

"I Give You Kansas", which Prof. Crafton delivered in Des Moines before the Ad Club. Dan is one of the Kansas State star footballers of other days, and before he went in the service he was C. E. McBride's right hand man on the sport desk of the Star. Thanks, Dan, we are fond of Allen Crafton, but I have heard his talk and it is very humorous. But it does look different in print. We are waiting anxiously for the time until you can return and give us some of those newsy articles about Big Six athletics which flow from your pen.

From Col. Karl F. Baldwin, former commandant of the University R.O.T.C., and now at the office of Military Attache, Melbourne, Australia, comes the good news that after being in the hospital for 25 days he is again back on full duty. "When I had a similar case in my right shoulder 18 years ago I was 6 weeks getting out of Walter Reed. So I think I must be in pretty good general health. At any rate, I am still giving Rotary addresses and speaking to other organizations. I think Angus Mitchell has heard my talk on 'Those --- Japanese' 26 times. I am on for a short talk on the 4th of July at a theatre here. My contacts are pretty much everybody from the Prime Minister down, all in all its a very healthy existence. I took time off to visit Manila with the retiring minister, Mr. Johnson, and it was a rich experience.

"The Australian football season is on here and showing extremely good form. Much better than previous years due, I think, to the return of certain soldiers and less control by the manpower authorities. I do like the Australian game. Meanwhile, if you continue to play the American game, chalk up another victory over Nebraska. I wasted a lot of perspiration and cheering trying to stimulate victory over that team during my five years at K.U.

"I have no late word of my boy, and do not know whether he ever reached Japan or not. Members of my family are all well otherwise and I still have some hopes of Mrs. Baldwin coming out, though I am not too optimistic of the Department approving of such a visit. Give my very best to the good people of Lawrence, including especially the Rotarians and your fine lady. There are no better people in the world than those who live in Lawrence on the Kaw."

Emil Heuer, one of our Physical Education students before he entered the Army in '43, dropped in the office after his return from Germany. He had been wounded two different times in the right arm by German machine gun bullets, and was on his way to O'Reilly General Hospital. I told him to be sure to look up Andy McDonald, who is basketball coach at the Southwest Missouri Teachers College at Springfield, and who is also doing rehabilitation work. Andy played on my basketball varsity in 1921-'22-'23, and was a member of the 1923 ever-victorious team, as well as a member of the 1920 varsity football team. Emil Heuer writes today that he has seen Andy McDonald, and continues, "I was very much impressed with his hospitality and friendliness. He is really a swell person. . . . It was really good to discuss sports and events we were both interested in."

From Ens. W. R. Fitzgerald (USS ATA 186, San Francisco): "Just a note to let you know how much I appreciate your newsletters. We haven't had mail for a couple of months, but I'm looking forward to another one or so when our mail does catch up again. Doc, the one dedicated to T. P. Hunter was certainly a masterpiece. I only knew him by sight, but anyone who knew him must really treasure that letter. You remember Jean Thomas from Waterville, don't you, Doc? You and Sully (Nelson Sullivan) and Jean and I were on an intramural broadcast over KFKU one night. It was really a shock to everyone at home when she was killed in a plane crash near Sardinia. She was with the Red Cross. . . ."

Yes, Fitz, I remember her, and know what a shock it was to all of you.