

December 20, 1940

Mr. Gerald Barker
Basketball Coach
Great Bend Senior High School
Great Bend, Kansas

Dear Gerald:

I find that I have not answered your good letter of November 8 but I always make it a point to answer these communications even though they are terribly late.

Gee, you have really run big time when you ordered twenty pairs of red leather Riddell playing shoes!

I see that you are going to the Dodge City clinic and Frosty Cox will be with you there. I would be glad to have you write me what impression that he makes with you. Frosty is a very keen fellow and has a forceful personality.

I am up here at my office dictating and it is now ten minutes after ten, so I will make this letter short and promise you that I will do better next time.

With all good luck to you, and wishing you a very Merry Yuletide, I am,

Sincerely,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

THE GREAT BEND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

RALPH W. HOGAN, PRINCIPAL

GREAT BEND, KANSAS

O. E. McFERREN, VICE-PRINCIPAL

November 8, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have planned for some time to write you telling something about how things are going along here in Great Bend.

I imagine that you have already started to work with your basketball boys and I hope to get going next week. We have a rather peculiar situation here in the respect that we open our regular basketball season on December 6 with Hutchinson here and I don't need to tell you that "Chop" Cairns always has a good ball team. Everyone of last year's lettermen here are on the football squad and the football season isn't over until Thanksgiving, November 28. That day falls on Thursday and I plan to have two workouts on Friday and Saturday even though they are holidays. I also plan two workouts per day the following week up until Friday when we play. That doesn't give me much time and I don't expect too much for awhile anyway.

This town is really a football town, "Doc", and I hope that I will be able to do a little converting. We have fine facilities and the administration is ultra cooperative in anything I have wanted to do. Money doesn't seem to be much of a factor and the purchasing of equipment is entirely up to me. I have already purchased new playing suits with two sets of contrasting jerseys and twenty pairs of red leather Riddell playing shoes. Of course, I bought long socks and knee pads too. I may have to convert the boys on the socks and knee guards, but after they have used them a game or two the persuasion will be over.

We plan to go out to the Dodge City clinic with which you are familiar. We have two games before that however, so maybe I will be able to get a line on some of the boys by that time. I wish that you could see my boys play some time for I am sure that I could use your advice and comments to a definite advantage. The whole town is not basketball minded and I've heard that this is a "graveyard" for basketball coaches, but I'm quite too young to be buried and to avoid that end I'm going to try to give them some kind of a basketball team. It may take some time and a lot of hard work but I think I can take care of that without much trouble.

Our physical education program which is new here in Great Bend is taking form. I discovered a case of "athletes' foot" a few days ago and I immediately made a thorough investigation. We are very much crowded here for physical education space and I found that about twenty-five percent of the boys had a touch of the stuff. I sent the bad cases to their own physician and then I started to work painting all the rest with tincture of benzoin. I painted

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one hundred and eighty pairs of feet per day for a solid week, and even yet we are painting them once a week. I have the boys broken in now and they are doing their own paint jobs. I think we have the situation pretty well in hand now and I hope we can keep it so.

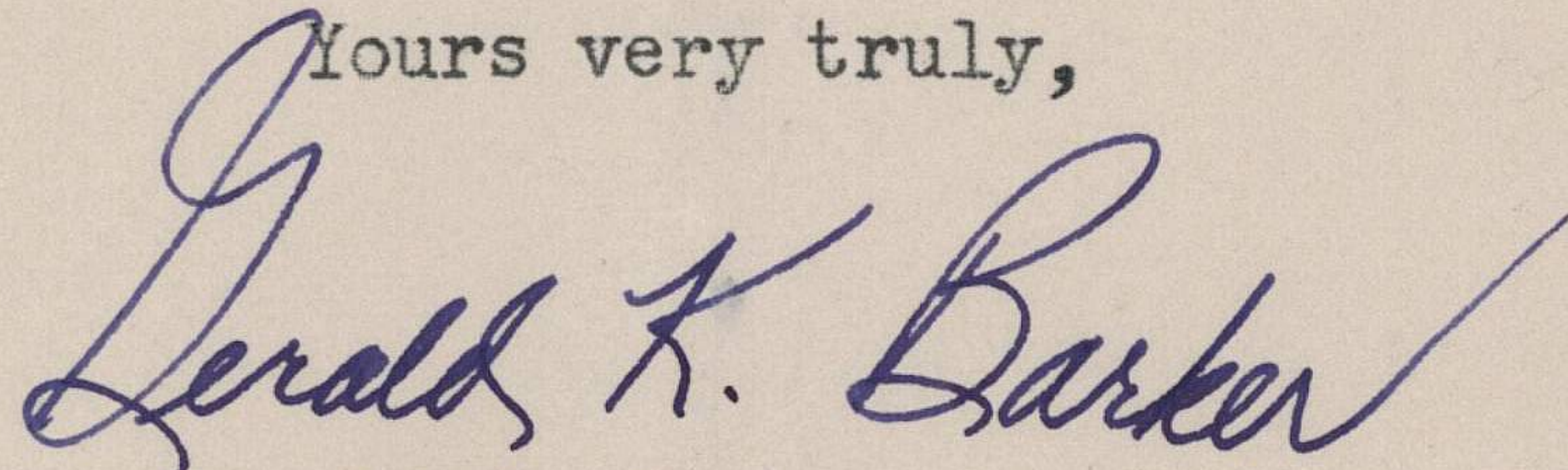
The administration was quite willing to buy whatever we wanted and we are trying to give a well balanced program including all types of leadup games to basketball, badminton, volleyball, touch football, horseshoes, shuffleboard, deck tennis, tumbling, and plenty of calisthenics. I think I told you when I was in your office a short time ago that we were considering the purchase of some "Goal-Hi" and we now have five of them in use; one at each grade school and one at each the junior and senior highs. The kids really do like them and of course you know that I think they are the perfect setup for learning basket shooting. We are also installing the new type of basketball backboard both for practice and game use. We play our games in the new city auditorium and our first squad also works out there. The reserves work in the high school gym as does the junior high outfit. I have already erected four new goals in the high school gym and that makes eight shooting goals for practice. I also bought a dozen new balls which gives us ample opportunity for shooting practice. Now my only headache is finding the needed time.

The boys in my junior high physical ed classes are really pretty bad, "Doc", as far as basketball is concerned. Many of them have never seen a game and none of them have ever played in a game because the provisions have never been made for any kind of a grade school or junior high schedule. In other words, it will be a matter of building from the ground up. Maybe it will be something like a "five year plan".

I wish the best of luck to you and your boys this coming season and I would really appreciate you keeping your fingers crossed for me. Of course, I refer to your "Better Basketball" continually and it really does give a lot of help that I really didn't know I had at hand. If you think of anything that I could do which might help the situation here in a hurry, I sure would like to hear from you.

Thanking you for all past favors, I remain,

Yours very truly,



Gerald K. Barker
Basketball Coach
Great Bend Senior High School
Great Bend, Kansas.

February 6, 1941

Mr. Floyd A. Rowe
Cleveland Public Schools
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Floyd:

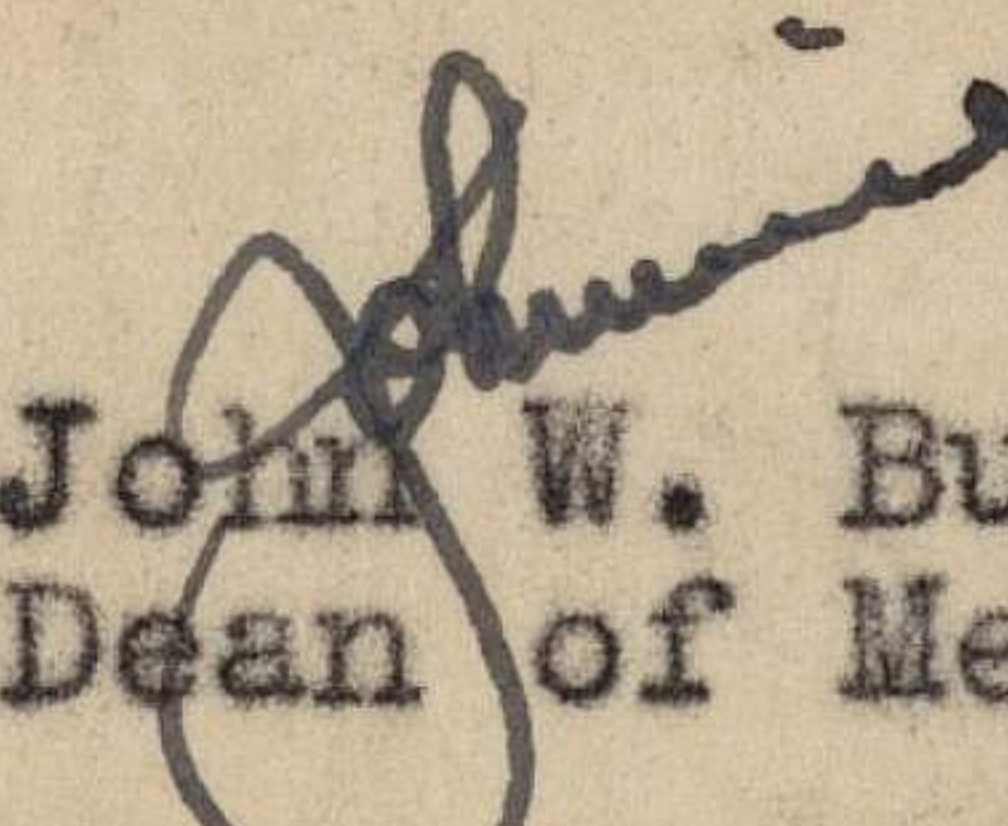
In the last issue of the official bulletin of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, Dr. Allen is quoted as saying that you have statistics to prove that the game of basketball under the present rules has shortened the stature of boys from two to four inches.

I know that you are a rather careful investigator. I also know that changes in anthropometric measures in the race are hardly discernible over the short period of time in which the rules governing our present game have been in force, and also that it might be difficult to attribute such a drastic change in height measurements to this one factor.

I am writing you to verify this statement for which Dr. Allen is credited. I hope that he has been misquoted because statements of this kind (I am assuming that it could not possibly be true) are the type which help to discredit the standing of the profession of coaching. Most of our statements represent opinions or wishful thinking and so few of them are based on sound facts. I hate to see statements of this kind in print because I have not in any way diminished my high evaluation of the contribution that coaches can make.

I shall be interested in having your reaction.

Cordially yours,


John W. Bunn,
Dean of Men.

Doc: They must have misquoted you.

February 11, 1941

Mr. John Bunn
Dean of Men
Stanford University
Stanford University, California

Dear John:

I did not make any statement to the official bulletin or anyone else regarding Floyd Rowe's findings.

While in New York at a basketball luncheon Ned Irish gave to the basketball coaches and officials at the Piccadilly Hotel, I made the statement that I had heard Floyd Rose, who is now chairman of the Rules Committee, and who was then a member of the Committee, make a statement that some of his schools in Cleveland had struck out competitive basketball for junior high school boys in the Cleveland system. Some of his principals had studied the problem and had arrived at certain findings that it cut the stature of the boys, due to upsetting their emotional equilibrium. The strain and tension of interscholastic competition interfered with the normal processes of growth.

I was under the impression that Floyd made this in a conversational way while we were all seated at the Rules Committee table, and I was under the impression that it was the time when you were a member of the Rules Committee, John.

Personally, I share very definitely the opinion of a great many physicians; that the game is entirely too strenuous, even upon high school boys, but certainly intramural games should be played by junior high school youth.

I am told that the system of physical education in the Japanese schools has increased the stature of the Japanese youth about an inch or two over a period of ten to twenty-five years; I am not certain of that, however.

I quite agree with you that changes in anthropometric measurements would not show in a short while, but I am also quite sure that such emotional strain as many of our junior high school youth are subjected to would definitely affect their growth.

I quite agree with you on another point; that most of our statements are but opinions or wishful thinking, and so few of them are based on sound facts. I remember pretty distinctly that the sponsors of the elimination of the center jump stated that if we eliminated the center jump we would eliminate the tall player in basketball. It has done nothing of the kind; in fact, players are increasing in stature at all times and it did not do the thing that the

sponsors said it would do. In fact, I do not see how this change has improved the game, but as I said before, perhaps the game has enough strong points to continue to enthuse the public even without one of the fundamental activities of man; namely, jumping.

Personally, I do not believe that the public pays too much attention to statements since Mr. Hitler and Mr. Mussolini, masters of propaganda, are prolific in telling fibs, and I also remember it was Mr. William Randolph Hearst who said that the American newspaper reader's memory for facts or statements was of about two weeks duration.

I trust that I have not embarrassed Floyd because anyone who would know the laws of anatomy and physiology would not expect to take two inches off of a boy in a very short while, yet I do believe that the strain and tension on a boy at his growing period can very vitally affect his growth.

Others may disagree with this and only research will show, but such research as this will not be conducted until we have more money for even more important things in our life.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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cc: Floyd Rowe

February 22, 1941

Mr. John W. Bunn
Dean of Men
Stanford University
California

Dear John:

I was glad to have your letter of February 15. We have just returned from Columbia, Missouri where we were fortunate to eke out a game on the Tigers. The Kansas coach and the team were as popular at Columbia as ever.

Now, regarding basketball, I certainly agree that you were not one of the fellows who argued that the center tap would eliminate the excessively tall men, but there were a lot who voted for the elimination of the tap that campaigned on that basis.

You were pretty warm about the matter when you felt that Shabby did not play square with you, but there were just as many who felt that St. John and Olsen, when they made a trip to the Pacific Coast and arranged some games, rather sold out the tap to the Coast people because they wanted it.

You will remember that Ohio State played both football and basketball on the Coast and Saint spent quite sometime politicking out there, so many of us felt that the center jump was not eliminated upon its real merit. But I am not sorry because I have always said that doubtless basketball still retains so many desirable qualities that it would not suffer regardless whether it had the center jump or not.

I have not had a chance to read Floyd Rowe's article in "Black and Gold", but as you say this finding was made before the center jump was eliminated so it would have no bearing on this question at hand. Also, I feel that there are so many angles to the center jump regarding its affect on players that it would take a budget of some \$50,000 over a course of five years to get a real scientific finding.

I do not believe that we eliminated the center jump on logic or exact findings but the prejudices and the emotions of people have more to do with this than good, clear, logical thinking. I want you to know that I am not campaigning for the center jump and do not care if they ever put it back, but as you resented the defeat the first time the Pacific boys came in, so others resented the action when it was legislated out because extraneous matters should have had no part in the consideration.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF MEN

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA

February 15, 1941

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

Dear "Doc":


Thank you for your letter of February 11. I felt quite sure that you had been misquoted, but I don't like to see statements of this kind broadcast, and that was why I called the matter to the attention of Floyd Rowe and sent a carbon of the letter to you.

I am sure that we will all admit that basketball is one of our most intense games from the standpoint of the players, the coaches, and the spectators. It was not my purpose to argue the elimination of the center jump in my letter to Mr. Rowe because it is only one of many changes that have been made in the game in recent years. However, with respect to the statement concerning tall players, I do not believe that you will find in any report that I have made to the Rules Committee or the Coaches Association any mention of the elimination of good tall men.

I do remember that Dave McMillen of Minnesota sneeringly reflected upon what he called "the big clowns," but he was not one of those who originally advocated the elimination of the center jump. As a matter of fact, I was not one of that number but just happened to be one who had collected some facts in connection with this phase of the game. I certainly have no desire for any credit, or even discredit, for the change in this part of our rules.

I have not heard from Floyd Rowe as yet, but am hoping that if he does have any statistics he will present them. I have a feeling that it would be rather difficult for him to substantiate the statement concerning the effect of basketball on stature unless some rather carefully controlled experiments had been carried out, in which basketball playing was the only experimental factor.

Cordially yours,


John W. Bunn,
Dean of Men.

Just heard from Floyd. His study was made many years ago, even before the center jump & other changes were made. He says there is no such statement on stature in his report. He is sending me a copy of the report.

April 14, 1941

Mr. John Bunn
Dean of Men
Stanford University
Stanford University, Calif.

Dear Johnnie:

I have been at my desk today endeavoring to clean up on some of my correspondence before the Easter vacation is ended. I ran across your good letter of February 25 and I desire to say hello to you and Bonnie.

I was sorry to hear that Stanford lost out in their playoff. However, Washington State did mighty well against Arkansas here, and I frankly believe that if Coach Buck Friel had moved his boys out of Kansas City after they played Arkansas, and had taken them to a neighborhood campus, like the University of Kansas or Kansas State, and allowed them to go to school and make their grades, then I believe the boys would have played a different game against Wisconsin.

I was not too favorable impressed with Wisconsin's playing. They reminded me of a Meanwell team of the old Missouri days when you played on Kansas, John. The Wisconsin team got away with murder; they held, they roughed, they pushed and made innumerable fouls, but when Washington State came back at them in the same way the Wisconsin boys cried like Meanwell's boys used to cry.

You remember when the Missouri outfit would push and shove and then when they were fouled, oh my, what an uproar! They looked like big cry-baby players to me. Of course, John, you can charge some of this failure of mine, to see the best qualities in these boys, to the fact that I had seen repetition of this thing in early days. Bud Foster is a Meanwell man and a fine fellow. It might be just the style of play and not the fellow that we used to suspect Meanwell of being. I like Dr. Meanwell off the court, but on the court he could cry higher to high heaven than any man I have ever seen.

I understand that Buck Friel worked his boys every night in the interim between the Western and the Final playoffs. The Washington State boys looked dead on their feet and Wisconsin clearly outfought them. I did not think that Wisconsin was so great, but rather I thought that Washington State was "pooched" out. They were not the same team in any way in any manner of play. But Wisconsin won and they are the National Champions.

Personally, I am very glad that we did not get in the playoff. The Big-Six decided that in case of a tie the team that had the best offensive and defensive record should represent the Conference in their playoff, and Iowa State had a better record than we had so they played Creighton and Creighton beat them. I was happy that we got out of the thing because we

would not have had a chance against those fellows. Engleman, Bobby and Hunter each weighed but 157 pounds and we were just more than lucky to get a tie in this Big-Six League this year.

Bob's playing days have been very happy. He has played on two championship teams and went to the N.C.A.A. playoff; something that I never dreamed of getting near as far as we did. And last week we received word that he made Phi Beta Kappa. He has been accepted at the University of Pennsylvania Medical College and will go there this fall, so we are more than pleased with his achievements thus far.

Mit is in the Law School and will graduate a year from this summer. He has a leave from the Standard Oil Company and will extend that leave for another year. He is in the personnel division of the Standard.

By the way, John, I am sending you a copy of a letter that I received from Rhinelander, Wisconsin. I know that you will get a kick out of it. And don't think there isn't a lot of truth in this stuff. You would realize it if you could only get the background from some of these boys who "play for pay" and who do not think of their academic or professional future.

Many of the boys gave me quite a buggy ride after my statement on football, but since the football season is over ten schools have discontinued playing, and I feel a lot more will do so. Maybe the Big-Six will continue, but certainly the smaller ones are very much on the spot. And too, I feel basketball is nearly in as bad shape as football from a proselyting angle.

I am still doing it, John, but the wise ones say that I cannot continue much longer, although I do have the best looking freshman team I have ever had, I believe, since I have been here. Three of the stars, however, are playing football so it means that I will get a very late start for basketball season. However, I believe that in a year or so I will have an outfit that will be hard to handle.

My regular guard, Sollenberger, took glandular fever (a close cousin to tuberculosis of the glands in the neck) when he was on the Nebraska trip. We lost to Ames and when we returned he was placed in the student hospital and did not play against Oklahoma. We had no time to prepare another guard for his place and Oklahoma licked us. However, we were happy to be able to come back against Iba's A. and M. Team and close our seasons' games with a victory.

My kindest regards to you and Bonnie and Mrs. Huff.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF MEN

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA

February 25, 1941

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

Dear "Doc":

Thank you for your letter of February 22. It seems that we have gotten started on one of these long conversational and refreshing controversies. It is too bad that we aren't closer together so that we could continue the contact in a more satisfactory manner. I suppose, though, that we would never get to a conclusion which would please both of us. That fact alone probably adds something to the spice of life.

We have been following your basketball fortunes as closely as the meagre publicity here on the coast will permit. It seems that after your slow start, which, as I understand it, was due to the fact that the boys had or were just getting over the flu, the gang has gone ahead in great shape. Your boy, Engleman, seems to be getting a great deal of publicity because of his consistent scoring record.

I notice that the other teams are cutting each other's throats in regular fashion. While I do not know the standing of the Big Six at the present time, my guess is that you are far out in front.

Stanford clinched the championship for the southern division of the Pacific Coast Conference last Saturday night so that now we can coast in the rest of the way. The competition in the southern division is the weakest that it has been for some time but on the other hand our Stanford team is one of the best we have had. There are no outstanding stars but five equally efficient boys.

I don't know what will happen with respect to qualifying for the N.C.A.A. The northern half of our conference seems to have forgotten an agreement which was made back in '37 with respect to the play-off. As a consequence we are faced with the probability that we may have to flip for the Pacific Coast Conference championship, or else Stanford will have to forfeit its right to consideration, in order that we may have a representative at Kansas City. Both the north and the south were supposed to finish their schedules the first week in March so that the play-off could come the following week. For some reason the north has extended its schedule this year, and now the play-off

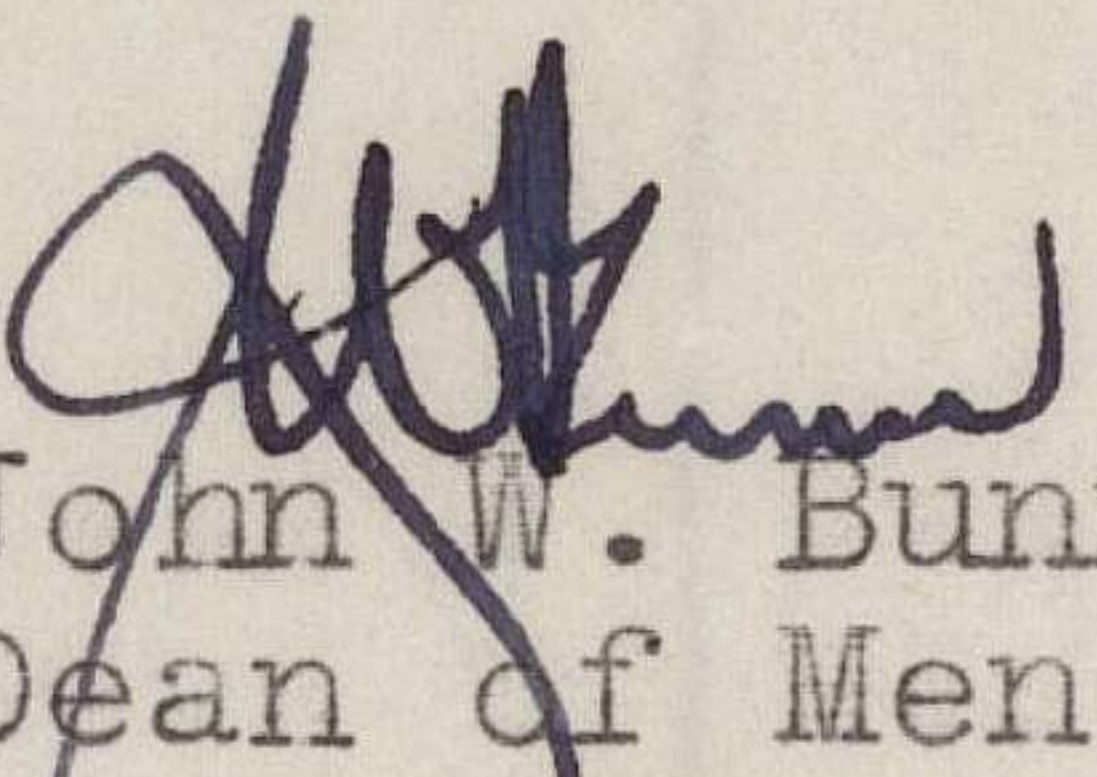
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will have to come at the time our final examinations are on. Also, the play-off will be thrown at such a late date that the winning team will have just time enough to reach Kansas City for its first game. You will probably get the final decision within a short time.

I expect that Kansas and Oklahoma A. and M. will be the contenders to see who represents that area. I notice that they won from you a week or so ago.

With best wishes and greetings to all, I am

Cordially yours,


John W. Bunn,
Dean of Men.

George Nittels + I had a jolly visit at Rice Bowl Time .

March 19, 1941

Captain Olin Brigman
The Salvation Army
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Captain Brigman:

I acknowledge receipt of your favor of the
18th instant and I will be very happy to work with
your organization and our committee in doing the job
that you and your co-workers desire.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Officers in Charge

Mar. 18th, 1941.



Dear Friend:

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I trust that you will find it a pleasure in helping to keep the Committee that you are on alive and all work to produce a bigger and better Salvation Army.

Very Truly Yours,

Olin Brigman

Olin Brigman, Captain.



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December 20, 1940

*Wrong address
Never sent*

Mr. John Buescher
~~501 W. 7th Street~~ 1240 *Jenn.*
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear John:

I am getting terribly put out about your cutting classes.

Mr. Raport tells me you missed the last two quizzes.

Now once and for all, John, I am getting tired of it. There is no excuse, and the reason you have not been appearing in the regular line-up more often is on account of your delinquency.

When are you going to grow up?

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

January 24, 1941

Mr. John Buescher
1240 Tennessee
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear John:

You doubtless have not forgotten our conversation that we had on Sunday morning after we returned from Dr. Anderson's office. Of course I had no idea then nor did you that you would be laid up just before finals. But I did make the statement that your cutting classes as you had done would jeopardize your chances to make the best grades in the subjects you were best fitted for, and if such a thing should happen that you would be ill then those classes would suffer, and in addition the ones that you were low in would cause you to fail.

As it is now, I do not know what you can salvage out of your days of inertia and lassitude. The fact that you have utterly failed to accept the kindnesses of your friends and people who care to help you makes me wonder just what sort of appreciation you have.

I have written to John Glenn and told him of my experiences with you. I have also told him how all of us have endeavored to help you but how on the other hand you rejected those offers of help in such a way that your actions have caused resentment among the boys on the team, and others who are associated with you. So impervious were you to these feelings that you even went to the point to be dumb enough to send for your pipe. This act shows a premeditated disregard for the things that should appeal to you.

The fact that your team mates want to win should at least stimulate your common decency to the point that you would not discourage their efforts. I just wonder, John, what really is in your makeup that would cause you to turn down so many of your friends.

I told you that I dictated a letter to you before we left for Madison Square Garden and my secretary mailed to the wrong street address here in Lawrence and it was returned. The letter that I wrote then, which was before Christmas, was similar in tone to this letter. I do not believe you can make a fellow believe that you care very much for the better things of life or for an opportunity to be somebody. At least by your actions you have not convinced anybody of that fact.

I wish you good luck in your examinations, but I have always learned that a fellow has to have more than luck when he goes into his examinations.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:lg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

January 23, 1941

Mr. Bob Busby
Sports Desk
Lawrence Daily Journal World
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Bob:

It is not my purpose to argue with anyone on the merits of what they believe, and of course I realize that a man has a right to say what he desires because we believe in freedom of speech and in freedom of the press.

However, there is a statement by Coach Lindsey in your "Sports Buzz" column, as of Monday, January 20, which is not true, so far as Kansas is concerned. I do not know what was done for the athletes of Oklahoma while Mr. Lindsey was there, but I do know what was done for basketball while Mr. Lindsey was at Kansas; the same thing that has been done for basketball ever since I have been here; nothing except what the faculty and the basketball coach did for them and that is what would have been done for any other student pursuing work toward graduation.

To quote Mr. Lindsey, he says, "And I'll say this. In the two Big Six schools in which I have coached football--Oklahoma and Kansas-- there was, at that time, just as much done for basketball players as was done for football players." He mentions Cox and Bausch at Kansas. Well, Lindsey was at Oklahoma when both Cox and Bausch were at Kansas and I do not know what he knows about them.

I do know that Cox was offered \$75.00 a month by a certain gentleman in Lawrence, Kansas, if he would not play basketball for Kansas. Cox told me this personally and told me the man who was to pay him. But why should we discuss things that perhaps Lindsey may or may not know about when he was in Oklahoma and Bausch and Cox were at Kansas.

I desire to discuss the situation when Mr. Lindsey was at Kansas and I was coaching here at the same time. You know and I know that there was not nor has there been 5¢ spent on any basketball player when Mr. Lindsey was coaching at Kansas, and you are acquainted with the fund that was used for football because you worked on the football program.

I want to say further that I do not resent it that no money was spent for basketball; in fact, I liked it. I remember when some resident rooms were paid for for football men and when some of the boys left Mr. Lindsey came to me and wanted to know if I did not have some basketball players who could move in free of charge. He stated that some of his boys had left school and the rooms were paid for for the semester. I said, "Ad, thanks. I do not want it." And nothing was done about it. Now for Lindsey to say that just as much was done for basketball as was done for football is untrue because money was spent for football and no money was spent for basketball.

May I state it differently. More was done for basketball than was done for football, but not more money was spent for basketball than was spent for football. More work was put in on basketball players trying to make them realize that they were students first and that we did not feed any of them just because they were athletes.

You doubtless are aware of the fact that many of these people who give their money and have given their money for years to help out athletics are under the impression that all of the University sports are receiving a part of this money. You know that is not the case, and since you are the man who is supposed to print the news, I am quite surprised at such a statement.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
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I do know that Cox was offered \$75.00 a month by a certain gentleman in Lawrence, Kansas, if he would not play basketball for Kansas. Cox told me this personally and told me the man who was to pay him. But why should we discuss things that perhaps Lindsey may or may not know about when he was in Oklahoma and Bausch and Cox were at Kansas.

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I want to say further that I do not resent it that no money was spent for basketball; in fact, I liked it. I remember when some resident rooms were paid for for football men and when some of the boys left Mr. Lindsey came to me and wanted to know if I did not have some basketball players who could move in free of charge. He stated that some of his boys had left school and the rooms were paid for for the semester. I said, "Ad, thanks. I do not want it." And nothing was done about it. Now for Lindsey to say that just as much was done for basketball as was done for football is untrue because money was spent for football and no money was spent for basketball.

May I state it differently. More was done for basketball than was done for football, but not more money was spent for basketball than was spent for football. More work was put in on basketball players trying to make them realize that they were students first and that we did not feed any of them just because they were athletes.

You doubtless are aware of the fact that many of these people who give their money and have given their money for years to help out athletics are under the impression that all of the University sports are receiving a part of this money. You know that is not the case, and since you are the man who is supposed to print the news, I am quite surprised at such a statement.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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March 12, 1941

Mr. Bob Busby
Sports Editor
Lawrence Journal World
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Bob:

I am sending you a copy of a letter that I have written John Bentley which is self-explanatory.

Regarding Gregg McBride's comment saying that the Big-Six coaches are tiring of my charging into the court everytime a K.U. player goes down, I might say that I never go on the court until I get permission from the officials.

This is the right of every coach in the Conference, to seek permission to go on the floor when one of his players is injured. I never go on the floor unless a player is injured and I might add that I will continue to seek permission to go on the floor everytime one of my boys is injured.

Mr. McBride's word "charging" makes it imply that there is a militancy in the movement of my going onto the court. Personally, I would say that the word is illy chosen because the attitude is not one of militancy but rather one of concern for my players. Do not football coaches seek permission to go on the field when one of their players is badly injured? They want to know whether the player is in a position to continue in the game. My purpose is first, to see whether the boy is badly hurt, and second, to see whether he is able to continue in the game.

I might add that maybe the fact the conference coaches are tiring of my going on the court had more to do with the Nebraska situation than any other one, and I only went on the court once and got permission to do so when I did go on the court.

I am reminded of a story that may not have any application here, but I still like the story. A negro appeared as a plaintiff against another negro in a case of assault and battery. The plaintiff in describing the assault said, "Jedge, that nigger knocked me down, then he trampled on me in an alley that was covered with cinders, then he got his fingers in my kinky hair and he pounded my head back and forth in those cinders--well, Jedge, I never got so tired of one nigger in all my life."

Maybe they are getting tired of me, Bob.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

February 27, 1941

Mr. William V. Bryan
Box 116
Pierceton, Indiana

Dear Coach Bryan:

Congratulations on your tournament success.

I would certainly agree on the psychology you use. You cannot pep a team up for every game. I think you put your finger on the trouble--- the fact that the friends of the boys were so anxious for an undefeated season that they worried the boys unduly.

I would also agree with your menu. Tell the boys that they are not playing on the strength gained from the food that they eat the day of the game or that they ate a day before or a week before, but rather the glycogen that is stored in the liver. That great storehouse of energy will give off if the boys are in good and perfect training.

I feed my boys very lightly. I tell them that they have never seen a fat race horse in their life, and the boy who trains down to a fine edge and who keeps the training rules is the competitor that will win the game.

I hope that you were successful in your game on the 22nd and that you make a fine showing in the fifteen-team tournament the week of February 27-28 and March 1. We go to the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, on March 1 and to Ames where we meet Iowa State on March 3, and then we meet Oklahoma here in Lawrence on March 7. That will end our conference season and as our boys are very small I am afraid we will not be able to hold up.

You tell the boys that I said they are getting plenty to eat; in fact, if I were feeding them I would not give them a bit more. I think perhaps you read the article in the Saturday Evening Post which gave a menu on honey, celery, etc. We use Ovaltine instead of hot chocolate; it is much easier digested.

I am wondering if you know of my new book, Better Basketball, published by McGraw-Hill and Company. I am sending you a folder on the same so that you may look it over. This is a much superior book to my first text, My Basketball Bible.

Wishing you and your boys lots of good luck, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Enc.

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

WILLIAM BRYAN

BOX 116

PIERCETON, INDIANA

Feb. 10, 1941

Forrest C. Allen
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Coach Allen:

I have your letter of Feb. 4th. Thanks for the interest you have taken even though you didn't have time to send me a suggested menu.

You ask how we got along. We won all four of the tourney games and the finals over Warsaw by the score of 33-16. I feel that we have been receiving too much publicity. This week the Indianapolis News carried a story that we were the best offensive team in the state and within 3/10 of a % of the best on defense. They along with several other papers closer home carried pictures and write ups. We had won 21 consecutive victories. Last night we lost our 1st game 26-27 to a team that we formerly had beaten. It was the last possible chance for us to lose honorably before the coming tourney. I thought a loss would do us good. The game wasn't thrown but I refused to pep the squad up. Is that good ~~psy~~ psychology? Our fans were so crazy for an undefeated season they didn't leave boys rest.

I sure hope that you come through with your conference ~~xxxx~~ and other goals that you have set this year.

I might send you the menu we used for our tourney and if you have any suggestions for improvement and have time to answer I would sure appreciate it. I used your name in my vocations class the otherday stating that great men become great by doing little things. Stating that you even took time to write to a small town coach like me. Our town has only 1,000 population. Lapel, a town of 1500 got to the state semi-finals here in the state last year at Indianapolis.

We have a conference game 14th and we win the conference for the 2nd consecutive year undefeated if we can win that one. We have a non conference fo~~re~~ on Feb. 22 and then have our 15 team tourney week of Feb. 27, 28, and March 1st.

Yours sincerely,

Wm. V. Bryan

My fellows rather feel that they don't get enough to eat. I really have felt that we might be overeating, is the reason I wrote you.

Any additions or deductions you might make on the enclosed menu's or change of hours would be highly appreciated.

W.V.B.

WILLIAM BRYAN

BOX 116

PIERCETON, INDIANA

Menu we used for county tourney 1941 at Warsaw, County Seat.
We won from Warsaw in finals 33-16

Our 1st game was on Friday at 2:00 P.M.

We ate noon lunch at 11:15 consisting of
Sliced oranges with sugar. About $1\frac{1}{2}$ small orange each
Two slices of hot dry toast and butter.
One half baked potato.
Cup of tea with sugar. No cream
Sliced peaches no cream.

We had to play that night at 9:00 P.M. We ate at
5:00 P.M. Following menu.

Broiled steak
Baked potato
Peaches and choice of tea or coffee.

The game didn't get underway until 9:35. After the game the
boys ate some oranges and we went home without eating before
retiring. *MORE*

On Saturday we had to play at 3:00 P.M. and again at 8:00
P.M. in the finals.

The boys many of whom are farm boys met at the restaurant
at 11:15 and ate

Roast Beef
Peas
Toast
Tea or Coffee
Head Lettuce and 1 whole peach.

Before the final game on Sat which was at 8:00 we
ate at 5:00 P.M.

Your menu in your Basketball Bible that I purchased
at Springfield or read in Saturday Evening Post. Uncertain of
which source.

Small chunk of honey
Two pieces of whole wheat toast, with butter
Half an order of celery.
Cup hot chocolate
 $\frac{1}{2}$ grape fruit with sugar.

We played the best in the opening game and in the finals.
We won the 2nd game 33-20 after trailing at the half 13-12. In
the 3rd game our boys were overconfident and didn't do so well.
I didn't say much about it for we had won 61-16 from the before
and just told them to get a lead and coast. We got behind 4-0
and other team stalled. We took it easy but had to battle to win
24-19. In the finals we shot the works by playing our best of
the year.

August 29, 1941.

Miss Ruth Baker,
Lebo, Kansas.

Dear Miss Baker:

My name is not R&P Van Winkle, although my late acknowledgment of your postcard dated July 5th might indicate such a fact. However, the Catskill Mountains are nearer your abode than mine.

I finished our eight weeks Summer Session here on August 6th, and then went up to Iowa at the Iowa State High School Athletic Coaches Association master coaching school in which Clark Shaughnessy of Stanford, Bernie Bierman of Minnesota, Henry Iba of Oklahoma A. & M., and I taught 325 enterprising young high school coaches the theories of basketball and football, some of which were supposed to work and some perhaps which will never work.

Our summer playground here was the most successful of any year that we have promoted it. It is getting to be quite an institution now and not only is the talk of the town but the fame is spreading over the state and elsewhere. Next year we hope to incorporate Lawn Bowls in our expanding program.

So busily were we engrossed here that not only did I not go east, but I got only 40 miles away and that was to Kansas City once during the eight weeks one night to see the Blues play. Our weather here during the summer has been marvelous.

I am addressing this letter to your home town of red roofs, at least that is the way it looks from highway #50 as we speed toward Emporia or Wichita. But I remember that I spent one whole night in Lebo and it was a very hospitable town. I went down with Rev. Hunt to deliver an athletic banquet talk and we were snowed in so completely that we stayed all the next day. So I can see why you live so long in Lebo. People just naturally stay there a long time and if their inclinations are otherwise Mother Nature fixes it just that way.

I imagine that you are going back to Battle Creek. We will be glad to see you and say hello if you should come on Mount Oread before you go back. We are very proud of the success that you are making and we trust that you will continue to climb.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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May 26th, 1941

Mr. R. S. Bennett

Parsons, Kansas

Dear Roy:

This is to confirm our last communication--
I shall be at the Rotary Dinner, May 29th, and will
come to your place of business as soon as I get in
town.

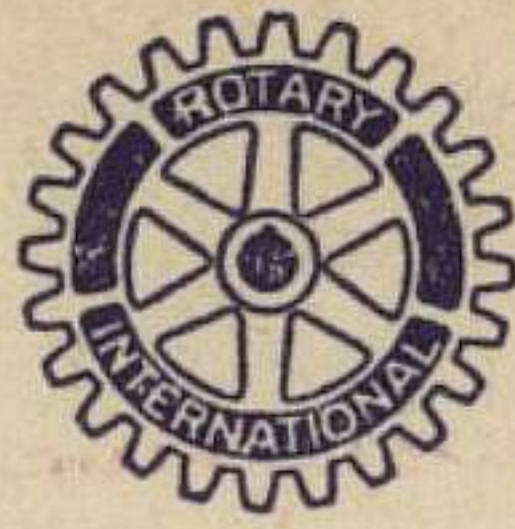
Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education and
Recreation-Varsity Basketball and
Baseball Coach.

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ROTARY CLUB OF PARSONS

PARSONS, KANSAS

May 13, 1941.

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

Dear Doc:

Thank you for your very nice letter of the 8th, and pardon me for not answering sooner.

We will be happy to have you here May 29th. Our meeting is at Noon and we generally set 1:30 as our dead line. You can count on about 30 minutes or maybe a little more. You choose your own topic. Our club is made up as you can see on the attached sheet. I have enclosed this sheet as I thought it might be of some use to you. I have indicated the K.U. grads in the left hand column. You no doubt have heard of McCoy who used to be in Lawrence. He is, however, quite a G. Henry man. Our arguments wax loud and long at times.

Anyway, will see you the 29th. Please call me as soon as you arrive. My best regards to you and your family.

Yours Sincerely,

R. Bennett
"Beu"

*If this
date is agreeable -
please tell me
so I may get
name on calendar.
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Honorary Member - Clyde M. Reed - U.S. Senator.

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Chas. Watts	Katy Railroad, Div. Supt.	Gen. Office Bldg... 2260	615 South 13th.	Nell
Ferris S. Woodward	Florist	1308 Corning... 110	1312 Corning...	Catherine
<i>Murray Kunkel</i>	<i>newspaper</i>			
<i>Dan Doyle</i>	<i>merchant (dry goods)</i>			
<i>Les Wyler</i>	<i>Butter mfg.</i>			
(K.O.) - <i>Dr. J.D. Pace</i>	<i>medicine</i>			
<i>George Noyes</i>	<i>Insurance</i>			

May 19th, 1941

Mr. R. S. Bennett

Parsons, Kansas

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Dr. Allen is out of town but asked that I write you stating that he will be happy to attend the Rotary Dinner, May 29th, and shall write you at length concerning the matter upon his return.

Sincerely,

Secretary

Parsons, Kansas.
May 5, 1941.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have had to re-arrange my Rotary schedule and that is the reason I have not written you sooner.

If May 29th at Noon would be satisfactory with you we will be more than honored to have you at that time. If this does not meet with your approval and plans, please do not put your self out for us, for I know how crowded your program is at this time of the year.

I want to thank you again for your consideration of coming down here and it is always an inspiration to me to get your good letters. Mrs. Bennett joins me in wishing the best for you and your good family.

Sincerely,

R. Bennett

May 8, 1941

Mr. R. S. Bennett
Parsons, Kansas

Dear Mr. Bennett:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of
May 5th.

While I am to give a KFKU talk on "Physical Fit-
ness for Democracy" which is to be transcribed from
2:30 to 3:00 , I believe it will be possible to attend
the Rotary meeting at noon on that date. I would like
very much to attend while you are still president.

Trusting I will be able to see you on the
29th, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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