Mrs. Percy Parks, c/o Bell Memorial Hospital, Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Parks:

There is nothing that a person can do in a time like this, but I want you to know how shocked and grieved we were to learn of Percy's accident. It is always difficult for us to understand why things happen to such wonderful people. But that is one of the unfathomable things that nobody has been able to solve.

May you have the strength sufficient to guide you in these ancious hours, and rest assured that the Allen's hopes and prayers are for you, Percy, and your young daughter.

With deep feelings, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education, Varsity Dasketball Coach, Mr. Charles A. Pitts, P. O. Box 23, Ville Platte, La.

Dear Charlie:

I imagine you think that I do not take very good care of my correspondence, but the truth of the matter is that I have been to California twice, to Chicago for the National Basketball Coaches Association, to St. Louis on some research, to Sioux City for a physical education meeting, and today I am leaving for New York to attend the National Basketball Rules Committee meeting.

I am hurriedly writing to you to tell you that I do want to help you, and as soon as I get back from New York I will go over this situation and talk to Mit and see what I can do for you. I assure you that you are not imposing upon me in any way, and if there is any way that I can help you it will be a decided pleasure to do so.

It is interesting, isn't it, Charlie? I don't believe Mit thinks he has such a swell job. But if there is any way that I can help you get what you want it will be a pleasure to do so.

Assuring you that you will hear from me after my return from New York, and with kindest regards to you and your good wife. I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Ville Platte, La. March 26, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I feel somewhat embarrassed for writing such a letter as this is to be, but when I think when it I guess one may be privalidged to ask a favor of an old friend.

I still have the same job that I had when I was in Kansas last summer, and as far as a job is concerned I am satisfied with it. It pays \$240. a month and the work is vigerous and healthful, but that is the absolute top and since the work is nothing more than manual labor I feel that I am wasting my time.

As you know I am not very lazy and I try to be a good worker. My only ambition is to get a job where I will have a chance to get a better job.

Many times I have envied "Mit" and wished that I had a job as fine as his. I am quite willing to sacrafice the difference in pay for the opportunity of advancement and outlook for the future that is between his job and mine. I would give anything in the world for a job like that.

I have the coblege preparation and I have had two years of experience in the oil fields.

I write to you because I feel sure that you will be good enough to advise me as to ways and means of applying for one of these jobs. To whome could I write? And will you be able to recommend me to them?

I sincerely hope I am not imposing on you and I assure you that I will be a good man in any job that I may get.

Yours very truly

Charles A. Pitts

P. O. Box 23

Ville Platte, La.

Mr. Charles A. Pitts, Box 23, Ville Platte, La.

Dear Mr. Pitts:

Four letter of March 26th addressed to Dr. Allen has been received during his absence in Chicago and Sioux City, Ia. I am taking the liberty of acknowledging receipt of your letter because I do not expect Dr. Allen back in the office until about April 10th. I thought perhaps you might wonder about the delay if you did not hear from him before that time.

From Sioux City Dr. Allen will be going to San Francisco for the national convention of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, which meets April 3-6.

Your letter will be brought to Dr. Allen's attention as soon as he returns to the office.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen.

Mr. H. V. Porter, 11 So. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Porter:

Thank you for sending me a copy of Basketball Play Situations. Also, I want to congratulate you on the fine get-up of the Basketball Rules booklet.

Henry Iba has been inquiring about the revised rules, and I am telling him that you are in charge of the distribution of these booklets.

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach. Mr. Charles A. Pitts, Box 23, Ville Platte, La.

Doar Charlies

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of the 25th instant, and to know of your interest in this boy, Merit. I am glad to know that you are also writing Mr. Henry and Mike, because they are the ones who would be more interested in him than I.

gone out after boys, believing that the boys should come here primarily for an education. I find it rather difficult to secure employment for boys, and in this case it seems that Mr. Henry or Mike are the ones who could do the most for him.

I'm awfully sorry, Charlie, that I was unable to sed more of you when you made your two trips to Lawrence. I'm glad to know that you will be here again in the fall, and hope at that time we can have a good visit.

Again thanking you for your fine interest, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours.

Director of Physical Education and Recreation, Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Mr. Gwinn Henry. Director of Athletics.

Doar Gwinn:

I am enclosing a letter I have received from Charlie Pitts concerning a boy who seems to be interested in coming to K. U.

Pitts is a former K. U. man. He started out in football and track, but developed in track.

After you have read this letter I shall be glad to have your reaction.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation, Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jay Flumley. 13392 Massachusetts St., Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Jay and lirs. Flunley:

of the arrival of your baby son. Congratulations to all of your I trust that everybody is getting along in fine shape.

With best wishes for your continued health and prosperity, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation, Varsity Basketball Coach. Mr. F. W. Parrott, Clay Center, Kansas.

Dear Hr. Parrotts

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In reply to your letter of the 7th, I am very happy to send the following information on to you.

I imagine that the saddest of all football experiences - making a long run for a touchdown and them having it nullified by the officials - was the experience of L. D. Silver, University of Kansas fullback, in the traditional Kansas-Missouri game of 1898. The Jayhawks handed the Tigers a 12 to 0 defeat that day, but only a technicality kept the score from being 18 to 0. Silver raced 80 yards on a crisscross for a touchdown, only to have the play called back.

The student paper, the University Weekly, for Nov. 24, 1898, had the following to say about Silver: "Words of too high praise cannot be spoken for Silver who made a very brilliant run of 80 yards without interference amid deafening cheers from University friends, but was called back because the referee had not blown his whistle to put the ball in play."

Besides making this spectacular play, Silver also played an important part in the two touchdowns which counted. The Kansas records show Silver lettering in football only that one year, 1898. The Jayhawk team lost only one game that year, Nebraska having a jimx on the Kansans even than.

Trusting this gives you the information you desire,

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation, Varsity Basketball Coach

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F. W. PARROTT

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CLAY CENTER, KANSAS, August 7th 1939

Prof.Phog.Allen,

I am very anxious to get a story of the game between Hansas and Missouri whiversities, the year that Lon Silver, playing, I believe, as full back on the Kansas team, broke through the line and before the Missouri team woke up, he was sitting on the ball, between the goal posts. If my memory is not at fault, it was the year of the Wost undefeated team. As the occasion is near for the use of the story, I would greatly appreciate at very early reply.

Yours truly. J.M. Parrotts.

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Dear Sirus

Referring to your letter of June 5th, 1939, we are sending you by freight within the next few days the six rubber gymasium mats for repair. We shall appreciate your attention ad soon as convenient, so that we may have the mats back here in time for fall use by the physical education classes.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation, Varsity Basketball Coach



June 5th, 1939

University of Kansas Lawrence Kansas

ATT: Forrest C. Allen

Dear Sir:

With reference to yours of the 24th, it would be advisable for you to return the gymnasium mats in question direct to us prepaid and we will make the necessary repairs to your complete satisfaction.

Very truly yours,
PREMIER GYM MAT CO.

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Mr. Dom Phillips, Farmers and Merchants Bank Bldg., Colby, Kansas.

Dear Don:

I am terribly distressed to find that I have failed to answer your good letter of May 29. It came to my deak and I remember reading it, and them I had some commencement dates and on top of that Summer Session opened and in some peculiar way this letter was misplaced in my file.

Doubtless before now you have worked out your problems with the construction of four cement tennis courts as a part of your recreational project under W.P.A. for Colby.

Don, we have been trying to get concrete tennis courts here at the University for twenty years, and we cannot make the ripple because they are too expensive. I have had Professor F. A. Russell, of the Engineering School, work on plans because two years ago we thought that we were going to construct some concrete tennis courts. However, the Governor started on an economy move and all we got was a headache.

The University of Oklahoma has built a lot of concesse tennis courts. In fact, all of the institutions south have concrete courts and we up here in the desert and glacial period region have mud and gumbo plus a little chat to worry about.

Doubtless you have found that 15 feet is just a little shy for expert tennis, but if I could get ten or fifteen feet back of my base line on a concrete tennis court I would think the angels had dropped in for a visit.

Again apologizing to you and hoping that you have those concrete courts well on the way, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation, Varsity Basketball Coach

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DONALD D. PHILLIPS

LAWYER
Farmers & Merchants Bank Bldg.

COLBY, KANSAS

May 29, 1939

Mr. Phog Allen University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am taking the liberty of directing this letter of inquiry to you as I feel you can give us the best possible advise.

Our problem is in connection with the construction of four cement tennis courts as abpart of a recreational project under WPA for Colby. We can't seem to get any authoritative advise as to how far the backstops should be from the edge of the courts.

The plans as now drawn allow a distance of fifteen feet, but a number of people here seem to think that the distance should be greater.

It is possible that on some occasions the courts will be used for tournament play and we want to allow the correct distance between the courts and the backstops.

If you can advise me in this matter, I will be very grateful for the favor.

Very truly yours,
Dou Alillips
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Please return

Ville Platte, La, July 25, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

This time I am writing you in the interest of a boy named Merit. This boy played four years of football in high-school and from all the information I can hear he has a great deal of ability as a halfback.

I have known this boy for two years but I did not know until just the other day that he was interested in going to college. Now I have found out that he has been working and saving his money with the sole intention of going to college. So now he has a little money saved and is ready to go.

Dr. Allen I have worked with this boy in a type of work which has enabled me to see him at his best and at his worst. He is tough, strong and fast, and what is better he is smart. But for all of his living and working in the oil fields, he is as well settled in his way of living as Tiny Moore.

He weighs 185 pounds, 5 feet 8 inches tall, and is 22 years old. He can kick and pass above average. But his best qualification, as I see it, is that he is one of the hardest workers I have seen. I have been told that he missed only two practices when he was in high school.

He doesn't know that I am writing this letter and we may not be able to get him. But I have quite a bit of influence and the fact that I am going to be in Lawrence this fall I feel certain that if we can find him a job, and he is as good a handy man as I was, that will pay his living expenses I can get him up there.

Of course I realize that your primary interest is in basketball, but I remember the keen interest you have alwayse had in helping fine young men. I am going to write to Mike and Mr. Henry, but I wanted to write to you first because you are the one that will remember that I was the one who recommended Jack Vogel and Carl Weidner to Kansas.

Sincerely yours

Charles A. Pitts

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Box 23

Ville Platte, La.

Mr. Lewis Ferrin, Churchill Hotell, Canton, Illinois.

Door We Perrine

Our martual and personable friend, John H. Glenn, has often spoken to me about you, and somehow I feel that I am well acquainted with you. On our visit through Beards—town, Illinois, a few weeks ago we called at the Glenn house—hold to let John know that we were coming through his very famous town for a short visit.

We found upon our arrival there that he was taking dinner with you in Canton. He returned and related the incidents of a very pleasant dinner date with you that same evening. I am sorry that he did not have a longer visit with you, which he undoubtedly would have had, had we not interrupted.

Johnny has spoken to me many times of you and the friendship that his father had for you. If you are ever near Kansas City or Lawrence either in the fall or winter, please be sure to let me know ahead of time and we will see if our football or basketball schedule does not include a data so that we could have you as our guest. I am sending you a football and basketball schedule for this winter.

If at any time I am through your fair city I will let you know of my coming. However, I doubt that it will be soon with our heavy athletic schedule coming up.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Mr. Elwood Pitmer,
Head Basketball Coach,
Springfield High School,
Springfield, Ohio.

Dear Elwood:

We were all very happy to get your good letter of October 10 and to know that you had been selected at Springfield High School. This is a distinct homor and I want you to know that the whole Allen family is very pleased and happy at your good luck.

You didn't say one word about that good wife of yours whom the Allens were very crazy about. Write and tell us about your family. Mrs. Allen and the whole family were enthralled with your pretty wife. We talk about her a lot and have wondered how you two were getting along. Won't you write and tell me what happened to your family?

Now, regarding "Better Basketball". You bet, I will be glad to autograph it, and when I do my autograph will convey some very pleasant and forceful words for you as a player and a coach.

The entire family has read with much pleasure the clipping you enclosed, so I am returning it as I imagine that you may want it for your scrapbook or for other purposes.

It was good of you to write me and I want to a ssure you that it will be a pleasure to help you any time that you call on me for cooperative aid.

With all good wishes. I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

Springfield, Ohio, October 10, 1938.

Dr. Forest Allen, 801 Louisiana Avenue, Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am enclosing a clipping that I feel perhaps you and your wife would enjoy reading.

I regret not writing to you sooner, but have been busy in my new promotion.

My copy of your book, "Better Basketball", has been misplaced, so I am ordering a new one from Magraw and Hill.

Will forward it to you for your autograph, and any kind words that you might have to say.

Wishing you and your family well.

Sincerely yours

Head Basketball Coach

Enclosure

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Rev. Edwin F. Price, 1209 Temmessee St., Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Price:

These enclosures came to my desk this afternoon and I thought you would be interested in seeing what they are doing elsewhere.

Very truly yours,

V. W. Lapp.
Asst. Professor.
Dept. of Physical Education.

Mr. L. R. Perry. Director of Athletics. Lawrence Public Schools. Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear "Dad":

I find that Mr. Jacobs is speaking on our Physical Education radio series on November 10, in connection with National Education Week.

We will have to arrange our program for December 1, if that meets with your approval. I believe we can still have the same type of program that we discussed if we leave out the reference to Armistice Day.

This will give us a little more time to prepare our material.

Very truly yours.

V. W. Lapp. Asst. Professor. Department of Physical Education.

December 1, 1938. Mr. Orland Peterka. 921 Moro St. Manhattan, Kansas. Dear lir. Peterla: I have received your post card, and an sorry that it has been impossible for me to see you before now. On Friday and Saturday of this week we are having a rules interpretation meeting in Hansas City, and then Saturday afternoon we are holding a basketball clinic here at the University. On the following week-end, December 9th and 10th, we go to Stillwater to play the Oklahoma Aggies, and the week-end after that, December 16th and 17th, we go down to Austin, Temas. We will return to Lawrence just before Christmas, so if you can't come over some day earlier in the week, I believe we will have to wait until the Christmas holidays. I will be glad to see you if we can get together on dates. Very sincerely yours, Director of Physical Education. Varsity Besketbell Coech. FCA:AH

Orland Keterka 921 moro St., manhattan Kansas THIS SIDE OF CARDIS FOR ADDRESS Dr. F. C. Allen Jawerance, To Kansas University Kansas.

Dear mr. allen Lain writting you in regard as to when I can see you next week-end at your convenience. I have school till noon and am off till monday. anytime in those two days well be about all the time I have available. So is you canspare some time that will suit you. I will be very glad to call either Sat or Sunday of this week. You can drop me a line stating the proper place & time to see you, at your spare time. O. Peterka

vygo Mis. Filelitald me ska tilad ealled you up. Sur would like to be with the burel saturday, but guess the best I can do into having on the radio. Hope the boys keip the same spirit they koglast Saturday, and husk the Com brukus. Give my best regards to adawd the boys and luck with them aw still thrung up in the frother bed and do not see any chaine of getting out of it soon. Hours Fruly Dick Briest