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KANSAS STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE
Department of Chemistry
Manhattan, Kansas

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

Dear Doctor Allen:

This will acknowledge receipt of the check for \$124.70 in payment of my expenses to the New York meeting of the N.C.A.A. I wish to thank you for the promptness with which you have taken care of this matter. I would like to state further that in my experience in corresponding with the various officers of the Big Six Conference I put you at the top of the list for taking care of matters immediately. So often we receive letters, expecting to answer them and put them on the desk where they will stay for a week or ten days before we take them up. I know that I am particularly liable to do this, but I have never found that to be the case in writing to you.

I don't want to seem to be handing out "bologna", but I want you to know that you have a bunch of pretty staunch friends up here at Kansas State among our athletic staff. We were just talking about the matter the other day, and the men whom you know quite well were very strong in support of what you have done and have enjoyed the relations they have had with you in an athletic way. Of course, you realize that the good Irishman at the helm of our athletics has been and is still a strong backer of yours. He is not given to appearing to be in favor of one thing when he is in favor of something else. If the occasion should ever arise in which any of the men here can be of assistance to you, you need not hesitate in calling for it.

What do you think about Nebraska? Football, at least, is going to get tough in this conference. With Tom Stidham on the south, "Biff" Jones on the north, Don Faurot on the east of us, and the Rocky Mountains on the west I don't see what Kansas and Kansas State are going to do about it. The only thing I know is that we will just have to fight our way out in some manner. I am frank to admit that I have a little case of the nervous jitters for fear that our conference may be starting a tendency to boom football in a big time way, and I dislike very much to think of it in that way. I am pretty strong for football up to a certain point, but when it passes that point I find my enthusiasm rapidly falling off.

With best personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

H.H. KING (signed)

Faculty Representative

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B

December 2, 1937.

Mr. Joe Knack,
Sports Desk,
Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Joe:

Certainly enjoyed hearing your very amiable voice this morning over the telephone. Tell C. E. McB., that grand old man of Sportologue, that I was sorry I missed him, but I think it is swell that he can take it easy and motor in either from his suburban home or his country estate.

Gee, I think that would be swell to be one of the proletariat and yet one of the capitalistic class all rolled into one friendly human dynamo. Tell Mac I am sorry that I failed to get to say "hello" to him, but I will be seeing him this Saturday, I hope, when the bigwigs and the lesser wigs meet to discuss athletic administration and basketball interpretations. Tell Mac I will write him in the next day to give him some dope on our basketball interpretations meeting. I have some interesting angles that I think should naturally come up and they have not been in the press, as yet. The only press that I know is the one that I am contacting at the present time.

As I told you, I asked Horace Mason, the publicity man in the sports department, to write a little yarn on the frosh-varsity game. We have twelve National Honor Society boys on our freshman basketball team, and I am very proud of them. The starting five in the frosh lineup will all be members of the National Honor Society in their respective high schools. That means that those boys stand a fairly good chance of being eligible next year, and we should have a reasonably good team a year from now. Having lost four of our five regulars last year I can only hope to build for the future, but I hope that my building will not be too long delayed, because I want to keep the wolves away from my garage door.

I am having a swell time, Joe, putting all my surplus energy on this department. It is kind of like a kid getting a new toy with no firecrackers mixed up with the Roman candles, or should I say the Roman scandals.

I guess Pitt got tired of traveling out to California just to see unusual weather. They wanted some of that filthy lucre that seemed to be the cause of tearing down of empires for the past hundred thousand years. Well, a fellow told me this summer that football was a sport no more, it was just a business, and I guess he is right.

The only thing the basketball coaches can do is to fight to keep down the crowds, because if they get those big crowds I am afraid that we would all be poisoned by the same thing that inoculates the gridiron gladiators. So we will pray for the purity of our sport that we too may not become unclean. Hi, hi!

Now, down to earth, Joe. I am sending a couple of glosses of William Hogben and William McKinley. Both these boys were teammates at Southwest High School and they come from fine families in Kansas City, and are really wonderful boys. Mr. Hogben, as you know, is a neighbor of C. E. McB. Mac will have some of the background on the two families. It so happens that the two families are great friends and I know will appreciate any little friendly boost that their youngsters may get. Hogben has been playing guard on the freshman team and McKinley forward. They are both versatile and can play either position when called upon.

These glosses have been sent to McNitts by Mr. Dill. We have had mats made for the boys in the small towns, but the boys in the big towns are out of luck unless our good friends see to it that they get a play.

Joe, I will appreciate everything that you and your boss can do in our behalf.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Varsity Basketball Coach,
Director of Physical Education.

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December 3, 1937.

Joe Knack,
R.C. Star.

I promised you that I would send some angles on the interpretations that will come up at the basketball meeting on Saturday. I am sending you one of the schedules of the meeting Saturday morning and afternoon.

I am also sending you a little survey of my new basketball book, "Better Basketball". The publishers, McGraw-Hill and Company, are going to send Mac a copy of the book as soon as it is off the press. It is due to be released from New York this week end. I am also going to see that you get an autographed copy by the author, because there are eight yarns in the back of the book that I want you to read. Some of them I think are fair. Of course, you won't care anything about the technical side, but I believe you will be interested in the other angle.

I am driving to Kansas City in the morning with Mrs. Allen and expect to arrive there at 9 o'clock for our Big Six coaches closed meeting. Then we meet with the other group, as the schedule shows, and then show the picture from 12 to 1:30.

I wish you could see the picture, Joe. I think it is pretty swell. See if you can't talk yourself into going without lunch and see this picture because I know how enthusiastic a sport writer must be after hearing all the blah-blah of each promoter of each sport, telling you he has the answers to the last word. So I can see you and the rest of the boys on the desk going without lunch to see some of the gyrations and evolutions of an insane basketball coach's idea.

Now for the point that I think is one that will have to receive very careful consideration. It is this - How can a scorer determine definitely whether a field goal has been made?

Previously that presented no problem, because when field goals were made the ball was taken by the referee and tossed up at center. But this year when a field goal is made the referee does not touch the ball and the player on the side scored upon takes the ball and puts it in play immediately, or within a maximum time of 5 seconds.

This is identically the same rule and play situation as if the player threw it out of bounds. The opponent would take the ball without the referee handling it and play it in within 5 seconds.

Suppose two scorers sitting at the scoring table in a rather dimly lighted hall should have an optical illusion. One would declare it went through and the other would say it just barely missed the rim and swished the net. The only way that they could be sure would be to call out time and ask the referee. A scorer is not permitted to call out time until the ball is dead. So you see that presents a problem and it will have to come up for a very definite interpretation.

Here is a case in point. Four years ago Kansas State was playing Nebraska at Lincoln, and a long goal was shot at. It swished the net but did not go through. Quigley, being behind the play, ruled it a goal. Both Frank Root and Browne, of Nebraska, knew the ball did not go through the hoop, but Root did not protest at the time. When the game was finished Nebraska had won by two points, the very margin of that missed goal. Nothing was done about it because Frank Root did not protest at the time.

This new Bask-O-Lite goal that we are using in all our home games is fool proof, as far as that situation is concerned. I do not want you to say anything about the Bask-O-Lite goal, but this goal flashes three red lights when the ball goes through the hoop. If some device is not used, such as this, then it will be necessary for the referee to very definitely declare a field goal. This has never been done before.

Another point - The officials in this section do not designate the offender of a personal foul. In the Big Ten and elsewhere this is rigidly followed, but here the officials follow a man and point at him, and sometimes do not point at the right man or point very straight.

We are going to ask that the officials definitely designate the offender by placing his hand upon his back and pointing out to the scorer the player making the foul.

Face guarding is definitely ruled out of the book at the present time, as well as the tip-off at center. The only time now that the ball will be tipped at center is at the beginning of the game, at the beginning of the second half, and after technical fouls. Of course, a held ball will be tossed up six feet in from the side lines, but there is no specification when the ball is held near the end line.

Of course, there will be many interpretations regarding the resilience of the ball because they are using now a vulcanized ball which reacts to the bounce altogether different than the valve leather ball.

There is also further comment on blocking and screening interpretations, but that always produces a mad house and each conference will go along pretty well like they have in the past.

There is one other item of some importance, and that is when the team that is behind in the score in the last few minutes of the game intentionally and deliberately fouls an opponent for the purpose of getting possession of the ball after a free throw, then the referee has authority to award the player fouled two free throws instead of one.

There is also another two-shot penalty, and that is when the dribbler is going in for the basket and he is intentionally fouled even though he is not in the act of shooting but is in a good position to score. Then the referee has the authority to award two free shots. Our Big Six conference has never allowed two shots unless the player is in the act of shooting, but I believe the coaches are pressing for this this year, and that Mr. Quigley, who is the bell-cow of the conference, will follow the interpretation. He has always fought against this rule, even though the eastern teams have all been following it for several years.

Joe, I believe this is most of the stuff. I didn't want to bother Mac with this detail, feeling that it was extraneous material to him, but you being a younger man might want to worry with it.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Varsity Basketball Coach,
Director of Physical Education.

January 15, 1938.

Mr. John Krum,
809 Connecticut St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Johnny:

I witnessed your team's splendid victory over Columbia last night, and I want to write you and congratulate you on the very clever game that you played. In addition to that, you played an intelligent game.

You led your team by the power of your own play as well as the leadership that was in you. Time after time you went over to encourage or to suggest a possible play to your teammates. It was all done in such modesty that I admired you for it, and I told Mrs. Allen that I expected to write you a letter to commend you on the fine, gentlemanly and efficient way in which you went about things.

There is no question in my mind concerning your ability to make the Kansas varsity basketball team. With a little more age and experience you should follow the other great Lawrence High School boys in attaining distinction on both the varsity basketball court and the baseball diamond, as well as attaining distinction in your academic work. They tell me that you are a fine student.

In thinking of Lawrence boys who have been standouts I recall Tommy Johnson, Rook Woodward, Waldo Bowman, Armin Woestemeyer, Paul Endacott, Tus Ackerman, and a score of others. I am wondering if you have read "The Tales of Yesteryear" in my new book which is in the high school library.

I wish for you continued success, and I sincerely hope that you will count on entering the University of Kansas and plan to make as great a record as some of the Lawrence boys who have gone before you.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

January 5, 1938.

Mr. Joe Knack,
Sports Desk,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Joe:

I am sending you confidentially, as I promised you, this stuff that I wrote John Bunn. After you have read it, please destroy it.

I enjoyed my broadcast with you and Ernie, and I assure you I enjoyed my visit with you after the broadcast.

My kindest regards to you and your good wife, Mary, as well as your young offspring.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH
Enc.

Director of Physical Education.

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March 3, 1938.

Mr. Joe Knack,
Sports Desk,
Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Joe:

Answering your good wire of the 2nd instant, I am sending you my first and second teams, together with the honorable mention.

I would say that McNatt and Mesch are the outstanding high scorers and belong in the forward position. Since there is no center tip Blahnik could play at center after the tip-off, using Pralle as the man to jump. He has exceptional spring and agility, and he would be as good as any center in the Big Six on the jump. For guards I would put Pralle, captain, and Parsons.

In this line up you would have two guards that would score at any opportunity far out on the court if the defense was playing a close guarding game, and both are equally versatile in driving in for lay-up shots. Pralle has already made the all-Big Six guard for two years, and Parsons made it last year. Certainly nobody in the Big Six is in the class of either one of these boys. I think they are two of the best guards that the Big Six has developed in years.

Blahnik is a high scoring chap and a fine defensive man. McNatt and Mesch have not been scored on defense as much as they have on offense, but with the big defensive three of Parsons, Pralle and Blahnik, McNatt and Mesch could fire and shoot and still be good enough defensive men to fit into like this 100%.

All of these fellows are also good free throwers, so I can not find a weak point in them. I would give Pralle the captaincy because he has shown by his three years of play that he can carry the load to the end of the road.

Now for the second team - I would place Harvey, of Missouri, and Wesche, of Kansas State, at forward. Harvey is one of the best young sophomores that I have seen in a long time. He is a fine floor man, both on offense and defense. He is an "oil cup", not a file. He is smooth, courageous and fearless, and he can shoot and he can guard. Wesche, of Kansas State, is a fine forward and will be heard from next year. He is a junior.

For center I would place Schmidt, of Kansas. While he is not a great scorer, he is a bulwark of strength on the defense and he handles the ball in the quarterback position as coolly and fearlessly as any man I know of. For guard and captain I would name Martin, of Oklahoma. In ordinary years, when guards are not so splendidly versatile, Martin would undoubtedly gain a berth. He is a great leader, he can score from his position and he is one of the toughest guards to score on in the conference. Dick Harp, of Kansas, would be my choice for the other guard position. Dick has been able to collect a lot of points from the guard position, and at the same time he has been a very tough individual for any one to score upon.

Kansas, as you know, has by far the lowest number of points scored against her of any other team in the conference. Dick Harp, Pralle and Schmidt are responsible for this. So when positions are granted they should not be just because somebody runs up points, but a guard should make a place because he is a good guard and keeps the opponents from scoring. Dick never passes up a game without four or five field goals, and that is something for a guard, especially with a team like Kansas, which has not been a high scoring team.

For honorable mention I would name Burns, Kansas State, Amen, Nebraska, Ebling, Kansas, Klinek, Kansas State, and Walker, Oklahoma, as forwards. For center I would name Mullen, of Oklahoma, and Ebaugh, Nebraska. And for guards, I would name Cleveland, Kansas State, Halstead and Lobsiger, Missouri.

I am leaving tomorrow for the Big Six track meet at Columbia, and to be present at the Henry Schulte dinner Saturday evening. I am also to speak at ten o'clock Saturday morning to the Missouri State High School Coaches on the subject, "Treatment of Athletic Injuries". This will pertain especially to track.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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March 4, 1938.

Mr. Karl Klooz, Bursar,
University of Kansas.

Dear Karl:

Thank you and Dick for the gift you sent me
last night. Boy, that was the purest gift I ever
received!

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

March 4, 1938.

Mr. Tick Klock,
900 Mississippi St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Friend Tick:

I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness
in sending me the note last night. Thank you very
much.

You have always been a great friend of mine,
in storm or fair weather. You are a great scout.

Cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Congratulations Phry
On a successful season,
I am for you ever as honest

"Tuck" Black

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February 23, 1938.

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

Dear Harold:

Gee, that was a swell review of the book that you put out, Harold, and I want to thank you a thousand times for your cleverness.

May I digress just a moment and pay you a well-earned tribute for your famous coinage of one of the cleverest monikers that has ever been attached to a basketball team, the "Boy Seats". You could have taken an ordinary hillbilly and attached a similar pseudonym on that hillbilly and he would have been elected president of the United States.

The public in general just loves that name. They have pictured those little fellows, hardly out of the stage of puberty, anemic, honest, courageous, but willing to do everything in their power if they could only do it correctly. Their gigantic opponents had experience and poise, but they were just a bunch of little seats skedaddling around and making the most of a bad situation. These were your Sooner Boy Seats, and did they steal the show nicely? They did!

And you know what I told you, Harold, that I told our athletic people here -- that you are the best college publicity man in the U.S.A. I still believe it, because instead of writing with a pen of poison you write constructive, friendly things about the visitors, which makes Dale Carnegie look just like another lecturer. If, in your opinion, this is too fulsome praise from me, you could perhaps recall what I told Professor W. W. Davis about you and then you will not think it is applesauce.

I am very glad that Mac and Bruce Drake liked the book. Mac is a shrewd and clever Scotchman, and in my opinion Bruce Drake is one of the most intelligent young coaches, who previously scintillated as a versatile and clever athlete, that it has been my pleasure to know.

I am wondering if you would be kind enough to mail me two or three of your reviews for my file. I am sending this on to Curtis McGraw for his file, but I am very sure with your well-trained mind for doing the correct thing you have already sent him a copy of your release.

By the way, Harold, if you would parcel post that book up to me I would be very happy to autograph it and mail it back to you. This would be better than waiting until I get down there to see you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

THE BISHOP'S HOUSE

SALINA, KANSAS

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence Kansas

My Dear Dr. Allen:

I received your letter through Bishop Mize
our mutual and esteemed friend. I wish to
thank you for your gift and kind advice but
for further education I have chosen the
United States Navy because I have been
informed that there are numerous opportunities
for young men in the field of Medicine, in
which I am interested, in that organization.
I want to tell you that I thought the speech
you gave in the high school auditorium was the
best one which has been given us this year.
Again may I thank you for your kind
remembrance of me.

Sincerely Yours.

Harley Winkler

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May 2, 1938.

Mr. Harley Kinkadee,
156 South 8th St.,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Harley:

Bishop Mize told me of your struggles to get an education. Of course, I think Bishop Mize is one of the grandest men to do the things that he is doing for young men like you. Down through the years I imagine this is only an incident in his life, but it will mean much to you, and it has already meant much to many young men.

I want you to know that I enjoyed meeting you and seeing you again at the high school assembly when I spoke there last Thursday afternoon.

I am sending you a small check for a tie or a handkerchief, or a few packages of gum, or what not. It was good to see you, and it is my sincere wish that you will have the courage to continue with your education. Everything is easy if a fellow has the nerve.

With continued good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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May 3, 1938.

Mr. W. H. Kutz,
1217 Main St.,
Parsons, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Kutz:

Thank you very much for your good letter of the 29th ultimo giving me information about Lloyd Wood, of 737 Prospect Street, Webb City, Mo.

Coach H. W. Hargiss is our track coach, and I am passing your letter on to him. I am sure that he will be very much interested, and I assure you that he will appreciate your writing.

As Director of Athletics for 17 years your name came to me very prominently in working on the early history of Kansas athletics. I remember also the very important part that you played in the negotiations with Governor Robinson. The old McCook Field certainly had a very auspicious start in developing Kansas in the early days as an athletic power in this section.

I am very happy that you have written me, and I have intentionally sent your letter to Coach Hargiss so that he could reply to you.

With appreciation and kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

May 3, 1938.

Coach H. W. Hargiss,
University of Kansas.

Dear Bill:

Mr. Kutz, an old-timer, has written me about
Lloyd Wood. I am sure that he would appreciate a
letter from you.

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH
Enc.

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

July 15, 1938.

Mr. Joe Knack,
Southland Hotel,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Joe:

I would like to send you more, but I am sending you this as a friendly gift from an appreciative friend to one who is in a deal of trouble. I trust you will pull out, and I am for you a thousand per cent.

If you need some more at a later date let me know and I will do the best I can for you. I hope this will help you right now while you are in a tough spot.

Write me and let me know how you are getting along, and remember, - keep your chin up.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Dear Doc,

Glad to receive your letter and believe that you are sincere in your friendship. The reason I didn't write sooner is because when you didn't answer the wire "yes or no," I thought you must be out of the city.

My misfortunes, Doc, are charged to me solely. Gambling can do much to wreck you, and the drinking I did on the side didn't help.

But I'm not willing to give up yet — that is as far as

pulling myself together.

When I wired for that money I was within less of 50 cents of being broke. Finally got \$25 from Mary, who is with her folks in Ponca city.

I suppose I should feel like the river or something—but I feel this way about: when you ask to be socked on the chin (as I did with my Kansas city activities), the best thing to do is come up with a defense the next time you land.

Have a job now with the Dispatch-Journal. Started last Saturday. Will get paid in two weeks. Somehow I keep going financially—on a shoestring and a promise to pay my hotel bill payday.

Maybe this is what I needed. Things have been too easy for me. I hope the experience gives me a better balanced-mind.

With Best of Regards,
Joe Knack.

From the desk of—
DR. F. C. ALLEN

July 2 - 38

Dallas Tex.

Stranded here. Can
you wire forty
Southland Hotel

Letter will follow
Joe Knacks

Ed White
#4 Bedford St.
Newport R-I.

July 6, 1938.

Mr. Joe Knack,
c/o Southland Hotel,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Joe:

I received your wire as of July 2, 1938. I was getting ready to leave town, but I thought I would wait to receive your letter which you stated in your wire would follow.

Joe, I did not receive it. And honestly, I did wait for receipt of that letter.

I like you and wanted to help you. I know that you have had trouble, and who of us has not. I am still a real friend of yours, Joe, and am awfully sorry for certain unfortunate circumstances.

Believe me,

Sincerely, Your Friend,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

September 23, 1937.

Mr. Godfrey Kobets,
246 W. 20th Street,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Kobets:

Your letter of September 14 addressed
to the Registrar of the University of Kansas
has been sent to this office.

The enclosed sheets will give you some
idea of the course we are setting up here in
Physical Education.

If you are interested in our curriculum
I shall be glad to have you write me again.

Sincerely yours,

AN

Director of Physical Education.

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246 No. 20th St.
Kansas City, Kans.
September 14, 1932

Dear sir:

I am a graduate of Ward High School and desire to enter a university. I have been out of school for two years working to accumulate sufficient money to further my education. I sent to four other universities for their school bulletins possessing their course in physical education. I would appreciate it very much if you send me your school bulletin containing the said information.

Sincerely yours.

Godfrey Kobits.

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The University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

August 8, 1937.

Dr. F.C. Allen,
Director Physical education,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kans.


Dear Coach-----

I am awfully sorry Mac neglected to provide you
with that group picture.

Tom handed me your letter and I immediately
mailed one to Doyle, marking it "material for
basketball guide" as you suggested.

How is everything at Lawrence? Give my regards
to C.E. McBride next time you see him. Plenty
hot here but we are going right ahead getting ready
for football anyhow. It won't be long.

Hurriedly yours,

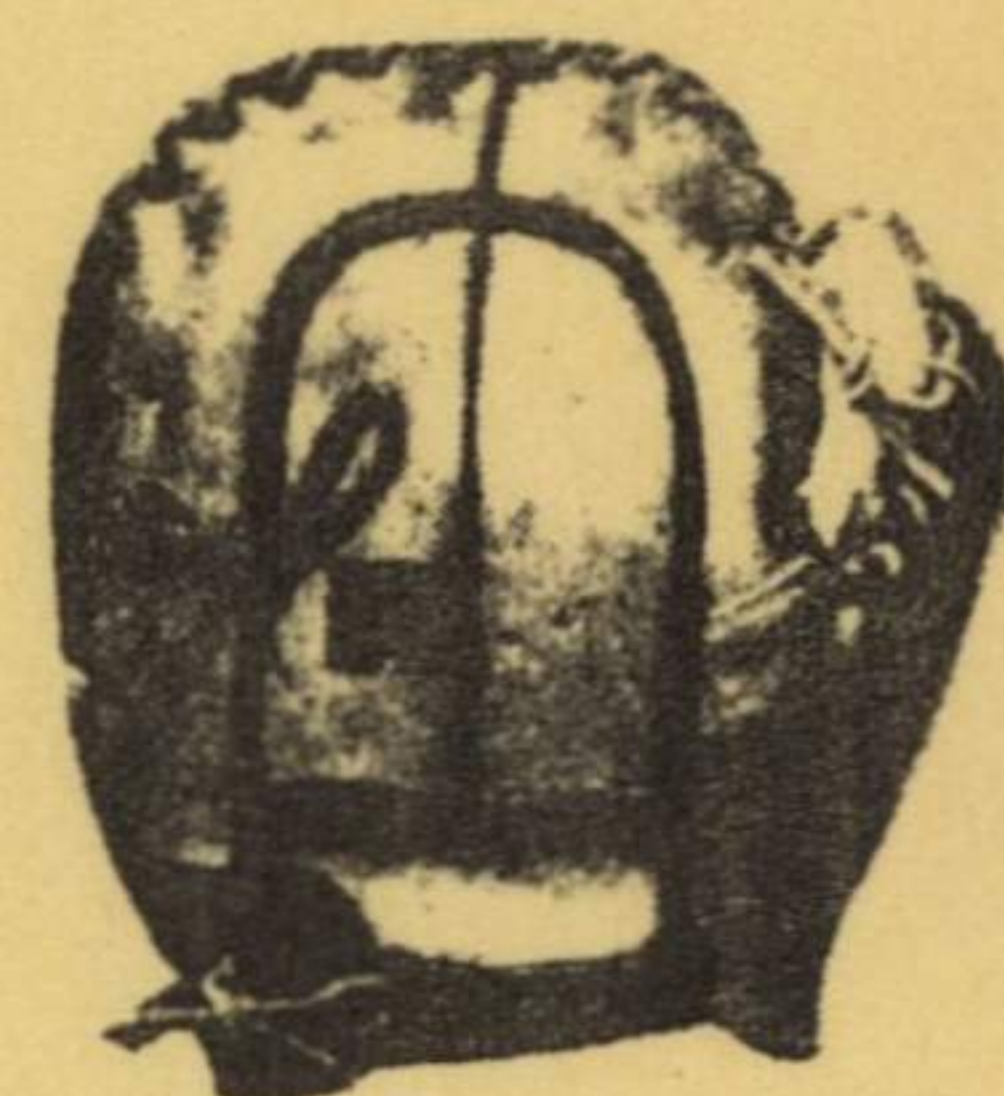

Harold Keith.

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August 18, 1937



Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doctor Allen:

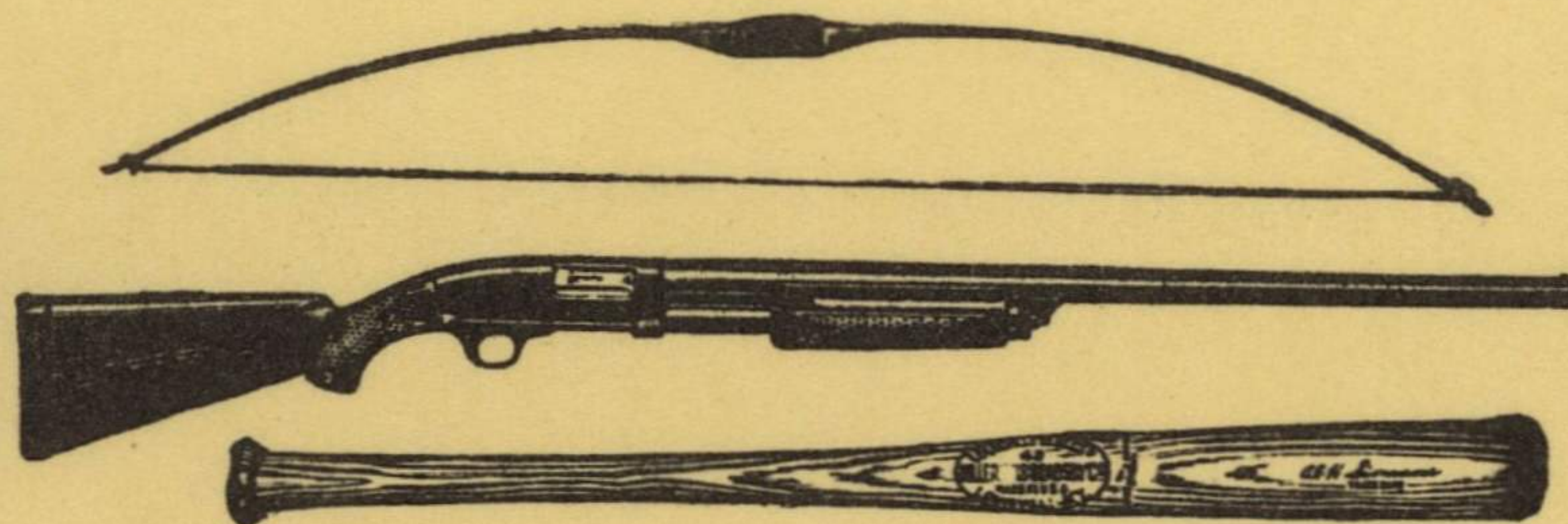
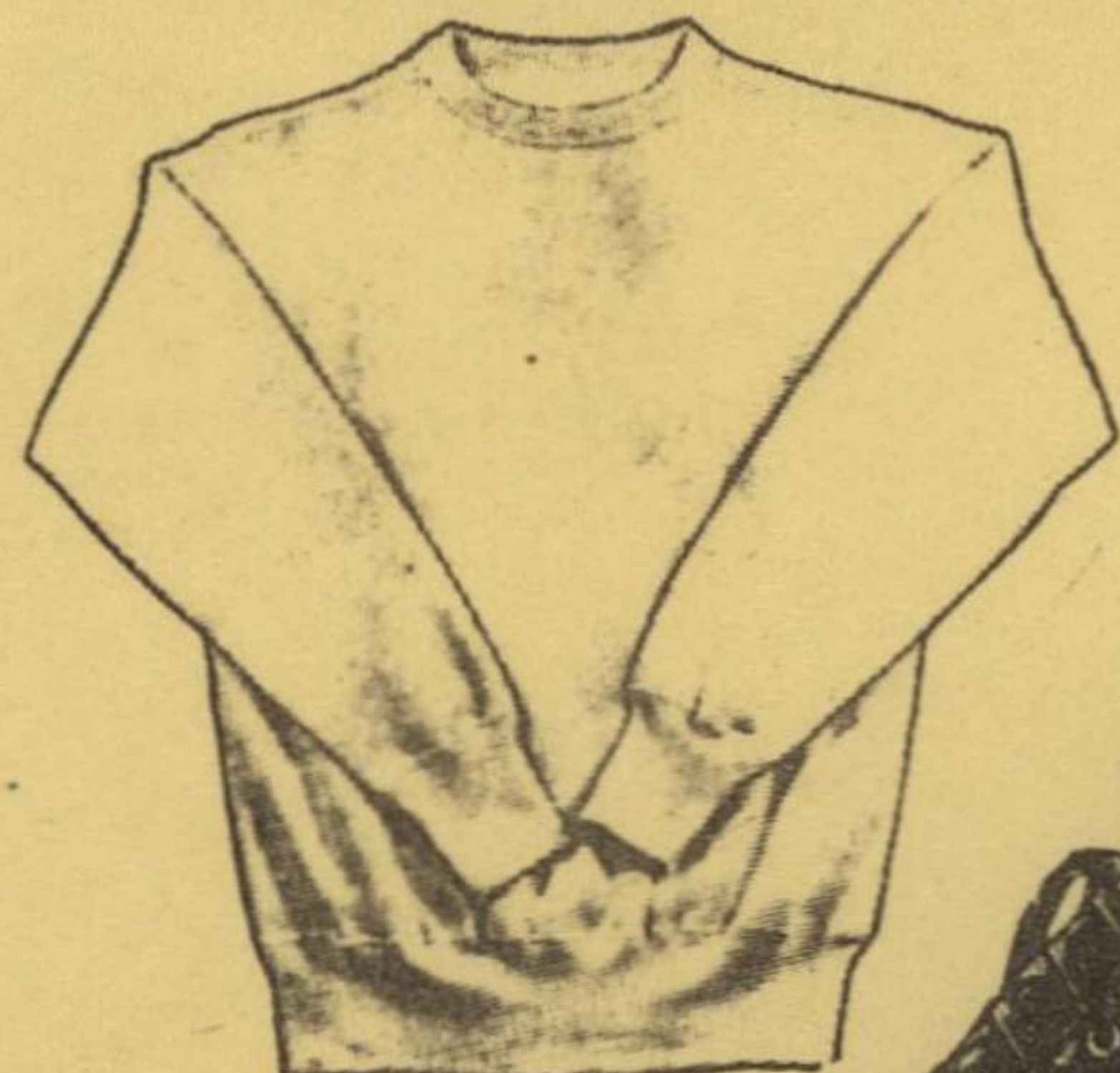
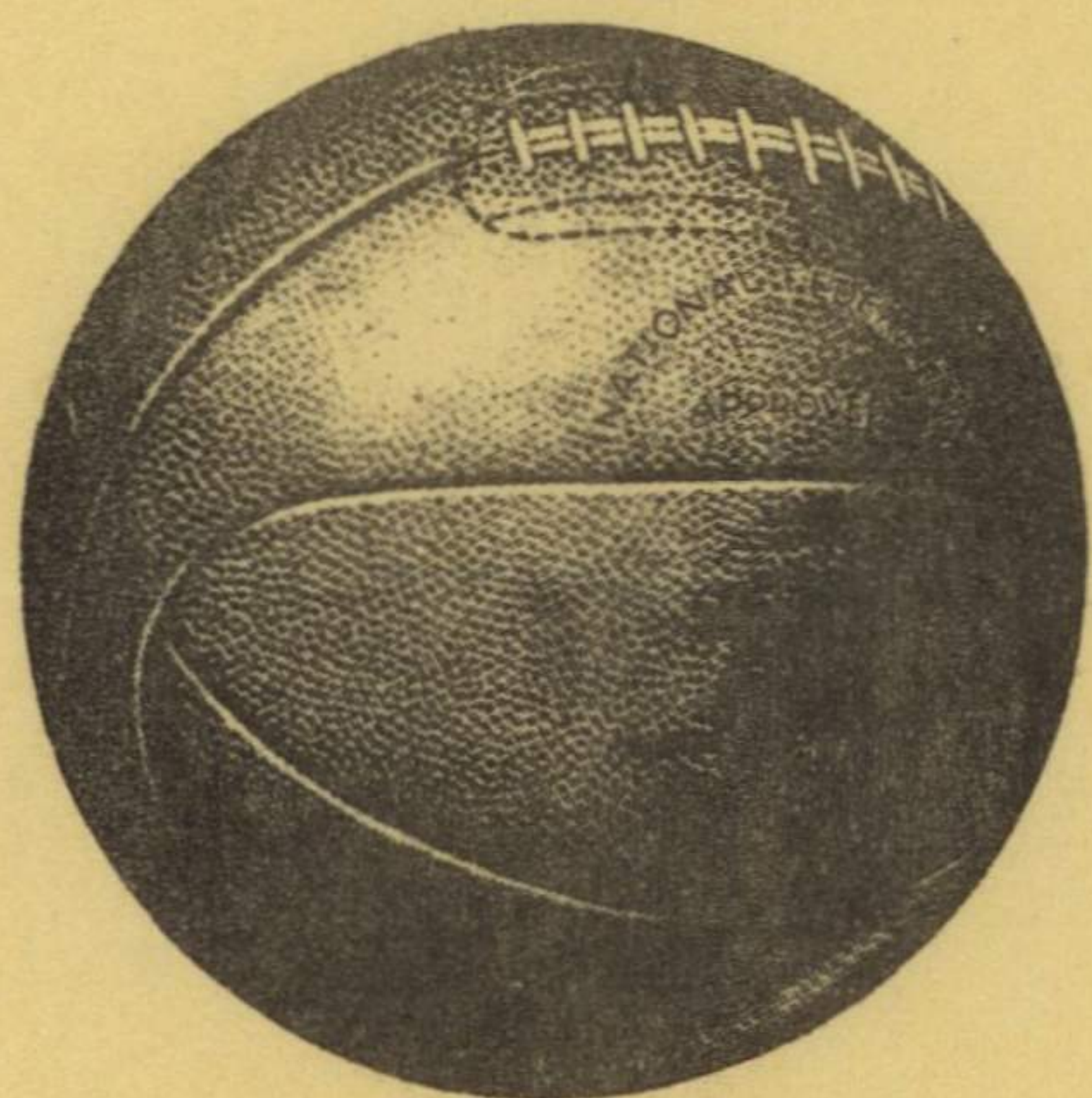
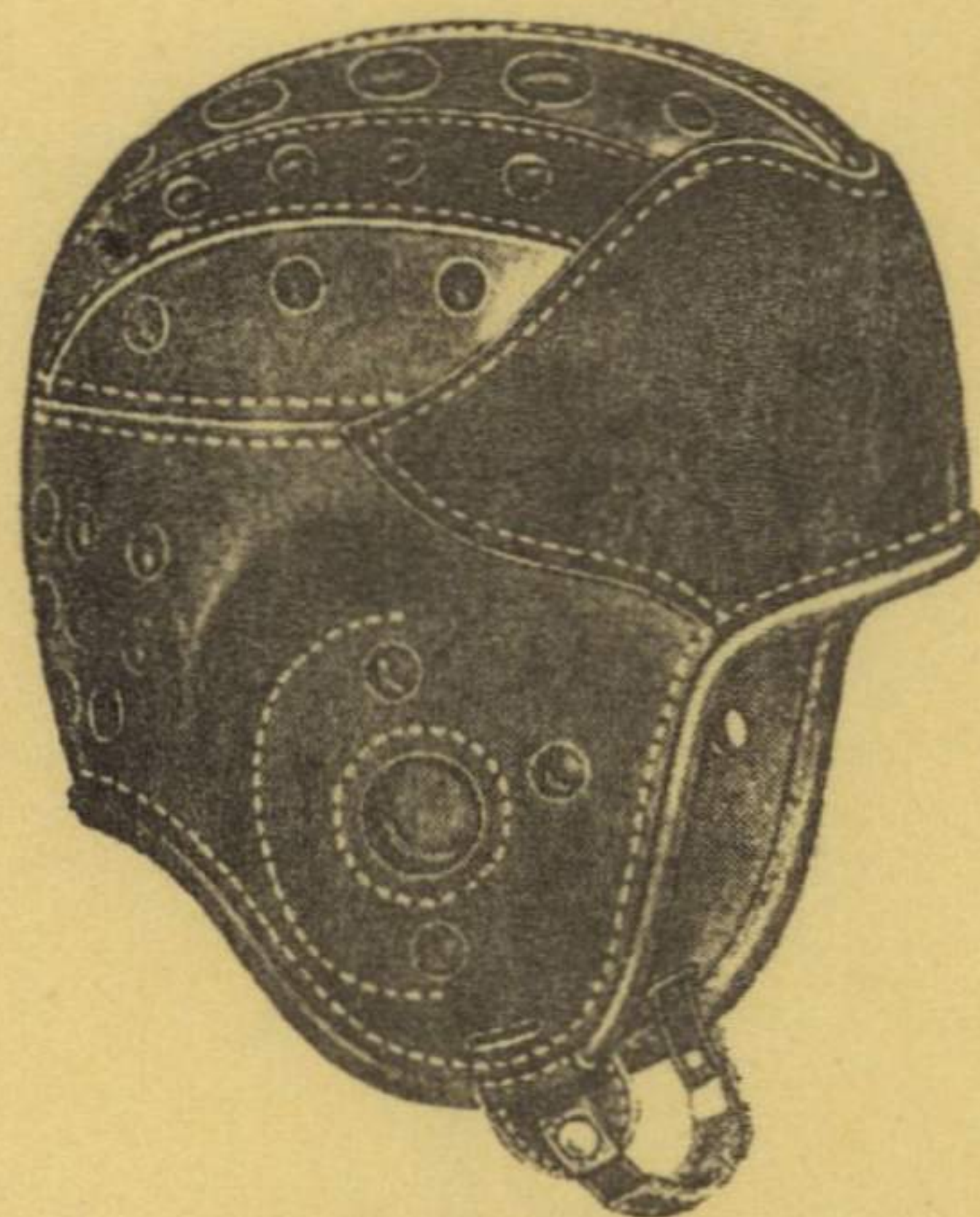
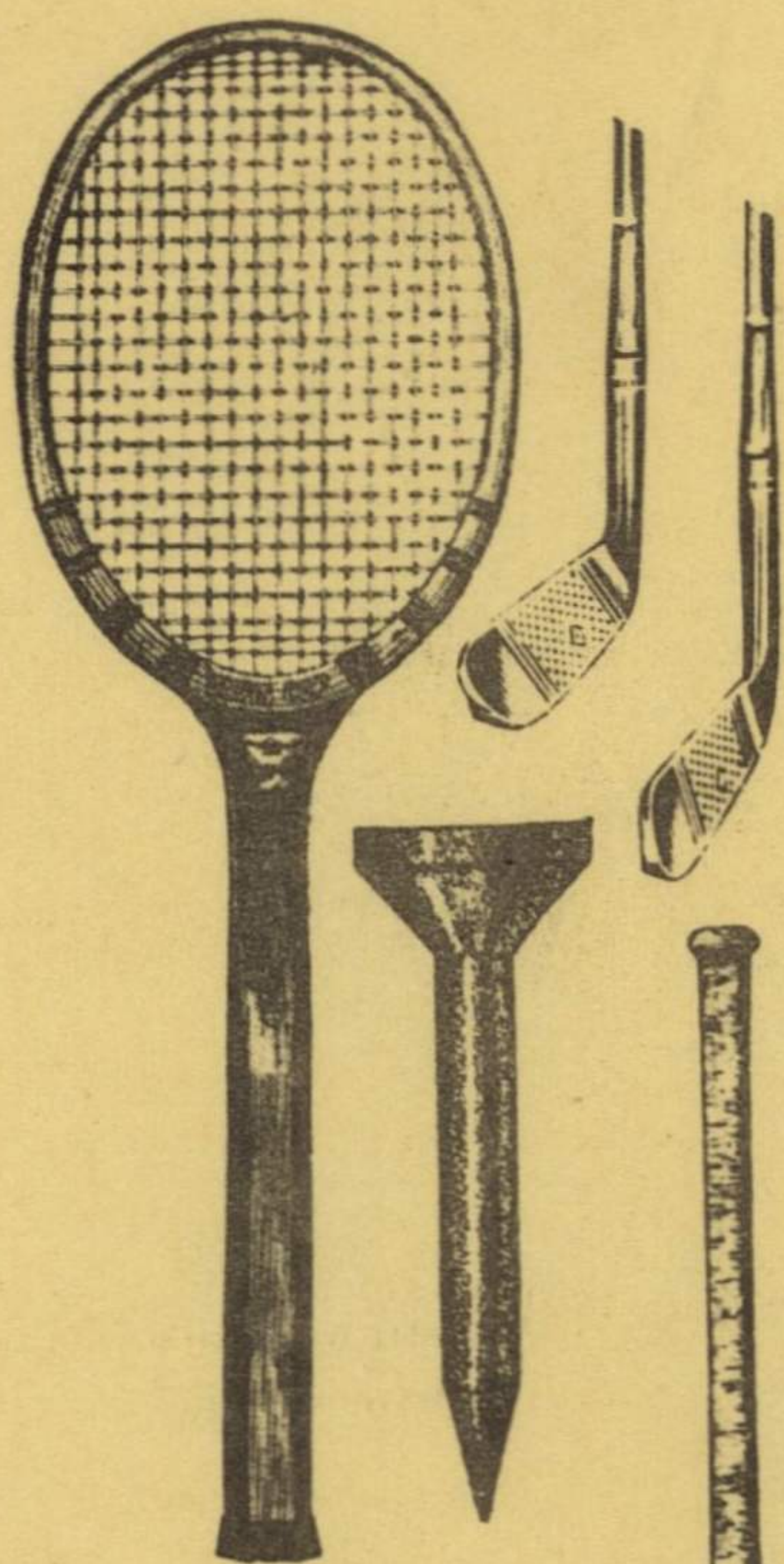
We have never been fortunate enough to have any of your Basketball business but would like mighty well to have the privilege of submitting samples and prices on anything that you might need. We are writing you a little early in order to get our request in to you for an opportunity to show you what we can do. We will appreciate it if you will drop us a line in the enclosed envelope and advise us what you will need this year and about when you will buy it. We will be mighty glad to submit samples.

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Yours very truly,

KANSAS CITY SPORT GOODS COMPANY

J. E. Turner



September 16, 1937.

Mr. W. F. Kingsbury,
Business Men's Credit Exchange,
Lawrence National Bank Building,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Kingsbury:

Pardon my delay in answering your communication of the 4th instant. Enrollment time has kept us swamped and I am just now getting to your correspondence.

Mr. Gwinn Henry is my successor as Director of Athletics at the University of Kansas, and I am passing on this correspondence to his desk.

I do have a recollection that Mrs. Johnstone took the matter up with Chancellor Lindley, and the matter was discussed at a board meeting, but I believe the matter was tabled at that time.

I might add that I had no agreement with Mrs. Johnstone in regard to payment of this account, and I did not agree to assume the responsibility.

The history of the case, as I recall it, was that Leo Johnstone went to the hospital and our medical adviser, Dr. Anderson, was not notified. The operation was performed by Dr. Sudler, and Dr. Francisco was called in as a consultant. The only time that I learned of it was when Mrs. Johnstone was at the Eldridge Hotel after the operation and I was introduced to her by Coach Mike Getto who met her in the lobby. He, of course, was doing everything possible to make her stay in Lawrence as convenient and as pleasant as possible under the circumstances.

I am not blaming anyone. Dr. Canuteson, of course, did not know that Johnstone was an athlete, and he handled the case as a strictly student affair.

I might add that the Athletic Association never assumes any responsibility ordinarily unless the student is injured in an athletic contest, whether in a practice or game situation. There is a general feeling on the part of the public that when a boy has appendicitis even when he is playing on the team the Athletic Association should be responsible for this illness. No athletic

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association that I know of accepts any such financial responsibility. If a boy should be on the Glee Club and be injured even in his line of work the common conception would be generally that the boy would pay his own bill. But if a boy is on an athletic team the assumption has grown up somehow that the athletic association should pay the bill.

Coach Mike Getto went to the hospital and got the records of the time that Leo was admitted to the Watkins Student Hospital. He also checked up on the time he was out to spring practice. The general feeling at the time of Leo's illness was that while the Athletic Association was not responsible, they would like to help Mrs. Johnstone with a part of the expense as she is a widow, and not because they were liable on account of any activity that Leo indulged in during the practice period.

I am passing on this correspondence to Mr. Gwinn Henry with the hope that some reasonable settlement can be had that will make everybody feel that all hands are cooperating fully. I personally referred this matter to Dr. A. J. Anderson, and I believe if the matter were taken up with Dr. Anderson he would recommend a fair settlement for all concerned.

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education.

September 10, 1934