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October 11, 1941.

Dear Bob:

I read your letters with great appreciation and understanding. I know what it is to be away from home, and when you have had so many pleasant connections and also when you have had your girl conveniently close for so many years, I know how lonesome you must be at times. But of course you are grown up - you are a man and you have an adult's philosophy, I am sure.

There are just some things that we can't have when we are working for bigger things. It is only just a delayed victory, so to speak. You are now putting in your time on the most important thing in all your life, and I know that you will reap the benefit from your hours of diligent study and concentration that you are now indulging in.

Mother feels every inconvenience that you have a thousand times more than you feel it. She is so hopeful for you and her fears are unbounded when she worries for fear that something evil may come upon you. Make your letters as optimistic as you can. I think you have great fortitude and great courage, and although things appear rather glum at times to you, just remember the untold benefits that accrue to you by being fine, clean and resourceful. Someone said not long ago that after this war is over if you are to have any pleasure it must come from your head or your heart and not from any extraneous source.

You know my temperament, Bob. I never worry about the youngsters, feeling that they are self-sufficient and that when they do make a mistake that mistake will be for their own benefit. They will profit as all people profit by their mistakes if they are intelligent people. You know what I have always said to the basketball players, "Of course you will make mistakes - they are fouls, but don't make the same mistake too many times or you lose the ball game."

You were fine to bring up the question of the expense of an evening in the east as compared to one in the west. But, Bob, I want you to be your own judge on expenditures. When you feel that you need a thing I want you to have it for your own benefit, and I know that you will be fine enough to rationalize and know when expenditures are necessary. Money is only for one purpose, anyhow, and that is to get us the things that we desire. Money is an exchange for energy and when you spend that money I know that you will realize that somebody energized themselves to get it and when they got it they laid it up or laid it aside so that it might be used for benefit and pleasure.

I stayed home from the Nebraska-Kansas game this morning

to do some very necessary work. I was far behind in my office work, and although Milton, Isabel, Tom Van Cleave, Jr., and Mrs. Van Cleave went to the game I stayed here. They asked me to go along, and I had practically decided that I would, but the press of detailed work made it imperative that I stay. Mother did not want to go, saying that she would rather save her money and spend it on the needs for the children. I do not share her viewpoint in this as I know you will agree with me. I think the children are entitled to their share, but it is just as unwise for a parent to spend all of his money on the children as it is for a child to spend all the money on himself or herself. Measure and proportion makes proper balance. I will never feel that I have spent any money on the children but the money that I wanted to spend freely and cheerfully, and I will never feel that I have handicapped myself unduly "rendering unto Caesar the money that is Caesar's."

So I want you to have a fine, happy, beneficial experience at Pennsylvania. I thought you spoke very wisely when you said that you wanted to attend an opera, and I have it in mind that I want you to see at some time before you graduate a world's championship prize fight. It isn't worth much only just the experience of seeing groups together. Isn't that an antithesis - a grand opera and a prize fight? But again it is that measure and proportion.

But I must stop and drop a note to Eleanor.

With much love and anticipation of your fine future success, I am

Affectionately, Your dad

September 24, 1941.

Mr. Robert E. Allen,
Room 44, Morris Hall,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Bob:

I am sending you the four tickets for the Kansas-
Temple game. I am also sending you an itinerary of the
trip so that you and Eleanor may see the boys if you
desire either before or after the game.

The boys are getting out at one o'clock in the
morning for Columbus and they will see the Ohio State-
Missouri game on Saturday.

Mother and I got your letter and enjoyed it very
much. I will write you a longer letter at a later date,
but Mrs. Hulteen is ready to go home and we want to get
this out to you so that there will be no question about
you and Eleanor and your friends enjoying the game.

Affectionately,

Your Dad

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

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October 11, 1941.

Dear Tuck:

When this letter arrives you will be twenty years of age and I want to congratulate you on twenty fine, lovely years. This morning at the breakfast table Mother remarked that it was just twenty years ago today - it was on a Saturday - that she felt the first pains, and she wondered if she could stand the ordeal because she was so tired. She had five children and the sixth one was perhaps more than she thought she could bear.

I remember the Saturday, and it was on the Saturday that we played Drake University at Haskell. The stadium was being built here and the football field had not been sodded so we played the first game with Drake, and Drake beat us. Patsy Clark was the coach.

I remember how happy I felt at your arrival, and how depressed I was that we had lost the football game, but the joy far outweighed the disappointment of the game because Mother and you were well.

And it is a wonderful experience for a parent to realize that a new spirit has come into the world. Of course all the hopes and ambitions of the parent are for the happiness and success of the child. For that reason I want to congratulate you for the way you have lived, because after all, it is your life that you are living. You are not living it for someone else. You are living it for yourself, but if you live it properly you make everybody proud of you. And you live life in the happiest, most buoyant and radiant way.

Don't do things just to please other people. Do them for the real pleasure that comes to you and the reflection from that life will make other people very happy.

I am glad that you have gotten away from home and that you are able to view life from a distant vantage point. It does something to people. It makes them realize that they are responsible for everything that they have to do about themselves. It gives them confidence and maturity, and it gives them a zest, a thrill of life that when you feel so dependent upon others you fail to have.

So I will not write more this morning, although I would like very much to do so, but I want you to get this letter Monday. I just want to tell you how happy we are with you and to congratulate you again. With sincere love, I am

Your affectionate dad,

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- Excerpt from "Who's Who" in American Sports:

Allen, Forrest C., Director of ^{Physical Education} ~~Athletics~~ and head basket ball coach, University of Kansas. Born Jamesport, Missouri, November 18, 1885. Son of William T. and Alexine (Perry) Allen, Education: Independence (Missouri) High School; University of Kansas; Central College.

Record: 1901-4, member of Independence High School football, basket ball and baseball teams. 1905, Manager and member of Kansas City Athletic Club national championship basket ball team. (At that time, this was called the world's championship basket ball team because the K.C.A.C. beat the Buffalo German Y.M.C.A. team which had won the Olympic title at both the Pan American and the St. Louis World's Fairs) 1906-7, member of University of Kansas varsity basket ball and baseball teams (captain of basket ball team, 1907), 1908-9, Coach of the University of Kansas basket ball team (winning Missouri Valley championship) both years; also coached Haskell Indians in 1908-9. Both schools are located in the same town. 1912-19, athletic director and coach of all sports at Central Missouri State Teachers College (Warrensburg, Missouri) basket ball, baseball and football teams. Football team not scored upon. All teams undefeated. 1920, coach varsity basket ball from 1920 to the present time, University of Kansas, also coach varsity football team year of '20. 1922-'27 won six consecutive basket ball championships in Missouri Valley Conference; 1931-'34 four consecutive championships in Big Six Conference. He has won a total of 13 championships out of 19 years coaching at Kansas. Founder of Kansas Relays. Director of four year coaching course University of Kansas. Past president National Basket Ball Coaches Association 1927-28. Member National Joint Basket Ball Rules Committee. Chairman Kansas Boxing Commission for several years, retiring in 1936. ~~Has just been~~ Renamed as member National Joint Basket Ball Rules Committee, which he has served for the past nine years, for a four year term including the years of 1937-'38-'39-'40. This committee is now known as the National Collegiate Basketball Rules Committee, the name having been changed at their meeting in the spring of 1936. *

Present Occupation: Director of ~~Division~~ Physical Education ^{Varsity} and Athletics. Military Service: Enlisted S.A.T.C. Camp Sheridan, Illinois. Affiliation: ~~Director and Executive Secretary of University of Kansas Physical Education Corporation; director of Lawrence Memorial Corporation, director of Lawrence (Kansas) Sanitary Swimming Pool Company; Masons, Blue Lodge, Shriner, Scottish Rite, York Rite, ~~Elks, Rotary Club,~~ University Club (Kansas City), Kansas City Country Club; member Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity; Kansas City Athletic Club. Hobby: Coaching. Married Bessie Milton, June 25, 1908. Children, Mary Elizabeth, Forrest C., Jr. (deceased), Milton Perry, Jane,~~ B.B. Coach

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Basket Ball Record (Conference and Non-Conference Games)

Years	W.	L.	
1908-	18	6	(Championship Missouri Valley Conf.)
1909-	25	3	" " "
1920-	11	7	
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1922-	16	2	(Tied for Mo. V. Conf. Championship)
1923-	17	1	(Won Championship Mo. V. Conf. - Undefeated in conference)
1924-	16	3	(Championship Mo. V. Conference)
1925-	17	1	" "
1926-	16	2	" "
1927-	16	2	" "
1928-	9	9	
1929-	3	15	
1930-	14	4	
1931-	15	3	(Big Six Conference Championship)
1932-	13	5	" " "
1933-	13	4	" " "
1934-	16	1	" " "
1935-	15	5	
1936-	18	0	(Big Six Conf. Championship - Undefeated)
1937-	16	4	(Tied with Nebraska for Big Six Championship)
1938-	13	7	
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Robert Earl, Eleanor. Office: University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. Home: 801 Louisiana Street, Lawrence, Kansas.

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1939 -	13	7	3rd in Big Six
1940 -	17	5	(Tied for 1st place Mo. Okla. Ks.) (N.C.A.A. Tournament, K.C. second place)
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1941 -
 1942 -
 1943 - Big six champs - ever-victorious

February 13, 1942.

Mr. W. H. McMillen,
Cabool, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 15th. I beg pardon for the delay but My University work has occupied my whole time. Hence the delay.

I am not willing to give you permission to clear off the four or five acres of timber on the back of my 40 acre farm. Those growing trees which you say are now large enough for stove wood will some day be worth more for shade purposes on my little farm than for anything else that could be planted to take their place. I do not want any of the wood in that thicket touched at the present time.

I am planning on selling my farm as soon as the road is opened, or soon thereafter. Each acre of woodland will help me to this end.

I saw the farm a year ago and know the condition thereof. I am planning to drive down to Cabool some time this early spring. I realize that the sprouts are a detriment, but I believe that I would rather have it that way at the present than to have it plowed up and have it blow away as a discarded corn or sargo field.

Thanking you for your letter, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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

Cabool Mo.

1 - 15 - 1942

Forest C. Allen -

Received your letter
on regard to the 40
acre tract you own
I didn't make it plain
enough on my letter about
the cleaning up of the
field. The brush are
getting unshiftable
it. There are 4 or 5 acres
on it that are large
enough to make stove
wood. It has grown
up pretty bad all
over with sprouts.
We would like to have
a little more ground
for corn or sorgho to

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Put on dilo this fall
we will clear the brush
of and put it to com
or barfo. this spring
for the crop. then
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Korean clover. this
fall. when we take
the crop off. and if
you desire we will
sew wheat or barley
with the Korean clover
this fall and give
you $\frac{1}{3}$ of the small
grain crop. The
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chance to rot by seeding
time. W. H. McMillen
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shut down till april
I presume it will
take till June this
year to complete it.
I included passing
it's passable now but
little rough on places.

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From - Dr. Forrest C. Allen -----

Closely associated with Dr. James Naismith during his many years at the University of Kansas. I have hanging in my office an autographed picture of Dr. Naismith on which he has written, "With kindest regards to the father of basketball coaching from the father of the game."

In 1908 Dr. Naismith received a letter from Joe Bristow, of Baker University at Baldwin, saying that they needed someone to coach their basketball team. I asked Dr. Naismith to let me try it, and he said, "Why, you bloody beggar, you don't coach basketball, you play it! But go ahead and try it, anyhow." So in addition to my duties at the University of Kansas, I coached the Baker University.

Member of the Kansas varsity basketball team (center and forward, and captain in 1907), and played second base on varsity baseball team.

My two sons, Milton and Robert, have played on my teams. Milton played on the Kansas varsity in 1934, '35, and '36. (The 1936 team was ever-victorious). Milton is now a senior in the Law School at Kansas, and president of his class.

Bobby Allen played on the Kansas varsity in 1939, '40, and '41. He was tri-captain of the team in 1941, and in 1940 the team went to the western semi-finals in the N.C.A.A. tournament. He is now in Medical School at the University of Pennsylvania, and president of his freshman medical class.

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

March 5, 1942.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
University of Kansas.

Dear Doc:

In behalf of the committee in charge, I am officially informing you that Friday, March 6th, has been designated as Dr. F. C. Allen Day -- commemorating your twenty-fifth anniversary as Basketball Coach at the University.

Briefly, you are expected to participate as follows:

1. You and Mrs. Allen are to be the guests of honor at a buffet supper at the Union Building at 5:30 p.m. at which there will be nearly three hundred of your friends and former players present.

- (a) Dean Nesmith will take care of the team at "tea and toast".
- (b) You will be able to leave not later than 6:45. There will be no long speeches which will make it difficult for you to leave.

2. You will be expected to participate (merely by your presence) in a congratulatory ceremony at the Auditorium which will start exactly at 7:30 and will continue until 7:45 (in which we are considering the 50th anniversary of the founding of basketball).

- (a) Coach Edwards has been so informed and has agreed to cooperate to the fullest. (He felt he could not attend the supper.)
- (b) Immediately following the pre-game ceremony there will be a ten minute period to allow the teams to warm up. This is at Coach Edwards' suggestion. The band will entertain the crowd during this time.

3. After the game you and Mrs. Allen are expected to be "at home" at the Union lounge to meet some of the friends who

would care to remain for a visit. This has Mrs. Allen's approval and we sincerely hope it will have yours.

In short, we hope that the whole affair will not too greatly upset your routine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'E. C. Allen', written in a cursive style.

General Chairman,
F. C. Allen 25th Anniversary Celebration.

March 25, 1942. A

Mr. Robert E. Allen,
Room 44 Morris Hall,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Bob:

Your very fine letter came this morning, and I want you to know that I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing. Our game was over so late that night - it was ten of twelve when we got back to the hotel, - and too late to send you a wire. It was not because we lost the game that we failed to write, but rather it was because I felt you would be in bed and doubtless you would get it in the early morning paper before a wire would be delivered.

I have had so many things to do here of late that I feel utterly ashamed, and before long I am going to sit down and write you a resume of the season. It is a very interesting one and I know that you will enjoy reading it. But I cannot do it at the present time.

I have been delighted with Milton's work. He is as serious about this team as if he owned the most precious possession in the world. The boys are wild about him, especially Buescher and Black, and he has done a good job of morale building in keeping the liaison of good will ever present. He is a very intelligent observer, and I am sure that he will count among his treasured memories the relationship that he has had with the boys and they with him.

But as I told you, I am tearing from one thing to another so I will make this short and snappy. Continued success and health to you and to Eleanor. By the way, Bob, I received a beautiful pair of knitted sox from Jean and I wore them at the Colorado game. She called them "victory" sox, and that is what I tried to make out of them, but I will tell her that this victory string will start next year, and frankly, I think it will.

With love and best wishes,

Affectionately,

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SEND THE BUFFS BACK HOME REBOUND THOSE BOARDS AND FIGHT=

BOB.

- 1 Tom V. Clear & wife
- 2 Milton Allen & wife
- 3 Dr Don Carlos Pesto & wife
- 4 Mary Allen Hamilton & son
- 5 D G Hamilton & wife
- Ferris Allen & wife.

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Compiled by Horace Mason ---

Twenty-four of the past thirty-one coaching seasons, Dr. F. C. Allen has had championship teams. His Jayhawk quintets have won or tied for the Big Six title nine times in the last eleven years. Only once in his thirty-two years as a coach has Allen had a team which lost more games than it won. That was in 1929 when everything imaginable in the way of misfortunes happened to his Kansas squad, and they won only three games.

"Phog's" first season in the coaching game found him turning out an undefeated team. That was in 1908 and he was coaching the Baker University team, in addition to handling the coaching reins at K.U. While Kansas was winning 18 games and losing 6, Allen's Baker team came through with a clean slate, 24 wins without a defeat. That was too easy so the following year he took a third team under his wing, the Haskell Indian Institute team. His record for all three teams was 74 victories and only 10 defeats. Dr. Allen is now coaching his twenty-fifth K.U. team.

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March 2, 1942.

Mr. Robert E. Allen,
Room 44, Morris Hall,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Bobby:

Mother and I got your good letter this morning and greatly appreciated it. I want to explain to you why we did not wire you from Norman. We had to hurry like the mischief to catch the train to get back to Oklahoma City and that after they had held it 30 minutes there. I will write you at length later, but this is just a hurried note to tell you that we are delighted you are going to be here with us seven weeks this summer. We will play a lot of golf and have a lot of fun.

As I told you before, you are living your own life and I want you to make your own decisions for your own welfare. Remember, your life belongs to you and the way you live it is your own concern. I would do exactly what I thought was best for me and my future, if I were you. I have always followed this philosophy, and have advised others to do likewise.

If any mistakes are made and you do what you think is best, then you have only to settle with yourself. Whereas if things do not come out the way you wanted them and you have followed someone else's advice, then you are always unhappy because you think that possibly had you done otherwise things would have turned out differently.

I am glad you are getting along splendidly, and as you know, I am always pulling for the very best things for you at all times.

We are leaving tomorrow noon for Manhattan and it is going to be a tough game, but somehow I believe the boys have the stuff. We have got to win it to tie for the championship.

With love,

Tonight's Game in Hoch Will Determine Nation's Top Basketball Coach

Allen Must Win to Pass Iba in Won and Lost Percentage

Supremacy in the basketball coaching world! That's what the game in Hoch auditorium tonight will mean for Coaches Forrest C. "Phog" Allen of Kansas and Henry Payne Iba of Oklahoma A. and M.

Not only will the game be a clash between two great teams but it will be a meeting of the two greatest coaches in American college basketball circles, deans of their profession.

This season marks Iba's fifteenth year as a basketball coach. His all-time record is astounding, his teams having 381 games, lost only 70, for a life-time coaching percentage of .8162.

Allen Could Surpass Iba

Coach Allen need take nary a backward step when considering this record for he has been in the coaching business for 32 years, himself, and has to show for his efforts an all-time percentage of .8154, having won 548 games and lost only 124.

Both of these records include games played this season. At the start of tonight's game, Iba will have a better percentage of victories by .0008 of one per cent. Allen, however, will take the upper hand if the



DR. F. C. ALLEN

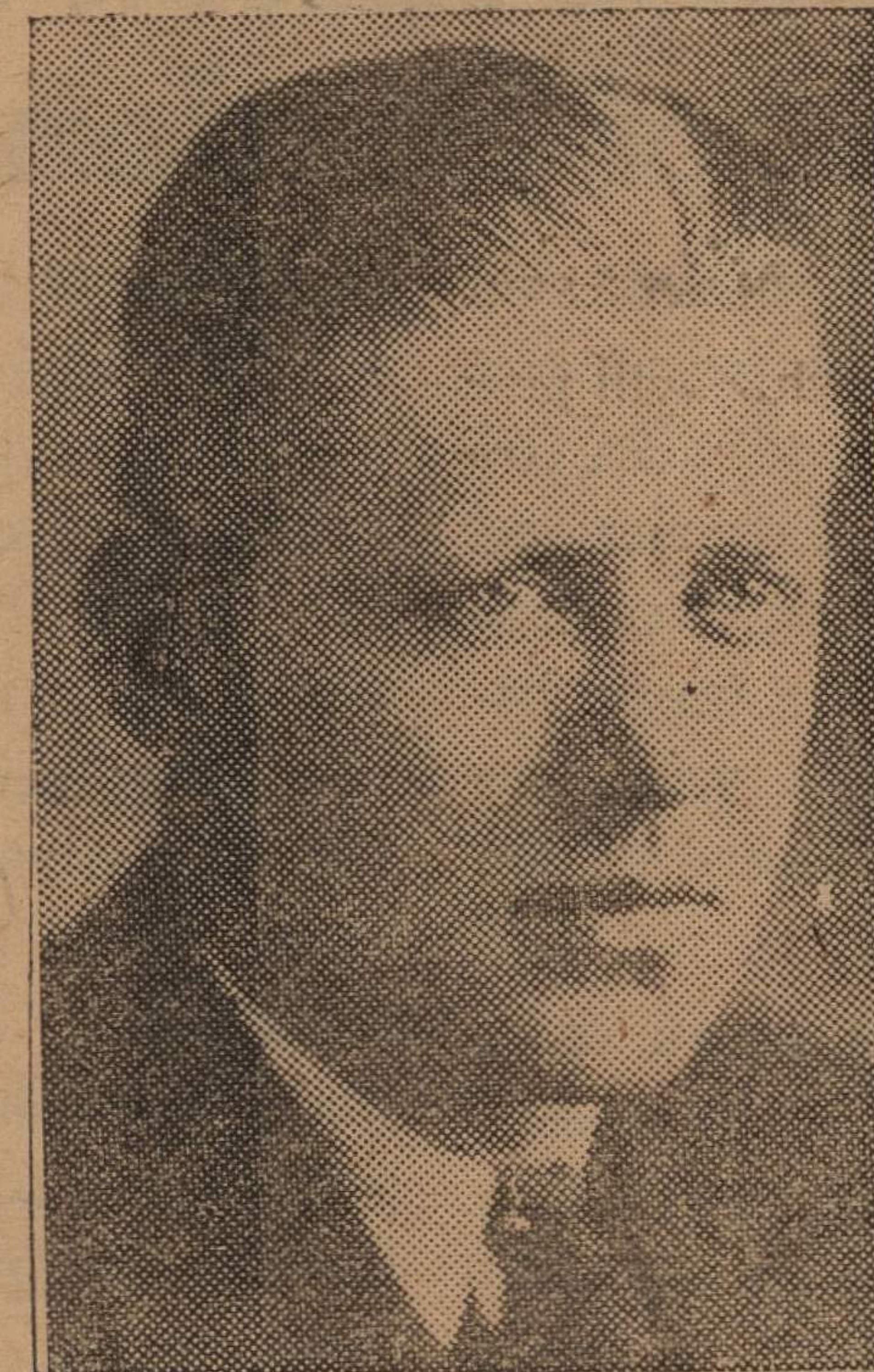
Jayhawkers win tonight. In that case, his percentage would then read .8157 compared with Iba's .8141. This would turn the tables and give Allen an advantage of .0016 of a per cent.

The possibility always exists, though, when Iba-coached teams are playing that his team will emerge victorious and if this should happen tonight then Iba will increase his percentage lead to .0025 of a per cent, .8167 to .8142.

Eighth Year At A. & M.

Henry Iba, who is now 38 years old, attended high school at Easton, Mo., and later enrolled at Westminster College, Fulton, Mo. He attended that school for three and one-half years, receiving his degree at Northwest Missouri Teachers College at Maryville in the summer of 1928. Leaving Westminster in the fall of 1927, Iba began his career as a coach at Classen High School, Oklahoma City. He spent two years at Classen, four years at Northwest Missouri Teachers' College, and one year at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo., before going to A. and M. in the summer of 1934. This winter he began his eighth season as head basketball coach of the Oklahoma Aggies.

His teams have won ten conference or state championships out of the fourteen years he has coached. He has had two undefeated regular seasons, 31 games for 1929-30 at Northwest Missouri Teacher's Col-



HENRY IBA

lege, and 24 games for 1931-32 at the same school. His greatest winning streak was 42 straight games from the start of the season of 1929-30 until the middle of the season, 1930-31. He gave Oklahoma A. & M. its greatest winning streak in history during the 1939-40 season when the Oklahoma Aggies won 25 consecutive games.

On the other hand, twenty-four of the past thirty-one coaching seasons, Doctor F. C. Allen has had championship teams. His Jayhawk quintets have won or tied for the Big Six title nine times in the last eleven years. Only once in his thirty-two years as a coach has Allen had a team which lost more games than it won. That was in 1929 when everything imaginable in the way of misfortunes happen to his Kansas squad and they won only three games.

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Not only the game score is important tonight, but the results of this coaching clash will be of great interest to every backer of these eminent coaches.

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January 24, 1942.

Dear Jane and Elwood:

I am sending you a carbon copy of my letter to Mr. Arthur Morse, manager of the DePaul game. If you wish to call him by telephone his number is State 0434.

Mother is coming up to Chicago with us. If seven tickets won't be enough, ask Mr. Morse for two more or whatever you need, because we want to take care of the entire group and have the family sit together.

I understand Mother has written to ask if the Alumni dinner is a formal affair. I hope it is not. If we eat at the Smorgasbord I imagine I would get all mussed up with my tux. The name even sounds like it drips with molasses and cottage cheese.

For your confidential information I am sending you a copy of a letter I received from Mr. Veenker. It was a pretty bad party up there. The requirement of the officials was that you had to draw a pint of blood before they would give you a free throw! A ~~man~~ holiday in Iowa country, but of course we expect that because they are all out to lick us every place we go, and it is a tough life. But this is no time for crying. We are at war, and you know what I think of those Japs. They have got "It" - infamy and treachery, and I am widening my bicycle to knock them out of there. Have you heard of my bicycle, boys and girls? It's tough riding up the hill, but I am dedicated to this task for the duration.

I am getting rugged and tough, but I don't know how rugged and tough we will be at Chicago. However, I believe the boys will do pretty well. They are a fine bunch of chaps.

With love, and hoping to see you real soon, and wishing to be remembered to Elwood's mom and pop, as well as all the pinhead pandas, the Charlie McCarthy's, the Donald Ducks, the worry birds, and any other miniature children you have around your house, I am

Lovingly,

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Mons,
Marshall Field Garden Apartments,
1423 Hudson Avenue,
Chicago.

November 10, 1941

First National Bank
Lawrence, Kansas

Gentlemen,

I have your statement in which my account is charged with 91¢ on account of larger interest due to the fact that my account was below \$50.00.

I recognize that this is a usual charge of the Lawrence banks and while an individual may have his own views I realize that they count very little. However, I do want to make a vehement protest against such questionable procedure. In spite of the fact that your balance can run into the hundreds of dollars no credit is given for that fact.

I never have liked this and I never will. When we do business with banks we do as little as possible due to what we consider an unfair attitude. I do not expect a reply and do not want one, but I am convinced that it is a very unfair method of doing business.

Very cordially yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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December 10, 1961

Mr. Hubert Allen,
Northern Illinois College of Optometry,
Drexel Blvd. at 42nd Place,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Hub:

Thanks for your good letter of the 6th instant. I am up at the office dictating tonight prior to my going to Dodge City for a basketball clinic in which thirty high school teams are in action on Thursday and Friday of this week. I leave at 6:30 in the morning and get out to Dodge City by noon, or one o'clock when I start reviewing the plays of the teams.

I am sending an autographed copy of my book, "Better Basketball", to John Emerson Roberts at 421 North Grove Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

I will be glad to see you when we play DePaul in Chicago on January 31. I, of course, will have some tickets for you, I hope.

Bess went to Chicago November 24th to visit Jane, whose name is Mrs. Elwood Mons, Marshall Field Garden Apartments, 1421 Hudson Avenue, Apartment A. Her telephone is Mohawk 7325. I know she and "Hoot", we call him, would be interested in hearing from you. Give her a ring and say hello.

Then after staying several days with Jane and "Hoot", Bess went on to Philadelphia to take in the Army-Navy game with Bob and Eleanor. After five or six days there she swung down to Anchorage, Kentucky, for a week and visited with Mary and the Kiddies. She got home last night. She says she never had a better time in her life.

Bob is getting along fine in Pennsylvania and I believe that he will make a fine physician, - as fine a one as Hub, Jr. I am awfully glad that Hub is doing so well. Give him my kindest regards and tell him that I hope he will be making twenty thousand before very long. That six thousand of his will keep the wolf from the garage door for a while. Say hello to Bill and the rest of the family, and give Tom my kindest regards.

Thank you for the clippings. I have not had a chance to read them as yet, but will very shortly. I am putting them in my pocket and will read them on my way to Dodge City.

Trusting that you and the family are well, and hoping to see you when in Chicago, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

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



CHICAGO, ILL.
Saturday, December sixth,
Nineteen forty-one.

Dear Phog:-

I had good intentions prior to your birthday to send you a letter of congratulation, but like a lot of those things, they are used to pave the lower regions. However, I shall extend them now, even though they are somewhat belated.

Doctor Needles showed me your letters to him and thru Hubert in the matter of the scope and Doc was genuinely sorry that he was unable to be of any help to you on account of the shortage of instruments which they are all facing. He wants a number for his college and up to this time he is unable to procure them.

I am enclosing a clipping from the Herald*American which you may not have seen. Also one from Arch Ward's column which seems to me to be the very thing you have been preaching for some time. I hear that Dutch is expecting to have a good team this year, built around Otto Graham, who must be pretty good. I'd like to hear what your prospects for this season are. While I am on the subject of basket-ball, will you do me a favor. John Emerson Roberts, who is Tom's son and a student of Oak Park high is a great devotee of yours and according to his father is going to develop into a first class player. I would like it very much if you would send him an autographed copy to him at his home which is 421 North Grove, Ave., Oak Park, Ills. I expect to see you when you bring your team to Chicago in January and I will pay for the book then. It would tickle the pants off of both Johnny and his dad.

I have been back at my auditing job since October after having spent six months in the territory for Doc in behalf of the College, trying to dig up new students for him. I was fairly successful. I am sure Bob is doing fine at Penn but I would like to know about him. Hub is very happy at Alton and I think he has a splendid outlook there. He has a contract with the Clinic for three years at an average net income of a little better than \$ 6000.00 a year and is then taken in as a full partner. Each of the five partners have had an income of better than twenty thousand a year for over five years, so you can see why I think he has a great prospect. Bill is well and happy and is the head of the Placement Bureau for the College. Claire's broken leg is well healed and they are very happy. This is a much longer letter than I intended to write, so I will close with my best to you and your family.

Affectionately,

Hubert

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December 11, 1941.

Mr. Gene M. Leahy,
Manager, Lusk Crude Oil Co.,
Lusk, Wyoming.

Dear Mr. Leahy:

I acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 4th instant, and I am happy that you were able to see the great football game between the University of Southern California and Notre Dame.

When I received your first letter I interpreted it as written by the proprietor of a tavern or a pool hall, and I answered it in the same vein. Since I find that you are a graduate of Creighton University and played football under Tommy Mills I am revising entirely my estimate of you. In fact, I stopped in Omaha and went out and had a long visit with Tommy when he was coach at Creighton. I refereed some of the games that Creighton played under Tommy Mills and perchance I might have worked a game while you were playing. I was very fond of Tommy Mills and I thought he was a fine gentleman and a great coach.

I think you took my letter too seriously. When I was kidding about Irish parentage I was kidding myself because I happen to be Irish, and I was not taking any of the things that I was writing too seriously because I thought I was talking to someone other than a college graduate. And if I could say anything that would kid the fellow along a little I did it for the humor that was in it.

I coached football at Kansas in 1920, and have had better than ten years of college football coaching. I also played football, basketball and baseball, so I do not happen to be a crank on basketball.

I am sending you a copy of a speech that I made at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on November 26, and in that you will see that I have never stated that college football if conducted on a basis other than straight professionalism would die. They have named Elmer Layden czar of professional football, just as they named Judge Landis czar of professional baseball. Now, if they would have a czar of college football and he could say there is a limit to this proselyting and subsidizing then anyone found extending that authorized limit would be dealt with. The coach breaking the law would be discharged; the athlete violating the law would be declared ineligible. The faculty member disregarding the law would be removed; and the alumnus, - well, it wouldn't make much difference about him if he

couldn't contact either the coach, the faculty representative or the athlete. He would be impotent to do any great damage. And if any of these three people weakened and the alumnus did the thing that he was not supposed to do, then that college could be disbarred from competing with any of the associates by order of the czar.

Personally, I am not taking myself too seriously on this. I am saying some things on this that many sports writers and others know to be a fact but do not want to undress a very ugly figure in the shape of modern professional college football.

Some time in my meanderings over the country if I drive through Lusk, Wyoming, I will look you up. I have been in Casper and a great number of Wyoming towns, and I would enjoy a visit with you.

When you mention that this is the only country where gigantic athletic contests are still permitted, I might call attention to the fact that since England has been in the war they have had more people at the soccer football games than we have at our American game. The English are outdoor sports lovers more than the Americans.

In closing I should like to ask you why you think I am the only fellow setting forth the shortcomings of athletics when almost every day sport pages carry indictments of the game made by people who are on the inside and know. The fellow who is dishonest in his thinking will not say it although he knows it is true. You know it is true and I do.

So what started out as a bit of kidding to you by me made you very vindictive. Say anything you like, but you will find that many of these things that I have said will come true before this war is over. And when this war is over the college presidents will take hold of this thing in such a way that we will never again have what we have gone through in the last fifteen years. I am speaking of out and out professionalism.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

LUSK CRUDE OIL COMPANY

J. E. MANNING

GENE M. LEAHY
MANAGER

W. F. HEWETT

BROKERS OF LANCE CREEK CRUDE OIL

It is my belief that Company stationery be reserved for Company business, hence the plain stationery used in your letters

so that you wont be confused, we are not a large Company. I just make a living.

Illness forced me to give up my Pharmacy work in favor of something taking me out in the air, hence the present job. — nothing too serious, as it turned out, just bad stomach trouble. Three years on a Mountain Homestead seemed to be the cure. This information I give you, realizing I am leading with my chin, for, anyone so narrow as to slur proprietors of billiard parlors and Taverns, will undoubtedly find an opening for more slurs, with this information.

Lusk, Wyo.

12/4/41

Forrest C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Allen;

please excuse my delay in answering - I've been away - to So. Bend, Indiana, where, along with some 60,000 others, I witnessed a wonderful example of College football committing suicide, (?) via Commercialism "a-La-Phog-Allen", the Notre Dame - So. Cal. game, which large crowd in my opinion, is the best answer to such self-appointed saviors of College Athletics as yourself.

Yes, I realize the wonderful record you have compiled at Kansas University in Basketball, and it was with regard to football that I spoke of losing teams at Kansas. - In fact, Mr. Allen, I used to look up to you as the "Knute Rockne" of Basketball, with your phenomenal success, but with your unwarranted attacks on College Athletics, I have changed my opinion of you and have offered a silent apology to the memory of the great Rockne, for the insult such a comparison was to him, and to the game he so ably taught, and so loyally defended, from such human vultures as Phog Allen turned out to be.

Is it degrading to be the Proprietor of a Tavern or Billiard parlor? ?? Let me state, Mr. Allen, that even coming from

You, so low as to attack fellow Coaches,
I was surprised that you would cast a
slur at proprietors of taverns and Billiard
parlors, with the inference that they are
beneath your level. = My experience has ever
been that they are more reliable Citizens
than the majority of Chiropractors, who
will recommend adjustments as long as one's
money holds out.

What difference does it make - your title?
or abundance of titles? Athletic Director,
Coach, or Director of Physical Education,
you are paid for services rendered, either
directly or indirectly, arent you? ??

I suppose I should not be surprised
that you summoned the American Legion to
your aid, by voicing the fact that you
are a member, probably because of some
minor service rendered on this side, for

I cannot recall ever having seen your
name in headlines for heroism "over there".
No, I am not eligible for membership, lacking
three days of being in the Army, due to
the Flu epidemic in the Camps. But this
should not have entered our discussion, nor
should my choice of stationery, occupation,
nationality, etc., all of which merely emphasizes
your un-american frame of mind, in that you
have assumed that "Holier than thou" attitude
for yourself and Kansas University, looking

down on the rest of us, who may or may not be proprietors of Billiard parlors or taverns, or not members of the American Legion, a truly great organization, to which one of my Brothers holds a membership, earned, by being under fire for eighteen months, on every front the American Army fought on. Your narrow mindedness is astonishing in one who has achieved top success in your Chosen Profession - Basketball. Disgusted as I am with you, I salute your achievements in Basketball.

Answering another of your slurs, yes, I am of Irish Parantage - an American - just as good an American as Phog Allen, better in some respects, for I am not a radical reformist. = As to your reference to my intelligence being below that of the average Irishman, well, I'll forgive the personal insult to me, as a token of appreciation for your tribute to the Irish race as a whole.

Additional information, which undoubtedly invites more slurs. = I am a graduate of Brighton College of Pharmacy, played fullback there under Tom Mills in 1917-18 & 19 and you could find upon investigation, that I was a better than average student. = The fact that I am the world's worst person will

undoubtedly further lower me in your estimation. — I do not drink, smoke or ~~chew~~, which does not make me an angel, and probably unlike yourself, I do not believe these habits make those who do indulge, inferior Citizens, and my thoughts are not twisted. I still insist that it is a God-given privilege to inhabit the only Country on earth, where gigantic Athletic Contests are still permitted, and if those grand, sincere young men who contribute so much to all this by their unselfish efforts in sports, do obtain miserly aid from their respective Colleges, well, I'm for them, and I still say "keep the air full of footballs, rather than Bombs".

So now Mr. Allen, why not let the many other Colleges & Universities work out their own destiny, and you stick to saving Kansas University? Don't go down in history as a "male-Carrie nation", but be remembered as a great Basketball Coach.

Yours truly,

Gene M. Leahy