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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.