

June 8, 1943.

Mrs. Florence Naismith,  
Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity,  
University of Nebraska,  
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Mrs. Naismith:

Yesterday I received a letter from Mr. A. B. Nees, 223 Citizens Bank Building, Brazil, Indiana, informing me of the death of Charles Wayne Nees who was killed in action in the North American area on May 18th last.

Mr. Nees stated that he had no further details, but presumed that his death occurred in the Attu drive in the Aleutians. Wayne was graduated from the Infantry School as a Second Lieutenant in November, 1942, and had been at Fort Ord, California, until about the first of April.

Mr. Nees said that since Wayne had always held you in such high regard he would appreciate it if we would let you know of Wayne's passing.

I am sure that you will want to write the Nees family.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



May 31, 1943.

Dr. D. M. Nigro,  
Suite 512 Argyle Building,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dr. Nigro:

Thank you for your kind invitation to your  
Brookside Farm meeting.

I regret that I will not be able to be  
present as we have a very heavy physical conditioning  
program and all of us old men are engaged in this  
strenuous activity. I do thank you very much, however.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



HARRISON 2388

DR. D. M. NIGRO  
SUITE 512 ARGYLE BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

May 27, 1943

RE: NOTRE DAME, CREIGHTON, ROCKHURST  
AND ROCKNE CLUB PICNIC

You are cordially invited to a clam bake to  
be given by the above allied clubs at Nigro's  
Brookside Farm on Thursday, June 17th at 6:00 P.M.

If we do not hear from you we will conclude  
that you will be present if possible.

Sincerely yours,

*Dm Nigro*  
General Chairman

DMN:AD



# National Lock Co.

INC.

MANUFACTURERS OF

## Rockford Line of Hardware

### Rockford, Illinois

WHEN REPLYING  
MARK FOR ATTENTION OF

F. K. Lofgren

May 24, 1943

University of Kansas  
Dept. of Physical Education  
Lawrence, Kansas

Attention: Mr. Forrest C. Allen

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 17th we wish to advise that the combination numbers for the Locks listed are as follows:

G-04154	17 - 22 - 14
G-01740	16 - 19 - 2

There will be no charge for this information.

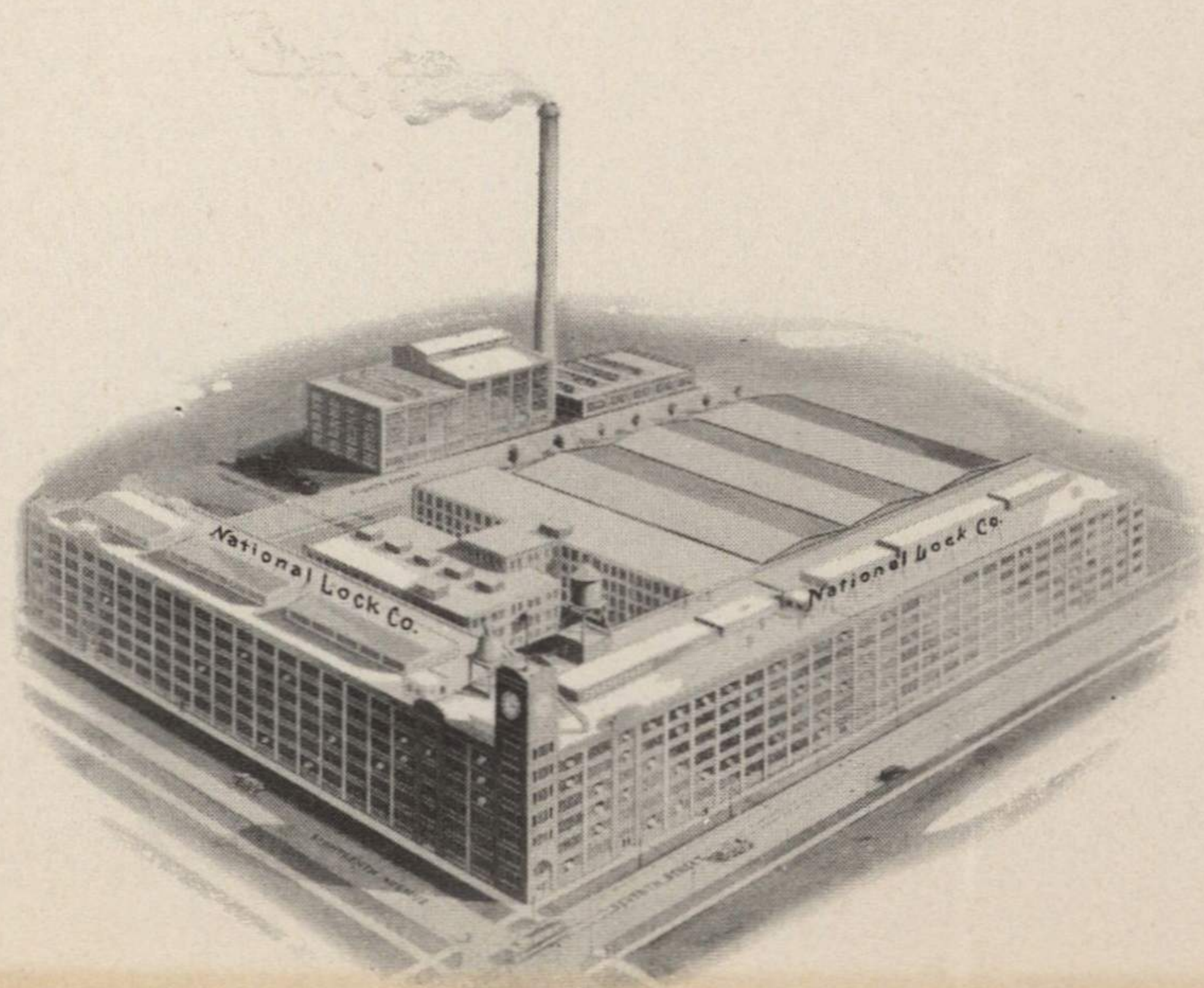
Very truly yours,

NATIONAL LOCK CO.

*F. K. Lofgren*

School Lock Sales

FKL:FR





May 17, 1943.

National Lock Company,  
Rockford, Illinois.

Dear Sirs:

Would it be possible for you to furnish us with  
the combinations to the following locks:

G-04154

G-01740

If there is a charge we will be happy to pay the  
same.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



April 23, 1943.

Dr. Bert A. Nash, Chairman,  
Educational Travelogue Committee,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Bert:

I studied the suggestion outlined in your typed copy and the only thing that I could add to this at all would be that this committee should work in close harmony with the Alumni secretary so that he could notify the alumni of that area of such a meeting. We could at least have one group meeting with the older alumni.

I believe if we were in this area and did not contact the alumni, such as the professional men and other business men, that they would feel slighted. Now I of course want to make it plain that the main business at hand is what you set out in the committee's report, but I do believe that additional strength could be developed by contacting these older people for a service that they could render, both as to renewing their fealty to the University and to helping these younger teachers and administrators who are in the school - sort of an intermediary, don't you know.

There is nothing else that I can add, only that I will be glad to respond to your call for a joint conference when and if you can set the date.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Miss Hoover has no  
suggestions - sounds  
like a good set-up.



Phog:  
Mark this up and  
add to it any way you  
like.

Paul



To the Education Faculty:

Your committee appointed to investigate the possibility of rendering some service to schools over the state, with regard to assisting them in meeting the problems of war, and planning for post-war problems, submits the following suggestion for your consideration.

1. It is proposed to compile a list of several areas of school work which would be of interest to different groups of teachers and administrators, and which the personnel of the Education and University staff are qualified to discuss.

a. Samples of these would be:

1. Administration problems--Dean Twente
2. Music and Music Education--Dr. Gaston
3. Physical Education and Health--Dr. Allen and Miss Hoover
4. Educational Measurement and Evaluation--Dr. OBrien
5. Science Teaching--or Methods of Teaching--Dr. Bayles
6. Mental Hygiene and Children Who Are Different--Dr. Turney
7. Reading Difficulties and Special Disabilities in Learning--Dr. Nash
8. Arithmetic Disabilities of Children--Dr. Russell
9. Social Science Problems--Ruth Litchen

2. This list would be submitted to the local committee of an area or district where a conference center is planned, for them to select the four or five areas in which they might be interested. The "team" selected would go to such a center to lead informal discussions in areas involved.
3. The areas or districts would be organized by some representative of the University going out to work up the plans with the group of superintendents, principals and county superintendents. For example, if the area around Sabetha was decided upon as a possible location, all the school leaders in the area surrounding Sabetha would be contacted for assistance. These leaders would take the lead in promoting the conference and getting the teachers interested. It is probable that the center would draw from each of the counties touching upon the county in which Sabetha is located.
4. It is contemplated that the conference will be two days, Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, or it could be for all day Saturday.
5. The plan would make possible two periods. One of these could be sectional meetings with each of the interest groups meeting separately for a discussion of the local problems and what might be done. The changing needs of communities, and the projection of needs of the future could be brought into the discussion. The K.U. representative would lead the discussion.



6. The second period could be a panel discussion, with the visiting team and three or four representatives from the local area participating. The topic of this meeting would be determined by the wishes of the local <sup>group</sup> and the personnel of the visiting team.
7. The University would make a special effort to get all graduates of K.U. at the conference. The first purpose would be to permit them to have conferences with the K.U. staff on any of the problems which they were having. Especially important is this for first or second year teachers who may be present. Another purpose would be to talk with superintendents and principals who have K.U. students on their staff to find if there is any way in which the University can be of assistance in strengthening the teachers who have graduated from K.U. This service to these teachers and administrators has been found to be very effective follow-up service.
8. The whole purpose of this conference program is to develop a kindlier attitude of school people toward the University, and to have some further evidence that the University is interested in the problems of teachers in the field. We are not contemplating that we shall take a prepared program to the conferences, in the sense that we have something which the teachers in the field should have. Rather we intend to go out to discuss their problems with them, and to offer any leadership which we possess.
9. It is planned that the University will bear the cost of the travel of the visiting group. The local area will be charged with most of the promotion of the conference, but the University will have to expend some effort in publicity.
10. It is thought that it might be possible to hold about six such centers during the course of a school year. The probable cost of travel, etc. for each would be about \$50. Such a program would entail a budget of approximately \$300.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Thayer Gaston,  
F.C. Allen,  
Bert A. Nash, Chairman.



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT  
AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND  
ROSECRANS FIELD, MO.

February 3, 1943.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Director of Physical Education,  
Kansas University.

Dr. Mr. Allen:

We have received your letter regarding the basketball game in Kansas City. The check has not reached us yet, however and though I feel like "Shylock", sending this reminder, it has been more or less suggested to me that I contact you with reference to the same.  
Best regards and continued success with your fine team.

Cordially yours,

*Thomas N. Nugent 2nd Lt.*

THOMAS N. NUGENT  
2nd. Lt. Air Corps,  
Athletic Director.



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER J. S. MERRIMAN, JR.  
DIRECTOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT

February 1, 1943

Dr. Forrest Allen  
Basketball Coach  
Univ. of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:-

Thank you ever so much for your kind, clear letter explaining how to cope with all-court pressing. I realize how valuable your time and effort is and sincerely appreciate your generosity in sending on this data.

I sure hope your team continues to carry on in typical Allen style and comes in with another championship.

Sincerely yours,

Nelson W. Hitchman



AUBURN RURAL HIGH SCHOOL

RAY NICHOLS, PRINCIPAL



AUBURN, KANSAS

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

We wish to thank you for the tickets to the game with Oklahoma A. & M. I had six boys at the game and they really got a big thrill out of it. None had ever been to K.U. and had never seen a college basketball game.

They could have seen your team at other times when it would have been easier to see how they use their fundamentals and out-manuever their opponents, but nevertheless the play was "tops" as far as they were concerned.

If the war doesnt take any of your players before March I would like to see them play any school in the country.

Thanks again for the passes.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ray Nichols". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

Ray Nichols.  
Auburn High School,  
Auburn, Kansas.



January 9, 1943.

Mr. Warren Nichols,  
414 Main St.,  
Norwich, Conn.

Dear Warren:

I am very happy to autograph one of our basketball programs  
and send to you.

I am also glad to know of your enthusiasm for basketball,  
and wish you much success.

Cordially yours,

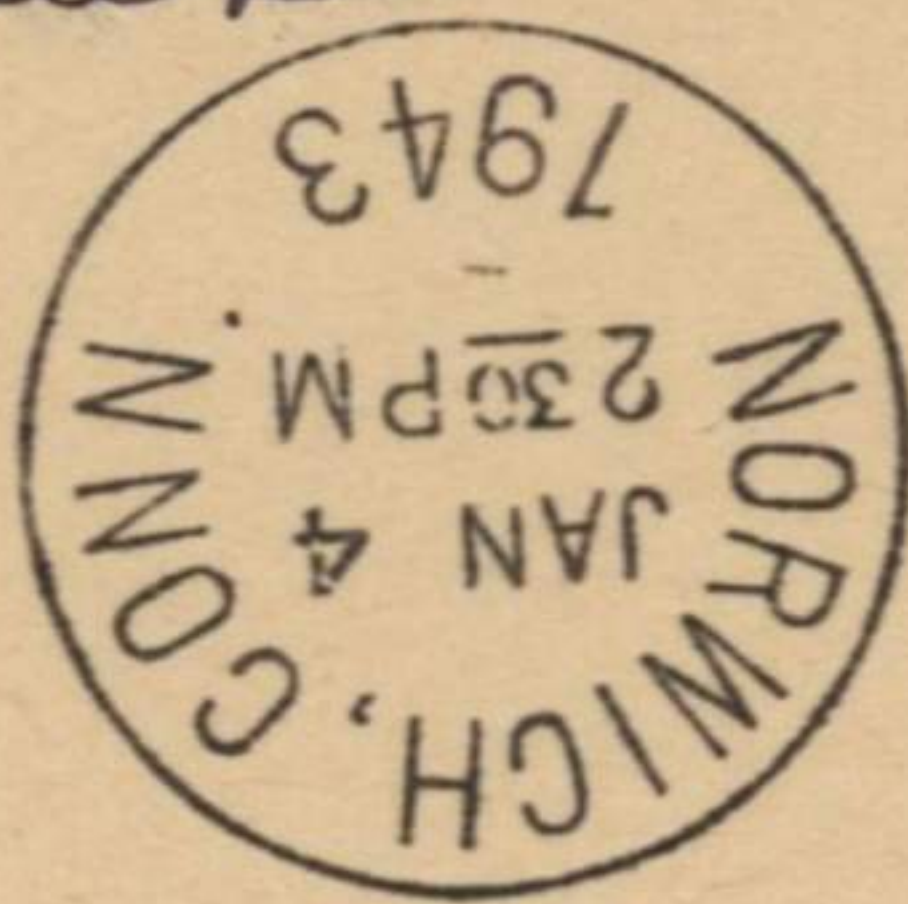
Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Enc.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Forest (Phog) Allen  
c/o U. of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas





Dear "Phog",

I am in my second year of high school and own a movie projector. I have a film edited by you and demonstrated by "Phillips Oilers" the film is "Fundamentals of Basketball". I would appreciate it very much if you would send me an autographed photograph of yourself as I admire you very much.  
Thanks & Best Wishes.

Warren Nichols  
414 Main St.  
Norwich, Ct.

P.S. I would have wrote a letter and enclosed a self addressed envelope but I am not sure what size photo you will send.



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*The Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Co.*

*Pittsburg, Kansas*

GEO. E. NETTELS,  
GEN'L SUPERINTENDENT

December 24, 1942.

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

Dear Doc:

I was very glad to hear from you again after so long a time and to know that you were interested in the two boys from here, Claire Gillin and Kenneth Coulter.

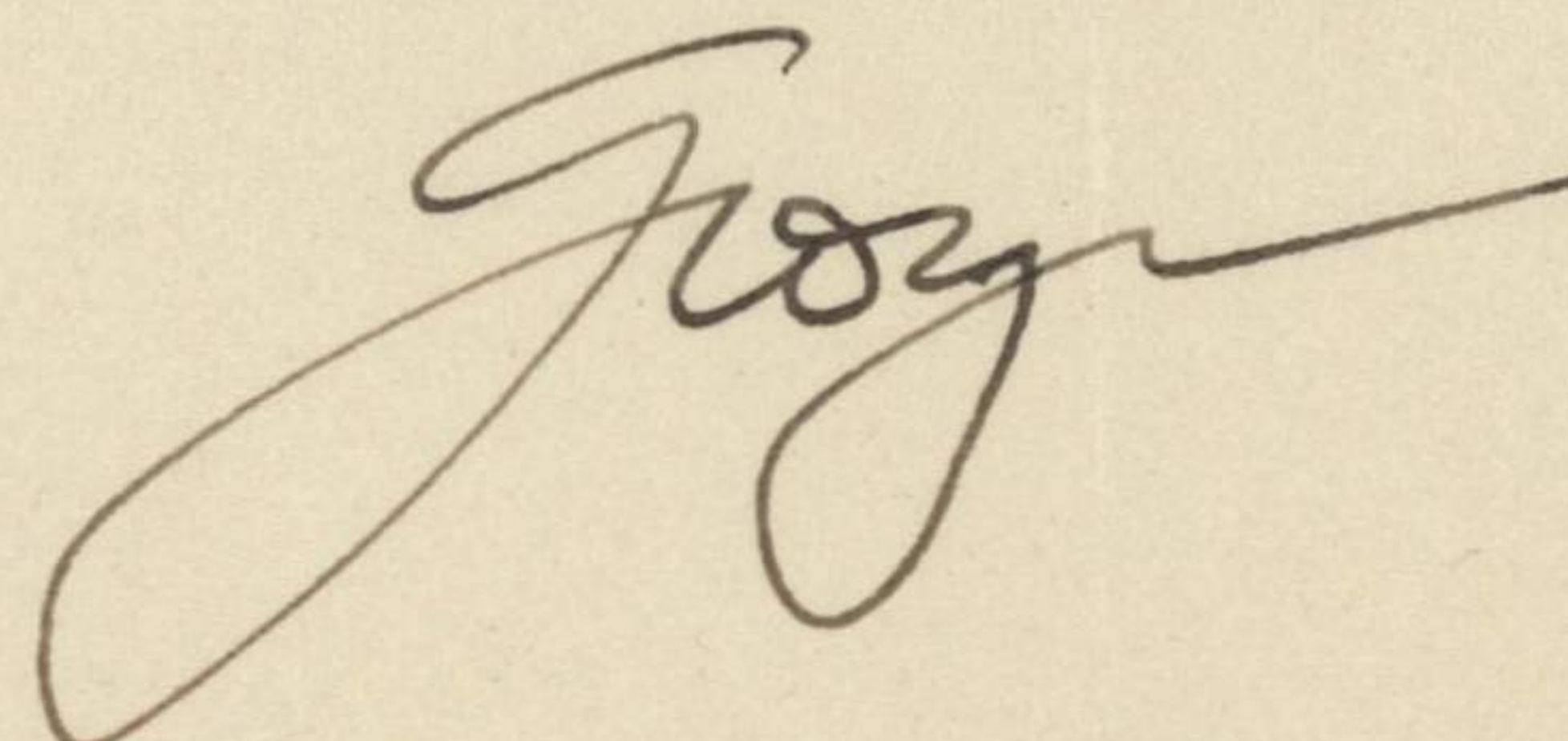
I am not sure about Coulter on what his plans may be for college, but I know that Gillin wants to go to the medic school and is very much interested in the University of Kansas. Incidentally, he is at the present moment the boy friend of Mimi and so I happen to know a good deal of his plans and aspirations.

I haven't seen much of the Coulter boy for the past several years, but as a youngster ten or eleven years old I thought most highly of him. At that age I thought he had the makings of about the best football player I had ever seen but somehow he got side-tracked from football and has devoted all of his athletic energies to basketball. I know he is a battler and a competitor of the first water. Gillin, I think, is quite lazy with not so much fire but possesses a lot of natural ability. I shall make it a point to see Coulter before long and, of course, I will see Gillin all during the vacation.

I observe that you are having some difficulties with your basketball team. I hope they won't become serious. From your remarks I take it that some of the boys are trying to tell you how to run the ball team. This, I am afraid they will have trouble doing.

Lots of good luck and a Happy Victorious New Year.

Sincerely yours,



GEN:OM



January 9, 1943.

Mr. Ray Nichols, Principal,  
Auburn High School,  
Auburn, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Nichols:

Thank you for your kind letter regarding our basketball team. Our next home game is Wednesday, January 13th, and the one following that is on February 6th, with Iowa State here.

We will be glad to have you and your boys as our guests, and if there are not more than six or eight in your party Mr. Falkenstien, financial secretary of the Athletic Association, informs me that he will be glad to issue passes to you for the game you attend. However, we cannot guarantee seats, as it may be necessary for the boys to stand.

Let us know when you are coming and we will be happy to arrange passes for you.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



AUBURN RURAL HIGH SCHOOL

RAY NICHOLS, PRINCIPAL



AUBURN, KANSAS

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Five of my first six basketball boys are freshmen and sophomores and they have the making of good players if they get the fight start. It is my opinion that you have about the "classiest" basketball team (from the standpoint of individual players and also as a team) that they will have opportunity of seeing for some time. So I would like to bring them down to a game before the end of the semester.

Could we get passes for six boys on any night except Jan. 21, 22 or 23 ?

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ray Nichols". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

Ray Nichols.  
Auburn High School,  
Auburn, Kansas.



January 20, 1943.

Mr. George Nettels,  
Midway Coal Mining Company,  
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear George:

Yes, I got a letter from Curt and I am answering it today along with yours. I am sending a carbon copy of the letter that I wrote him to you, but of course I am sending them to different addresses. I couldn't lie as poker-faced as you did, but I approached the dirty deed somewhat.

I hope he likes the ball and has a lot of fun with it.

Thanks for the addresses of Gillen and Couater. I will drop them a note today.

Yes, Mr. Iba didn't do very well by the Kansas customers. The Chancellor called me and wanted to break off relations right away, not play that game down there on February 17th, but I rather talked him out of it. And frankly, I do not think we will play him next year. We are not afraid of them but they leave a bad taste in the mouths of all the spectators. So we better forget it for a while and let haranguing Hank cool off.

Hope that old sacro-iliac is better.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FGA:AH



January 20, 1943.

Master Curt Nettels,  
311 West Jefferson St.,  
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Curt:

That letter you wrote me was swell. Tell Frank Rodkey, Charles Ross, Jimmy Ward, Gery Riley, and Ernest Amenino that I would like to see you and your basketball team play. Remember, Curt, I am expecting you to play on my Kansas team some day, so shoot those swishers into the basket - that ball was hot once, you know! So you keep it hot, and some day when you come up I will have all your boys on this red hot team of yours meet Charlie Black, Ray Evans, John Buescher, Armand Dixon and Otto Schnellbacher.

These boys are the "hot" Kansas five, just like you are the hot Pittsburg six. You know what I told your Daddy when he played on my team? Well, it was this, Curt -- "Fight 'em". So that is what I am saying to you and your boys.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



MRS. GEORGE EDWARD NETTELS  
311 WEST JEFFERSON STREET  
PITTSBURG, KANSAS

Dear Doc Allen,

Thanks a lot for the  
basketball. It was swell.

Frank Rodkey, Charles Ross,  
Jimmy Ward, Gerry Riley,  
Ernest Amemino, and I are  
getting up a basketball team.  
Daddy says that was the  
basketball that was played  
in the Missouri vs. Kansas  
game and that was the same  
one that Charlie Block made  
33 points on.

I have seen some High School  
games and hope to see  
plenty of university games.

I hope Kansas has a good  
team this year and wins  
(Back side)



Big Six conference. That's all  
for now and thanks again for  
the basketball.

With all my love

Curt



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# The Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Co.

Pittsburg, Kansas

GEO. E. NETTELS,  
GEN'L SUPERINTENDENT

January 15, 1943.

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

Dear Doc:

You likely have received a letter from Curt by now thanking you for the basketball. If you could have seen the expression on his face when he discovered I had actually returned with a ball, I am sure you would have felt the effort and trouble was well worth while. I embellished the gift by telling him it was the ball that had gone through the Missouri game in which Black had broken all previous records. I thought while I was at it I might as well make a stupendous story out of it.

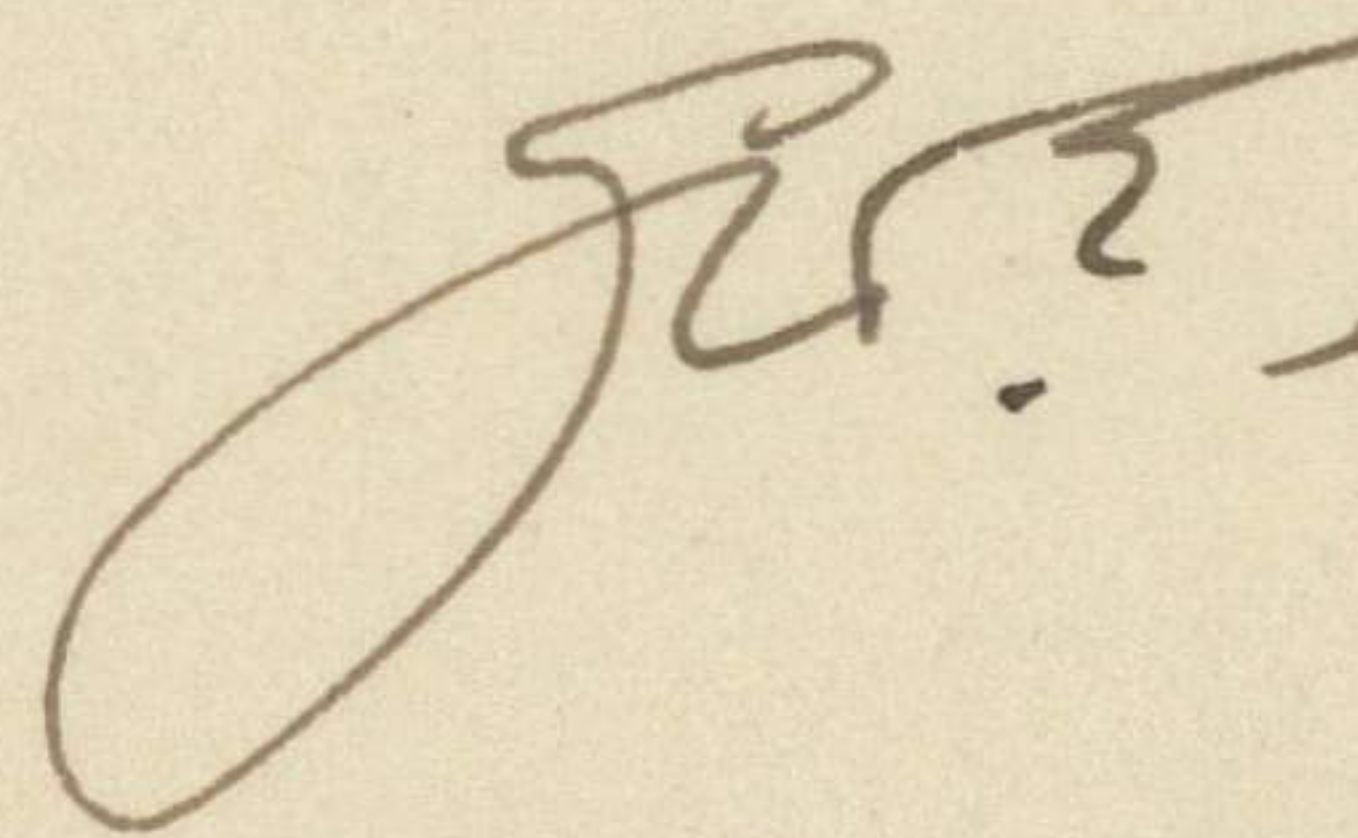
Gillin's address is *727 West 1st St.*  
and Coulter's is 2308 South Broadway.

I observe from last night's Star that there was quite a stink in connection with the conduct of the Aggie team. Apparently Iba didn't like the way the boys handled the game and wasn't a good enough sport to accept the officiating. Such an attitude, I think, reaches an all-time low in a coach's conduct.

Lots of good luck for the nights to come and with kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

GEN:OM





January 26, 1943.

Mr. Jack Coulter,  
2308 South Broadway,  
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Jack:

I am very sorry that I was unable to see your game when you played in Lawrence, but the coach and principal of the Lawrence High School told me of your excellent playing.

I want to assure you that if you arrange to attend the University of Kansas you will be very welcome. We understand Clair Gillin wants to study medicine at the University, and it would be a fine thing for you two to go through college on athletic teams as you have in high school.

We have had Pittsburg boys on our teams before - James "Jake" Hill, who was a fine basketball player was on one of our early teams, and we would be glad to have some more boys from Pittsburg. Jimmy Hamilton several years ago was expecting to come to the University, but got shunted to the Teachers College. I believe Jimmy could have made a varsity "K" here at the University of Kansas.

We will be happy to hear from you if you are interested, and I assure you we will be pleased to help you in any possible way should you desire any help.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



January 26, 1943.

Mr. Clair Gillin,  
727 West 1st St.,  
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Clair:

I want you to know that while I was unable to see you play in Lawrence, the coach and the principal of the Lawrence Memorial High School had some splendid words of praise for your excellent playing. They knew that you were expecting to study medicine at the University of Kansas, and they called me up and told me about your fine playing and your gentlemanly conduct.

I learn that you are a very excellent student. Therefore, I am sure that you are a fine risk in a medical way. My son, Robert Allen, is a junior in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, and knowing what great pride and pleasure he is getting from his medical quest, I feel reasonably certain that you will get every bit as much. I want you to know that we are pleased you are thinking of studying medicine at the University of Kansas, and if there is anything that I can do to help you in any way, please let me know. It will be a pleasure to cooperate with you.

Athletics are a fine thing for a boy if he is a good student, and since you are a good student I believe that you will get a great pleasure out of competition here at the University. We put a very high premium on scholarship among our athletes, and it would please us to have you on our squads.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



January 28, 1943.

Mr. Raymond Nichols,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Ray:

Charles Black has petitioned for a refund of the penalty on late payment of fees. For several days I noticed that he has been depressed, but didn't know the cause of it. Through the grapevine I learned that this is what has been worrying him.

Charles' wife is working out at the ordnance plant and he is working for us here, but the victory tax has cut down their budget considerably. They live in their own apartment and are having a pretty tough time of it. His wife had written to her folks for the money, but it hasn't been received as yet.

When I found out today of Charles' difficulties I advanced him the money to pay his fees.

I think he has a legitimate appeal, and just wanted to pass this on to you. I would appreciate any attention you may give to his petition.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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