December 29, 1944.

Colonel W. L. McMorris,
115 Military Science Building.

Dear Colonel McMorris:

Thank you for the beautiful necktie. I assure you I shall wear it when we play Missouri, and I hope we beat them. I do appreciate your generosity.

With best wishes for a happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

PCA:AH

H. Mc Spadden, A.S. V-7
USS Prairie State
W. 135th St. & N. River
New York 27, N.Y.
Section 3

10 Nov. 1944
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U.S. NAVAL RESERVE MIDSHIPMEN'S SCHOOL

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Dear "Doc" —

I have just a few minutes off so I'm trying to get some of my corresponding done. I had a swell trip back to N.J. It really brought back some swell memories of that trip 2 years ago. I really considered myself a plenty lucky kid to get to play with such a wonderful team & under as fine a coach as we ~~were~~ had. I'll never forget my days at KU — in fact, I imagine I'll be living entirely in the past until I can get back.

The Prairie State is the old battleship Illinois & has been converted into a school for engineers. It sits right here in the Hudson, just across from N.J. & down the river from the George Washington Bridge. As yet classes haven't started — they get under way Mon. & from what I hear they're plenty rough. The discipline is plenty strict & I mean you really have to keep on the ball. My first month I'm in a state of indoctrination & rate no liberty so I won't be seeing a lot of N.Y. After that if I'm still around I'll be a midshipman. They always keep on ax over your neck & if they're trying to worry you all the time — here's one Irishman they've done a good job on.

But I always remember that old slogan "keep your knees bent & fight 'em" — I'm doing all I can to put that in effect & it's going to take some ref about John Lancia's caliber to put me out.

Just about time for mail so I had better close. [Lots of luck in the round ball campaign — I'll be pulling for you 100%.] Give Mrs. Allen my very best, also remember me to Mrs. Hutton.

Sincerely,

"Sparky"

P.S. If any of these "long-noses" back here are dealing you any trouble just give me the word & I'll take care of them.

Geo. McArthur & Sons
BARABOO, WISCONSIN

TOWELS

October 26, 1944

Dear School Friend:

Now that the WPB is lifting many restrictions on the manufacture of varied products, you may begin to hope that the green light will soon again be flashed for the manufacture of towels for schools. We most sincerely join with you in these hopes.

Cotton products are most critical items in the Pacific war area. Tents, clothing and thousands of other uses have made it necessary for the industry to devote well over 75% of its efforts to the winning of the war.

What concerns us most at the moment is the prospect of losing some of the good will of our customers thru inability to give the same prompt attention to inquiries and orders that we have always given in the past.

At the present time we are turning out much more than twice our normal production in spite of tremendous war time problems of man power and material shortages. All products go to the fields designated by the War Production Board directives. And we will not sacrifice quality of our products in order to get additional production.

So, until the labor and material situation improves, please bear with us. We will give your inquiries and orders the very best possible attention and ask you to understand if there are inevitable delays. The looms that made school towels are now fighting the enemy by making products that will help shorten the war. Our last word is-HAVE FAITH IN BOTH McARTHURS- both are doing their best for the hurrying of the great day of PEACE.

Yours very sincerely,

GEO MC ARTHUR & SONS

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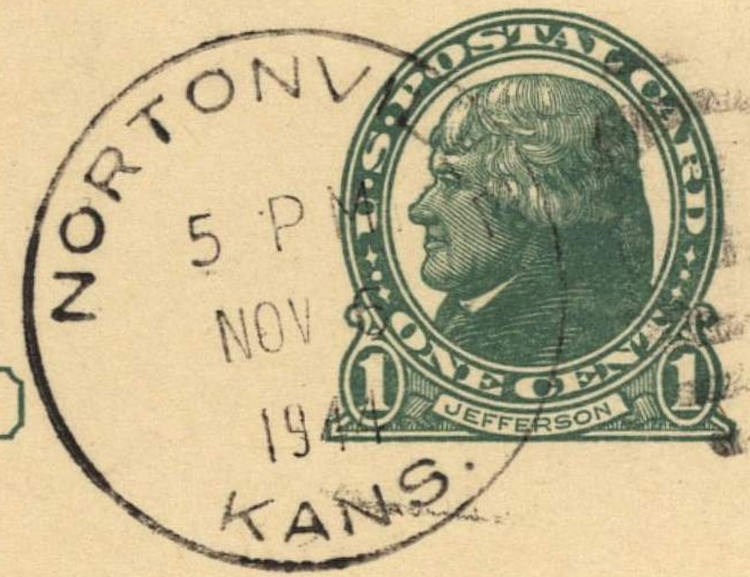
SUPER GYM SUPER TURK VELVA-TERRY BATH ROBES BARABOO TOWELING



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Dr. F. C. Allen

K. U.

Lawrence,

Kansas

Nortonville, Kansas
November 6, 1944

Dr. F.C. Allen
Dear Friend;

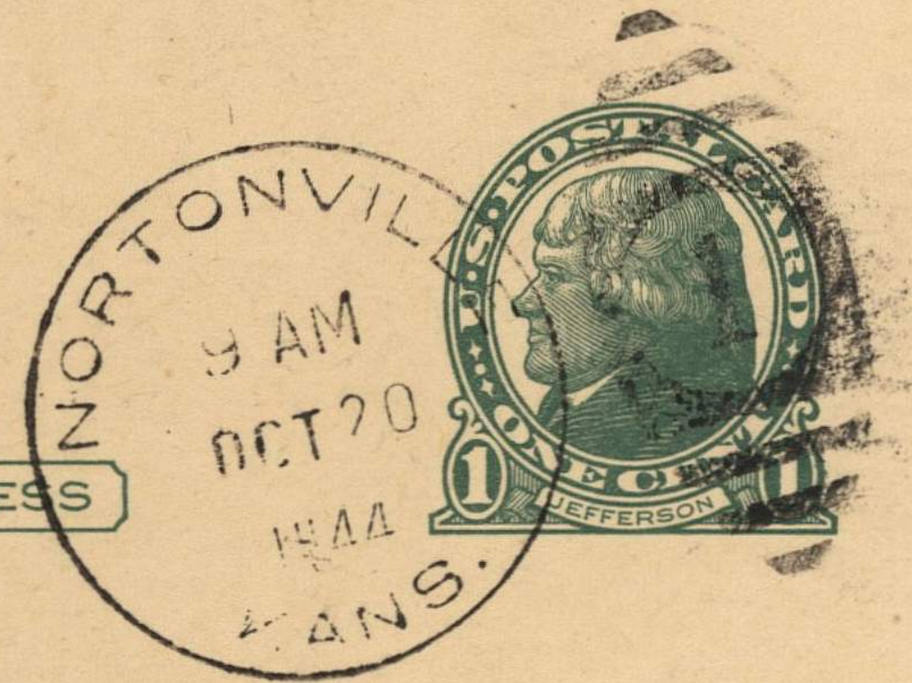
If it will suit you we will plan to bring out basket-ball squad to Lawrence Friday after noon at about 4;30 or soon there after. I refer to this comming Friday Nov. 10.

The questions I was talking to you about would require some demonstration to answer them rather than answering them on a written page. So I shall wait till a convenient time for you.

We are looking foreward to a profitable demonstration of fundamentals which we know we can see there.

Respectfully

H. H. McGee



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Dr. F. C. Allen

K. U.

Lawrence,

Kansas

Nortonville, Kansa
Oct. 18, ####1944

Dear Sir,

I will not take the boys down this week end but hope to be down to see your practice at 4:30 Friday my self.

Respectfully

H. H. McGee

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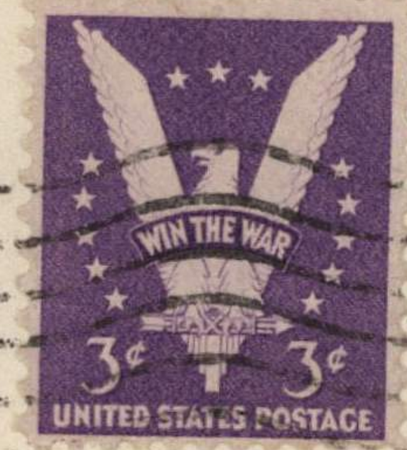

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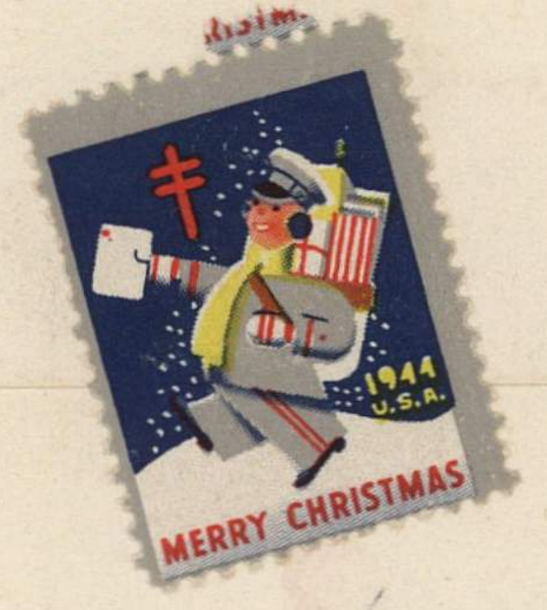
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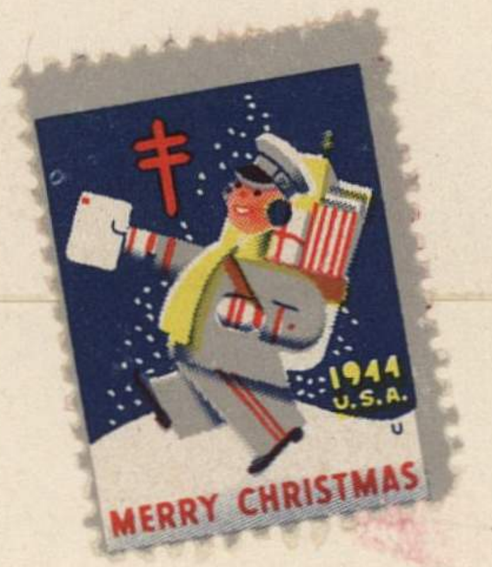
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas Greetings

Dec. 15, '44

Dear Dr. Allen: —

With all there is for everyone to do, keeping in touch with old friends gets more and more difficult but I can't let Christmas go by without a greeting to your office — and my usual request that you extend greetings to my old friends there who are still around you — I realize the personnel may be changed by now, but

if Mrs. Hulleen and Mrs. Webster are still in the office I do want to be remembered to them.

This will be our first Christmas with the "empty chair". Howard was commissioned an ensign last June and sent to Puerto Rico for training in mine warfare. Last September he was ordered to Newfoundland and is now serving on a mine sweeper in the north Atlantic. I suspect he's apt to be in that locality until the end of the European war. Then, of course, the whole blessin' navy will head for the South Pacific.

This year I'm a housewife again and glad of it every day. Last year's memories of full-time teaching and full-time housekeeping with all the shortages and annoyances of wartime conditions is still a nightmare.

I have resumed my volunteer activities as my war contribution and find myself a much better wife and homemaker for having gone back to it.

Just a week ago I was amazed to hear Ruth with Baker's voice on the 'phone and even more amazed to know that she is at Hunter College, training

as a Wave - she's a wonderful girl, and I hope we can see her before she leaves.

Leigh & I enjoyed the article in "Time" about you and changes & gambling at the "Garden" - Also seemed to me K.U. must have had a whizzer of a football team this year. What has happened?

Leigh joins in the best wishes of the season to you and your family — Elizabeth D. MacCurdy

HENRI-FAYETTE
CHICAGO U.S.A.

Elizabeth and Leigh MacCurdy

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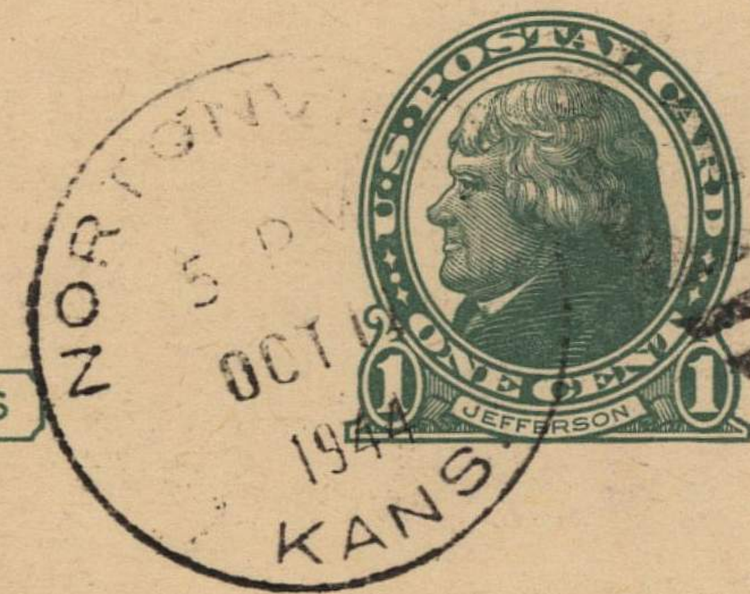

Dr. Forest C. Allen

K. U.

Lawrence,

Kansas

Nortonville, Kansas
Oct. 11, 1944

Dear Dr. Allen:
Would it be ###### agreable to you if we would bring a group of basket-ball boys down to watch you practice some Friday evening? Are you doing any floor work this ###### Friday ? However it may not suit us to come this Friday. Would it suit you ## Friday Oct. 20.?

Respectfully

H. H. McGee

Ans. 10/13/44

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October 5, 1944

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Dept. of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

In response to your inquiry of September 27th to Mr. McGraw, I find that the total number of sales of BETTER BASKETBALL up to June 30, 1944 were 6616 copies. From July 1 to September 28 - 251 additional copies have been sold, making a total of 6867 copies to date.

Your comment on a text on treatment of athletic injuries has been referred to our editorial staff, and the order from D. C. Hauff is being taken care of promptly.

Very truly yours,

McGRAW-HILL BOOK COMPANY, Inc.,

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September 11, 1944

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

Dear Fog:

I am just now working out from under the work accumulated during my vacation and I apologise for the seeming neglect in not answering your letter of September 2nd more promptly.

As requested, I am forwarding to you ten complimentary copies of BETTER BASKETBALL for you to give out personally and in the right places where it might aid the sale. We are glad to cooperate with you in this.

It is interesting to note your activities on behalf of the book and you may rest assured that we too are continuing to promote it. It is in every Whittlesey House catalogue that we send out and every sports list circular, of which there are many, carries it as well. It is our opinion that the book has done very well, everything considered, and you may be sure our interest and promotion will continue.

I am passing your thoughts concerning the jacket to our Trade Department and you may rest assured that the jacket will be continued.

My best to you.

Yours sincerely,

CWM:GB

Curtis W. McGraw

September 27, 1944.

Coach Jim McDonald,
El Dorado Senior High School,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Jim:

Due to several unavoidable delays I have failed to answer your appeal sooner.

Please refer to page 362 of "Better Basketball", in the chapter on Athletic Injuries and Emergencies. Exhibit 124 shows a brace for shoulders susceptible to dislocation. If you will use this appliance instead of the one around the waist you will find that the arm will not come out of the socket. You can see that the strap around the waist would not do the job, but this contrivance will.

Lowe and Campbell can make you one of these, I am sure.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

EL DORADO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

EL DORADO - - KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

9-15-44

Dr F.C. Allen.
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Fog"

I have a football man who has a shoulder that goes out on him. I was wondering if anything could be done to keep it in place as he is determined to play.

I have a strap around his waist and then fastens around his arm above the elbow. I also have a shoulder collar on him and run strips of tape on his shoulder.

If there is any information you can give me I would sure appreciate it.

Yours truly
Coach Jim McDonald.

September 27, 1944.

Mr. Curtis W. McGraw,
McGraw-Hill Book Co.,
330 West 42nd St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. McGraw:

I am enclosing a letter which I have received from D. C. Hauff, which is self-explanatory. Will you kindly have your Mr. Hansen handle this matter?

I appreciate your generosity in sending me the author's copies. I am placing them in the hands of people that will do the most good in sales promotion for this book. Frankly, I feel that now and immediately after the war we should have a great revival of sales because there are now and will be many thousands of new coaches teaching basketball. There has been almost a complete turn-over in the last five years.

I am wondering if you will be kind enough to send me the total sales number of "Better Basketball" to date. Previously this was noted on the report when the remittances were sent, but the last few reports have not included the total sales.

I believe after the war that a text on treatment of athletic injuries would sell like hot cakes. With the rehabilitation program of the Army and Navy and with the physical education majors playing such an important part in physical therapy, I believe there would be great need for such a text as this. We could use practically all of the chapter on the treatment of athletic injuries and with some new discoveries that have been made since, it would enhance the sale of a new book tremendously. What do you think?

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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January 18, 1945.

Mr. C. E. McBride,
Sports Editor,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mac:

I read your Piggy Lambert comment last night in your Sporting column with a degree of interest. I know from your writings that you do not intend to connect me with violent actions on the bench as attributed to Piggy, because that is one thing that I do on very, very rare occasions. And the visiting teams at home are treated with every consideration, which I understand is not true in the case of Piggy.

You perhaps meant to infer that I was rather the stormy petrol type, which allegation I do not deny upon certain occasions.

You mentioned the possibility of my retiring. I can tell you now when it is going to be -- when I reach the age of 65. The heads of all departments retire at 65, but other faculty members are permitted to continue until they are 67. But no, thank you, I do not want the other two years, nor do I want to coach after I am 65 years of age. I have no desire to break the record of Alonzo Stagg or Connie Mack -- no ambitions along that line in the slightest.

I am going to quit, play golf, write, if the people will publish the stuff I write, and say the things that I want to say. Well, you may say that I haven't been a shrinking pansy before I reach 65. That is right, but I am still going to continue to do the things I have actually wanted to do, and that is going to be play more golf and do what I darn please for a while.

"The days of our years are threescore years and ten, and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is there strength, labor and sorrow, for they are soon cut off and we fly away." I don't want those extra years to be labor and sorrow.

I am sorry that you gave up golf because I was figuring when I got to be 65 that you and I would have a chance to play. But I do want you to know how much I appreciated that dozen golf balls that you gave me. I am still hoarding some of them, have given Mit and Bob one each, played with a few of them, but I will have some ready for this spring.

They elected me president of the Lawrence Country Club, and we have already done some extensive improving and we are going to do more.

I am

I started to say, under writing, that I am going to write one more book. I have written three - "My Basketball Bible", "Better Basketball", and "The Administration and Organization of Physical Education and Athletics" for Ginn and Company. This was in collaboration with a group of so-called authorities in the different fields - Law, Roscoe Pound of Harvard; Medicine, Dr. Cutter of Northwestern; Liberal Arts, Dr. Charters of Ohio State University; Student Health, Dr. John Sundwall, of the University of Michigan, formerly dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Kansas; and Education, Dr. Judd of Chicago, - and other salubrities and celebrities.

This is the first fling I had into the intelligentsia field, back in 1930, and President Raymond A. Kent, of the University of Louisville, was the editor. Now I am going back to the low-brow stuff, and am going to write a book on the Treatment of Athletic Injuries, - that is, before I quit.

I am more interested in the war work, however, than I am in anything else because we oldsters can at least let the boys on the home front know that we are giving of ourselves to this thing only partially for which the boys on the fighting front are giving their all. On February 2nd I give my fifth blood donation, and as soon as I reach 60, November 18, that will be out, so I am giving as much now as possible.

Last week a group down town elected me as president of the Civic Action Committee, which has as its two-fold purpose: to have a construction and city face lifting plan which will encourage veterans to return to Lawrence and to provide many of them with early employment; and, to arouse greater civic pride throughout the community. Our slogan is that the Lawrence victory plan will do the job.

Now, I have got another job. Dean Nesmith just this morning got a call from New York so he is leaving immediately with the Army Athletic Specialists junket, so I am taking over the training of the basketball team. I have known it for quite some time, and when Dean asked me to go I said, "Sure." I said, "When they asked me in November, Chancellor Malott wouldn't let me go, but I wanted to go. My attitude could be nothing else than an enthusiastic yes-siree, go ahead." He will be back in four months. So you see I am just like old Pop McBride, the busier you are the less time you have to worry about anything because the grandchildren will furnish you the necessary ingredient when you think you can't stand it!

Lots of good luck, old fellow.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 30, 1945.

Mr. C. E. McBride, Sports Editor,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Missouri.

My dear Mac:

I am sending you a carbon copy of Henry Iba's letter to me regarding a game in the Auditorium next winter and a copy of my reply to him. Frankly, there is no use with the Big Six eligibility rules as they now are, of a team competing with Henry Iba's outfit.

I am not at all afraid of meeting him, but when you have 7 ft. and 7 ft. 3 in. boys competing against six-footers -- well, that just isn't basketball, or cricket.

The ten foot basket is making the hunt for the 7 ft. and 7 ft. 3 in. boys more manifest. The moment they raise the basket to 12 feet the hunt for the big boy will be practically over because no more could he stand and merely flex his fingers and push the ball in the basket. The poorest place in the world for a 7 ft. boys is directly under the basket. You have no idea the difference that it makes. We had 12 ft. basketb installed here and have had them for 15 years, and we have tried it out. But the majority of coaches are so dumb that they still desire the drive-in and the lay-up for their shorter boys in pleading for a 10 ft. basket. And at the same time they give the coach the exceptional advantage of scouring the land for 7-footers, and this 7-footer defeats the efforts of the five other medium-sized boys.

Cecil Hankins and Bob Kurland, together with three ordinary basketball players, can beat a five of scintillating start, none of the five stars being over 6 ft. 4 in. The only teams that got into any of the finals or semi-finals for the championship play had a man taller than 6 ft. 7 in. That shows that it is the low 10 ft. basket, and not the tall 6 gy. 7 in. fellow that wins the ball game. Or would win the ball game if they had a 12 ft. basket.

I don't want you to give any publicity to this, but I am trying to convert you to this thought - that the hunt would be definitely over for these extra tall boys if the rules committee would do something about the height of the basket. I realize, Mac, that you think I am overzealous on this point, but I give you my word and definite conviction that I have tried this out with tall men and they cannot score under a 12 ft. basket with anything comparable to the dunking methods they now pursue.

Don't forget this point - that I am talking about a 12 ft. basket for college and independent teams, and not for high schools. As the rules committee is now constituted, the high schools have many more coaches and advocates of a low basket than anyone else, and naturally when this comes up before a rules committee it is voted down overwhelmingly because of the fact that a 12 ft. basket would be too high for high school boys. I have always advocated a 10 ft. basket for high school boys, and a 12 ft. basket for the others. And in the same line of reasoning, I have advocated a 9 ft. basket for intermediate youngsters. We have the lower hurdle, the lighter shot and the lighter discus for high school youngsters.

But I really wrote you to inclose a carbon copy of my very plain, and what I consider sensible, explanatory letter to Henry.

Hope to see you some time during the baseball season.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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