

September 3, 1940

In School

Mr. Dick Miller
211 S. Central
Chamute, Kansas

Dear Mr. Miller:

Your letter of September 2 to Dr. Allen came to the office while he was out of town.

Dr. Allen is always happy to help a boy who is willing to work for his education. Your letter will be brought to his attention when he returns to the office, around the 9th or 10th. May I suggest that you come to the office to see Dr. Allen if you happen to be in Lawrence by that time.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen

Mon Sept. 2.

Dear Doctor Allen,

I trust that you have had a pleasant and enjoyable summer and that the coaching school was a success.

You may or may not be surprised to receive this letter from me. At any rate you can imagine why I am writing. I was wondering if you were going to have enough jobs so that I would be able to get one.

I am more than a little interested in the training field, that is, like Dean Nesmith. I hope to talk to you about this in the near future.

Incidentally, I came out with pretty good grades after I settled down and started studying. I had 9 hrs of "B" and 5 hrs of "C."

Give my regards to the family and also to Mrs. Hulteen.

Sincerely yours,

Wick Miller

211 S. Central
Chanute, Mo.

September 3, 1940

In school

Mr. Bob Meredith
Lincoln, Kansas

Dear Mr. Meredith:

Your letter of September 1 to Dr. Allen came to the office while he was out of town.

I am sure Dr. Allen will be glad to learn of your summer activity and your interest in school this coming year.

We expect Dr. Allen to return to the office about the 9th or 10th of September. Your letter will be brought to his attention at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen

Lincoln, Kansas
September 1, 1940

Dr. F. C. Allen
Director of Physical Education & Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach
Department of Physical Education
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I was very pleased to receive your letter and a copy of the basketball schedule for Kansas for the year 1940-41.

Most of my summer has been spent on the farm doing physical labor, which should stimulate my mental ability this coming winter.

I am rather anxious for school to begin again because I believe I can do bigger and better things this year.

I wish to thank you again for the many things you have done for me. I am especially indebted to you for, without the employment you have given me, it would be impossible for me to attend school this year.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Meredith

September 5, 1940

In School

Mr. Ted Moser
1420 Lincoln
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Moser:

Your letter of September 4 to Dr. Allen regarding some kind of work this winter during school came to the office while Dr. Allen was out of town.

I shall be glad to call your letter to his attention when he returns about the 9th or 10th. May I suggest that if you happen to be in Lawrence at that time that you come to the office to see Dr. Allen and I believe he will be happy to help you all he can.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen

September 4, 1940.
Topeka, Kansas.

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

Dear Sir:

I applied for an N.Y.A. job again this year to help with my expenses, but I received word the other day that I would not get a job again. Since it is necessary that I earn some money, while going to school, to pay some of my expenses, I wonder if you can help me get a job of some sort.

I have been working at Morrell Packing Company this summer doing drafting and office work. I've been keeping myself in condition by playing tennis and softball.

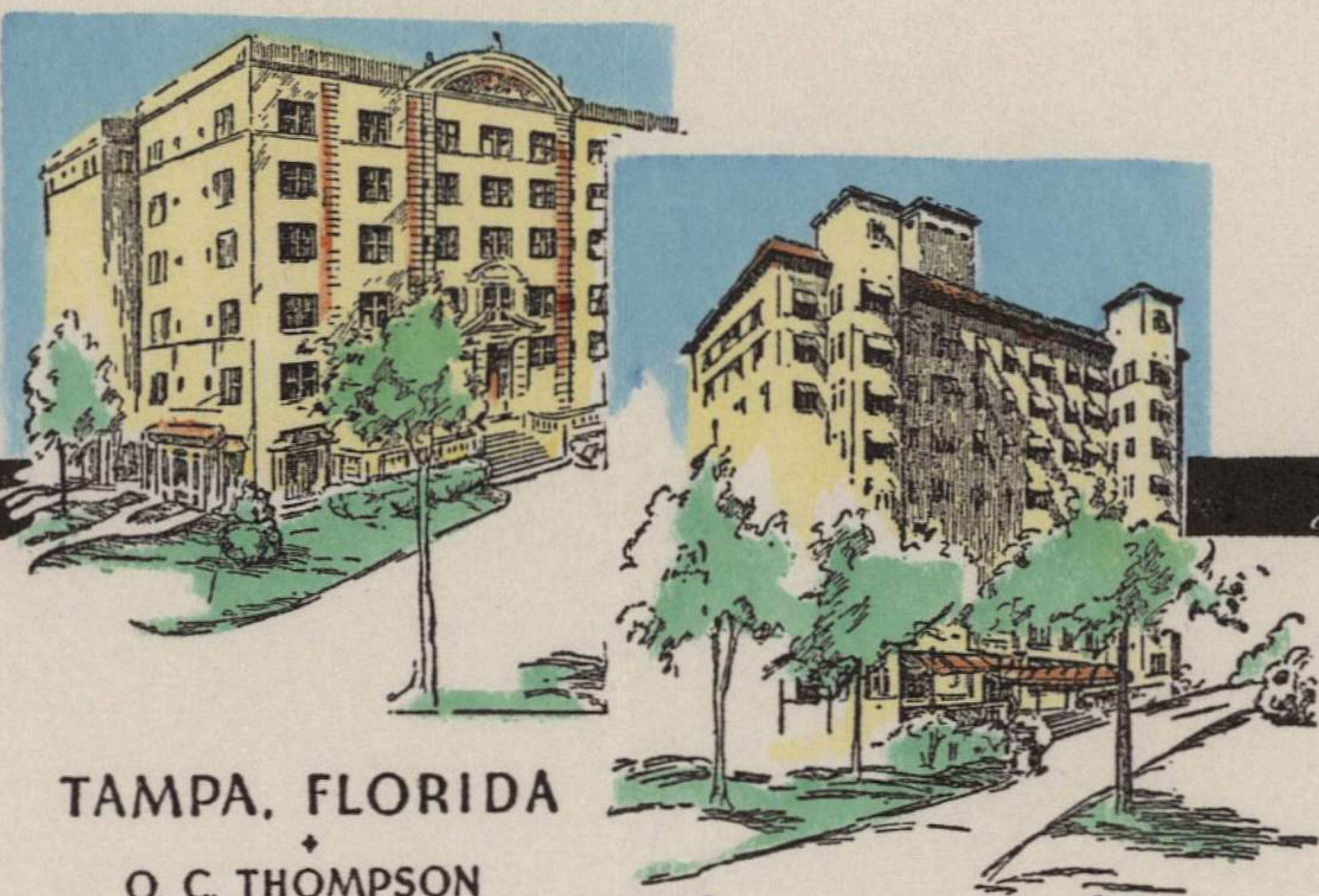
I will appreciate any help you can give me.

Sincerely your,

Jed Moser

*Jed Moser
1420 Lincoln
Topeka, Ks.*

The CRESCENT



The EMBASSY

TAMPA, FLORIDA

O. C. THOMPSON
Manager

Bill Matthews

Dear Plog:

I greatly appreciated your letter which I received a few days ago. I'm working slawn in Florida on a gas appraisal job and your letter sort of brought me back to Kansas again. I feel great and I hope you feel likewise. I've been playing a lot of tennis slawn here in my spare time and my game is improving. I can't wait for the basketball season to commence. I get itchy fingers every time I think of it. I've slung a few baskets this summer and hope to be a better player this next year. I hope the rest of the fellows are feeling fit and ready to go.

Sincerely Bill Matthews

September 11, 1940

Coach Hugh Mullen
601 East Avenue
Blue Rapids, Kansas

Dear Coach Mullen:

I have your special delivery of the tenth instant and was happy to hear from you. I would suggest that you take the young man to Lowe and Campbell, 15th and Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri, and they can fit a brace for him that will keep his shoulder in shape. The picture of the brace in Better Basketball was one that Lowe and Campbell had made.

Mr. "Early" Chestnut of Beloit, Kansas had a son who dislocated his shoulder this past summer and I recommended that he take his son to Lowe and Campbell. He did so, and I understand that they made a brace that was very satisfactory. Mr. Chestnut is principal of the Beloit High School and I am very sure that he or Lowe and Campbell could give you the cost of the brace made for him.

I believe it would be too much of a job for you to attempt to make one yourself. If you had all the materials and a sewing machine I am sure you could do it, but Lowe and Campbell have made several of these and I believe it would be more satisfactory to have them make it. If I were you I would take the book, Better Basketball along with you so that they might visualize this a little more definitely than would be possible without the book.

The brace in reference was made for Mr. Larry Smith, a son of Harold Smith of Smith-Grievens Publishing Company in Kansas City. It was made four or five years ago. I obtained this one to have it photographed so that others might get the benefit from the model.

I understand from Mr. Chestnut that when he took his son to Lowe and Campbell, Mr. Heinrich, the superintendent of the factory, had forgotten that he made one under my direction, but the photograph brightened his memory, so that he could recall having made one previously.

If there is anything further that I could do in serving you, please command me.

With all good wishes, I am,
Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Blue Rapids Public Schools

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Blue Rapids, Kansas

Sept. 10, 1940

Mr. Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Phys. Ed.,
And Coach of Basket Ball,
University of Kansas.

My dear Mr. Allen:

I have a young athlete in high school who, last year as a sophomore, won the state championship broad jump and placed in the dashes. He now weighs 165⁺ and is extremely desirous of playing football this fall. Last June, first, in a country softball game he dislocated his left shoulder, which was immediately put back in place. In just a few days it was, seemingly, as well as ever. Two weeks ago he and another boy were playing in a swing and in some manner with his hand above his head and slack in the rope a sudden jerk, by rope becoming tight again, his shoulder was pulled out a second time.

In one of your lectures at the Topeka Coaching School you told us of a shoulder pad and brace that I believe this boy could use and never be bothered providing he was used in the right place on our team. In fact in your book

Blue Rapids Public Schools

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Blue Rapids, Kansas

"Better Basket Ball" on pp. 361-362 (Exhibits 124 and 125), which I have in front of me now, explains the brace perfectly. But I believe if I could bring the boy to you, you could help me tremendously, both with advice on such injuries and the brace.

Would it be possible for the boy and I to see you sometime Saturday, Sept. 14th?

If so, would it be possible for you to have the materials, so as to get a better fit on the particular shoulder? Approximately, what would be the cost for the material?

I sincerely hope that the above can be accomplished and with a minimum bother and loss of time to you. If the above request is in any way an imposition, or you please feel free to let me know, as I realize your position and time.

If Sunday the fifteenth would be better I would be just as glad to bring the boy there.

Thanking you for your time and patience, I remain;

Sincerely Yours,
Coach Hugh Mullen

September 13, 1940

Coach Louis Menze
Iowa State College
Ames, Iowa

Dear Louie:

I am emphatically for the steel backboards. If you feel likewise that will make four of the six in favor, but I am quite sure that all of them will vote for the steel backboard.

If this vote goes through I would thank you to notify me so we may order them. We expect to order the Medart steel backboards, if agreeable.

I will appreciate the information at your early convenience.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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September 11, 1940

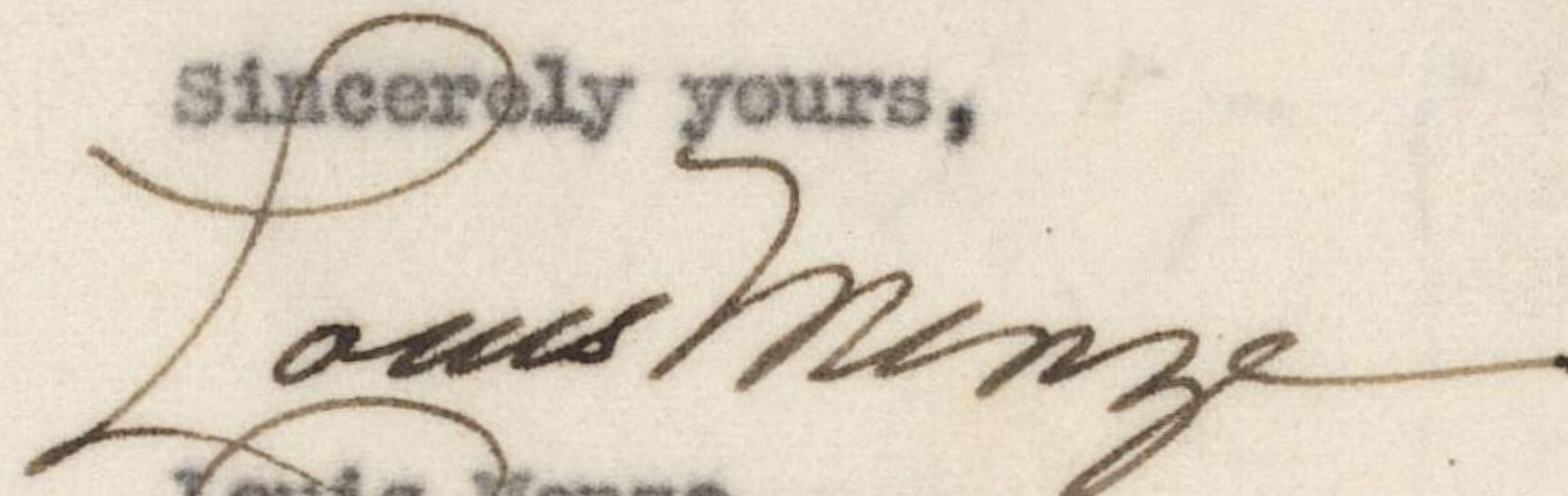
Dr. Forest C. Allen
Mr. George Edwards
Mr. W. H. Browne
Mr. Bruce Drake
Mr. Jack Gardner

Gentlemen:

Last spring when we had our basketball meeting we decided that on October 1st we were to take a poll of the coaches, to determine whether or not they want the fan shaped back beards. At this time, I have already received letters from Bruce Drake and George Edwards stating that they are in favor of the new steel fan shaped back beards.

I am writing you at this time to ask if you have been able to arrive at a decision in this matter. If you cannot let me know at this time, will you please let me know by October 1st. Both of the above coaches mentioned particularly that they would like to have a steel back beard. I too believe that if we are going to change we should all have either steel or wood.

Sincerely yours,



Louis Menze
Basketball Coach

LM:EC

1211 13th. Street
Boulder, Colorado
September 19, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Head Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

While in Eureka, Mr. Richard talked with me in regard to K. U.

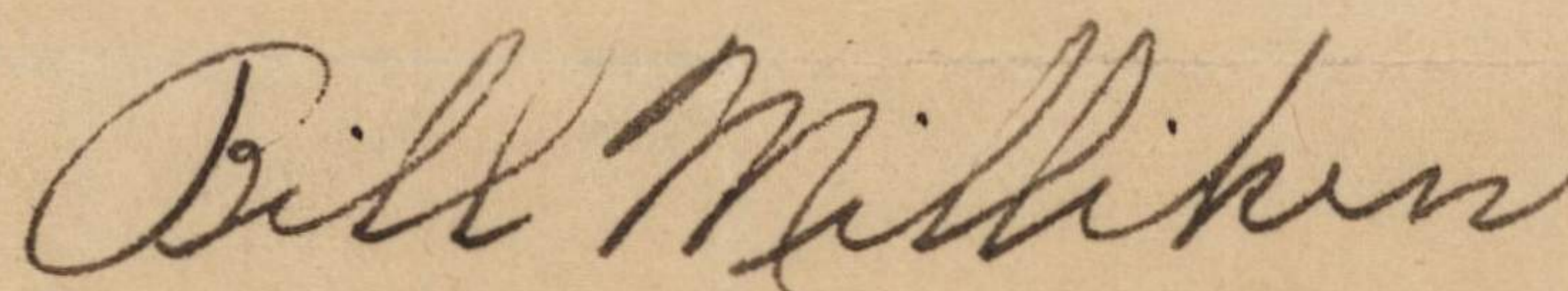
Due to the fact that I have worked on the highway out here all summer, and already enrolled, I will be unable to attend college anyplace else. I certainly appreciate all you have done for me, however.

It had always been my ambition to play basketball under you; however I'm certain I will like it ^{here} very much.

Thank you again.

With best wishes to you, I am

Very truly yours,



Bill Milliken

October 1, 1940

Safe-Play Goggles Co

Mr. L.E. Means
Athletic Director
"Safe-Play" Goggles Company
Beloit College
Beloit, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Means:

Enclosed please find requisition for one pair of Safe-Play goggles for Charles Walker, one of our basketball men.

We have asked Dr. J.H. Schrant, Wolcott Building, Hutchinson, Kansas to send you Charles Walker's prescription for correction and the pupillary distance.

We would appreciate it if you could forward the goggles to us as soon as possible, and address them directly to the Department of Physical Education, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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October 4, 1940

Mr. Horace Mason
Sports Publicity Director
Kansas Office
University of Kansas

Dear Horace:

I am enclosing a carbon copy of Mr. Placzek's letter together with a carbon copy of mine. I believe both are self-explanatory.

I will appreciate it if you will see that Mr. Placzek gets our basketball publicity.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Encs.

October 19, 1940

Mr. F.P. Major
3331 E. 18th Street
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Easy:

Well, I waited about as long as you waited, but I have your letter on my desk and I am going to answer it.

I was sorry to learn of Delma's operation. It has been about a year now since she had the operation and I hope she is in good health. I know it was a tough convalescence, however.

I wish, Frank, that I had an opportunity to write a long letter but this is just an acknowledgement to let you know that I received your letter. I am glad you enjoyed the yarns in the back of the book.

Bob was happy indeed to have your greetings, and Mrs. Allen enjoyed your letter. I took it home and read it to them. Eleanor is a sophomore and Bob is a senior this year. Bob and Milton registered for the draft last Wednesday, and of course, the women folks in the household were slightly disturbed.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

Kansas City Mo.,
Feb 25-1940

Mr Forrest C Allen
Lawrence Kans.

Dear Phog: I am ashamed to write you Phog it has been so long ago that I received this wonderful Basket Ball book, but Phog you know how it is. I am working alone & it keeps me busy most of the time & it is late when I get home & then the Mrs wants to visit with me, as she is alone all the time. The old gal has had a lonesome time through our married life. Delma went to the Hospital for some Repair work last Oct. Was operated on Oct 18th our Wedding Anniversary. She was in the Hospital 3 wks, & one wk in bed at

home + Babe came ^{up} + stayed with us
for 5 wks + Delma took it easy, she was
down most of the time + isn't strong yet.
She hasn't much strength, + low blood-
- Pressure. She is terribly discouraged.
James came out + took her to the
surgeon for examination two wks
ago + he said she was doing nicely.
He told her that she was in an awful
shape + it would take her six months
before she would feel much better.

Dr Park Neal operated on her I imagine
you know him. He is considered one of
the ten best here. I think in time she
will get to feeling better you know it
takes a long time when they are in
such bad condition. Bess Goodloe
boy was married a few wks ago.
I see Geo Gault quiet often + they
are O.K. Tell Bessie they are giving
us Bushwhackers a fit in L.C. but
I believe there are some good deus-
-ocrats left yet. Hubert Allen came
in about a month ago + said hello

Easy + I shook hands⁽³⁾ with him + talked
to him for some time + couldn't figure
him out for ever so long + finally if
came to me + said well Hubert I
have been talking to you all this
time + if just came to me who
you are. We had a nice visit. I
hadn't seen him for 25 yrs. Oh my
I am sorry I haven't acknowledged
receiving this book before. I started
a letter to you in Jan at the shop +
wrote one page + had to give it up +
I am the maid at home so I am
kept busy. But I do want you to know
that we both appreciate this wonder-
ful autographed book more than I can
tell you. And those Tales of Yester-
-years I have read them twice
and that stream Touchdown reminded
me of Petes stream Touchdown out in
Colo when he was with Kansas
I believe he told old Uncle Jim
Green where he was going to

make it + marked ⁽⁴⁾ the spot + it happened
just that way. Phog I sure enjoyed
the visit we had with you + your family
at Lawrence when we were there +
I wish you could come + see us some
time we would love to have you +
see if you can make it some time
we havnt been going any place as
mom cant stand it + isnt able to
have the kids out for dinner yet
they come Sunday Eve + just now came
in. They have a cabin at Lotawana
+ moved in town for the winter +
are going to move out Easter Sunday.
Phog tell Bob Jam pulling for him +
follow him in his games + I believe he
is almost as good as his dad was in his
earlier days. Remember us to the girls
+ Bob. And thanks again Legs.

3331 E. 18th St
K. C. Mo.

Sincerely, your old pal
F.P. Major
Easy Med.

October 26, 1940

Mr. L.E. Means
Athletic Director
"Safe-Play" Goggles Company
Beloit College
Beloit, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Means:

I have a prescription from another boy, Mr. Marvin Sollenberger, from Dr. J.H. Schrant of Hutchinson, Kansas. I am enclosing it herewith.

However, we have not received the glasses for Charles Walker as yet and Dr. Schrant stated he sent the prescription to you quite a while ago. I am wondering why the delay.

Will you please keep this prescription for Marvin Sollenberger, and when the glasses for Charles Walker arrive and we find them satisfactory, we will doubtless order a pair for Sollenberger.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Enc.

J. H. SCHRANT, M. D.
EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

Oct. 21-40

Dear Marvin:

I am enclosing the prescription
for your lenses and the proper pupillary
distances as requested in your letter of
this morning.

Yes I have the instrument now of which
I spoke to you about, so you must surely
come in when you come home the next time.
You will give it a try. We will then see
what progress you have been making.

Give my regards to Charles. I sincerely
hope that you are doing fine work there,
you should. Best wishes to you.

Yours,

J. Schrant

October 26, 1940

Mr. James B. Malone, Principal
Leoti Grade School
Leoti, Kansas

Dear Mr. Malone:

I am very happy to have your letter of October 20 and it is a pleasure to tell you that the L.C. Whiffen Company, Inc., 828 W. Clybourn Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin is the organization that furnished the equipment for Mr. Davis.

The order called for 1 bow kit #4, which consisted of 12 bows and cost \$9.75 plus postage.

Congratulations on your good work.

If we can be of further service to you, please call on us.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Leoti, Kansas

Oct. 20, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am writing to you for information regarding Archery Equipment. Last summer while I was in summer school, your archery instructor, Ernie Davis, had some materials on hand that were good and yet inexpensive. I would like to have the address of the company that sells bow kits like those he had last summer. I think he was selling hickory bow staves for about one dollar.

We are planning to have some archery work in our physical education classes. Also, I am scoutmaster of the Leoti troop of Boy Scouts, and the boys would like to make some archery sets.

I thank you very much for this favor.

Sincerely yours,

James B. Malone

James B. Malone

*Mr. L.C. Whiffen
L.C. Whiffen Co., Inc.
828 W. Clyburn St.
Milwaukee, Wis.*

*(ordered 1 bow kit #4 - consisting of 12 bows -
cost \$9.75 + postage.)*

October 29, 1940

Mr. Horace Mason
Sports Publicity Director
Kansas Office
University of Kansas

Dear Horace:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 28, but the funny part of the thing was that I spoke to you last winter about it and you said you would take care of the picture. You cannot make me believe that you were that rushed from basketball season up to September 1, but, of course, I know that we all miss them now and then.

That was such a goofy looking picture and I thought you told me once before that it had been taken care of. Is it a fact that the new cut was made just recently, or was it made last winter? I am just seeking information at the present time to satisfy my own curiosity.

Thanking you for sending the cut on to Busby and destroying the old one, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION

Oct. 28, 1940

Dr. F.C. Allen
Robinson Gymnasium
Campus

Dear Dr. Allen:

The matter of the picture to which you refer is one of the unfortunate results of my having a one-track mind. I seem to be unable to think of more than one thing at a time.

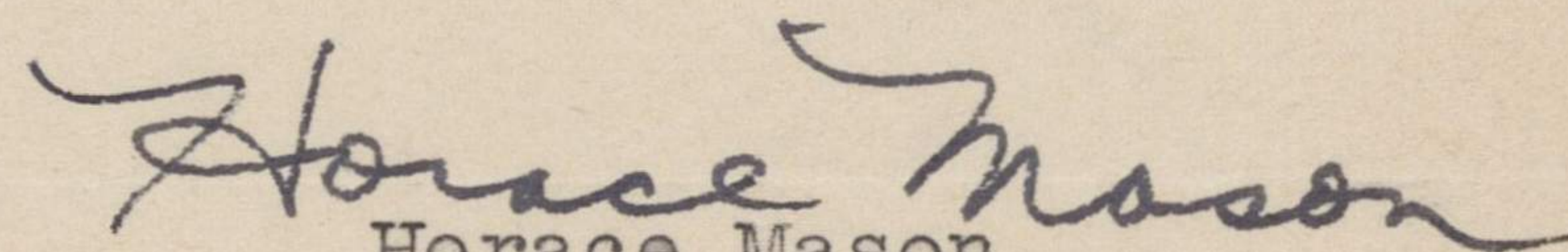
Although there was not so much to do the past week, I was rushed to death getting ready for the two home games which came on the preceding weekends.

The result was that putting in so much time on football, I never once thought of basketball. The possibility of ~~a~~ a picture of you being used in the football program failed to occur to me.

In fact if you had not brought this up at this time, I would not have known that the old cut had been run.

Sorry it happened but I just missed the boat on this one. Have sent the new cut on to Busby now, so it should be in the next Gridster,

Best regards,


Horace Mason