

August 1, 1944.

Lt. Col. R. L. Markley,
8 Riverside,
Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Red:

We are delighted that the Markleys have a very affable, beautiful and versatile daughter who plans to attend the University of Kansas this September. The Allens are pleased because we will see more of the Markleys in Lawrence.

Now, frankly, "Phog" Allen hasn't much of an alibi, except that I am a member of the local draft board which meets twice a week, have just finished a term as president of Rotary, have had charge of the Douglas County War Fund drive and the Douglas County Red Cross drive, as well as similar drives for the University, in addition to my regular schedule of teaching and coaching. And the fact that gasoline is what it is - in some cases higher than liquor - we have been walking quite a bit, and although I haven't had my bicycle out for some time, I use it occasionally.

All of that is no excuse why I should not have responded to that golf and dinner date over at Fort Leavenworth. The fact was, I was so confounded numb and dumb that I failed to call on you the evening I spoke at the enlisted men's basketball league dinner on the 13th of March. Never once did I think to call the Markleys because it was on a forced drive when I made the trip.

Golf balls are scarce, but I have got enough to play, - but here's the catch. Our youngest married daughter was home for five weeks from Philadelphia. Our second married daughter, the wife of a lieutenant aviator in the Navy, is coming Friday for five days, and our oldest daughter with a family of three from Palo Alto is expected to arrive about September first. So the household is getting occupants in it, more in a relay manner than the old order of things.

Bobby, who will finish medical school at the University of Pennsylvania the middle of September, will arrive about October first to do his internship at Rosedale. However, I imagine he will do a lot of commuting until he gets settled.

I might be afraid of my golf game, but I would never be afraid of putluck at the Markleys.