L. ---- 99
Smith, L. ---- 33
Kendig, W.--- 22
James, M. --- 66
Price, E. ---- 00
Rogers, M. --- 88
Wooley, R.--- 77
Coach—
Hockstrasser

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March the 24th, Easter,
Nineteen Forty.

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

Dear Sir, Friend and so forth:

For your preliminary information, I will say that this letter is going to deal with basketball and nothing else.

I was about as wild with enthusiasm last night as anyone at the ringside in your Kansas City game and I am still thinking over those last few minutes of that game and wondering how your valiant boys pulled that one thru. I am sure, Allen, that nobody there was more on edge and pulling harder for Kansas than I, out here 300 miles away.

To offer you and all congratulations would be mild. I ought to have more than that to offer.

Some of us had talked of coming but at the last we could not and some had talked of going to Denver. But at home we (my wife and I) had two radios on. One of your KC games and the other in Max's room of the Denver final as Max was in Denver at the National, for the last sixteen games.

I honestly had a little doubt as to your being able to hold South Cal. But after the game got under way I felt rather confident. I had thot they were maybe super-humans and also that your boys were some smaller and might not reach them. But I felt good at the half and then of course a little low as Cal. pulled ahead early in the last heat. As I recall your boys missed a few frees in a row. When Cal. got to, I think it was six ahead, I believe my wife said, "Oh, shut it off," meaning that she could not listen to KU losing. But I let the radio go and went to the other one a minute to get some dope on Phillips and Denver. Then I came back and they were saying that Bob Allen had scored and in a minute he scored the tieing points and also the free and we thot KU was in, but then we sunk again when a Cal. man made that one--and then we really did become speechless during that last half minute when KU won. I believe it was when Bob stole the ball and pegged to Engleman for the clincher. I think I prayed, Doc, as those seconds passed and it seemed ages as they passed Engleman was getting his pose and was shooting. Those last seconds I held my breathe. I do not think a game via radio or any time has had such a thrill for me. I thot I could follow your strategy most of the game and I figured all along that Cal. would tire out some and that Kansas would come in strong at the finish. But I'll tell you that at one point there I was about rady to fold up.

Anyway it was grand triumph and I think you have done just wonders with your club. I had not figured it was as good as some of your former teams, but I don't know---Doc---when a bunch of boys

can come thru as they did last night, and show their mettle in the face of defeat, I'm not sure but that you or we or anyone can rank them with the best of Kansas teams. Of course we are now hoping hoping you can win from Indiana but whether you do or not, we are all well satisfied with your great team and I feel you and they have risen to new heights, in the face of odds and injuries and bad legs and so on.

I get started to rambling along and can hardly stop. I think basketball is getting better everywhere and I don't know what we would do from November to March without it. And it is credit to you fellows who have kept it up and are keeping it up and improving it from year to year. And I know of no one person, Allen, who has done as much for the cause of the game and the good of the game and the general welfare of the boys who play, as yourself, and there are scores around who agree with me. I'm not writing that as praise along but as a plain statement of fact. High school ball is getting better, tourneys are getting better, there are more good coaches, more good gyms more players becoming interested, etc.

I thot last night was a great one for you, because out there in Denver were Ebling and Pralle winning that Nat. AAU title and on the losing club was that fine player, Dick Wells. That was a big enough night for you, Doc, wasn't it?

Think I had better close or I will run out of words. This is written to get to you how far-reaching your games are. After it was over a number came into my office and we played it over and talked of your strategy and your substitutions and changing Miller to guard and shifting around to prevent Cal. stalling, etc. At least we did a lot of talking and what I set down here may not be just like you did, but some of us thot we were "calling your shots."

Kindest regards and luck to you for next Saturday night. Also thot it was grand about the way the son, Bob, pulled KU out there in those last minutes. A fellow can always figure that is darkest just before the dawn and I thot Bob was furnishing a lot of the light in those last two minutes.

If weather is good, I may have to buy myself a necktie or some sox in KC this coming week end.

Most sincerely,

L. E. Kissell, Portis.

Night letter
March 27, 1940.

J. E. Kissell,
Portis, Kansas.

2 working press tickets for you and Max will be left at auditorium in your name. Other three tickets for your party to be paid for will also be held in your name. They will be good seats. Congratulations to Max on his fine record. Hope you enjoy game.

Forrest C. Allen.

Portis, Kansas,
March 26th, 1940.

Dr. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am sending this to the KU athletic office.

I do not want to bother you very much but did not know of any better way to get information I want.

Group from here want to go to the KC game Saturday night. But we or they do not want to go and travel the nearly 600 miles unless they are assured of pretty good seats, that is seats near the court. They are willing to pay what good seats cost if they can get same, say close in or maybe on the main floor, as we would even stand on the floor rather than sit away back.

Will you please wire me at once collect if five good seats would be available for the game. I could then get definite information to you as to picking up the tickets, or other arrangements of if you get this Wednesday and answer right back by card or letter I would get it Thursday morning. We would not leave till some time Saturday.

I judge one of the seats would be used by Max as I want him to see the game and he could sit most anywhere.

By the way Max got some National Tourney programs and said I might send you one and am so doing under other cover. If you do not have one, it will be interesting.

Don't know if I told you that we are quite sure that Max is highest scoring high school player in nation this year. Eddie Brietz has made some inquiry about it. Max has 491 in 24 games for average of just under 21 per game.

Sorry to bother you, and if you can offer advice we will be glad. If not maybe we can get tickets at KC.

Regards again, and most sincerely,

J. E. Kissell, Portis.

D

November 14, 1939.

Mr. Richard Kirkpatrick,
1332 Louisiana Street,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dick:

Once upon a time there was a young man desiring to obtain a ride to "corn-land". He came once, twice, three times -- but once he left his hat!

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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December 7, 1939.

Mr. Harold Keith,
Publicity Director,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Harold :

I imagine you saw the write-up regarding Missouri winning the pentathlon in Sunday's Kansas City Star. I understand that it was sent out from a release out of Columbia.

Why don't you adroitly give the history of the pentathlon from 1923 on, and state that that was for the academic year each year and not for a combination check, starting and breaking whenever a team happens to get the breaks.

In other words, when Missouri won the football championship this year they displaced Oklahoma from her academic year when they won the pentathlon, and they started the new way of scoring. I am surprised that you haven't rather cleverly put Missouri in her place.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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The University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

December 11, 1939

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Basketball Coach,
University of Kansas,
Larwence, Kansas.

Dear Coach:

I want to thank you for your letter of December 7. I always appreciate hearing from you and am particularly grateful for any suggestions you care to make.

I believe we will pass up the attack on Missouri, although I didn't like her preverted all-sports table any better than you. However I doubt if anybody took it seriously since it came in the middle of the year and besides Gayle Talbot of the New York Associated Press office recently misquoted us so badly in his recent Christman-Clark-Seymour story that we believe another blast at the Tigers would be out of place at this time.

Anxious to see you when you bring the Jayhawkers to Norman. We hear your son is playing some real basketball this season.

Sincerely yours,

Harold

Harold Keith,
Director Sports Publicity

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January 24, 1940.

Mr. Milton Kelley,
Head Trainer of Athletic Teams,
University of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Kell:

I am wondering if you would be kind enough to mail me at once a gloss or a photograph of yourself that I can send on to some of these publicity hounds who desire pictures of the trainers of athletic teams that I have developed. I do not want you to go to any expense, but I thought there might be some national publicity for you that would not hurt you.

If you haven't a gloss or photograph of yourself, get some photograph of one of your athletic teams that you have your physiognomy in, and send that along. I can have the photographer here blow up the picture to a size that will be sufficient for the purpose.

Since you, Jimmy Cox, Roland Logan, Elwyn Dees and Dean Nesmith are all doing good work for the cause, I believe it would not be amiss to tell them of your prowess. Please send this to me at your earliest possible convenience at Robinson Gymnasium.

I see where the Texas basketball team is going nicely. Congratulations to you and to Coach Gray. Also give my kindest regards to D. X. and the rest of the help at the University. Tell Jack Gray that I will be writing him real soon to get our two dates for Lawrence next year before he decides to take another trip to the Garden. Give my regards to your good family. I trust the Kelley knee pads are going splendidly.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 1, 1940.

Mr. Dwight Keith, Editor,
Southern Coach & Athlete,
751 Park Drive, N. E.,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Keith:

I wonder if you would be kind enough to send us two extra copies of your last issue of the Southern Coach and Athlete which contains an article by Adolph Rupp on the relationship of the coach to his team.

Coach Rupp's sister, Miss Elizabeth Rupp, who is secretary to the Chancellor here at the University, is desirous of having a copy, and I should also like to have another copy here in my office if you can spare it. I thought it was a very fine article.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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September 13, 1939.

Mr. Dwight Keith, Secretary,
Georgia Coaches Association,
751 No. Park Drive,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Keith:

I am returning to you the copy of "Better Basketball", duly autographed. I assure you it is a great pleasure for me to do this.

Please give our best regards to Mrs. Keith and your lovely family.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE KIPLINGER WASHINGTON LETTER

CIRCULATED PRIVATELY TO BUSINESS MEN

THE KIPLINGER WASHINGTON AGENCY

NATIONAL PRESS BLDG., WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir: Washington, Saturday, Sept. 16, 1939.

One way to establish order in the tangle of business problems is to take big questions which are basic, and work toward the answers, even if absolute answers are beyond the ken.

And take the questions piecemeal, or break them into parts. By doing your best on each, you make a rough pattern of expectations. This pattern may shift, but it's a foundation for business judgment.

How long will war last? This is still the biggest question. Of course no one knows, but the Washington men who are best informed think that it will be a long war...certainly one year, possibly three. This opinion is stronger now than it was when we wrote you a week ago. The few who think a-short-war admit they are clinging to hopes.

And will the U.S. get into it?...as an active war combatant? A portentous question, not to be answered offhand or flatly.

We can report only this: Perhaps 90% of the best informed men to whom we have talked during past week, both in gov't and in business, feel that developments are "likely" to make the U.S. a combatant in war. Not sure, but probably...chances on that side...in varying degrees. The swing of thoughtful opinion is rapidly toward the prospect of war.

If so, when? On this, too, there's a changing trend of opinion. Most think 6 months to a year. The trend is toward closening.

But there's something else in the air, a subject of whispers: In VERY HIGH official circles (not the slightest doubt of it) there is solemn talk of the "possibility" of U.S. in war "by January." Reasons are not fully disclosed, but have to do with diplomatic advices concerning German plans for drawing in Russia, Japan...and Italy later. The fact is that some very high officials halfway believe these advices.

How seriously should this be taken? We don't know for sure, but we are inclined to be skeptical...at least for the present.

An impressive fact to which you must get accustomed is this: Our government, particularly at the TOP, is acting on the theory that the U.S. "may" be at war "sooner than the general public suspects." That's not precise, but that's the way it is put...it shows the spirit.

It is our opinion that the Executive branch of our government is putting up a front of intention-talk about staying out of the war, but is actually preparing to go into it.

Sorry if this shocks you, but it seems to us to be the fact. There's no use in being timid about stating it. Implication is subject to pro forma denial, but it will become apparent in the next few weeks.

Congress will be generally a restraining influence on Executive. Congress will be defense-minded, but not aggressively war-minded. Spirit will be to hold-back, go slow, rather than go-ahead, be daring.

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The arms embargo will be repealed. President has the votes.

Some new ideas are brewing, varying somewhat from Hull plan of last session. These will stir resistance, but not enough to kill.

Time of final vote: Probably around mid-October, hardly earlier.

Roosevelt's motives will be treated gingerly by all concerned. Neither criticism nor support will be along party lines.

But Roosevelt's judgment will be sharply questioned in debate. It will be said that sale of war arms is almost sure to lead to war.

Net result: We shall sell quantities of war stuff to Britain and to France, for they have Billions of their own funds here to pay, but none to Germans, who can't come and get it.

Business result: U.S. will make money out of European war. And that is an important underground influence on members of Congress. It means a higher degree of business prosperity here...for a while.

Short or long session of Congress? President wants it short, but our opinion is that it will drag along for a couple of months. There may be recesses, but practically the session may be considered an early start for next year's session. One reason for dragging it out is that many members are suspicious of the headlong rush toward war, and want to be on hand to watch it...and check it...if they can.

Session limited to neutrality? President says it should be, but other legislation will be taken up...not restricted to war.

War risk insurance for exports is certain to be discussed, to speed up sale abroad of farm surpluses and other goods.

Export-Import Bank will need and get more capital...ultimately. It's not sure as yet whether funds will be voted this session or next. This Bank COULD be used to supply credit to war-debt defaulting nations, getting around the Johnson act, raising a row in Congress. This is why the administration may wait a while before asking funds for the Bank.

Wage-hour amendments will come up again...prospects uncertain.

Probably no big price control law will be passed this session. Administration would LIKE to have it, but Congress is not willing.

Instead, other methods will be used against price profiteering:

(a) Presidential utterances, pointing out what he believes are unwarranted price boosts from time to time, emphasizing idea that to avoid hardships the price structure must be kept in careful balance.

(b) Similar utterances from other officials in situations which come under their jurisdiction. Example - Ickes on oil.

(c) And especially threats of antitrust prosecutions...Arnold.

The Arnold antitrust threats are likely to be fairly effective. He wields a club..."scare-&-indict"...to use against those price boosts which are largely speculative and monopolistic. He says his tactics appear to have worked on prices of milk, fertilizer, building materials. So Arnold is the chief of police against EXCESSIVE price increases, and traffic-cop at what he calls bottle-necks of distribution.

But higher price levels ARE expected, despite the policing.

Administration wants higher farm prices, and recognizes fact that many other raw materials are entitled to MODERATE price increases.

So the fears of higher prices are largely crocodile fears.

How high will the price level go? And when?

Recently it was around 75, by the BLS wholesale price index.

At present it is about 80, and the average is still rising.

Somewhere between 5 and 10 points gain in the next 6 months is expected by most gov't price experts. This is regarded as "moderate." It is not a runaway. The rise is seen as gradual, affecting most things, but there may be an early correction in some commodities.

Remember that this refers to AVERAGES, not to each commodity. Ideas about special commodities are too complex for brief reporting.

As for the longer-range price trend, most gov't analysts agree that world-wide and domestic pressures will be on side of higher prices, until the war and the war-born inflation have run their course.

Past supply-&-demand statistics are no longer conclusive guide in the calculation of future prices...this is now generally admitted.

There's a new fundamental factor...war-inflation psychology. This is replacing the depression psychology. Turning point is past. For years the prudent have clung to cash and "safe" investments...scared. Shift from this to equities, tangibles, would change the whole picture.

So concepts about "normal" inventories must be revised UPWARD. "Normal" inventories will be larger in the future than in the past.

This note of caution for laymen is sounded by experts here: Unskilled and non-nimble persons usually get caught and whipsawed when they try to speculate on short turns...in markets like the present.

Commodity prices, if U.S. goes to war, will be controlled, frozen. Guessing is that control or freeze would be at higher levels than now.

Railroads are a special concern of gov't war-planners just now. Many are deficient in rolling stock, behind times on maintenance of way. They are being pressed by gov't to remedy both, and are responding.

Plan is to buy some new cars and locomotives. And large program of fixing up old ones is to be pushed. RFC is working out an easy plan to finance such a program, and signs are that the RFC plan will be used.

Thus rail equipment business will be upped substantially above what had been forecast heretofore. But gov't plan to own-&-lease is out.

For power companies, the gov't has war plans which involve extensive interconnections of facilities of private and public plants. But some left-wingers want a gov't ownership program as defense item. The private interests say they are fully ready to meet ANY war need. There will be some minor conflict between the gov't and the industry.

Utility plant expansion plans probably will be increased a bit, due to gov't pressure...plus higher estimate of future demand volume.

Construction: War is traditionally bad for normal building. Authorities here believe, however, that during the next few months there will be further extension of the residential construction trend, due to rise in purchasing power, and also the wish to beat rising costs.

FHA dropped interest rate just before other rates began to rise. Some say this was untimely. FHA officials say 4½% rate is high enough to attract investment funds, and will not be serious brake on housing.

For durable goods lines, the current trend seems especially good.

There's no plan for special war taxes prior to U.S. in war. The business pick-up due to war will produce enough additional revenues to more than offset the additional expenditures due to war preparations. If we escape war, the budget may be nearly balanced in another year.

Rush of war orders from Britain & France is expected shortly. Each will have its own central purchasing agency...not Morgan, not Chase, not any other Wall Street agency...subject to political criticism.

There's close tie-in between gov'ts of Britain, France, U.S., on war purchases here. Agents of these countries consult each other, through State, War, Navy Depts, and newly created War Resources Board, to prevent interference with our own industrial mobilization program.

Practically, materially, the U.S. is already an ally in war, despite the legal and technical "neutrality."

If we get into war, it means a complete dictatorship, of course. Current detailed plans are based on 1931 War Policies Commission report. They cover everything...military, economic, industrial, labor, etc. Plan would require legislation. Congress would squirm but would vote it, for there wouldn't be time to pause...to deliberate...to debate.

Gov't would take ANY property it wants and needs for war, would pay, would not confiscate, would have the power to tell every man what to work at, what to do, fix his pay...individuals and businesses.

"Profit system" would be maintained, but taxes would be levied to scoop most of the profits back into the gov't treasury.

There will not be much profit in war, if the U.S. goes to war.

Stettinius in due course will become "director of war industry." He has already been designated. He will graduate from the chairmanship of the present War Resources Board, which is merely advisory.

But, actually, a war would be run by the President himself, and he would rely for ideas on management of the internal economy on his close group of New Dealers. Rumors that they are in disfavor are incorrect. They are merely lying low...for the sake of strategy.

Business men and industrialists would NOT have a free hand, would NOT determine the major internal policies during the war time. Current reports are contrary, but current reports are a smoke screen.

President's attitude on war: Those who talk to him privately say his mood is "belligerent." Not that he wants to get us into a war. But, rather, that he shows no strong determination to keep us out.

This attitude will become the key to many things.

Lindbergh is believed to have had this situation in his mind. (Also Lindbergh reflected ideas prevailing within some army quarters.)

Draft plans are nearing completion. Important feature of them is that care will be taken NOT to draft essential workers in industry. Personnel and employment policies are affected. Within next few weeks we hope to be able to write you more about the draft. Yours very truly,

Sept. 16, 1939.

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