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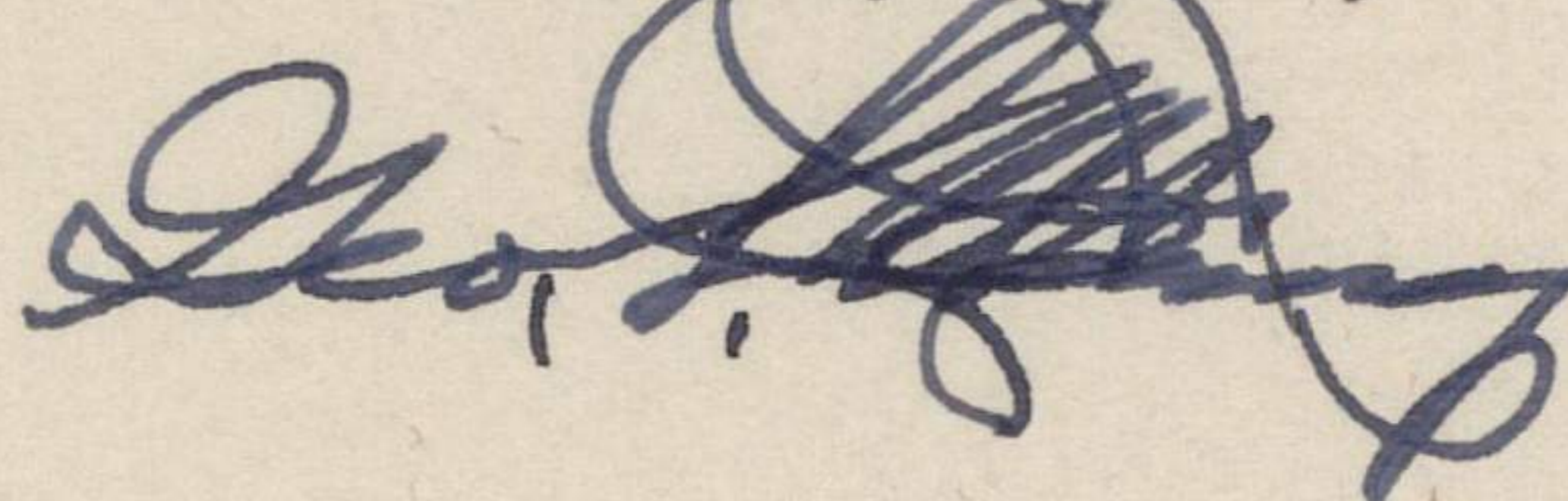
Dr. F. C. Allen
Professor of Physical Education
Kansas University Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Dr. Allen:

Heartiest congratulations on your victory in
winning the basketball tournament, and , especially
your splendid success in the game against Missouri
last night.

The State Department of Education is at your service
at any and all times.

Sincerely yours,



Geo. L. McClenny
State Superintendent

GLM:F

March 19, 1942.

Miss Jean McFarland,
Rexall Drug Store,
835 Kansas Ave.,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Jean:

Thank you very much for the Sox - I am going to wear them at the game. I greatly appreciate not only your thought of me, but the effort.

Some time I am coming to Topeka, and hope to have a visit with you before you leave for the East. I want to wish for you and Bobby a very pleasant Easter.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

FCA:AH

J. E. McFarland
DRUG CO.

OFFICE 835 KANSAS AVE.

FIVE **Rexall** STORES

TOPEKA, KANSAS

March 14, 1942

Dear Doctor:

Due to the shortage of wool and all of the army and navy needing "victory socks". The ones I have made for you may seem a bit late.

Your victories have been many, but I hope these socks will help bring many more in the years to come.

Sincerely

jean

P. S. I do hope the colors in these socks resemble your old ones.

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May 23, 1942.

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

Dear Mac:

It was a personal shock when I read of the death of John T. Doyle. This fall he came to visit us in our home and spent about two hours. It seemed as if he was supremely happy and enjoying life, although I did see that he was a little more feeble. But his conversational powers were at their best.

And true to the John Doyle deference for women, he did not forget a box of sandy for Mrs. Allen.

Mrs. Allen says that when she thinks of the perfect gentility, John T. Doyle had everything that a gentleman should possess. She remembers when we were in New York how he spent a full day taking her to the Hardware Club and all the sights in New York, when Jimmy Walker was in his height of glory. Mr. Doyle pointed out for Mrs. Allen and introduced her to John Kieran and Mr. Lincoln of Spaldings, the attorney. He also pointed out the attorneys that broke the Pulitzer will - a non-breakable will. And he showed her many other famous people.

I have always counted him as one of my very splendid friends, and when we read in the Star of his passing we were shocked at the personal loss. I thought you paid him a fine, sane tribute - one that John T. Doyle would love to read. Mrs. Allen is writing Mrs. Doyle. He always spoke so fondly of his daughter and his son and his family. But he went out in a fine way. I do not know of a finer way to go than the way he went, and to have had 71 years of useful life and to not be a burden to himself or to anyone else - I would say the Maker was certainly kind to him.

I thank you for paying Mr. Doyle a fine tribute and for linking my name with him as one of his friends.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

FOA:AH

June 6, 1942.

Mr. Marey L. McCauley,
425 Washington St.,
Elmhurst, Illinois.

Dear Mr. McCauley:

I very much appreciate your good letter of June 1.
I assure you it would be a pleasure for me to accommodate
you if and when we play in Chicago.

It so happens that after three years of consecutive
games in Chicago against Loyola and DePaul we are not playing
there this year. For that reason it will be impossible for
me to accept your kind invitation.

Thanking you and wishing you every success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

FCA:AH

Elmhurst, Illinois

June 1, 1942

Dr. F. C. Allen

Director of Athletics, K.U.

Dear Mr. Allen:

As I recall, the University of Kansas basketball team usually plays a couple of games here in Chicago around the first of the year or in January sometime.

It is very presumptuous of me to think that there is a possibility of my getting Dr. Allen to address a group of men while he is in Chicago.

I graduated from the Engineering School of Kansas University in June 1924 and remember "Phog" Allen very well for different accomplishments.

We have a group of men, usually 50 to 60, that meet in the basement of the Maywood

Baptist Church on the last Thursday
or Friday^{evening} of each month. We
have dinner together and then
an evening of entertainment such
as speakers, pictures, and games.

This year it is my job to
look after the programs for the
group.

The way I look at this
invitation is this, "Nothing
ventured, nothing won".

I would feel proud to be able
to introduce such a man to our
group and know you would
find an attentive audience.

I would appreciate hearing from
you and if you can't be with us,
my wish is, "More power to Old
K.U." Maybe I can see the games

you play here the next time.

Respectfully yours,
Mancy L. McBanley

425 Washington St.
Elmhurst, Illinois

July 1, 1942.

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

Dear Mac:

I am enclosing a letter that I received from George Edwards regarding the game in Kansas City. In fairness I want you to be informed because we consider you a very fair and impartial judge.

Bobby is home for his vacation until July 15 when he goes back to Pennsylvania Medical School. I want to bring him in for a ball game and at such time will drop by and buy you a lunch if you will accept the same, and if you are still in the mood to see a ball game I would love to visit with you at that time.

Of course, I will get in touch with you before I start, but Bob still loves baseball and I like it very much, - and best of all we would like a visit with you.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

July 7, 1942.

Mr. George L. McClenny,
State Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent McClenny:

Will you kindly send for use in our Department of Physical Education six copies of the Manual of Guidance, Part XII-Physical Education?

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

July 22, 1942.

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

Dear Mac:

Thanks for your nice letter of Tuesday. Things go as they generally do here. I am always counting on getting away, but Bob got away before I did. He left last Saturday morning for the University of Pennsylvania where he starts on his sophomore medicine. In fact, he is on it now.

Bob is a great baseball fan and he follows baseball as assiduously as he did before. I did want him to come in because I thought that I could combine a short visit with you and one with him.

However, when I got your letter I called "Grandma Bess" and since she has Eleanor here she felt that although she would like to come in, she should do some of the necessary things to get Eleanor ready to go back to Pennsylvania this fall. Eleanor is majoring in psychology, and is taking a course here this summer, and will get her degree next spring. However, I do thank you for the opportunity, but you know these mothers are sewing, cleaning things and getting the children ready, so Mrs. Allen wants a rain check.

I do want to come in and have a visit with you—one of those kind that I would like to buy you a luncheon of spaghetti and a glass of milk at Johnny Bondi's, and visit over the noon hour. I do not know how much you are following baseball, but if you do go out to a game I will try to arrange to come in when a ball game is on.

It seems to me that you are as busy as ever. I don't believe you let down a bit. But I find myself in the same fix. Since 1:30 I have been in faculty and committee meetings, and it is now 4:30. I am going to try to slip away to the Country Club for a few holes of golf because I am not going to allow my administrative life to crowd out the wee bit of fun that a fellow can have on the golf course.

Harry Welsh and I have been corresponding and I have promised him that I would come in and have luncheon with him and talk over the Missouri situation. I am planning to do this on Saturday noon, but that is no time to visit with you, and since you have a Sunday paper to get out I will wait until some slack time when you have not so much to do. I want to tell you some angles of the Missouri situation and I will do that when I have an opportunity.

Had things been of a pleasant nature between George and me I think we could have worked it out. But the N.C.A.A. set up gave him an opportunity to say and do some things that I did not particularly care for. And too, Missouri would have wanted a full cut on an income that would not have been sufficient for all of us.

I will give you a buzz and find our when you are free, or if you will drop me a line and let me know what days in the next two weeks are your less crowded days and also if the Blues are in town, we will certainly be delighted to drop in and see if you care to go to the ball game. If you do not we will just have a short visit. It seems as if our visits are getting further apart, and I don't particularly like that.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Tuesday---

Dear Phog: In one of your letters you said something about you and Bobby coming down for a ball game and that you would give me the well known buzz. I can't find the letter so am not sure of the details but why not come in for the Blues-All Star game Thursday night. Helen and I have a box and we'll be glad to have you and Bobby with us. And Grandma Bess and any others of your family who may be at home. It's a night game and might be interesting. If the idea appeals let me know.

About that suggested basketball double header...it seems that unwittingly I thrust myself into the middle of that age-old Missouri-Kansas controversy. that sometimes is hidden under the surface and other times is flying loose... but always is close around. I didn't mean to do that. However, I still think that as far as Kansas City is concerned the suggested double header would have been fine business and, of course, Missouri would have been much better than Oklahoma A. and M. in crowd appeal here. However, I'm not interested any more...and rather regret that I got between the firing lines. Still I've been singed before...and behind...and really don't mind any more.

Hope you can come in and bring as many of your tribe as possible. Let me know the number.

Sincerely,

