

January 21, 1946

Mr. Alston McCarty
McCarty-Sherman
West 8th Avenue at Kalamath
Denver, Colorado

Dear Alston:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the 17th instant. I am so sorry to hear Mrs. McCarty is seriously ill. Gee! She has had a tough time, hasn't she, and I know how you are suffering, but I am glad things are on the mend.

I immediately wrote Thornhill to get in touch with Bill Grimes' office for his tickets. Thanks for your prompt reply.

At the present time we are leading the Big Six Conference with four won and none lost, but we are liable to stumble up at Iowa City this weekend. It is a tough league, Alston.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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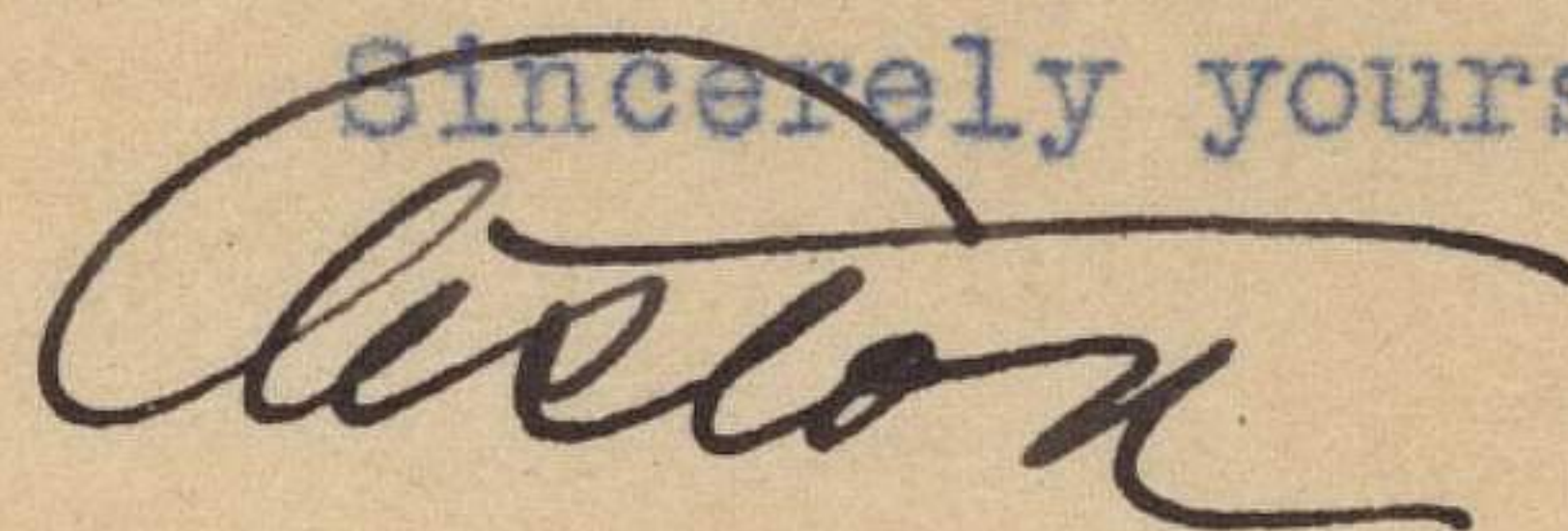
January 17th 1946

Dear Phog:--

Received your letter this morning regarding seats for the National Basketball Tournament. I called the office immediatly--Bill Grimes' office where the tickets are on sale. Bill was not in but his secretary told me the tickets would not go on sale until next week. They have several thousand ~~r~~ reservations for seats and stage seats are all gone. I would suggest that you have Thornhill phone or wire direct to Bill Grimes, Denver Public Schools, 414 14th street, Denver. Time is an element. I have no more influence with Grimes than have you. I'm sorry. If he wants me to get seven of the best seats available for all night games wire me and I will do my best but they may not be choice seats.

It was nice hearing from you Phog. Mrs McCarty has been seriously sick in St. Lukes Hospital, in Denver, for nearly eight months so you can imagine what I have been through with family and business. She is better but will be there for several weeks yet. Hope you are all well. How's the team this year?

Sincerely yours,



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January 16, 1946

Mr. C. J. McCoy
Municipal Contractor and
Construction Engineer
P. O. Box 646
Emporia, Kansas

Dear Curt:

Superintendent W. M. Richards wrote me and I told him about Ernie Vanek, who had previously coached at Harrington and Topeka and did an excellent job at both places. He is in the Navy at Norman, Oklahoma, but is expecting to get out very soon. Vanek is one of the best high school coaches in the country.

While at Norman I spoke to Ernie about the job and can't understand why he has not written Superintendent Richards. We will have several good men coming up so I will not forget you. I appreciate your writing me.

Curt, there are some things about which I want to talk confidentially to you. I wish you would let me know the first time you are in Lawrence. I want to speak words with you.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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C. J. McCoy
MUNICIPAL CONTRACTOR
AND
CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER

Box 646

EMPORIA, KANSAS, Jan. 15th, 1946.

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Dear Phog;

I am on the School Board here now and we are in the market for a good Basket Ball coach for the High School and I would like very much to have one of your former students. Would prefer to have a man who had had some coaching experience.

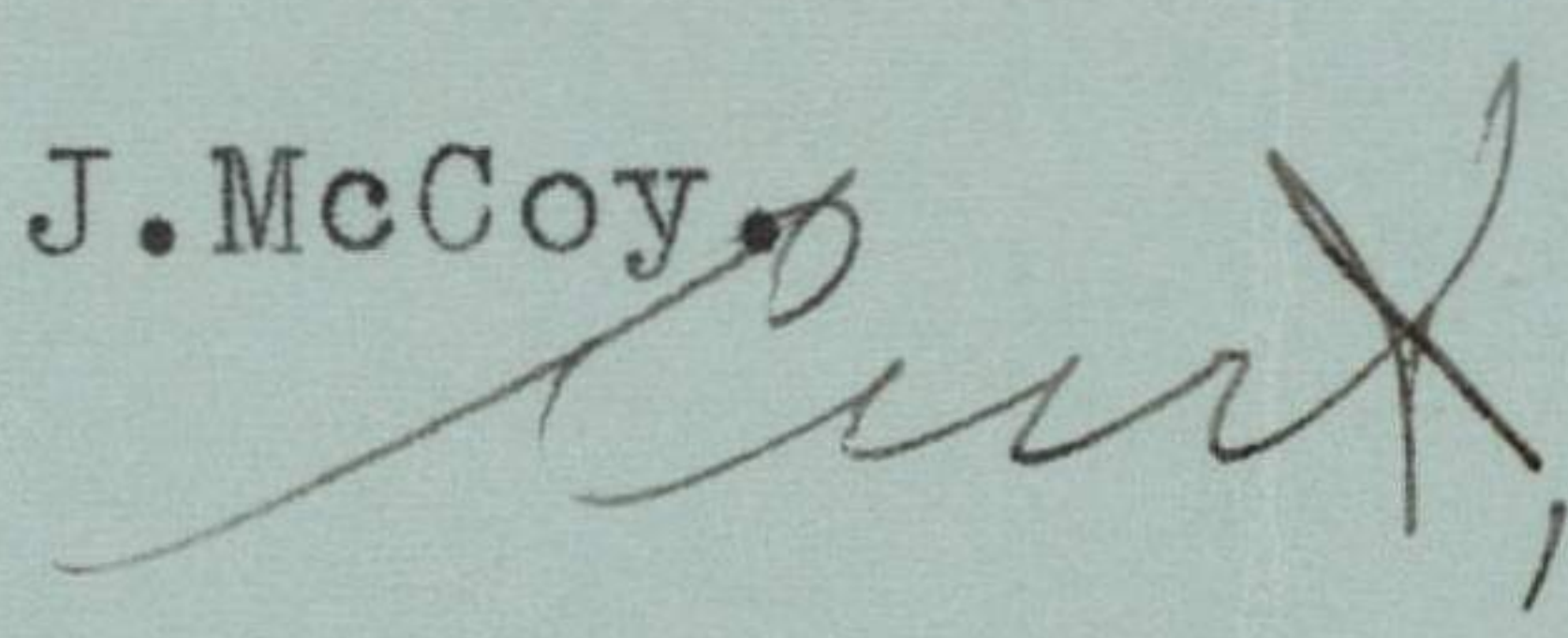
Do you have any one you could recommend to us? If you do not have an experienced man do you have a likely looking graduate coming up?

Wish you would write Mr. W. M. Richards, Supt.; sending me a copy of your letter; and advise him what the prospects are.

Wishing you the best of luck, I am,

Sincerely yours,

C. J. McCoy.



Dr. Forest C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.



January 14, 1946

Mr. Alston McCarty
730 York Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Alston:

A very good friend of mine, a former athlete here at Kansas, Melvin Thornhill from Protection, Kansas, desires six good seats for the A.A.U. Tournament in Denver. He would like to have them five or six rows up and in the middle of the stage. They want the tickets for only the night games so I would appreciate it, Alston, if you would tell me if you can get them for me. It will be a real favor, I assure you.

Melvin Thornhill was one of our really great athletes, but he ruptured the ligaments in his knee just prior to the Oklahoma football game. You remember him I am sure. It was along back in the late 20's and early 30's that he was the national intercollegiate shot-put champion, even after his knee was operated on. He was one of the finest baseball players and one of the most excellent basketball players that I have ever seen. Had he not been injured, he would have been as great as Ray Evans and as great an all-around athlete as Jim Bausch. He is a very prosperous farmer, flies his own plane, and is a wonderful gentleman.

Therefore, I would thank you if you would make the necessary reservations for six or seven tickets and find out when it is necessary for the cash to be on the barrel head and when reservations can be made. I can get the money from him and send it to you at any time it is necessary, so I am writing early so that he can get the tickets he most desires.

If you can have your reservations protected now, call up and order seven of the above described tickets. Mutt has invited me to be his guest at those games, which accounts for the seventh one, but I doubt if I will be able to accept his generosity.

The Thornhills have already made arrangements for their rooms at the Albany Hotel, so you see they mean definitely to take in the show.

Give my kindest regards to your good family and here's wishing you another very happy and prosperous year in 1946.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

Wallace McDermott
Shook Avenue., R.D. 1
Stroudsburg, Pa.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Will you please autograph the enclosed
card for me? I assure you I shall appreciate
it very much as it is for a sports
collection of mine.

Sincere best wishes

Wallace McDermott

November 12, 1945.

Mr. Russell McCoy, Principal,
Denison Rural High School,
Denison, Kansas.

Dear Mr. McCoy:

We use show card coloring mixed with LePage's glue, about one-fourth glue, and the remainder is show card whitening or water color. Warm water will immediately take it off, yet it will serve the purpose for marking very nicely.

Yes, it would be necessary for you to remove the lines before a match game. Some of the opponents might object to it as it is not a part of the regulation backboard.

In diagramming the kidney-shaped or lima bean backboard, we use an eighteen-inch square box above the basket. The basket rim is 18" wide so we just run lines up from the basket measuring on the inside of the rim 18" up, and then drawing a line across. The lima bean board is a little more difficult to diagram than the old rectangular board.

I am enclosing a sketch of the old board, and I am sure you can adapt this box to the lima bean backboard.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. McCoy, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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P.S. Since writing the above, I have located a copy of the sketch for the lima bean board which I think will be more effective for your purpose.

HENRY FARIS, CLERK
MAYETTA, KANSAS

L. G. WILL, DIRECTOR
DENISON, KANSAS

ROBERT A. TODD, TREAS.
HOLTON, KANSAS

Denison Rural High School

DISTRICT NO. 2
DENISON, KANSAS

November 6, 1945

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

I wish to zone our basket ball backboards for shooting practice and I have forgotten what you told us to use for marking the lines. Will you please inform me as to what paint or other material that is best to use in marking the backboards? Also, is it all right to leave the lines on the backboards for games with other schools, or should lines be removed before games?

Mrs. McCoy and I like it here in Denison very much. It is a pleasure to work in this new building and Gym. However, I hear that members of my old basket ball team down at Reading, Kansas are anxious to play us here at Denison, and I'm just a little afraid, Ha. Never-the-less, if they send me open dates I'll do my best to match them.

Hope you are still in good health and getting ready to give some of the other boys in the Big Six some trouble. I have been looking for your schedule of home games in the Topeka Capital but haven't seen it as yet.

Sincerely yours,

Russell McCoy
Russell McCoy, Prin.

November 16, 1945.

Coach Pat McMahon,
Sacred Heart School,
Falls City, Nebraska.

Dear Coach McMahon:

Yes, I do have a text, "Better Basketball", published by the McGraw-Hill Book Company of New York, which was written for coaches and players. I believe you would find it valuable in your coaching.

The price of the book is \$4.00. I will be glad to send you an autographed copy, if you desire, on receipt of your check or money order for \$4.10 to cover the cost of mailing.

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Falls City, Neb

Coach Fog Allen
Lawrence Kansas
Near M Allen

Last year at the Perm coaches conference I learned you have written a coaches book on plays and coaching. I have been coaching the catholic High school here for several years it is not a paid job so I have not been able to devote much time to improving my methods of coaching. would you send me one of these books at once if can come C.O.D. or any way you want to send it,

Thanking you kindly for sending it at once I do not know the cost so can not send the money.

yours Truly

Pat McMahon
Coach Sacred Heart School
Falls City, Neb

November 3, 1945

Mr. Max McCord
Head Coach
Lincoln High School
Des Moines 15, Iowa

Dear Max:

Your letter just arrived today with the check. Evidently it was delayed in mailing because it is postmarked November 2. We expect the books in the first of next week and will mail you one immediately.

Sincerely,

Lela Mings, Secretary

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*Book sent
Nov. 14
A.H.*

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

October 18, 1945

Mr. Max McCord
Head Coach
Lincoln High School
S.W. 9th & Loomis Avenue
Des Moines, 15, Iowa

Dear Max:

Dr. Allen is out of town at present but if you will send a money order in the amount of \$4.10 I will send you his book, "Better Basketball".

If you would like for this book to be autographed please tell us what you desire for him to say or if you want just his signature.

Sincerely yours,

Lela Mings

Lela Mings, Secretary

*Could not find check for
\$4.10 for which send the
BB book*

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11-13-45
Mr. Mainer
Lincoln High

Dear Doc:

I have not received your book yet on BB. Would you ^{send} me some plays that are in your book. I am going to follow your system very closely, and I want to get started. If the book is not coming, please let me know.

Sincerely
Max McCord

October 30, 1945

Mrs. Gladys Brady McGilley
1800 Linwood Boulevard
Kansas City 3, Missouri

Dear Gladys:

Mrs. Allen wants to thank you from the bottom of her heart for the very beautiful bouquet that you and Mr. McGilley sent her at St. Luke's Hospital. I was in yesterday and have never seen such beautiful flowers. Thank you again, Gladys.

The check came from Mr. McGilley Friday for the football tickets. Mr. Ernie Falkenstein, financial secretary, of the Athletic Association left with the team Friday morning for Wichita. They played Saturday and he didn't return to his office until this morning. I took the check in to him and he will give you and Mr. McGilley the very best possible tickets that he has. I personally appealed to him for you. There has been such a tremendous demand for these seats that they may not be as good as they would have been even two weeks ago but I can assure you that they are as good as I could possibly get for myself. And by the way, I have not gotten mine yet so you rest assured that I did everything I could for you and your good husband. I just wanted to write this personal note to you and let you know that I have had done everything that I could to take care of you.

You know I would not neglect one of my old time neighbor girls who I thought was just about the prettiest little girl that ever lived in Independence. My kindest regards and best wishes to you and Mr. McGilley and all of the Brady Clans.

b . Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach

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November 2, 1945

Mr. Max McCord, Head Coach
Lincoln High School
Des Moines, 15, Iowa

Dear Coach McCord:

On the sixteenth of October you wrote me asking that we send the book "Better Basketball" C.O.D. On October 18 my secretary Miss ^Wings wrote you stating that if you would send a check for \$4.10 I would autograph the book and mail it to you.

This morning I am in receipt of your letter dated November 1 in which you state ~~that~~ a week ago you had sent the money. Now in the meantime we have sold all of the books we have on hand but this past week we ordered an additional shipment from McGraw-Hill Book Company in New York. These should be here any day. If I had one on hand ~~and~~ would send it and let you remit later because you state that you are in great need for the book.

Your letter has never arrived here. Check up on your checkbook and your correspondence and determine if possible what happened. You could stop payment on a check or money order that you have sent. I suggest that you make an additional check and stop payment and write another one.

This new moniker "Prog" is a new one. Change that "r" to an "h" and you have it. Or if you want to delete the first letter and leave "h2" in their you have another one. Silent "ph" I have gotten also, but ~~i~~ get them all ways, ²Max. Thanks for your compliment regarding the coaching school at Boone. I enjoyed all of you fellows a lot.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach

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11-1-45
Des Moines
Lincoln High

Dear Prag:

I have sent the money for your Basketball book over a week ago and still haven't heard from you about it. I heard you up at Boone, at the Coaching school, and I really want for you and your stuff. I would appreciate getting that book as I start practice Monday and I'm going to follow your system correctly.

Your admirer
May M. O'Connell
Lincoln High
Des Moines

October 18, 1945

Mr. Max McCord
Head Coach
Lincoln High School
S.S.W. 9th & Loomis Avenue
Des Moines, 15, Iowa

Dear Max:

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If you would like for this book to be autographed please tell us what you desire for him to say or if you want just his signature.

Sincerely yours,

Lela Mings, Secretary

10-16-45
Mrs Mainer
Lincoln High

Dear Proy:

I heard you at Coaching school
at Boone 2 years ago, I would
like a copy of your book
on basketball, send the book
Collect on delivery, or send the
book and then we will mail
you a check. I will appreciate
prompt delivery.

Your Friend
Waf M. Card.
Head Coach
Lincoln High
Mrs Mainer

October 16, 1945

Mr. William C. McDermed
Coach
Irving Public Schools
Irving, Kansas

Dear Mr. McDermed:

I am sorry that we cannot help you on your
size number 15 basketball shoe. We do not have any
~~instock~~ instock at all. If we did we would be tickled
to death to help you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Irving Public Schools

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Irving, Kansas

Oct. 2, 1945

Dr. "Phog" Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

I was wondering if you could help us. We are badly in need of a size 15 basketball shoe and it was my thought that you might have a pair that you are not using that you would be willing to sell.

I would appreciate hearing from you in the near future if you can help us.

Sincerely yours,

William C. McDermed

William C. McDermed
Coach
Irving, Kansas