

Miss Baden is one of the outstanding young women students in our department. She is intelligent, most cooperative, very dependable, and will, in my opinion, be a very successful teacher. I am glad to recommend her without reservation.

April 12, 1939.

Mr. Jay A. Plumley,
543 No. Delrose,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Jay:

I am sorry that I received your letter after I had a conference with Mr. R. H. McAllister at Sioux City, Iowa. While there Mac came to me and asked me about the best man that I had out in the field in high school work, and I recommended to him Ernie Vanek. So I am rather tied up to Mac on this recommendation and I am sorry that I cannot recommend two boys for the same job.

I am also sorry that your business venture did not prove as satisfactory as you hoped.

I had heard of the pressure being put on for winning teams because of the smaller Arkansas Valley competition down there. I realize that it will be a tough job, and when Mac asked for someone who was based in the best fundamentals of my style of coaching I naturally thought of Ernie Vanek first. He has made a fine record down at Herington and I believe that he will make any school an excellent coach.

It was good to have a visit with you and Mrs. Plumley but you did not indicate to me at that time that you were contemplating entering the coaching field, so I had no knowledge of it until your letter of the 10th instant.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 10, 1939

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

Hello "Doc";

I just found out a few days ago that a new basketball coach and teacher in the Dept. of Physical Education is going to be hired at North High School here in Wichita, and due to the fact that our business didn't prove very satisfactory, I am applying for the job.

I have been having some good interviews with the teachers committee of the school board, and I believe that I have a fair chance for the job, due largely to my experience under you at Kansas University. I am asking you and Ed. Elbel each to write a letter of recommendation to Mr. R. H. McAllister, who is head of the Dept. of Physical Education here in the Wichita Schools, and whom I am sure you know.

These vacancies, football and basketball, are not being announced generally, but rather, they are choosing a few men and approaching them for the job. I have been told that Ralph Conger is being considered very strongly for the football job, and among the applicants for the basketball job is another one of your boys, Ernie Vanek.

The pressure is being put on for a winning team in both high schools here, because the smaller Ark Valley schools have kept Wichita in the cellar for some time. So whoever gets the assignment will have a pretty tough job because you know how keen Ark Valley competition is.

I would appreciate it very much "Doc" if you will write a letter for me and I know that it will carry a lot of weight with this school board.

Please extend my regards to your family, and to that bunch of sophomores who did a swell job. With kindest personal regards, I am

yours very truly,

Jay A. Plumley
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543 No. Delrose,
Wichita, Kansas.

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The Portis Public Schools

PORTIS, KANSAS

January 21, 1939.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you very much for your recent letter regarding your appearance at our commencement program. Owing to the limited amount set aside by the Board of Education for obtaining a speaker we shall have to be satisfied with a speaker nearer our County. I realize it is a long drive and this time of the season your time is limited. Several of us, including Mr. Kissell, have hoped that we might be able to have for this occasion once at least. I have not forgotten how much I enjoyed and how valuable I felt your classes were while attending the coaching school at Topeka several summers ago. Thanking you again I am,

Very cordially yours,

T. R. Monroe

April 27, 1939.

Mr. Ray Parkins,
Edison High School,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Ray:

I am just leaving for New York for the meeting of the Rules Committee, but I just wanted you to know that I am pulling for you. I want to help you any way that I can.

Don't worry - this offer won't hurt you at all with your school people. They will appreciate you all the more. I think you are apt to get that job. If you don't I will be disappointed.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 22, 1939.

Dear Doc:

I had a letter from Mr Reid, the Athletic Director at Colgate in which he tells me they have not taken action as yet on any of the applicants. I quote: "May I advise you at this writing no action has been taken? We had a very pleasant conference with Andy McDonald and up to date have interviewed some other candidates for the position. Your name has been very much in the picture and we planned to ask you to come out for an interview. Would you advise me if events of the last weekend have been such that you have obligated yourself to a new position?"

He states at this time he feels the top starting salary would be \$3500.00. That of course would be slightly better than at Miami and had I a choice I'd much prefer Colgate. I did not tell Mr. Reid while at Miami that I had any other position in sight. In fact wasn't aware I had, so didn't feel I should speak out of turn.

I left Miami feeling more or less sure

I'd accept if so fortunate as to be the one they wanted. I think Colgate is my chance if luck breaks my way for I'd rather go into generally recognised territory than into a tough, locally or centralized recognition. Not that I particularly crave that end of it but if the chance comes to take on the bigger game I'd rather do it. It's as easy to make good in one place as in the other to my way of thinking and I'd rather go for that.

Just thought you might be interested in how Andy fares and what the prospects are. If I do get an invitation to go down there you can bet this time it will not be purely for the sake of the trip. Did I tell you that Bernie Beeman had recommended me from this end of the line — also unknown to me.

The best to all of you Joe.
— Ray.

April 27, 1939.

Lt. Ralph L. Pusey,
First Pursuit Group,
Selfridge Field,
Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

Dear Ralph:

I received your letter of the 6th instant, and am sorry that I have delayed so long in answering. However, had I written earlier I would have written the same type of letter that I am writing to you now.

I find that at the present time the worst thing a fellow can do in behalf of a rising and aspiring officer is to have someone pulling political strings or wires in his behalf. The upper boys in the Army are certainly frowning on that sort of an activity at the present time.

I know Harry Woodring, and I have a brother who is in charge of the R.O.T.C. at Stanford University, but they tell me that right now a fellow is persona non grata that pulls this stunt.

So, while I am strong for you and desire to help you in every way I can, I am just afraid that I would be doing the wrong thing. I trust that you will forgive me for not responding to your appeal and in your behalf. I wish for you the very best of success, and if there is any way that I can help you, and at the same time not injure you, it will be a pleasure.

Here's hoping for a great record for you in aviation.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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FIRST PURSUIT GROUP
SELFRIDGE FIELD
MT. CLEMENS, MICH.

April 6, 1939

Dr. Forest Allen
Ath. Dept.
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir,

At the present time I am busily engaged in taking examinations for a regular Commission in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

The grades made in the examinations count materially in the obtaining of commissions but any political help



FIRST PURSUIT GROUP
SELFRIDGE FIELD
MT. CLEMENS, MICH.

One can obtain is
a great asset.

I am not acquainted
with anyone in Washington,
D.C. but I thought
perhaps you were
acquainted with The
Hon. Harry Hooding
or some one connected
with the War Dept.
in Washington, and
could help me in
obtaining a commission.

I would appreciate
very much anything
you could do along
this line to help me



FIRST PURSUIT GROUP
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as it means a great deal to me.

The Hon. HARRY HOODING
or any one on the
military affairs comm-
ittee, or a Senator could
be of great help to me
in obtaining a regular
Commission.

I graduated from the
Army Flying School at
Kelly Field Texas
and received my
reserve commission
as a second lieutenant
Feb 16, 1938. in Pursuit
aviation and was



FIRST PURSUIT GROUP
SELFRIDGE FIELD
MT. CLEMENS, MICH.

Sent to the 17th Squadron
of the 1st. Pursuit Group
Here at Selfridge Field,
Mich.

You will remember
me as the Capt. of the
Swimming team at K.U.
in 1936. My "K" Card
number is 1058.

I saw Mike Clausen
at Sarnia, Ont. the other
day. He sent his best
regards to all.

Thanking you sincerely
for any help you can
give me in this matter
I remain Sincerely
Lt. Ralph L. Pusey
Selfridge Field, Mich.

April 24, 1939.

Mr. Percy Parks, Coach,
Wyandotte High School,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Percy:

I want you to know how fine it was of you to bring Steirmeyer and Schmitt down for the little contact that we had. I didn't get an opportunity to thank you Saturday, but I want you to know that every one of your gracious deeds are appreciated. You are such a quiet and efficient worker that it is this type of efficiency I admire.

I am With appreciation, and best of success to you, Percy,

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

April 19, 1939.

EDISON HIGH SCHOOL
LOUIS G. COOK, PRINCIPAL

EDDIS E. JANES,
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Doc:

Just got your letter - had been writing you of my Miami experiences so will start over. Surely glad to receive that letter and I know it will serve to clear up a lot of things apparently puzzling to Mr. Rider and their group at Ford. (About my remaining here at Edison)
I appreciate your sending the letter here too as Ruth is sensitive to mention of her condition and it is upsetting.

I think they have the impression my record here is due to unusual material or some other contributing factor. Truthfully it's about the opposite for our general run of material is often inferior and certainly our only games have been against the best. We have never sought to "build up" a record - playing outside opposition when they feel "tough" enough. I really didn't realize we had such an imposing record. I do know that it's reached the stage here where a kid realizes he must be good to make the team, so they really listen and go to work to be good. I hope I didn't have an impression of being cocky

but I do know I left them with an idea my position here was not at all bad and I'd like a change of position when and if it offered real justification, a real chance and salary scale.

I really was impressed with the setup at Miami. Their policies there are right too and the fellows on the staff the kind you'd like to be associated with in this game.

My principal and some few who've heard of my interview have counselled me fully on the folly of moving from my contacts here, my friends, my associations, etc., etc. Makes me feel I should really have something pretty good to take.

I had word Andy Kerr before leaving but have heard nothing on that score so suppose it is settled. It rained just about constantly while I was at Oxford. What impression I made I do not know but hope it is favorable. Appreciate your letter and wish I could keep up to it. Thanks a heap Doc and please give my best to the "Mrs." and the family - Sincerely
Ray.

April 27, 1939.

Mr. Wm. Powell,
c/o A. G. Spalding & Bros.,
1012 Grand Avenue,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Bill:

I, too, am awfully sorry that I missed you when you came through Lawrence.

I am grieved beyond measure to know of the passing of your stepfather, Day K. Smith. Day was a fine gentleman and a royal fellow. I was always very, very fond of him. It is a tough break, but one that we all experience. Yes, I was a very close personal friend of his and I feel a personal loss in his passing.

I want to thank you for writing me and giving me the information regarding my good friend. Will you please convey to your good mother my sincere sympathy in her bereavement?

I will be happy to see you whenever you are in Lawrence. And if I am in Kansas City I will certainly look you up.

With all good wishes, I am

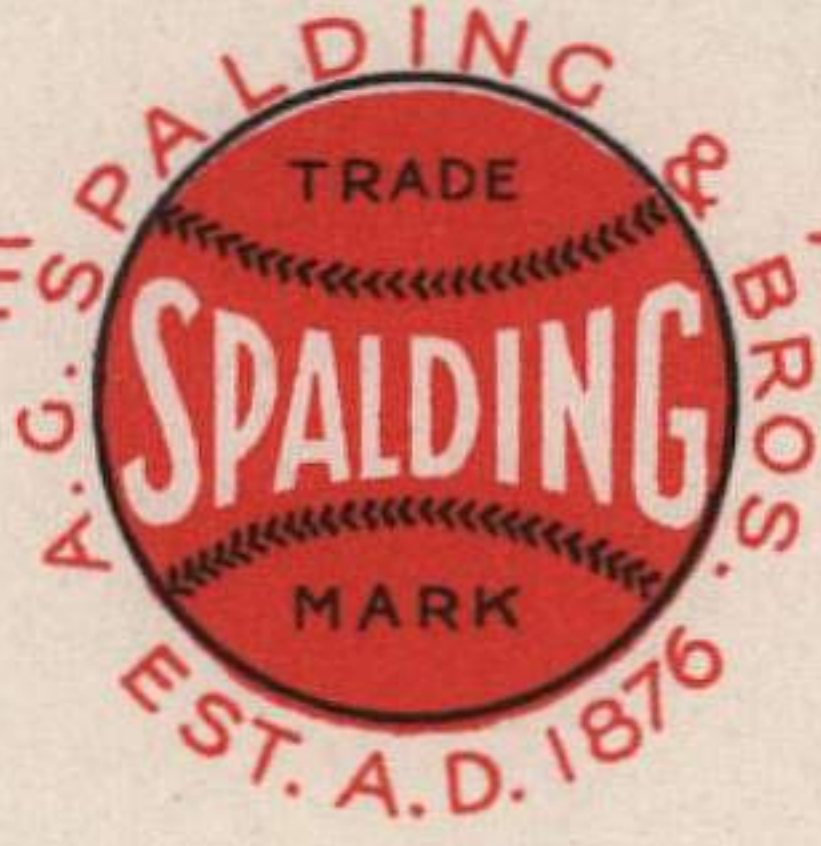
Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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ATHLETIC OUTFITTERS

1012 GRAND AVENUE
KANSAS CITY, MO.

April 17, 1939

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

Dear Doc:

Sorry I missed you when I came through Lawrence day before yesterday morning, but you were busy in class and I didn't have a chance to wait until you were through.

I just wanted to let you know that my step-father, Day K. Smith passed away last Monday morning here in Research Hospital. I had brought the folks back from California three weeks ago due to his very serious illness. He died of a hemorrhage of the brain and there was no chance to save him.. I know that you and he were very close personal friends and I knew that you would want to know of his death.

I will certainly see you the next time I am in Lawrence.

Sincerely yours,

A. G. SPALDING & BROS. DIV.
SPALDING SALES CORPORATION

Bill Powell

Bill Powell

bp;mkd

April 17, 1939.

Mr. Ray Parkins,
Edison High School,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Ray:

I am sending you a carbon copy of a letter that I have written George L. Rider regarding your candidacy at Miami University. I am hoping that if there is any difference of a few hundred dollars this letter may affect a favorable change in your situation.

And I want to assure you, Ray, that I have not tried to oversell you. Frankly, I have said the things that I sincerely believe and I do not want you to feel abashed about reading the letter that I have written in your behalf.

I am sending this letter to the high school, knowing how ill your wife is, and I did not know whether anything that I might have said would cause her to be the list bit dejected. If you think it will not hurt her, then I would want her to see what I think of you. Otherwise just regard it confidentially. I have heard that she is not any better, if as well as when I was there.

My best to you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Enc.

April 17, 1939.

Mr. George L. Rider,
Director of Athletics,
Miami University,
Oxford, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Rider:

This will acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 14th concerning Ray Parkins.

In my letter regarding Andy McDonald and Ray Parkins I write you without reservation of any kind. Long ago I found that when a man tries to oversell an individual he always does both parties harm. For that reason I did not overstress any of the fine points, nor did I repress any of the unfavorable items about either of the young men.

I do not know whether you are acquainted with Louis E. Menze, of Iowa State College, or not. He was one of my boys at Central Missouri State Teachers College at the same time Ray Parkins was there. Personally, I do not believe there is a finer young man coaching athletics today than Louis Menze, of Iowa State College. And by the same token I do not believe that Louis Menze is one iota better in any way than is Ray Parkins.

Ray Parkins was my right-handed quarterback and Louis Menze was my left-handed quarterback in football. In basketball both boys played forward. In baseball, Louis Menze was my left-handed pitcher and Ray Parkins was my first baseman. Never have I met two finer, cleaner gentlemen and two better athletes, and also two better students. They were both A plus students, very serious and very genuine.

Both entered the World War, and Ray went overseas as a Lieutenant. When Ray came back he married a fine young girl and they had one child. His wife contracted sleeping sickness and was an invalid and is now. Last year at the meeting of the Central District Physical Education Association in Minneapolis I visited Ray in his home and saw his wife whom I have known for many years. She was a courageous little soul, but confined to the house, yet very cheery. Their little eleven-year-old girl is the focal point around which the home revolves.

Ray was an artist while in school and did a lot of designing and cartooning for me. He officiates games in a radius of Minneapolis and has quite an income from that. He is a member of

the Shrine Band in Minneapolis and pays his dues and makes money on the side by doing all their lettering and cartooning for the Shrine Band and the Shrine.

I went out to a chapel meeting of his high school and I met his boys and many of his co-workers. I am frank to say to you that if there is one single thing wrong with this young man I do not know it. In fact, he is tops in every way I know of. I think perhaps the invalid wife has kept him close and where his interests have radiated he has spent most of his time at home and therefore has not reached out like he would have had his wife been well. He has also taught there in the school playground during the summers.

I think I told you, did I not, that when Dr. Raymond A. Kent, who is now president of the University of Louisville and who was superintendent of schools here in Lawrence during my first years at the University of Kansas in 1919, and later went to Duluth, Minnesota, wrote and asked me to recommend a young man I recommended Ray Parkins to him. Then Dr. Kent came back here as Dean of the School of Education and is now in his present position, President of the University of Louisville. I asked Dr. Kent about Ray's tenure at Duluth, and he said that he was one of the finest young men that he had ever dealt with, and most competent.

I might tell you further from very intimate knowledge of Ray that he lived at Carrollton, Missouri. He is a boy that had to work his way through school. We had him live in our home for two years. This was at the time when our family was very young. Ray would get up in the morning, cook the oatmeal, fix the furnace, and help around the house, sweeping the porches and sidewalks and so forth. Our whole family learned to love Ray Parkins. He never smoked, drank or use any profanity, but on the other hand was a wonderful character with our young children. He always whistled and sang and it was an extreme joy and pleasure to have a boy like that in our home. Then the war came and he enlisted. We have seen Ray off and on for a number of years, but he has not changed one iota.

Now, a bit of confidential information. I know that a great number of alumni went to Ray Parkins when Dave McMillan was going badly at Minnesota and they told him that they were for him to take over the basketball team and that they were going to boost him for the coaching job. Ray said, "Don't you do it. Dave McMillan is a friend of mine and he has been swell to me, and under no circumstances would I consider it." I only mention that to show you the type of man that Parkins is.

Ray had written me a number of times saying that he wanted to get in college work but he was doing so well there financially that no job that I have been able to recommend him for has appealed to him financially, or at least not enough to get him away from Minneapolis. So it would take a very sizeable sum to lure this boy away from a swell set-up, as I consider it. Since he is an alumnus of the University of Minnesota and since he has developed so many

outstanding men there, if a change should be effected at Minnesota I am sure that Ray Parkins would get the call for the basketball coaching job. Yet he is perfectly and sincerely loyal today.

I might pass on to you that Andy McDonald, the other boy that I recommended to you, called me last Sunday from Springfield and said that Colgate had called him and asked him to come back for an interview, and the job would pay \$4,000. So you can see the type of men that I have recommended to you.

It is a pleasure to tell you that in my opinion Parkins is one of the boys that I would cherish as a member of my staff. He is loyal, he is loyal, he is courageous, he is intelligent, and he is a wonderful coach. Living in a big city he is still unspoiled and he would be one of the men that I would pick as a leader who would be safe and valuable to deal with young people.

Assuring you of my best wishes for your continued success,
I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

OXFORD, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL
EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS
GEO. L. RIDER, Director

April 14, 1939

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

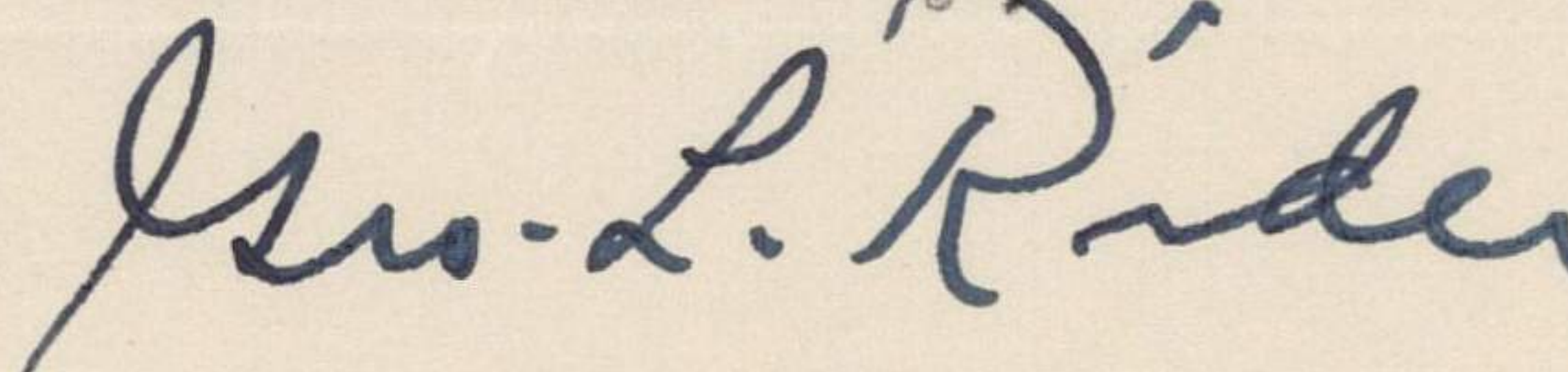
Dear Dr. Allen:

I have been carefully surveying the field since receiving your letter sometime ago recommending Ray Parkins for our job here at Miami. I find that he now ranks very highly among our candidates and I am having him come for an interview this weekend. I have been unable to find out anything other than complimentary about this man, and since everything is so complimentary, I am wondering if you know any reason why he has remained in high school work so long. In other words, is there some weakness in this man that accounts for the fact that he has not accepted a college or university job sooner. You know it's always easy to get people to tell good things about another, but we find it rather difficult under these conditions to find out any of the bad things about a fellow. I will appreciate it greatly, therefore, if you know any handicaps or weaknesses that this man has and if you will tell me about them.

I appreciate very much your very fine letter and all the trouble you went to to write me about these boys, and I hate to bother you further, but I do want to be sure of our ground in this matter and if you can give me any added information about Parkins I will surely appreciate it.

Thanking you for your fine cooperation and with kindest personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely



Geo. L. Rider
Director of Athletics

GLR hj

May 24, 1939.

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

Dear Mr. Porter:

I want to thank you for your kind letter written from Champaign and again for your letter of May 22 written from Chicago, giving me the names of Leslie Irwin and Frank Maguire.

I am afraid that those fellows are a little out of our price range because this is not the top man in the department.

I had written these letters to you and Floyd Rowe because the Chancellor requested that we see if we couldn't get some man from one of the high schools who happen to be curtailing their budgetary expenditures on account of reduced tax collections. The general procedure, however, is not to release the best man, but to release the men on the lower end of the scale. Those are not the fellows that we want. However, I felt that I should obey my superior and I have received the information that Chancellor Lindley asked for.

I want you to know how very much I appreciate your kindness, and these names will give me a personnel list that will be helpful for the future because we desire to locate an eligible man for next year.

Again thanking you for your prompt reply, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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May 18 1939

Dear Mr. Allen:

Have you thought about Frank Maguire for that P. E. job? He has a Doctor's degree in P. E. At present he is state director of health and P. E. in Pennsylvania and is no doubt receiving more of a salary than you can pay. However, at the last election his party lost and it is almost a certainty that he will be let out in the near future. It isn't always easy for a man to step into some other job and he might be interested.

N.O.

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May 22, 1939

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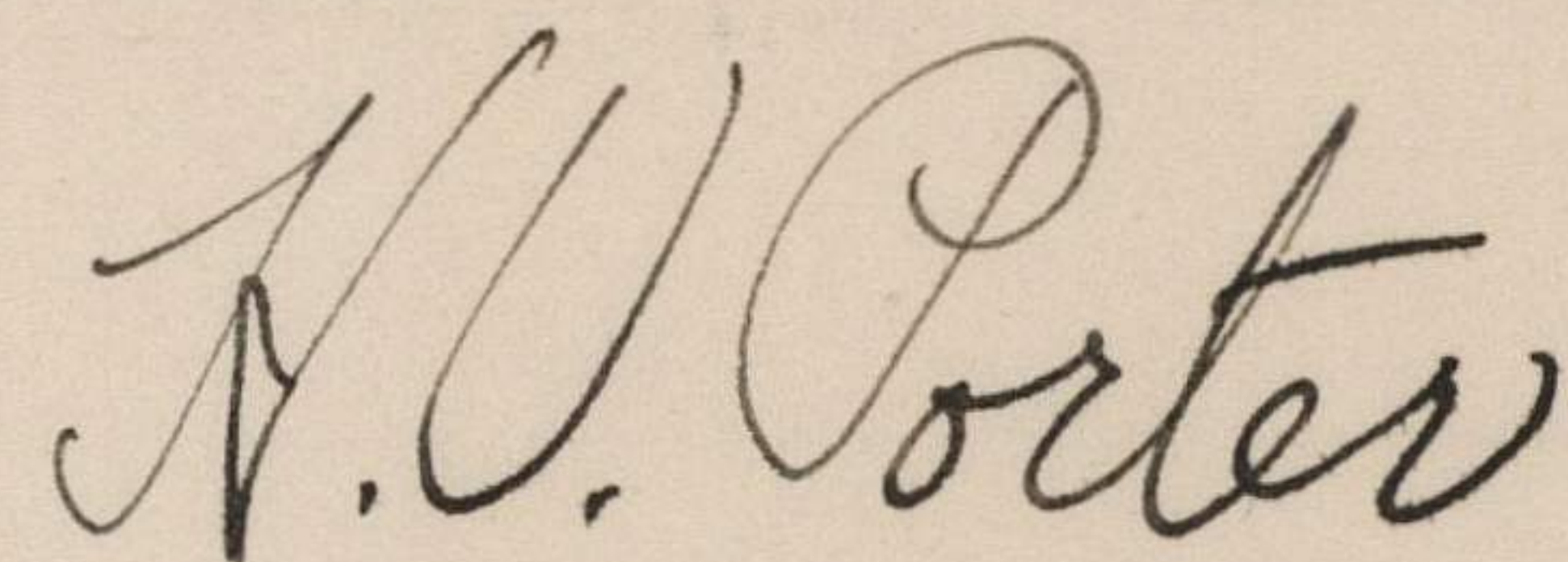
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Univ. of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

Here is another man who has a doctors degree in physical education and is an outstanding teacher in that department. He is Leslie Irwin, University High School, University of Chicago. I am not sure what salary he is receiving nor how much chance there is for promotion in that system. He is closely associated with the university department and assists with some of the university work but in the main he deals with the high school students. He might be interested in a position such as you mention.

Yours truly,



Secretary

HVP/j

May 24, 1939.

Premier Gym Mat Co.,
149 Wooster St.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

We have had some correspondence with the W.A.L. Thompson Hardware Company of Topeka, Kansas, regarding six #1702 Premier gym mats which we purchased from this firm last fall.

In your letter of May 6th to the Thompson Hardware Company you state that if the mats are returned to you, freight prepaid, that you will rebuild them without further cost to us. We greatly appreciate this consideration on your part, and wish to inquire if you feel it is necessary for those mats which have ripped handles and pulled stitching need to be rebuilt. There is one mat in particular which will need this attention, but the others are in somewhat better condition. However, to make them serviceable for the next few years they will have to be restitched.

We shall be glad to hear from you before shipping the mats.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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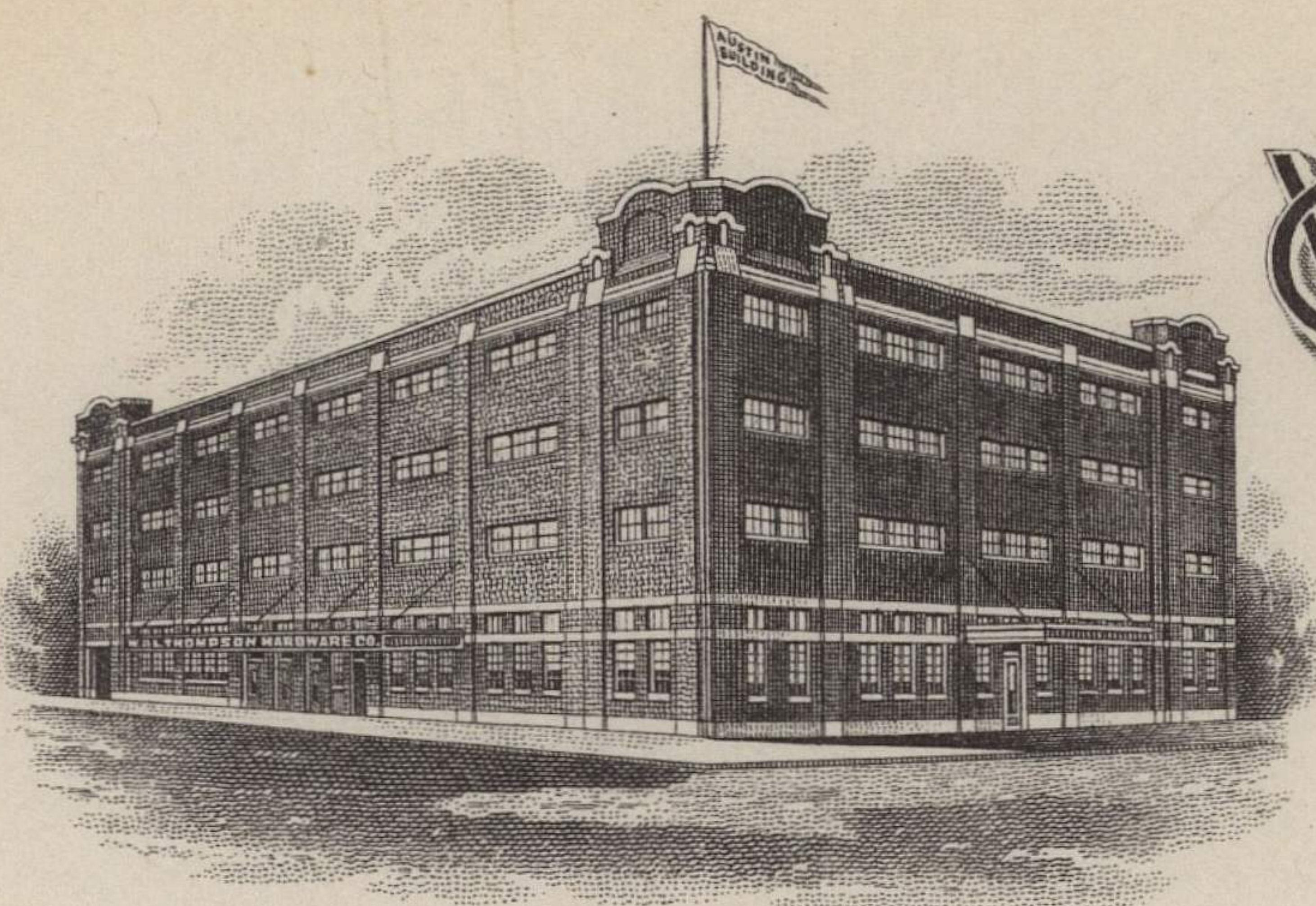
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TOPEKA, KANSAS

May 8, 1939

File: Premier Gym Mat Co.,
149 Wooster St.,
New York City, N. Y.

University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Att'n: Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Physical
Education.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Pursuant to our letter of May 4th, regarding the 6-only #1702 gym mats that you purchased from us, we wish to advise that we have received the following letter from the above file, our source of supply of this item.

"We are in receipt of yours of the 4th, wherein you complain of the six gymnasium mats, delivered to the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

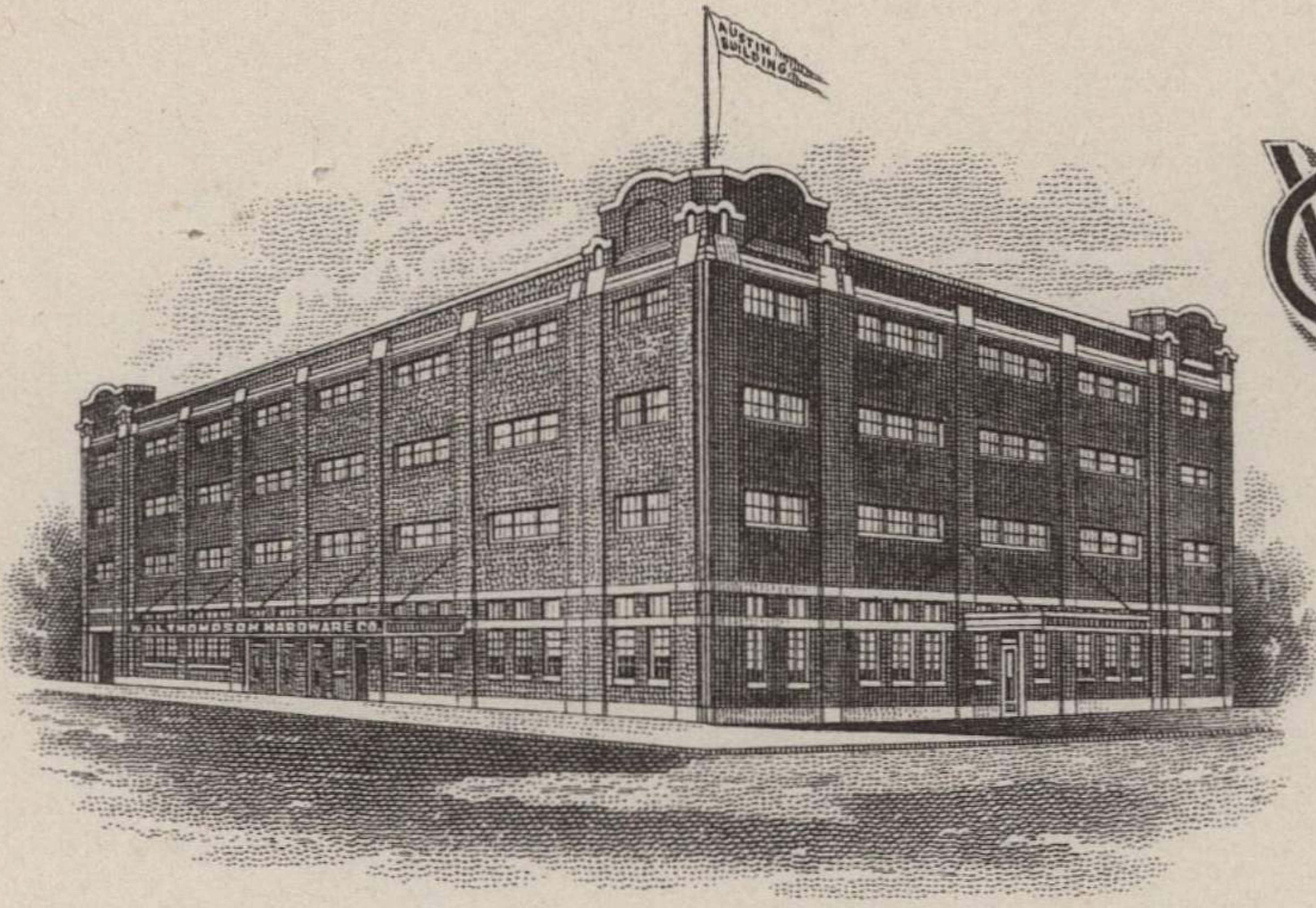
Please be advised that if the mats are returned to us, freight prepaid, we will rebuild them to your customer's complete satisfaction without any additional cost."

This seems to be a very fair offer that this manufacturer has made, and if you agree, then we suggest that you return the mats to them, writing them direct with reference to their letter of May 6th which was written to us, to the attention of the writer.

If you prefer that we handle the correspondence then please write us when the return is made. Otherwise, for the time being we will consider our file closed on the matter. We trust that we are handling this complaint in accordance with your wishes.

Very truly yours,
W A L THOMPSON HDWE CO.
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TOPEKA, KANSAS

May 4, 1939

University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Att'n: Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Dear Mr. Allen:

We acknowledge receipt of your May 2nd letter and we are very much concerned by the present condition of the 6-only #1702 gym mats 5' x 8' that you purchased from us last Fall.

We must frankly admit that we are not very well acquainted with this particular item of merchandise and a call by one of our representatives would perhaps not materially help the handling of your complaint. We have written our source of supply, the Premier Gym Mat Co., 149 Wooster Street, New York City, N. Y., and have requested that they contact you immediately via letter and further that they have one of their representatives, if possible, make personal inspection of the mats.

We have given them in detail your description of the present condition of the mats and we believe from this information they will have sufficient information to know just what should be done. We have asked them to send us copies of any correspondence to you and we will keep this matter on open file and see that it is promptly taken care of.

We trust that our actions for the time being will be satisfactory to you. If not please do not hesitate to write us further.

Very truly yours,
W A L THOMPSON HDWE CO.

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