

March 25, 1941

Mr. Jimmy Nixon
Municipal Auditorium
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Jimmy:

I wrote our good friend, James Porter, at Trinity Lutheran Hospital, and I am sincerely hoping that he is feeling better. I am going to stop by and see him at the first opportunity I have.

Also, when Ernie Mehl gets back, I will let you know when it is convenient for me to drop in and we will have that contemplated conversation.

I have four tickets in the arena lodge for Saturday night's game. They are 11C 5 to 8. I am wondering if I could have a couple of tickets in the near vicinity of these for Saturday night. I also may need two additional seats, but I desire that they not be too close to these.

With deep appreciation for your many courtesies,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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P.S. It was necessary for Dr. Allen to leave town before this letter was written. Dr. Allen has asked that I sign the same and send it on to you.

Secretary to Dr. Allen

April 3, 1941

Mr. Jimmy Nixon
Municipal Auditorium
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Jimmy:

I have written Eugene Zachman a letter thanking him for his generosity and kindness to us. It would not be complete without extending the same gratitude to you. You have been swell, Jimmy, and we appreciate it.

When Ernie Mehl comes back to town drop me a line and we will try to get together.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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April 8, 1940.

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

Dear Doc:

I was awfully sorry to miss the finals of the basketball tournament, but know that the disappointment was much less for not having seen it. Apparently a good basketball team that hits 33% of its shots can't be beaten, and particularly when its opponent is so cold that it only registers around 18% of its trials.

As far as I could see the finest thing coming out of the tournament was Ye Ed's tribute to you on the front page of the Star Sunday morning. I know your friends will rejoice in having read such a splendid testimonial - even in spite of the fact that old C. H. T. had you approaching the 6th. decade. For knowing no more than he does about you, I judge that he put together about as good a set of facts as could be written and analyzing the thing, what he said very nearly approximated the truth.

I know you got a big kick out of it on your own score and more so because of Bob - Bob certainly came through as a thorough-bred will. I hope that Bob gets bigger and stronger for his last year. He looked as near fagged out after some of these games as anybody I have ever seen. I don't suppose its serious or will leave any lasting effect, but he certainly does look completely spent after 40 minutes of a hard game.

This boy Foresman was in a couple of days ago and I told him I was going to send him up if I wasn't able to bring him, possibly at Relay time, but on second thought perhaps it would be better to do it later because you will likely be busy at that time.

Anyhow, in spite of the defeat in the finals it was a wonderful treat to have Kansas go to the finals and I know, judging everything from every angle, that you must have felt the boys did particularly well and that they brought great credit to themselves, their coach and their school. Hoping to see you soon, best regards.

John

West Side Christian Church

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Topeka, Kansas

May 8, 1941.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

This letter of apology is sent to you with the explanation as why you did not receive an earlier answer. When I received your first letter I turned it over to the Secretary of our organization to write you. He, being a very busy man, forgot to do so. Which, of course, I should not have done. The President of our organization was making arrangements to have Tom Collins, of Kansas City, make this speech while I was making arrangements to have you.

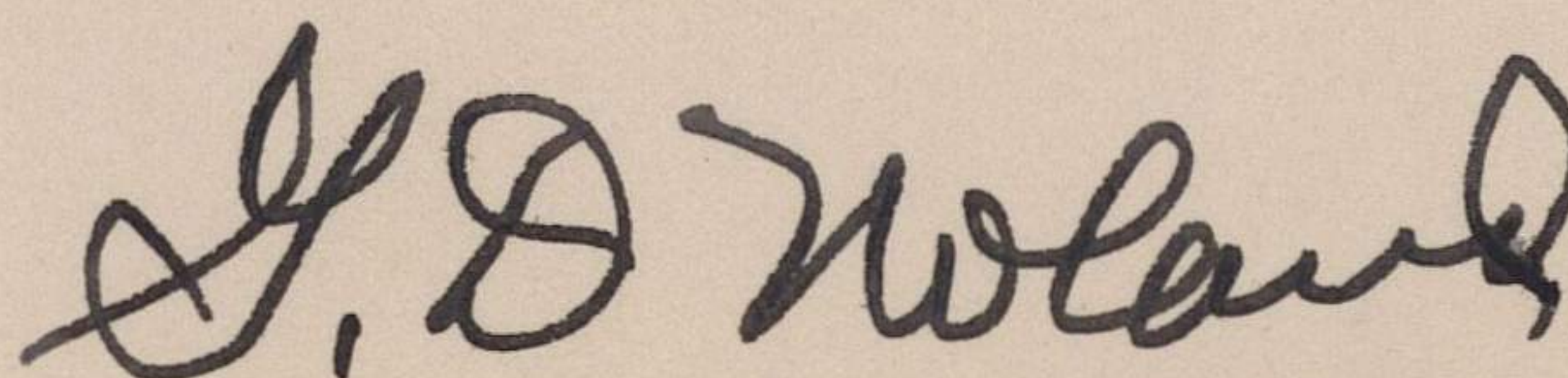
We debated for some time as to which one of us should have our way and finally I gave in for him to have Mr. Collins. I should have written you or checked with our Secretary, but at this time my father-in-law was at the point of death in Iowa and I rushed away and in the confusion the matter was overlooked and it was not called to my attention again until I received your letter right in the midst of our ticket sales to put over the Collins' lecture.

This isn't a very businesslike way for me to do, but if you remember my makeup and know me, I am not very businesslike anyway.

I have talked with the President of our organization and he suggested that I try to secure your services and express to you our sincere desire of having you to open our season of Laymen's League dinners the last week of September or the first in October and we will notify you definitely of this date.

I assure you that our fellows are real anxious to have you and though you may not think it I shall be more than glad to present you to them.

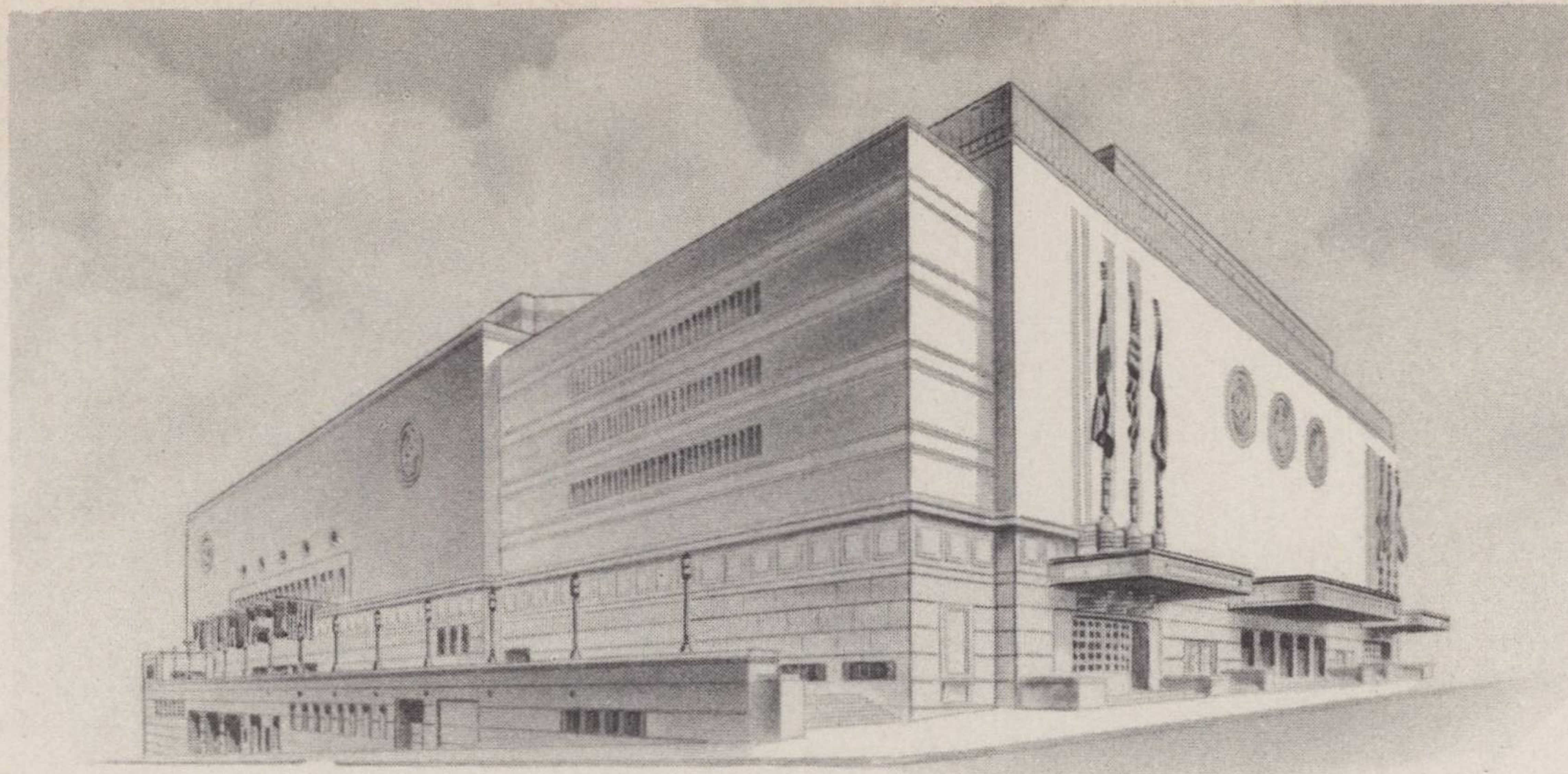
Yours very sincerely,



G. D. NOLAN, MINISTER.

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May 28, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

Just a few lines to let you know that any time you are in Kansas City in the near future, Ernie Mehl and myself would be very happy to have an appointment with you and talk over a little idea that we have in mind for next winter.

Hoping this finds you in the best of health, I am

Very sincerely yours,

James H. Nixon
James H. Nixon
Municipal Auditorium

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*Call - I L
June 2nd*



May 31st, 1941

Mr. James H. Nixon
Municipal Auditorium
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Nixon:

I am glad to have your letter of the 28th instant, and as soon as my examinations are over, which will last until Tuesday, June 3rd, I will endeavor to find a time convenient so that I can run up to Kansas City and have a conference with you and Ernie.

Wishing you and yours the best of health and happiness,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

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

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August 11, 1941,

Dr. William B. Needles, President,
Northern Illinois College of Optometry,
Drexel Blvd. at 42nd Place,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Dr. Needles:

Dr. Hub wrote me August 6th telling me of the difficulty that you are having in regard to the Spencer microscope.

I might explain to you that ordinarily I would have no difficulty in this as I have been able to accommodate several of the individuals here in a professional way. I thought I had the matter taken care of but a certain quirk arose that threw a monkey wrench in the machinery, and now rather than to pay some of these fellows the full price I am using circuitous means. Of course, I am not mentioning the direction that I am going.

The University on all scientific equipment receives a substantial discount, and on almost everything that is bought by the University the faculty are permitted to buy with a smaller discount than the wholesale. But I have run into something here that I do not care to buck, so I will go around if possible.

I have had Bobby write to the supply house that serves the students at the University of Pennsylvania, and they have on hand the Spencer scope that he desires. The largest discount that that I imagine you can get would be ten per cent, and I dislike to bother you at all were it not for the angle that I have just mentioned. The microscope business, it seems, they have tied up in a pretty hard and fast way. I was wondering if it would be possible to have your Spencer manager borrow one from the supply manager who services Northwestern University or Rush. If they could not supply this under the plan that you wrote to Hub before November that would be too late and I would prefer to place the order in Philadelphia so that Bobby could have it when he enrolls there in the middle of September.

The rub here is that I cannot get any discount at all because I do not want to ask certain favors of certain people that are blocking it at the present time so that their friends can get the discount.

I thought probably this one angle of borrowing a scope from one of the supply houses that are stocking up for the incoming medical students might be possible.

I have written you rather exhaustively and I trust that I have not tired you. Please go to no undue trouble, but if you think it might be possible to get one at the supply house at ten per cent discount then of course I would be happy to lick the other fellow at his game.

With all good wishes and deep appreciation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



NORTHERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY
DREXEL BOULEVARD AT FORTY-SECOND PLACE
CHICAGO

DR. WILLIAM B. NEEDLES
PRESIDENT

August 4, 1941.

Dr. H. L. Allen
%Alton Clinic,
Alton, Illinois.

Dear Hub:

I must apologize for my delay in replying to your inquiry regarding the matter of the Spencer microscope. The letter was forwarded to me up in Douglas at the cottage and as I just came in yesterday, this was my first opportunity to make an investigation.

My immediate reaction on reading the letter was that I could make a very considerable saving on this outfit for your Uncle Phog, and I must confess that this was because I had forgotten a great many facts that I formerly knew. I have just finished a conversation with the manager of the American Optical Company branch here in Chicago, who is a friend of long standing and of whom we buy upwards of ten thousand dollars worth a year not including the equipment orders. You understand that American Optical Company now owns the Spencer Company and their headquarters here are all in the same suite of offices. After talking to the manager of the microscope division, he called me back and gave me this information. No microscopes of the number which you specified in your letter are available in this branch nor will be before November. They have been promised for that date the delivery of about half the number for which they have orders. The orders which they accept come exclusively from laboratories in the various colleges; they do not place any business through jobbers. He tells me that the discounts allowed are very small, but they usually sell them to the colleges at a figure which permits them to give the student a discount of about ten percent. When we introduced our basic science courses some few years ago, we installed about a hundred microscopes which are loaned to the students. I recall now that we were a little surprised to discover that we could not obtain from either Bausch & Lomb or Spencer more than 15 percent discount on this large order, although we were accustomed to receiving much higher discounts on all other types of merchandise. This means that the microscope business is practically unlike any other. I am assured that practically all of the colleges which buy microscopes for sale to

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their students, grant the student a ten percent discount but that this leaves them an exceedingly meager margin for the expense of purchasing and distributing them.

The Spencer manager told me that if they have one available of the type I desired, they would be glad to let me have it at the price I paid for the large order of some time ago, which would be just a little better than ten percent, but that the earliest he could possibly make delivery would be in November and he would then have to give my order precedence over somebody else. I told him not to put through an order from me until he heard from me again.

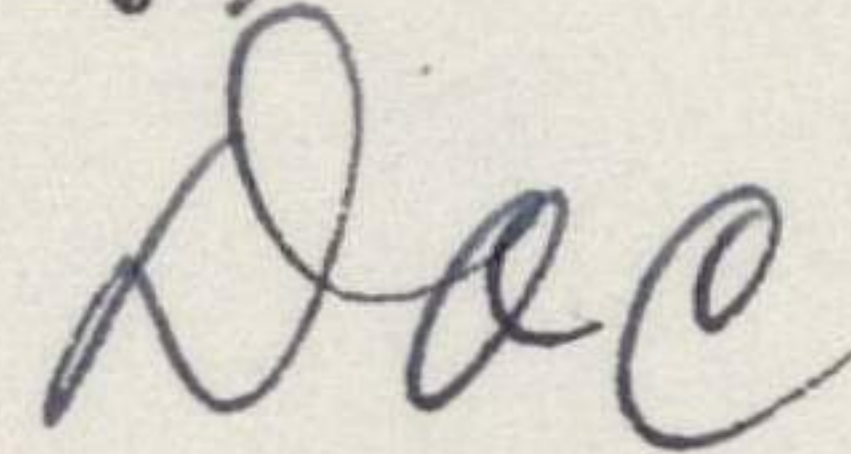
It appears then that if your Uncle Phog can get his order filled, it would be wise to grab it especially if he can get a discount of as much as ten percent. Both Spencer and Bausch & Lomb are being flooded with government orders and are diverting large portions of their factories to the manufacture of range finders and other forms of instruments for war uses.

Incidentally, Mr. Sullivan has been negotiating with Dr. Maple at the Woodlawn Clinic and he tells that your blinds have been disposed of and other adjustments are being worked out. Your check has not been delivered and when it is, there will be a refund covering all these differences which he will forward to you. I know you are glad to get settled in your new home and will be gratified to have your family all together again.

Let me hear from you as to how everything stands and I will write you again on my next trip in, which will be sometime next week.

Again apologizing for my delay on this matter, and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely,



William B. Needles, D.O.S.
President

WBN:EZ

August 25, 1941.

Mr. Everett Nicholson,
544 S. Green,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Everett:

I have just returned from the Iowa High School Coaches Association coaching school where Clark Shaughnessy of Stanford, Bernie Bierman of Minnesota, Henry Iba and I were on the teaching faculty.

Confidentially, I am passing this information on to you. Superintendent Claude Kissick at Wellington is looking for a coach but they want to keep it very confidential. Why could you not slip over there and have a conference with him, but do not reveal the source of your information.

From time to time when I hear of anything I will be glad to give you the information. Wellington is in your own league and if they want a winner they will not make a mistake if they obtain you.

Yes, indeed, the boys that you have sent up to me have been well coaches and have been fine gentlemen. I will be glad to help you at any time an opportunity presents itself.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

FCA:AH

August 20, 1941.

Mr. Everett Nicholson,
544 S. Green St.,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

Your letter of August 18th addressed to Dr. F. C. Allen has been received during his absence. Dr. Allen is in Iowa this week where he is taking part in a coaching school sponsored by the Iowa State High School Athletic Association.

Dr. Allen will probably return to Lawrence at the end of this week, at which time your letter will be promptly brought to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen.

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544 S. Green
Aug. 18, 1941

Dr. F.C. Allen
Basketball Coach
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kans.

Dear "Phog":

I am writing to you to see if you know of any coaching position that is open or will be open for the coming year. I have thought about writing to you several times this summer but thought that I would be located before now. I gave up my job here at Wichita because it was not right to teach basketball the way you had to teach it here, so that leaves me looking for a place to go this fall.

Your contacts with the boys who have gone up there, whom I have coached, I am sure has given you an idea of at least some of the qualities of my coaching ability, which I am sure will enable you to judge me as a man as well as a coach.

If you can sight me to anything or know of some school official who needs a coach I would appreciate very much hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Everett Nicholson

Everett Nicholson

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August 26, 1941.

Dr. William B. Needles, President,
Northern Illinois College of Optometry,
Drexel Blvd. at 42nd Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Dr. Needles:

Thank you so much for your very excellent letter of the 22nd instant. I was genuinely pleased at the kindness shown me when you endeavored to get a scope for Bobby. I realize the pressure that you must have put on your friend to get this concession and if you are successful I want you to know that it will be greatly appreciated on two scores; one, of course, that I do not want to bow to these boys who thought they had me across the barrel, and the other is that it will save the old gentleman some very necessary shekels at a time when he has four children in college, and that is something.

Certainly we can afford to wait two weeks, and somehow I feel that you will be able to make the deal with your friends at the American Optical Company. As soon as you have information one way or the other I would appreciate it because Bob is a little anxious that he might be sold short with the Philadelphia people as he does not put up a deposit soon. They are asking that he make a deposit, and since he is a Phi Beta Kappa student here he is very eager that he go back to Penn and make a fine record there. Competition is tough back there and he knows it, and he is a little nervous lest he might miss out on one of these scopes at the supply house there. Of course, they offer him four years service and storage during vacation, and so forth, but I tell him that that service is much more than offset by the saving that we can make through your kindness. I will be awaiting your reply with eagerness, and I want you to know that I genuinely appreciate your kindness.

Thank you for your kindness in giving me Hub, Sr.'s, address. As soon as he returns from his missionary work in New York I will write him. I trust that he is doing a good job for you back there, and confidentially I believe that his personality is such that he will get a few of the boys on the dotted line.

And I am delightfully proud of Hub, Jr. I saw him in Chicago at a K. U. luncheon and I don't know when I got as much of a thrill out of anything as seeing his professional development, his fine bearing, and his exceptional personality. I predict for him a great future in medicine.

Thank you for the comment on Jane's engagement to Elwood Mons, of Chicago. The young man is the designing engineer of the Hill-Clarke Machinery Company. We are very happy with the set-up and I believe both young people have ballast enough to make a definite success of life. Jane is in the art design business in Chicago. She has an interest in a firm and I am not sure whether she will work at it after she is married or not. She got a handsome dividend on the earnings of the firm this past month and how proud she was of the check! She has been home during August resting and planning for the event which takes place September 6th.

Again I want to thank you for your exceptional kindness. I trust to reciprocate this favor at my first opportunity.

By the way, we are playing DePaul University in Chicago on January 31, and we would like for you and your friends to mark this date down in your calendar. We will have tickets for your party if you are able to attend.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

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NORTHERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

DREXEL BOULEVARD AT FORTY-SECOND PLACE

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DR. WILLIAM B. NEEDLES
PRESIDENT

August 22, 1941.

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

Dear Doctor Allen:

I was out of the city when your letter arrived and this is my first opportunity to reply.

On my arrival this morning I called up my friends at the American Optical Company and explained to them that it was absolutely necessary for them to get for us a microscope of the type you designated for our college laboratory requirements. My friend down there explained again at length what a headache they're having this year over microscopes. He claims that they are very seriously concerned over the prospect of their being unable to fill the orders of Northwestern, Chicago University and certain of the other schools. I called his attention to the fact that inasmuch as they will be short in these orders anyway, one less scope wouldn't make serious difference to those folks and that it was very important to me. He took down the numbers of the microscope and sub-stage lamp, etc., and told me that he would try his best to get one for me. I feel sure that he will be able to do it.

I am wondering how soon Bobby will have to have this; it may be a week or ten days before I can get action on it, but I don't think it will be any longer. Since dictating the foregoing, I notice in your letter that Bobby will enroll in Philadelphia in the middle of September. That will mean he could afford to wait as long as two weeks and I will proceed on that assumption.

You inquired about Hub, Sr's address - you can always reach him here in care of the College. At the present time he is in New York on missionary work for me; I borrowed his services from the auditor by whom he has been employed and who is a good friend of mine. Our enrollment has been so hard hit by the draft, that we are making an intrinsic drive to build up our class for this fall. We received a great many applications from prospective students in the New York area, including New Jersey, Connecticut and other adjoining states, so we decided to send a man back there for

Dr. Forrest C. Allen

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personal interviews with these prospects in an effort to prevent them from changing their mind, as has often happened in past years. Hub will be back in another ten days and will then work around Chicago until our College opens on September 22nd.

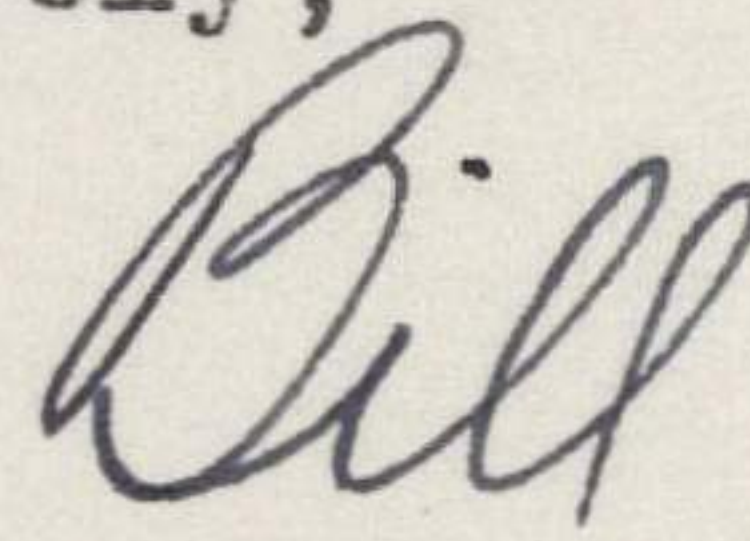
We're all gratified in Hub, Jr's set-up at Alton and it appears as though this would develop into something very much worthwhile.

Incidentally, we all read with great interest the accounts in the Chicago papers of your daughter's engagement. I am sure you must be very proud to be the father of such a talented young lady.

Please know that I am very happy to undertake to perform this little service for you and I sincerely hope that it works out.

Assuring you that I was very glad to hear from you, and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely,



William B. Needles, D.O.S.
President

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