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Pls file this
so that I can find it as
an editorial or when I
desire to describe the loss of
a durable citizen - departed

Harvey H. Matter

The fact that a whole state knew him as "Harve" Matter - an affectionate and familiar curtailment of his first name which clung to him without regard to any dignities, public or private, which he might hold - was the best index to the place of Harvey H. Matter in the hearts of his fellow Kansans.

A business man first, and a politician afterward, he nevertheless played the game with a peculiar elan all his own, and with an enjoyment which grew out of a sheer feeling of sport, coupled with a quiet but sincere conviction of the sacredness of public duty. Where possible, he preferred to be the power behind the throne, and he usually was busy advocating the interests of some one else at the hustings.

He loved to win, but he was a graceful and good-humoured loser. The geniality of his nature endeared him to countless friends in all parts of the state and in every stratum of political belief. His was the inborn love for people. Nearly always one or more of his cronies sat beside his desk, and the rickly humorous quip was an indigenous part of every conversation in which "Harve"

Matter took a part.

The tragic death of his son, on whom he had built the plans of his latter years, deeply clouded his life some years ago, but Howe Matter shook off the gloom and his recent life had been of a serene mellowness.

A whole state mourns the passing of Howe Matter, a genial and lovable son.

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April 15, 1940.

Mr. George Dunkley,
628 Maine Street,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear George:

Another very pleasant basketball season has come to a close. Sure, we got licked emphatically by Indiana, but those Hoosiers are an older state than we are. Knute Rockne once told me that the boys up there were rough. They played football without headgear, and at a football game where strenuous scrimmage would ensue the boys would literally grind each other's heads in the sand. After the game they would walk around and pick up loose ears, and say, "Whose ears? Whose ears?"

So we were ^{not} rugged enough for the Hoosiers. But we are thankful for all the friends we have, and when I say friends I want you to know how deeply we appreciate your spirit of giving by the token of friendship and affection you have shown in giving me this wonderful set of golf clubs with its manifold equipment. Every divot I dig, every slice or every hook that I make will be softened by the fact that these perfect clubs were given me out of the goodness of your heart.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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April 15, 1940.

Mr. T. J. Sweeney, Jr.,
Peoples State Bank,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Tom:

I want you to know how deeply appreciative and inately happy your splendid contribution made me. Had I been consulted on this surprise token of esteem and friendship I would have chosen the golf equipment five times over any other manifestation of good will. Every divot I dig, every slice or every hook that I make will be softened by the fact that these perfect clubs were given me out of the goodness of your heart.

When I first came to Lawrence twenty-one years ago I bought a home two days after I arrived. I am still living in that house and I concur in Edgar Guest's feeling that "it takes a heap o' livin' in a house to make it home". Across these many years there have been times of high exaltation mixed with the vicissitudes of life. Living in Lawrence has been a real joy and thrill for me, and I know of no place in the world that I would rather live. By the same token, I know of no gift that I prize more highly than the one from you and your collaborators who have honored me with this beautiful present.

And to think that the boys did it! But you also showed them in no unmistakable terms that you honored the fight and the courage that these boys showed in the face of not possible defeat, but sure defeat. It is an interesting thing, isn't it, how a group of superlative athletes can make a dumb coach look good at times? Anyway, I want you to know that I will never forget the courage of those boys through this past year, and your thoughtfulness and generosity in making this a very happy year for me.

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But over against all of these is the thought - the passing to me by you of this lovely set of golf equipment, which makes me feel that the fifth stage in my life will prove to be the happiest one. If any/^{one}would have consulted me on this gift, which they did not, I would have chosen five to one the golf clubs over any other token of esteem and friendship. So you know how inately happy I am in receiving this gift from my many friends in Lawrence. It has expressed the good will and friendship of Lawrence to me in a way that I have never before experienced.

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April 15, 1940.

Mr. A. E. Woosteneyer,
Peoples State Bank,
Lawrence, Kansas.

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Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Mr. Art Wood,
Peoples State Bank,
Lawrence, Kansas.

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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education & Recreation
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Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

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Sincerely yours

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Kenneth Smith

HANDMADE GOLF CLUBS
Kansas City, Mo.

May 13, 1940.

Mr. Milton P. Allen,
Ellinwood, Kansas.

Dear Milton:

The county is Johnson County, Warrensburg, Missouri. You always write to the county clerk. The Bureau of Vital Statistics is located at Jefferson City, Missouri.

Milton, when a fellow goes to the University he learns where to obtain sources, and I believe if you would have just used your judgment you could have called any physician there in Ellinwood and he would have told you the place to write. However, I am doing this for you so as to save the delay.

But again, you sent a special delivery letter and spent 15¢. Had you spent but 3¢ of this and mailed it to Warrensburg to Dr. Scofield he would have given you this information.

I am asking the county clerk at Warrensburg to send this to you at Ellinwood. And Milton, what difference would it make since you knew the town and you knew that was the county seat, whether you wrote it Johnson County or not?

I am just rushing to get this off to you and I will write you a more fulsome letter later. I enjoyed my short visit with you and Isabel and Judy, but I promise a longer letter with more information later. If you ever have an opportunity to see the play, "My Son, My Son", be sure to see it - not because there is anything that reflects upon you, but there is one sure thing - the danger that it emphasizes of a parent doing too much for his child.

With love, I am

Affectionately, Your Dad,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

May 8, 1940

Dear Dad,

You are absolutely correct. I am requesting another favor. However, before my name, humbled so frequently, is taken in vain please let me furnish you ~~with~~ a laconic explanation.

Only today I learned that before my leave of absence can be authenticated it is necessary that I furnish my office with a notarized reproduction of my birth certificate. I am prevailing upon you in this regard solely because I do not know the Missouri County in which Warrensburg is located. Inexcuseably ignorant,--isn't it? Neither do I know which county governmental agency is in custody of this information. In Kansas I believe there is a department of vital statistics which is in charge of affairs of this kind.

Through you many contacts in Warrensburg and the surrounding hinterlands, I feel that you will be able to secure this information with the utmost expediency. If you will be generous enough to contact the proper county official in this regard and forward me the necessary credentials I will have them notarized here in our office.

The delay caused by continued correspondence between you and me might prove the difference between success and failure in providing my office with this requirement in the allotted time. That is the reason that I have not ask you to furnish me with the necessary information, thus enabling me to handle this correspondence from here. The three or four days so expended may prove of cardinal importance. In my limited experience in dealing with local governmental agencies I have learned that the time element is of little consequence to them.

I am sorry that your stay in Ellinwood was so brief that we were able to visit for such a short time, however, we were immeasurably flattered by the realization that you declined more elaborate quarters in our favor.

Thanking you in advance for favor number one billion and one. I am,

Your Son,

W. J. Allen

P. S. Our genuine affection to the entire "Clan of Allen" We will be seeing you June 1.

If you are able to get golf balls at a good discount please send some C. O. D. My supply is exhausted and the price prevailing in this man's country is prohibitive.

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[Signature]

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May 8, 1910

May 13, 1940.

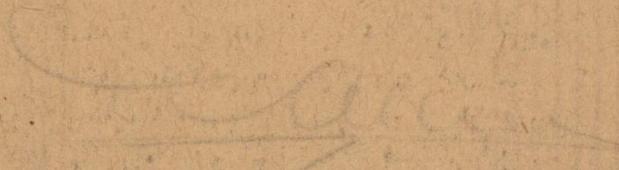
County Clerk,
Johnson County,
Warrensburg, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

My son, Milton Perry Allen, who is an employee of the Stanolind Oil Corporation, of Ellinwood, Kansas, desires that a reproduction of his birth certificate be mailed to Ellinwood, Kansas, so that they could have it properly notarized for a business detail. Milton was born on May 26, 19th.

I will appreciate your early attention to this matter. A self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed for the mailing.

Very sincerely yours,


Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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April 20, 1940.

Mr. Karl Klooz,
University of Kansas.

Dear Karl:

I stopped by your office a moment ago but saw that you were busy with Professor Davis, and dared not disturb you at that time.

I want you to know that I had a most satisfactory conference with Gwinn Henry last night at the Eldridge Hotel. I took up the detail of the possible infringement of the basketball players upon the general administrative plan of entertaining college and high school boys at the fraternities, and showed him beyond any questionable doubt that there was the fullest cooperation.

I reiterated my stand of loyalty and full cooperation to him last night and I was amazed at the hearty agreement that he entered into in the conversation with me. He stated that there were fellows in Lawrence endeavoring to cause trouble between him and me, but he was going to see to it that such a thing didn't happen. I again emphasized my one hundred per cent support of the athletic administration under his control, and we have made a date to see each other and discuss matters in full detail as soon as the Relays are over and we can get together.

I showed him the letter that Chancellor Lindley had written me and told him that I had been to the Chancellor and to members of the finance committee. He said that he was in full accord with my position and would present the matter, but I told him since I had been to the Chancellor and the Chancellor had said that he would discuss it with members of the finance committee, that my proposition was to appraise him of the fact and any support that he could give this matter, not as an increase in salary, but as giving the Board of Regents an opportunity to accept or reject the proposition they had made a stand on previously, would be appreciated.

I am enclosing to you the original letter that Chancellor Lindley wrote me so that any members of the board assembled at the eleven o'clock meeting who desire to see the document may do so. I thought

it would be better for them to see the original than even a copy. It is for that reason that I am sending it to you, and I will appreciate it if you will return it to me when you have finished with it.

I trust that this letter will get to you before you and Professor Davis finish your conference as my conversation with Mr. Henry may aid you in your discussion.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Jan. 5, 1937

Dear Forrest:

In the Sunday conference question was raised as to your salary under the new arrangement. I find on inquiry that the Regents had no thought of the reduction of your present salary.

The Regents, of course, have no authority directly over the part assigned by the Athletic Board. But I am confident that the latter will do their part. I shall, you may be sure, advocate that solution.

You will have much to do in launching the coaches school or course in addition to coaching duties.

The Regents were unanimous in their earnest desire to conserve to athletics and to physical education at K. U. your great talents.

I need not assure you that after years of close and friendly association, of my continued cooperation with you in an effort to bring our athletics back once more into a favorable condition.

These have not been happy days for either of us - I hope we can go forward to better days.

With affectionate regards,

(Signed)

E. H. Lindley

P.S. Written at home.

E.H.L.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

LAWRENCE

BUSINESS OFFICE

KARL KLOOZ, BURSAR

April 24th, 1940

Dr. Forreest C. Allen, Director
Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas

My dear Dr. Allen:

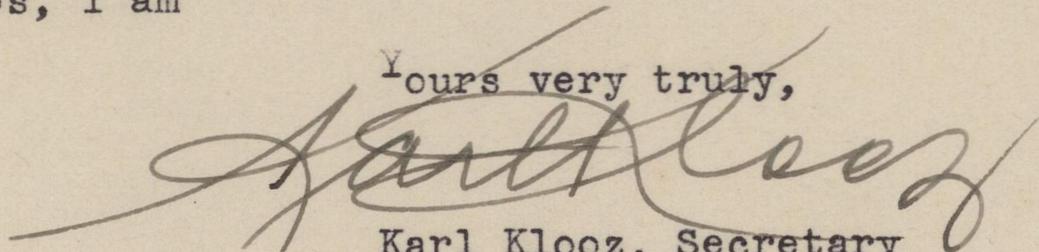
This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th, together with the letter from Dr. Lindley. I am returning Dr. Lindley's letter to you.

It was impossible to get the Finance Committee together before the Board Meeting to give consideration to your request. However, Professor Davis and I did have an opportunity to discuss the matter with Chancellor Malott before the meeting and no doubt Professor Davis has seen you since this meeting and Chancellor Malott is also to talk to you concerning the matter.

May I assure you that there is only the kindest feeling for you among the members of the Board with whom we talked, but those with whom we talked seemed to be of the opinion that it was an inopportune time to bring the matter before the Board as a whole without a recommendation from the Finance Committee.

Assuring you of my present support and with best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,



Karl Klooz, Secretary
University of Kansas
Physical Education Corporation

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Enc.

April 27, 1940.

Mr. Karl Klooz,
Business Office,
University of Kansas.

Dear Karl:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter enclosing Chancellor Lindley's letter, for which I thank you. As yet, Professor Davis has not had opportunity to speak with me, nor has the Chancellor.

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

January 4, 1940.

Eaker-Long Electric Co.,
634 Mass. St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Attn: Mr. Eaker.

Dear Mr. Eaker:

I have your statement totalling \$4.56.

You will kindly refer to my letter of November 15th, which you failed to answer. I have had nothing done to the carburetor since you last worked on it, and it is highly unsatisfactory. I see no more reason why a person should pay for unsatisfactory work in this case than for any other, especially so after both members of your firm told me the high quality of your work and you reassured me that you would have the carburetor and parts working in perfect order if we would only give you time.

You will recall, Mr. Eakers, that you asked for more time so that your solution could take the glutinated parts off the carburetor. This was done, and having spent much money on the automobile, I find it not a bit better than when I sent the car to you, with the exception of your grinding the valves.

I did expect some communication from you, but I received none. I do not feel that I owe this account.

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Statement

Lawrence, Kansas, 1-1- 1940

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801 Louisiana

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January 10, 1940.

Mr. Alfred P. Sloan,
3044 West Grand Blvd.,
General Motors Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Sloan:

I drive a Buick sedan Roadmaster, Model 3881, and am sorry to say that the car has never been entirely satisfactory since I purchased it from Simon-Wiles in Kansas City, Missouri. This is the seventh Buick that I have driven.

There is a noise that I hear very distinctly on acceleration. It sounds as if the ring gear off the fly wheel becomes engaged when it should not. This applies to the starting of the car.

I had a very unhappy experience with my Buick sedan back in 1935 when the ring gear of the fly wheel flew entirely off and struck the concrete pavement. This was on a trip from Abilene, Kansas, to Kansas City, Missouri.

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

February 13, 1940.

Mr. Adam K. Stricker, Jr.,
General Motors Corporation,
Broadway at 57th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Stricker:

I wish to report that my Buick Roadmaster is working much better. Mr. Jimmy Moore, of the Lawrence Buick Company, called and asked that I send the car to him. I am expecting to send the car back to him in the near future, but the weather has been so severe and transportation difficulties so great that I have not followed through on all that he desires me to do.

Apparently the Buick zone office at Kansas City got busy immediately, and I thank you for your thoughtfulness in handling the matter.

I will make a definite progress report after the Lawrence Buick people have had full opportunity to rectify some of the other difficulties.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION

BROADWAY AT 57TH STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 16, 1940

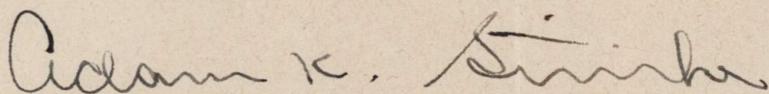
Mr. Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Mr. Sloan has asked me to acknowledge on his behalf receipt of your letter of January 10th, which has been forwarded to his office here from Detroit, with reference to your Buick car. He is sorry to learn of the condition you report as he is sincerely interested in the performance of all our products in the hands of customers.

In order that the matter can be given every possible consideration, he is today bringing your letter to the attention of the Buick Zone Office of Kansas City, who have general supervision over all Buick activities in your area. You may expect to hear further from their organization shortly.

Very truly yours,



Adam K. Stricker, Jr.
GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION

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February 9, 1940.

Mr. Charles Moore,
Standard Oil Company,
2 West 40th Street,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Charlie:

Today I received a check from the Standard Oil Company for \$12.50, for which I thank you. I appreciate this adjustment your company has made on the water intake in the Buick.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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