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Dear Doc:

It's been so long since I have written you and visa versa that your girl has forgotten how to spell my name which, of course, is a heinous crime.

Like you, I wished I might have been there Saturday and the more I think on second thought the sadder I make myself. I had planned to be at our Illinois mine this past week end, so availed myself of the opportunity of seeing Notre Dame-Northwestern play. However, barring something unforeseen of a definitely important nature, I shall be on hand this coming Saturday with the whole clan.

I have had a lot of surprises over football results but this one really did give me a pleasant jar. I have just been thinking that from all reports on the personnel of this football team that a guy with a running pass instinct ought to have made a whale of an offensive team out of this present Kansas gang, and the more I see of football the more convinced I am that the running pass, with the corresponding running threat, is the most interesting to fans and participants alike and the most receptive of all types of football.

I had a nice visit with Woody, in fact, I went to the game with him. Our discussion after the game got around to the merits of old formation X right and left, preferably right, and what a world of offensive power, properly executed, it gave to the ball carrier. Needless to say, we decided that any good strong team such as Notre Dame or Northwestern could have made the opponent look awfully silly.

Concerning the Hammers boys, I have both of them lined up here on this Jayhawk Ordnance Plant and if they are not at work already they soon will be. To start with they will be employed on the guard detachment, but being very presentable and likeable boys, I have an idea we can find something better for them later on.