

January 27, 1942.

Mr. Dan Partner,  
Sport Desk,  
Kansas City Star,  
Kansas City, Mo.,

Dear Dan:

I am sending you a copy of my letter to the convocation committee mainly to give you the inside story of our game with Southern California in the N. C. A. A. tournament. I thought you might be interested in this.

Sincerely yours,

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



January 20, 1942.

Dr. Lyle S. Powell,  
736 Kentucky St.,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Powell:

Thank you very much for your kindness in conveying to me Mr. Leavy's greetings. I remember him very well, and was happy to hear from him.

Very sincerely yours,

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



January 30, 1942.

Mr. W. L. Leavy,  
701-3 Den Waggoner Bldg.,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Leavy:

Dr. Powell has passed on to me your greeting, and I appreciate very much hearing from you. I also thank you for the nice compliment you paid me.

I am glad to know that life is treating you kindly, and I hope that it continues to do so.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

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LYLE S. POWELL, M. D.

736 KENTUCKY STREET

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

January 17, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

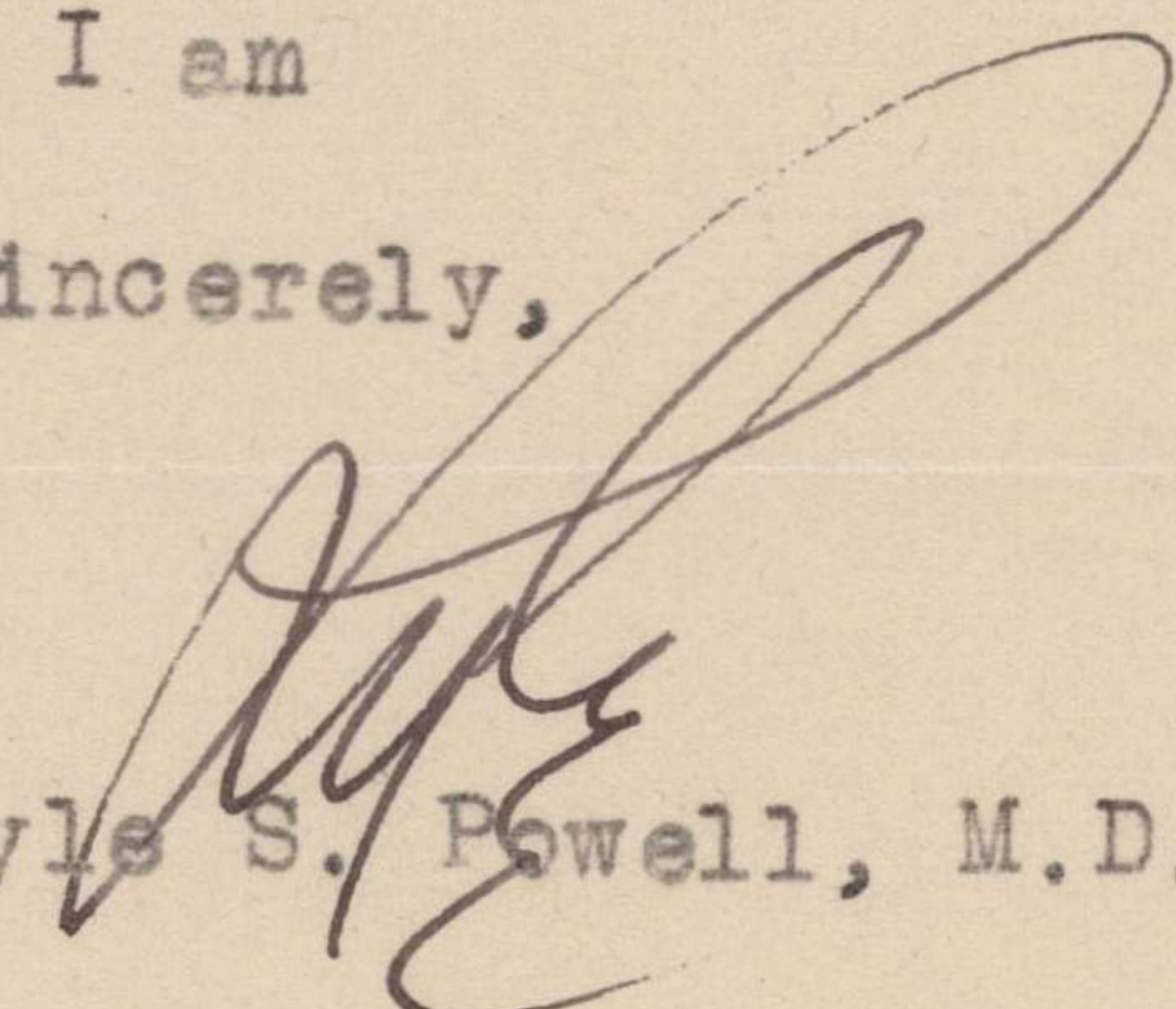
Coming home from Wichita the other day, my seat partner was a man named W. L. Leavy, and insurance man of Ft. Worth, Texas.

Mr. Leavy asked immediately about you, saying he had played football under you at Warrensburg some years ago. He was very enthusiastic about you, your personality and your energy, and he repeatedly said that he thought he had learned more about life while playing football under you at Warrensburg than from any other source. He asked to be remembered to you and I thought you would like to know about the many compliments he paid you.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

LSP:gp

  
Lyle S. Powell, M.D.



January 16, 1942.

Mr. Tom Parker,  
Buick Company,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Tom:

I want to report to you again that the radio in my car is absolutely no good. Whoever has worked on it previously didn't improve it a bit - it is just as bad as it ever was.

I drove to Columbia, Missouri, on Tuesday night and back again Wednesday night, and we tried to tune in both ways, but we just couldn't get good reception. I had Vance Hall, Jack Ballard, Ray Evans, and Charlie Walker in the car with me, and we would go along for a little while with the reception fairly good, then it would cut off. It was very indistinct even with the antenna on.

If any parts were replaced in the radio they certainly weren't the parts that were causing the trouble. I just wanted to report to you that the service is not at all satisfactory.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



January 16, 1942.

Dr. Don Carlos Peete,  
Argyle Building,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dr. Peete:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have written to Mr. Raymond Nichols, which I wanted you to see since the newspapers played up the brawl and not the essential facts.

Chuck Elliott handed me your letter yesterday - said he had been carrying it around all this time. I am giving Ralph and Charlie a copy of the General Principles at once, and as soon as possible I want to get them to your office for a good examination.

We appreciate very much all you are doing for the boys.

We leave tonight for Lincoln and Ames.

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH

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



DON CARLOS PEETE, M. D.  
531 ARGYLE BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

1-9-42

Dear Friend - Here is the diet  
list for Ralph + Charlie.

In addition I would suggest  
either uniceps - 3 daily  
or Betula's Compound cod liver  
oil tablets - Whites -

Sorry we can't go to De Moines  
with you - Good luck +  
get an eye full -

Regards to all  
Don -



January 13, 1942.

Mr. Harold W. Poort,  
Farmers Grain Cooperative,  
Kiesel Building,  
P. O. Box 508,  
Ogden, Utah.

Dear Mr. Poort:

Yes, we tape the glasses on the boys while they are playing. Two boys on the varsity, Charlie Walker and Marvin Sollenberger, wear them, and whenever time is out in a game the glasses are made a little more secure with tape.

I would suggest that you put a little Compound Tincture of Benzoin on the skin just under the tape. I believe this will make the tape hold tighter, and it will also help prevent perspiration from running down the sides of the face. You can buy a small quantity at any drug store, or you can get it from athletic goods firms where it is sold under the name of "skin toughener" or "tough-hide", or some such name.

We have used the "safe-play" non-shatter basketball glasses with fine success upon our boys.

I trust I have given you the information you desire, and if I can help you further it will be a pleasure to hear from you again.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

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**HAROLD W. POORT**

FARMERS GRAIN COOPERATIVE

Kiesel Building  
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# FARMERS GRAIN COOPERATIVE

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January 10-42

Dr. "Phog" Allen:  
Lawrence, Kansas:

Dear Doctor Allen:

My boy is now playing Basketball on the High School basketball team and is forced to wear glasses. I purchased a pair of non breakable lenses which he tries to tape on and succeeds quite well. The lenses are in a regular frame with rims. In his game tonight he broke sides of the frame which go from the eye to the ear. So I am asking if you could give us some advice as to how such glasses can be made to stay on during a game.

It comes to my mind that Sollenberger is wearing glasses or am I mistaken?

If you do not remember me I might add that I coached at Salina High for some time and at Peabody High. I have been out here only a year and have charge of the grain merchandising for the above company.

Wishing you another successful Allen Basketball season and trusting I receive a prompt answer from you, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*Harold W. Poort*







OFFICE OF  
ROGER T. SERMON  
MAYOR

THE CITY OF  
INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

January 5, 1942

Mr. Vaughn Pontius  
1428 Ohio Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

I have had some correspondence with Dr. Forrest Allen with reference to your application with the Remington Arms Company at Lake City.

As soon as you have filed your application with them, let me know, and I will be glad to recommend you to the employment manager with the hope that it will do you some good.

Yours very truly

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger T. Sermon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Roger T. Sermon, Mayor

RTS:vc



December 26, 1941.

Mr. John Parker,  
Wiedemann's,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Johnny:

I want to thank you sincerely for your thoughtfulness in sending me the box of sweets. This is greatly appreciated, I assure you, as I not only enjoy the candy but all of us like to be remembered particularly at this time of the year.

With all good wishes for your continued health and prosperity, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



December 24, 1941.

Mr. Dan Partner,  
Sports Desk,  
The Kansas City Star,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dan:

I am sending you a copy of a little booklet that we made up for our basketball players on their trip last year to New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and so forth. The same is self-explanatory.

I thought you might enjoy some of the yarns of the boys and the impressions that were made upon them as they recall them in their diaries. These educational trips are really worth while, and I am sure that the mothers of these boys will appreciate their impressions and viewpoints as depicted in this little diary.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



December 17, 1941.

Mr. Clarence Peterson,  
1337 Kentucky Street,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Peterson:

I waited until after 11 o'clock last night, and then was so tired that I went to bed. Then I was awakened by the beautiful music of your choir, but I was in no shape to report. I still wanted to go with you - the spirit was willing, but the flesh was weak.

I want you to know that we immensely enjoyed the music, and I am sorry that my age caught up with me.

The Modern Choir is one of my favorites, and your singing last night added to my appreciation of your talents. Congratulations to you on your splendid leadership.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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





**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE**

W. W. PARKER, PRESIDENT  
CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI

December  
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1941

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

Dear "Doc":

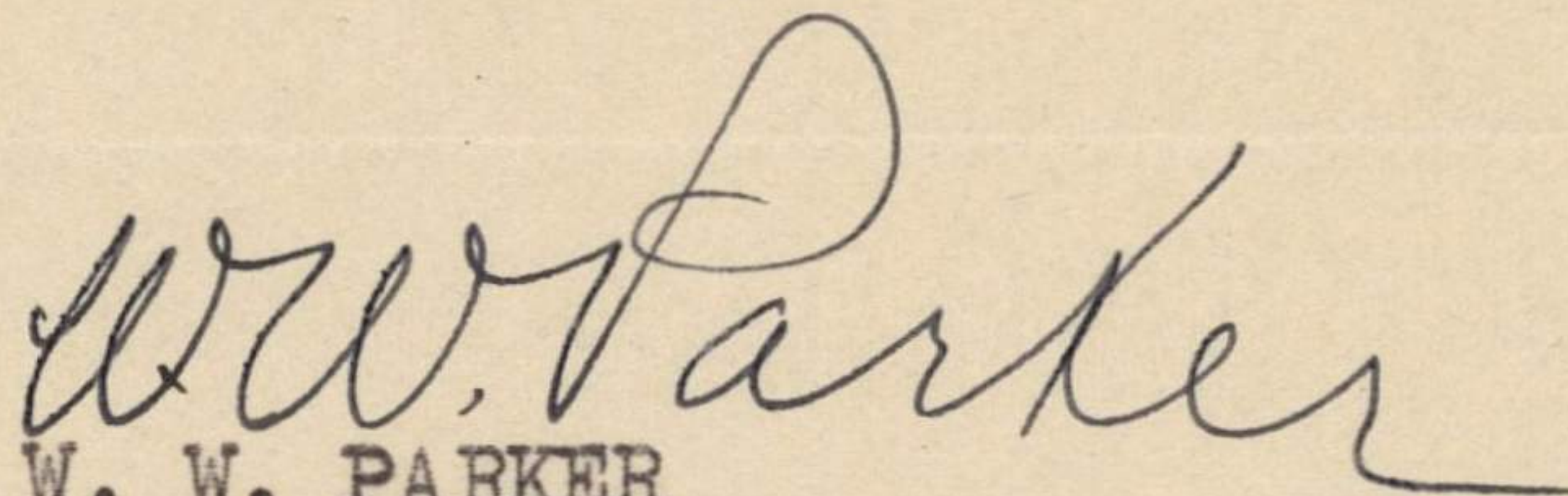
Yes, your Better Basketball came some time ago. I enjoyed especially the tales at the end. No effort at pun on "tail". I am sure Bobby and Jimmy Hirsch will prize most highly the autographed copy of your book.

Yes, the arch normalizer came several days ago, and I believe it is going to provide worthwhile exercise.

With our chins up we must be up and at Japan and Germany. I hardly think Mussolini counts any longer.

Mrs. Parker joins me in extending the season's greetings to you and Mrs. Allen.

Most sincerely yours,

  
W. W. PARKER  
President

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December 18, 1941.

Mr. Jay Plumley,  
Quaker State Sales Department,  
Standard Oil Company,  
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Dear Jay:

Mrs. Allen and I have just received the announcement of your wedding to Miss Anna Catherine Stevens on Sunday, December 21, at Independence, Kansas.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting us, and we wish for you and yours all the happiness in the world. You, like the rest of us, have had your share of trials and tribulations, and we are hoping that the future will be very kind to you and yours.

With best of Yuletide greetings, and wishing you a long, happy and prosperous wedded life, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

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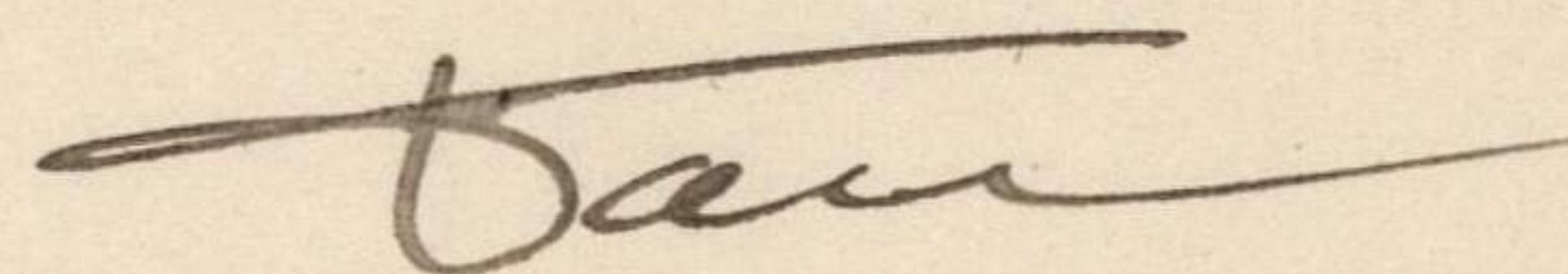
Dear "Phog:"

Please accept my heart-felt thanks for the autographed copy of "Better Basketball" received today. It is a welcomed addition to my library and I shall treasure the book.

I'll be looking for you here Saturday. At present I'm up a stump attempting to find out whether any news-making activities will take place. If anyone knows, they aren't saying anything.

Guess I'll just have to manufacture some ideas and then give them a ride.

Best regards,



Dan Partner



October 10, 1941

Mr. Dan Partner  
Sports Desk  
The Kansas City Star  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dan,

Inclosed please find a carbon copy of a second letter that I have written to W.H. Browne. I thought you might be interested in this matter that I over-looked in my first letter to Brownie.

Sincerely yours,

FCA/PE

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach



October 6, 1941.

Mr. Dan Partner,  
Sports Desk,  
The Kansas City Star,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dan:

I thought you might be interested in reading  
an epistle from my good friend, Lt. Col. W. H. Browne,  
formerly coach at the University of Nebraska, who is  
now quartered in Mansfield, Ia., but whose A.P.O. 35  
is Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

Sincerely yours,

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

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Dear Phog:

In looking over our exchange papers, I ran across the enclosed column by Sigh Sherman at Lincoln. Thought perhaps you might be interested.

Best regards,



Dan Partner



October 2, 1941.

Mr. Dan Partner,  
Sports Desk,  
The Kansas City Star,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dan:

I am sending you a letter in confidence from Adolph Rupp, the coach at the University of Kentucky. This is regarding one of their star freshmen, Hallie Hudson.

If you care to use any part of this letter in clinching the point that I struck at in proselyting in basketball as well as in football, then here is evidence of such a thing.

These letters are a regular thing, and not an exception, but coming so close on the heels of my statement regarding proselyting in football and basketball I thought it might help the rabbit brothers who think I am only hitting at football to show this as a regular thing in traffic of athletes.

This boy has nothing. He needs board, room, tuition, books, clothes, medical expenses, and what have you. If a coach does it for one he is forced to do it for the others. Then multiply this amount that it takes to take care of this boy by the number of men on the first squad, and you have the answer for basketball.

I appreciate your kindly interest and attitude in all the things that I have presented to you.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

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Enc.



September 29, 1941.

Mr. Dan Partner,  
Sports Desk,  
The Kansas City Star,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dan:

I am sorry that I did not have a chance to visit longer with you and Ray when I was at William Jewell. It was mighty nice of you to come over, being the busy man that you are.

When I saw these three hundred boys and girls I naturally had to change my talk from wholly a national situation to a local one. And too, I did not set out as clearly in that speech the three definite reasons why big-time athletics are on the wane. I think you did a wonderful job of making a story out of what I said.

The first point that I wanted to make was that the future coaches of colleges and high schools will be derived from athletes who are now in college. Most of these fellows have had board, room, tuition, clothes and everything given to them because they were high-powered athletes. They had fraternity life without paying for it, or at least they ate at the backdoor of the fraternity house and got contact with the fraternity life by knowing the people who were paying their board bill.

Now, how in the world can that group of fellows who are getting something for nothing in an educational way induce or inspire a boy in the rigors of honest college life? The only thing that they have ever known has been the easy street method of getting along, and they will not know how to honestly sit down and tell the boy the higher values of a college education. So the only way they will know will be the way that they have gone, and that is to expect something for playing. And instead of staying on the job and teaching classes in gymnastics and educational subjects (physical education major courses) they coach their sport and the rest of the time they contact money-giving alumni and athletic prospects.

Naturally, this type of coach does not emphasize the necessity of making good grades and getting a real education. He naturally reflects the attitude of winning a ball game as "tops" in the way of success for this misinformed young athlete. Therefore, the reasoning of this young college athlete is all out of joint.

I like this simile. If you ask a five-year-old youngster whether he would have a nickel's worth of candy today or a deed to a house and lot tomorrow, he will take the candy. The young athlete who



loves competition above everything else will listen to the argument of this pseudo-coach and he will choose a college where athletics with little work are placed above the hard grind in working for an education.

The second reason, I think, was elaborated upon very forcibly - the economic situation. None of us after this war will have too much money above bare living and life's necessities. We, of course, will be able to save, but it will be a work of art and one of self-denial. The fraternity boys of course will not have this extra money and I do not believe they will vote to pay somebody else's food bill. And naturally the fraternity life will not be the life and ease and over-emphasis on fraternities that it has been in the past.

The third reason that you elaborated upon nicely was that every man in the army will be in some physical activity. The intramurals will be so definitely systematized and ingrained in the youngsters' activities that the educators will be quick to grasp this plan of the army and put it into practice in their colleges. If we go "all out for War" in another year our athletic ranks of stars will be definitely depleted, and that will be the time for the educators to take hold. They will control the new deal in athletics from its inception before it gets ahead of them as it has at present. This huge giant tusker which the educators have been neither definitely controlling nor guiding by walking along with and yet fearing the animal, will not exist in its present form.

When I see the great scientists and the men who have made the reputation for the University underpaid proportionately, then I believe that I can glimpse the attitude of the educators when and if they get a chance to take a crack at this big-time show. Certainly competitive athletics as they are run in 95% of the schools and colleges have little or no educational value. No longer do they look at a coach as a builder of character or morale, but one of the drivers of the three-ring circus. That coach has lost his prestige as a developer and a leader of young men. He is just a circus trainer and the public doesn't take him seriously except when he appears before a business men's luncheon or the quarterback club. And then the business executives take him only as an entertainer as they would some fellow like John Barrymore or Clark Gable. They want to either laugh at him or with him.

It was good to see you and I am hoping that some day soon I may have the pleasure of having you and Mrs. Partner down so that Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Partner may get better acquainted. Dr. Peete tells me that he and Mrs. Peete have had fine visits with you, and I want to arrange a get-together when and if you have time in your busy existence.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



Sept. 12, 1941

Mr. Dan Partner  
Sports Desk, Kansas City Star  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dan,

This past summer Jim Reed of the Topeka Daily Capitol wrote in his sport column that Warren Israel, former Paseo boy and later of the Mexico School of Mines, ace football and basketball player, would enroll at Kansas. I wrote Jim to the effect that Warren had been a freshman at Kansas this past year and before that he had played against us the winter before in the Jayhawk Tournament at Topeka conducted by Washburn College.

May I tell you that Charlie Black's family moved from Overland Park a year ago last summer to Lawrence, Kansas and Charlie enrolled last September at the University of Kansas. Charlie will be eligible for the Jayhawker basketball team this winter. Might I pull a pun and say that in my opinion your story regarding Black is "un-Partner-donable". It is not like you, Dan, who gave you that bum steer?

(Off the record, Dan,) I might tell you that I got Charlie Black here at the University and it took a lot of work! Now here's a new story for you, but do not use my name in any of your yarns. Charlie Black played for Highland Park High School, just out of Topeka, in his junior year where he was a star player. His parents then moved to Kansas City, where the father, C. B. Black, is southwestern manager of the Alemite Corporation, Kansas City, Mo. The family have always been Jayhawkers, but in his senior year, Charlie starred in basketball, football, and track at Southwest. Previous to his playing at Southwest he had once played in Kansas.

Here's the story, Dan. Dr. Robert R. Taft, of the chemistry department at the University of Kansas, and Mr. C. B. Black were teammates together on the Midland Nebraska college team back in the early days. Doctor Taft played fullback and C. B. Black played tackle. The Black family and the Tafts are very good friends and it was Doctor Taft who told me that he was trying to get the Black family to move to Lawrence for the education of their six children.

I then talked to Charlie Black's mother and father and learned that while Charlie was in Wisconsin on a legislative scholarship obtained by Stuhldurer for him, the drain on the family purse was too much, so they desired Charlie to come back from Madison to Lawrence. Now you can use your imagination the rest of the way, Dan.



With kindest personal regards I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach



September 9, 1941.

Mr. Dan Partner,  
Sports Editor,  
The Kansas City Star,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dan:

Thank you for your very good letter of recent date. Personally, Dan, I am not hard on the boys from Aggieville. They are a fine, aggressive, ambitious group of young chaps who want to get ahead, and who can blame them for that?

It is interesting to note your correspondence from the downtown quarterbacks from Manhattan. I am surprised that I was not mentioned in that smear campaign conducted by my collaborators. I feel a little hurt that they left me out -- or did they? Maybe you just didn't want to hurt my feelings - I am so sensitive to criticism.

One of the boys told me this morning that Ward Haylett told a Class B boy in basketball that "Phog" Allen didn't fool with any Class B boys, he just had to have the big shots. I can't believe that Ward said such a naughty thing. Bruce Voran was a Class B boy, so was Eddie Hall, and a lot of the other boys that I have had.

But, Dan, I just wrote you for the fun of it. I didn't have any Spanish blood even on the surface.

I took your letter home and read it to the family. They were happy to hear from you. I saw Dr. Peete Saturday night at Jane's wedding at our home and we had a nice visit. Dr. and Mrs. Peete both think you are tops. I will be wanting to see you and have a chat with you, and I guess the only chance I will have is to drop in and see you. I always enjoy your writings. You seem to be alive to the real situation.

Sincerely yours,

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

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