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August 30, 1944

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

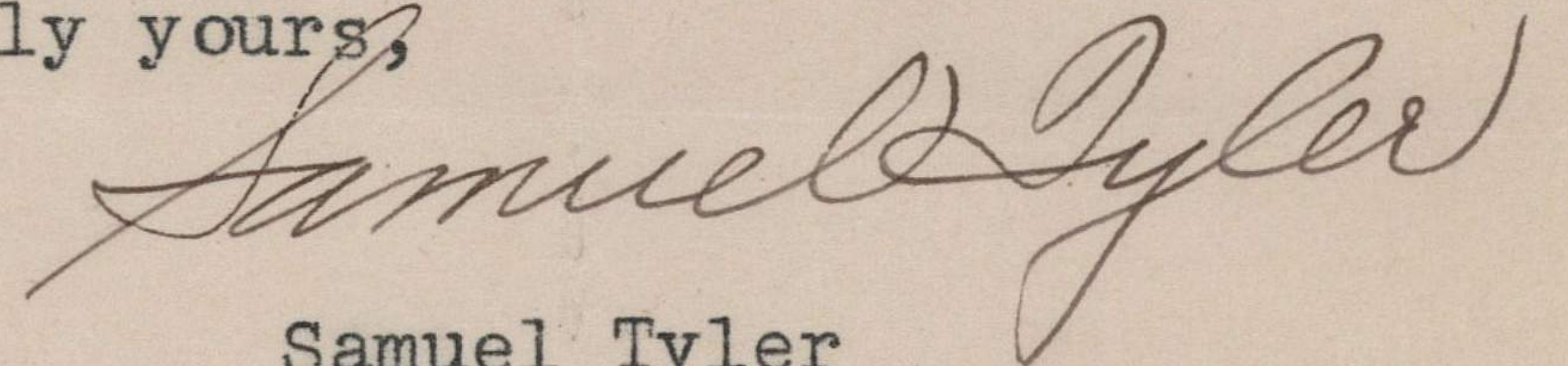
When I was in the camp at Boone, I vowed to myself that I would write you an expression of my appreciation of your fine part in that coaching school. And then your letter came to me before I managed to get my letter off. As far as the autograph is concerned, I would like to have you write same as you desire. I will certainly treasure the book and make much use of it, I am sure. The book will be mine, not the school's.

I considered your part in the conference to have been extremely sensible and practical and certainly helpful and I look forward to receiving your book "Better Basketball". I am the fellow with the lame back who was about to return home when by your skill I was relieved of the pain and improvement continued from that hour. So I am anxious to see the part of the book that has to do with the care of physical injuries.

Dr. Allen, I feel that you have been and are continuing as a potent factor in advocating clean and right living and doing more for boys than just winning games. I like your fine attitude and energetic approach to clean living and thinking and assure you that I greatly enjoyed and profited from our contacts at Boone.

Wishing you continued success, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Samuel Tyler

Box 115
Baxter, Iowa



Marble Rock, Iowa
August 28, 1944


Dear Sir:

I received your letter so the address is right. I have no special autograph that I want so your own introduction and autograph is O.K.

Your treatment of Sacco - Liaz is certainly alright. I got Mine 7 years ago in Basketball and had it until I saw you at Boone. a thousand times thanks you.

If this is not in your book could you make a note of it someplace for me as I lost part of my notes. what I want are the three energy builders you use. Glyco - liz - in is the only one I can remember.

Yours Truly
Claude Cowell



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August 26, 1944

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I received your pleasant letter this morning. I bought your book for my self so I would like to have you autograph the book as you suggested.- "Remembering the pleasantries of the Iowa High School Athletic Association Coaching School at Boone, Iowa, on August 15-19," and so forth.

Your treatment of my back has brought definite improvement. Please know that I appreciate it very much.

I will have to do my coaching this year because I could not get a coach. However, I shall do the best pinch hitting

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Rockford, Iowa

possible. I have fisteen years caching experience of former years to help so maybe I can help this crop of boys along. I deeply feel that our armed forces are moving as they are because so many American Boys have had the training that comes from our Athletic system. If only every American Boy could be a member of a 1st team of some kind and let it help him to be master of himself, then we would never need be afarid of aggression from any one. The kids are doing a grand job, and our athletics has been contributing a great part in our successful drives.

I enjoyed the coaching school contacts so much. I hope I can just seed a few boys on the idea of being better men.

Sincerely

Lloyd H. Smith
Lloyd H. Smith

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Central City, Iowa
August 25, 1944

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas

OH, Doctor //##'8 9 10*

I am very glad to know that you returned "ship shape" from the camp at Boone. If you enjoyed yourself as much as I did, well you were pleased to the nth degree. I really mean it. From watching you adjust all those sore backs and muscles I would imagine you were glad to get away from the Camp. Your psychological affect on some of those fellows was supra. This of course brings out the reason for this letter.

By all means please autograph this book in your own intimate way. Anyone who can present (and so casually at that) an article for sale-----, well I want to remember him as he really is. The only way to do this is to just put some-thing there that will recall, to me, your ability as a salesman. Seriously now, I hope to be able to use this book to a very good advantage. Since this will be my first year in the teaching game and also as coach, I really appreciate your "dynamic presentation" of this book. I am glad I bought one. If I run across some-thing, that isnt in the little book, when I get my basket ball team rolling, I shall fire you a line and we will get it in the next edition---but quick. You may consider the above as the "special feature" referred to in your letter.

Now never be surprised if I call upon you to help solve some problem of mine and no doubt there will be plenty of them. I have lots of faith and I shall stick to it.

I believe you now have enough information for a GOOD autograph.

Very truly yours,
W.F. Brown
Box 30
Central City, Iowa

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August 31, 1944.

Mr. M. E. "Bill" Easton,
Director, Drake Relays,
Drake University,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Bill:

I have your order for a copy of my text, "Better Basketball", and if you will send me your check or money order for \$4.00 I will autograph it and mail it to you postpaid. I could send the book c.o.d., but it would cost you about thirty cents more, and I prefer to do it this other way.

It was a pleasure to see you at the Iowa High School Athletic Association Coaching School at Boone.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Mobridge City Schools

G. W. WRIGHT, HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
MOBRIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Mr. Ernest C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.
Dear Mr. Allen:

Aug 28, 1944.

Please make the following introduction
"congratulations to coach Wright and his
championship teams. South Dakota State
B. basketball champions in 1943 and 1944."

I enjoyed making your acquaintance
at Boone. The new friends one makes
at a coaching school is often as
valuable as the information. I enjoyed
your contributions and particularly the
bits of philosophy which are just as valuable
as the fundamentals of basketball.

Sincerely
G. W. Wright

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The Rev. Jacob M. Weiss

The Church of Saint Joseph

EARLING, IOWA

August 29, 1944.


Dear Doctor Allen,

I wish nothing special for an introduction to your autograph of your book. I am most grateful for your autograph. The letter head will give you my name and address.

I should like to write you another letter later on. Just now I'm busy, very busy. School has begun and things are not, as yet, running smoothly.

Most sincerely yours,

Jacob Weiss



Marshalltown, Iowa
August, 29, 1944

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have attended your Lectures at the Iowa High School Coaching School at Boone Iowa this year. I enjoyed it very much and received a world of information. I have tried to secure a Goal-Hi but to no avail. Consequently I had a blacksmith make one for me. I am unfamiliar with the game and I would appreciate it very much if you would send me a set of directions as to how to play the game. Also send me those charts which you suggested regarding the coaching of basketball.

Sincerely Yours,

Lander H. Reicks

Rev. L. H. Reicks
St. Mary's Rectory
Marshalltown, Iowa

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Aug. 24, 1944

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Your letter of August 22 acknowledging the receipt of \$4.00 for your text, Better Basketball, has been received. In regard ~~as~~ to method of autographing the book, I have no special preference. You have the correct spelling of my name as was indicated by your letter.

I am expecting great value from your text.

Sincerely,



Edward L. Anderson



HANSELL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

HANSELL, IOWA

August 24, 1944

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

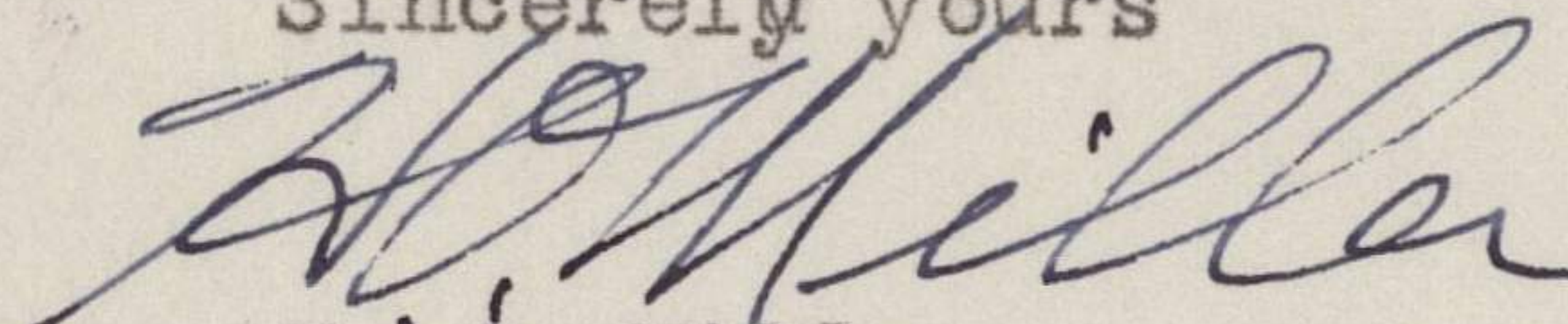
Thank you for your letter concerning the book "Better Basketball".

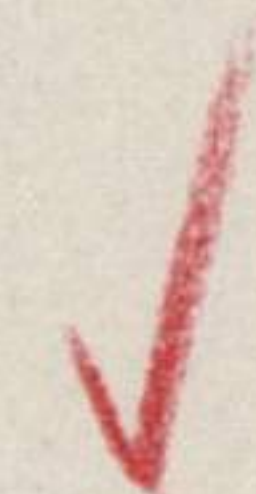
I believe that the autograph you suggested namely "remembering the pleasantries of the Iowa High School Athletic Association Coaching School at Boone, Iowa on August 15-19, 1944" would be fine. If you would rather suggest something other than this write it in it will be O. K. with me.

Again I wish to say that I enjoyed the school and your contributions to it very much. Am looking forward to another year and hope to see you back again. I should add though that I will not buy another book no matter how hard you try to sell it unless of course it is a revised edition and you put in a plug at the right time etc. It was fun anyway.

With best wishes for a successful year, I remain

Sincerely yours


H. O. Miller



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August 25, 1944

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

In reply to your letter of August 22;

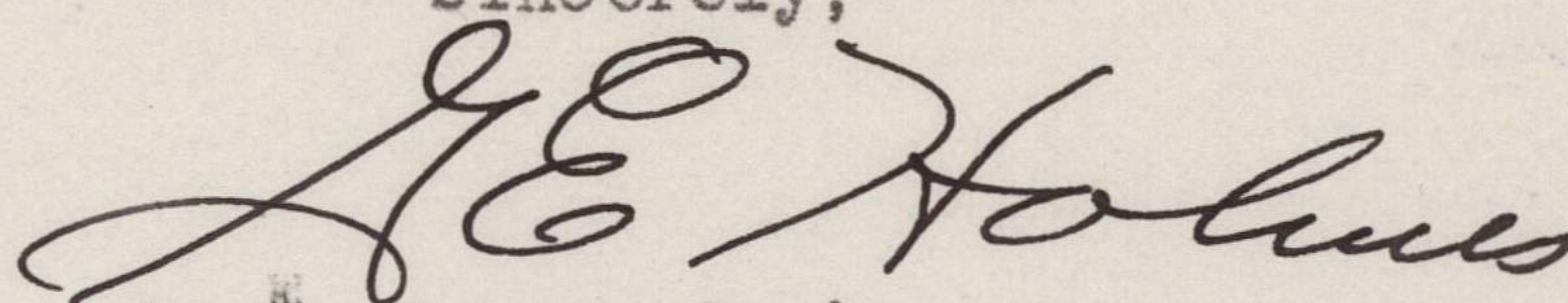
The name and address you have listed are correct as you will note by the school stationery. I would like very much for you to autograph the book as follows:

"To an old Horse who is back into the Harness"
and then your name.

I certainly appreciated the fine counsel you gave the fellows at Boone. If we all could use you as a pattern to follow both in coaching, in handling the boys, and in living ourselves; I'm sure we could do much in making this a better world in which to live. I am not gifted with flattery and mean just what I have stated above.

I hope I may have opportunity of seeing and hearing from you again. I anxiously await the receipt of your fine book.

Sincerely,


G. E. Holmes Sup't



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August 26, 1944

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

The spelling of my name and the address that you have are correct. I have no suggestion for a special autograph. The one that you have suggested is fine, or any other that you care to use. Your name is the important part of the autograph.

I thought that the coaching school at Boone this year was one of the most worthwhile schools that I had ever attended. I came away from the school with a new interest in and enthusiasm for my work and I feel that I am much better qualified to do the job this year. I was especially impressed with your enthusiasm, vitality and genuine interest in your work. I hope that I can carry that same enthusiasm into my coaching this year.

I am looking forward to the time when I will again have an opportunity to listen to your discussions and visit with you at a coaching school.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney E. Holaday

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Coach Hubert W. Turner,

Strawberry Point, Iowa.

Spelling is correct.

Box 409
Strawberry Point, Iowa
August 25, 1944

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

My wife and I have been working at the John Deere Tractor Co. at Waterloo, Iowa this summer and we just returned to Strawberry Point today. I was glad to find your letter of August 22nd.

I like the autograph "remembering the pleasantries of the Iowa High School Athletic Coaching School at Boone, Iowa on August 15-19, 1944". I do not want this book autographed to our schools as I want this for my own personal copy. We have a copy of your older book in our school office bookcase.

I enjoyed your lectures very much at coaching school. I know you had a good time there and I'm sure the other coaches were glad you were there.

Although I got some good ideas from Coach Peterson of Utah, I was disappointed in him as a speaker. I felt as though "we asked for bread and he gave us a stone". I never did find out how much time Utah spent (over) (paper shortage you know!)

spent on foul shooting and when they did their shooting.

I believe if Vadal had just thrown away his notes and talked basketball to us, the fellows would have liked him better at Boone. When you see him again some time, drop him this friendly criticism but don't mention my name.

I taught one year in South Dakota and two years in Wyoming before returning to Iowa. I was at Powell, Wyoming two years and Louis Roney of Wyoming University came from our school. Louis played with Wyoming at Madison Square Garden and Coach Peterson knew him. I did not teach athletics at Powell, however.

A few years ago Dr. Naismith was a speaker on a program in the Y.M.C.A. at Cedar Rapids, Iowa and I am wondering if you weren't on that same program. That must have been 1936 or 1937.

Some summer after the war is over and before you retire I would like to come to Kansas for a summer and take any courses you offer in basketball or prevention care and treatment of injuries.

I used to be active in all sports before 1940 but, especially in tennis. In 1939 I won the mens singles title in the Black Hills Open tennis tournament at Rapid City, South Dakota

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and in 1941 I won the Mens Singles and Doubles titles in the Cedar Rapids City tournament.

In 1940 a week before the Black Hills Open tournament I had a ruptured appendix followed by peritonitis. I had drainage tubes in my side 7 weeks and was in a hospital in Rapid City 9 weeks before I returned to Iowa. I was married that summer and I lost my job in Wyoming at the end of that school year and I felt pretty tough.

I developed a post operative hernia in 1941 and had it repaired in 1942. The hernia has returned again and I can't decide whether to try to have another operation or not.

I am getting an abdominal belt support to wear soon and I hope it will help me but I'm afraid it will take another operation and then I

can't be sure of the results.

What was the issue of the Sun. Evening Post your article was in "Give the Ball to Junior?"

In 1939 I played in the finals of the Cedar Rapids City tournament (doubles) with a man who reminds me very much of you.

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His name is Lou Dennis and he is an attorney in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He was 61 years young in 1941 and a wonderful sportsman. We were defeated in the finals in close sets but playing with "Uncle Lou" was always an inspiration to me. His 2 sons are both in the Air Corps.

Best wishes to you in your work in Kansas.

My old tennis coach at Coe College, Thomas Hayden, is Athletic Director at McPherson Kansas I believe. Please give him my regards if you should be in his part of Kansas soon.

Yours truly,

Hubert W. Turner

P.S. Please send me the diagrams you spoke about in your lectures concerning the numbers or zones to shoot for on the backboard if these are not included in the book. Thank you.

H.W. Turner

New Ulm, Minn
Aug 26, 1944

Dr. Forrest C Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr Allen:

I have received your gracious letter of Aug. 23. Please autograph the text "Better Basket Ball" to me. The autograph you suggest will be very fine.

If you find it convenient, will you place my name on the University of Kansas mailing list. I am very anxious to attend some of your courses in physical Education and recreation next summer.

Very truly yours

Joseph A. Harman
High School Basket Ball
and Track coach
City Recreation Director

Massena Public Schools

EARL COULSON, Superintendent

Massena, Iowa

August 28, 1944

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

Let me say at this time that I certainly enjoyed your lectures and talks at the Boon coaching school. I am sure that I obtained much information that will be of value to me in coaching and handling physical education in my school. More than any other thing, I enjoyed learning of your philosophy of coaching and training youth. To me that is the most important thing in athletics.

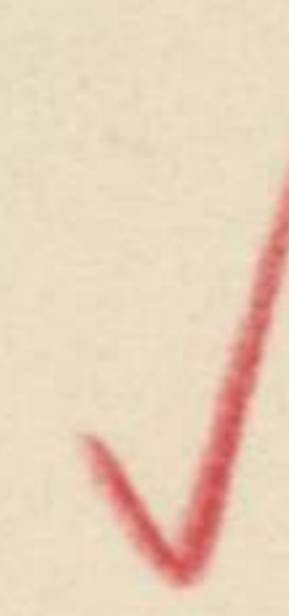
I am sure that your own introduction to your book will be much better than any that I could suggest. Just autograph it in any way that you see fit and I will be happy.

Your special treatment for the back has done me much good and I want to thank you for it. I am going to check every one of my students for this difference in the length of their legs as indicated by your treatment.

Sincerely yours

Earl Coulson

Earl Coulson



Harrison Iowa
August 27 1944

Dr. Forrest C. Allen

Lawrence Kansas

Dr. Allen - My Esteemed Friend -

I received your letter of August 23
and must say in passing that I enjoyed
your part of the program at Boone Iowa
Aug. 15-19 immensely.

Dr. you may autograph it the book
to the school. Harrison Public School,
Harrison Iowa. A presentation by
Raymond Blair "Coach" 44-45. You may
include in the autograph some of the
Planners' & memories of the, Iowa High
School Athletic Association Coaching
School at Boone, Iowa, on August

15-19.

Very sincerely
Raymond Blair "Coach"

P.S. Later on in the season I will place an
order for another book for myself.
I hope to meet you many more times
in our short span of life
R.B.

August 26, 1944

Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education,
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

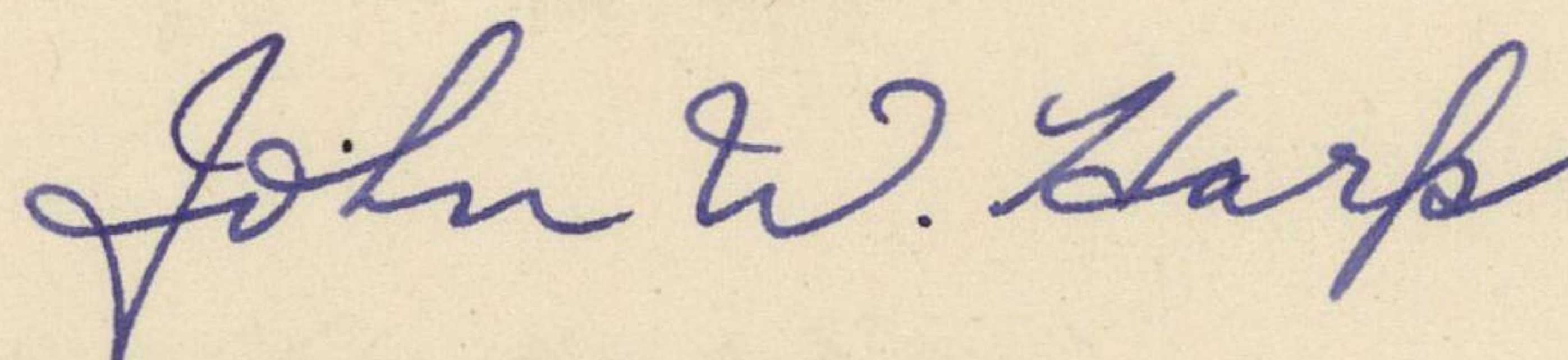
Dear Dr. Allen:

I want to say that the past coaching school at Boone was one of the best that I have had the pleasure of attending. The spelling of my name and address is correct as in your letter of August 23.

The philosophy of coaching and physical education that you and the others of the instructional staff at the school presented is one that many coaches could well accept. I am sure that you were an inspiration to many of us coaches to come back to our schools and do better work. I hope that my work will bring me in contact with you again. To me, three-fourths of the work in coaching is to develop the right attitudes of life in our boys. If we don't do this, we have failed even though we have a championship team.

However you wish to autograph my book Dr. Allen, will be satisfactory with me. I am looking forward, with pleasure, to receiving your book.

Sincerely yours,



Athletic Director
Washington High School



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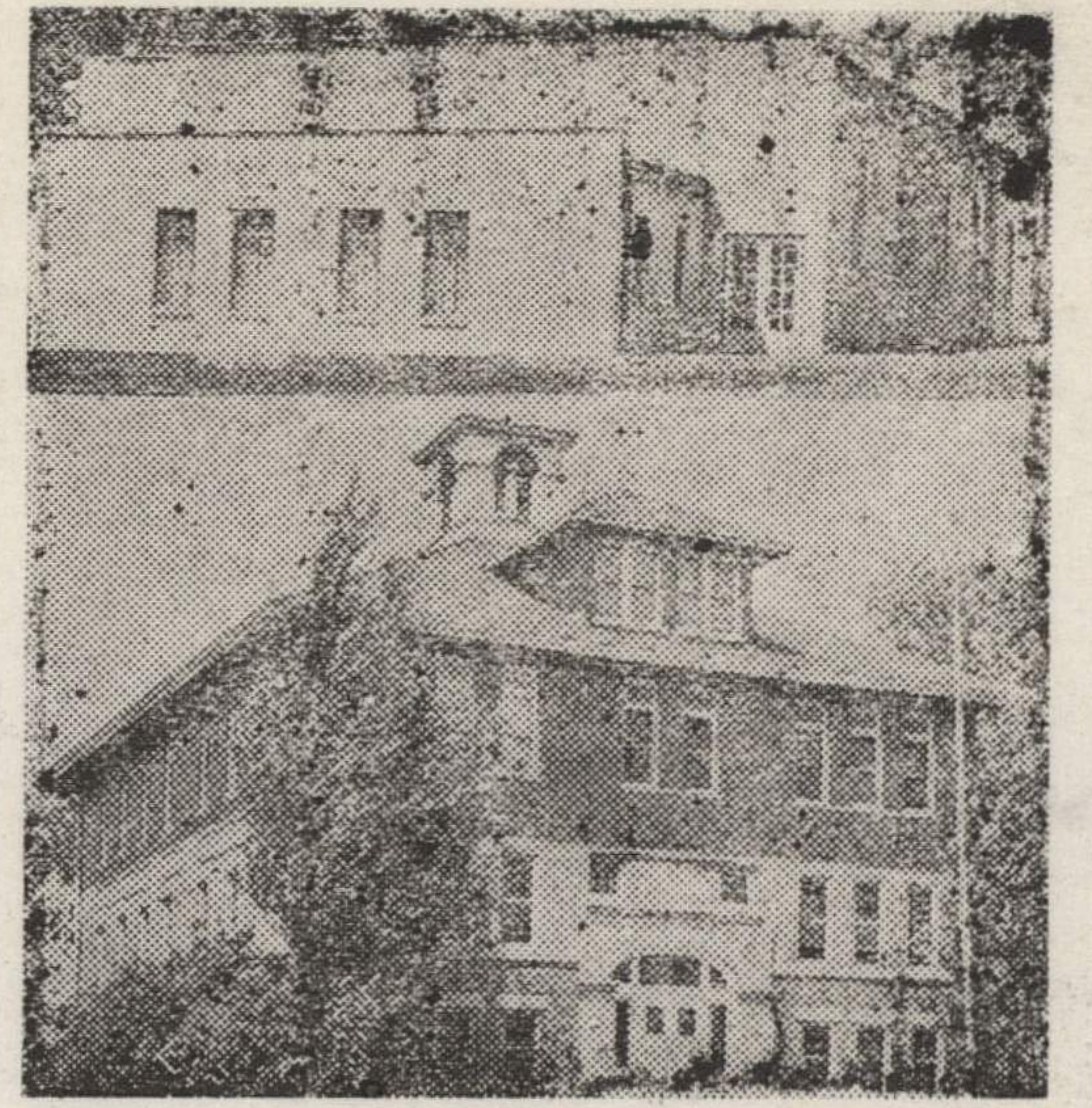
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Consolidated Schools

Union, Iowa

August 26, 1944.



Mr. Forrest C. Allen,
University of Kansas.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Just received your letter concerning your book, "Better Basketball". Your suggested introduction concerning Boone will be very satisfactory.

I am anticipating a great deal of help from this book. Coaching schools are great. My only criticism, and I found I was not alone, is that much is over the heads of a lot of us.

I was discharged from the Navy a year ago and advised to find work which was not too strenuous. I have never played competitive basketball so you can understand my position. I talked with several superintendents who were in a similar position.

What I really need is a complete outline of procedure from fundamental drills on through the defense and attack. In short, I don't know my job but ~~am~~ willing to spend time learning.

My boys are naturals for the "fast break" and "man to man" but have difficulty getting through a zone which is used considerably around here. Any help I can get will certainly be appreciated.

Thanks a lot for your time and good advice. I've certainly enjoyed knowing you and feel now that coaching is really worth while.

Very sincerely yours,

Harold W. Whitney.

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Aug. 28, 1944

Dear Dr. Allen:-

I was happy to receive your fine letter and assure you I shall ever cherish our fine association together at the coaching school. You surely made a fine contribution and best of all you were a real human fellow. I shall be happy to have you add the personal touch to the autograph. I think I shall leave it in the school so why wouldn't it be all right to autograph to the coach and the boys and girls of the Mitchell Schools?

I attended our State Legion Convention immediately after the coaching school and had also a profitable experience. According to sentiment I will be promoted next year as State Chaplain.

With every good wish and hoping to hear from you again, I am

Your friend,

H. F. Risse





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Telephone: 3-6281

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August 26, 1944

Mr. Forest C. (Phog) Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

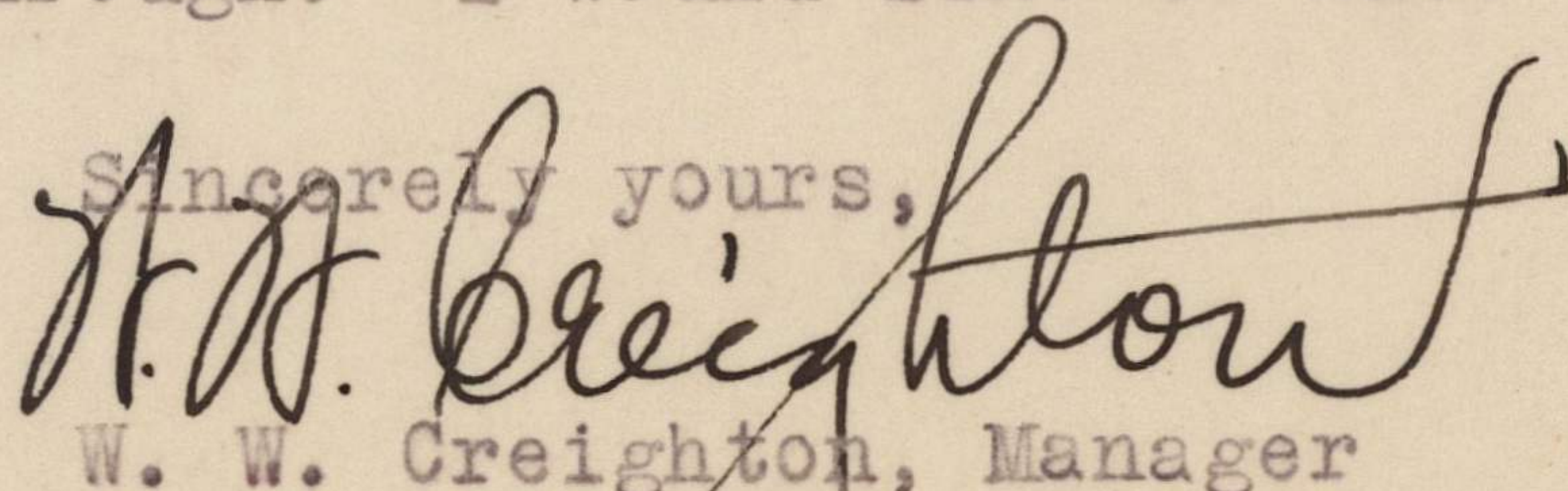
I want to express to you my sincere appreciation of what I learned from you at the coaching school in Boone. I have always watched the progress of your ball clubs with much interest, and I have found them to be, in my travels, one of the best coached basketball teams from the fundamental standpoint year in and out that it has ever been my pleasure to see. I had longed for the opportunity to visit with you, and if I received no more out of the coaching school than the few moments I spent with you, the time away from my business was justified. I am not a coach, although I do have a girl's basketball team which is coached by Frank Brody of the Register & Tribune of Des Moines. However, my interest in all sports have continued to prevail throughout the years.

I would appreciate very much your autographing my book with your special autograph and it shall be treasured as one of my worthy possessions for a long time to come.

I wish to thank you for your time and bother in writing me, and hope that you have continued success in the coming basketball season.

I am sending you under separate cover a publicity photograph of our ball club. Thought you might like to look the gals over. We were defeated in the Quarter finals of the National Tournament by Dallas, Texas by the score of 26-23, in a very thrilling game. In your discussions of basketball fundamentals it brought back a very vivid memory of this particular game. Some time this winter when we make a trip to Wichita to play the Boeing Aircraft team we will try to stop at Lawrence on our way through. I would like to have the girls meet you.

Sincerely yours,



W. W. Creighton, Manager

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Alexander Consolidated Schools

MEARLE S. HOOVER, SUPERINTENDENT

ALEXANDER, KANSAS

August 28, 1944

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

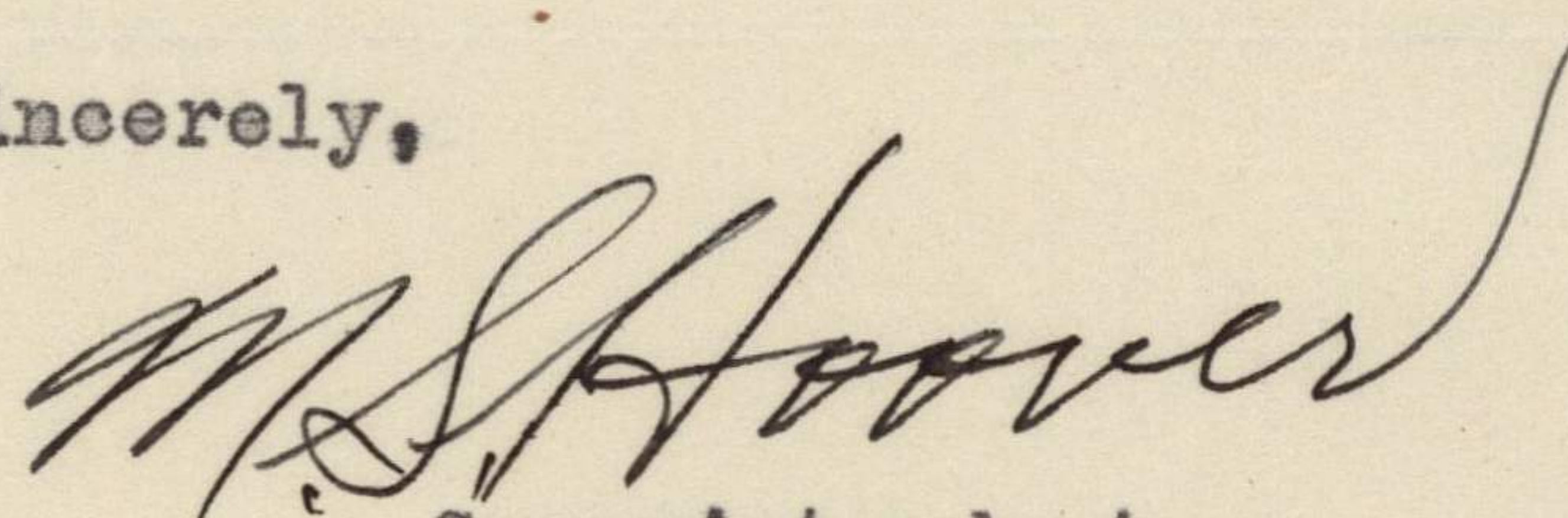
I surely enjoyed your discussions on basketball and Athletic injuries at the coaches school last week. I want to thank you. I learned a lot if I can only put what I learned into practice.

In order to help me put these things to the greatest good I am inclosing a check in the amount of \$4.10 for the book you spoke about during your lectures. I trust the 10¢ will pay the postage. I would thank you if you would autograph it for me.

If you have any suggestions for making it easier for me to put the things I learned into practice I would like like to have them. You see this will be my first year coaching, and I am the Superintendent. In fact I am the only man on the faculty.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,


Superintendent

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Dumont, Iowa
August 21, 1944

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

Dear Sir:

While at the Coaching School at Boone I failed to order one of your basketball books. Please send a copy. Will you please include the backboard zoning chart and the floor zone for lay-up shots against the board, if they are not included in your book.

I wish to express my appreciation and approval of your lectures.

Yours truly,

Howard H. Smith

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September 29, 1944.

Mr. H. O. Miller,
Superintendent of Schools,
Hansell, Iowa.

Dear Superintendent Miller:

I am very happy to enclose the diagram showing shooting lanes on the fan-shaped backboard, and am also sending a diagram showing shooting lanes for bank shots.

I trust these will prove useful to you.

With best wishes for a very successful year,

I am

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Enc.

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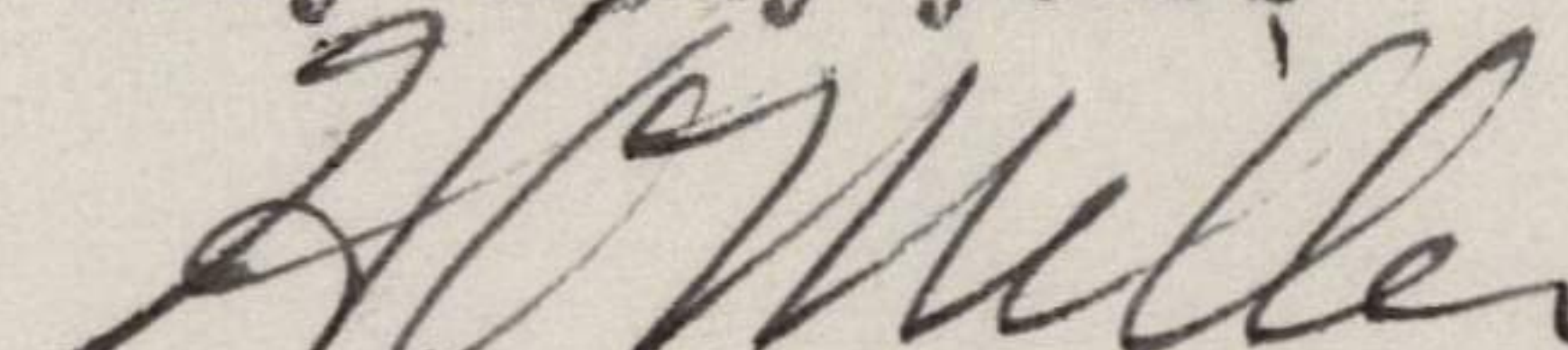
September 22, 1944

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence
Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Please send me at once the diagram for the fan shaped basketball
bank board that you spoke of at the coaches school at Boone.

Very truly yours


H. O. Miller