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Dear Dan:

I am returning the short epistle from Frederic Nelson, the Associate Editor of the Saturday Evening Post. It was nice of you to write and I want to thank you for doing so. It is messages from such fellows as you to the Post and other periodicals that makes the people in charge feel that their work is appreciated.

I also acknowledge with thanks the clipping from Seo Taylor. He hit straight out, and in my opinion is a high grade sports editor. The gamblers are really on the run, and so are these boys who denied everything. Lawton Carver, the sports editor of INS in New York really took me for a ride. He said, "Who is this bumpkin, Allen . . ." and so forth. When the INS called me today I said, "Will you please write to Mr. Lawton Carver and ask him who is the bumpkin now? He really looks bad." His whole column was one defamation on me, and an hour after it was sent out as a syndicated article it was recalled by the home office, but it was printed by the San Francisco Call. And I am having a lot of fun now writing the managing editor of INS calling attention to their libelous article. I am doing it to put Mr. Carver on the hot seat, and I think I am doing a pretty good job.

I had a vine visit with Tom Van Cleave last night. He was in from the Pacific and sat on our bench during the Kansas-Kansas State game, which was a hillier-diller, dingdong, wampus-cat battle. It had them swooning in the aisles. Tom paid his respects to our mutual friend, Jack Gardner, and told me that you are especially fond of him. Now cuss, if you want to, Dan!

A hundred and ten "Purple Pepsters", "Wampus Cats", and outstanding citizens came down from Manhattan. I don't know how they got here, but I think they used tractor gas. It is wonderful to live in an agricultural state and see how they get around!

Mrs. Allen is always glad to hear from you, as are the Peetes. We talk about you a lot, and we will be hoping for the time when you can return to your nativity.

With all good wishes and appreciation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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