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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 spending it. However, I am very much for higher education and Max will go somewhere in a year or two no doubt. 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 talk 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. That 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.