

April 30, 1945.

Sgt. C. F. Pechek,
Co. D, 381st Inf.,
APO 96, c/o P.M.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sergeant Pechek:

I feel very apologetic in not answering your inquiry sooner. I have been out of town much, speaking at these "grapefruit and lettuce leaf" banquets, which we call basketball aftermaths of the season. These high schools must have an animated cartoon present when they celebrate their victories, or at least their moral victories, and I have been out almost every night for three weeks on that tour.

However, I am glad to tell you that in normal times the basketball play at the Denver A.A.U. tournament is high grade, and it is on a par with or better than any basketball played anywhere in the United States. This year, however, I attended the tournament and out of thirty-odd teams there were eight good teams, I would say, - no more. The fault of the A.A.U. is that they try to get a full bracket of 32 teams, and generally end up with 40. Many of the early games, at least the first half of the week, are putrid. Four top teams are seeded in the upper bracket and four in the lower bracket and the rest of them are poor opponents.

The idea of the A.A.U. in doing this is that they get the money for a full week's play. Three days would have been ample, maybe two would have settled the argument, but their gate receipts would have been reduced seventy-five per cent. I have always fought the policy of the A.A.U. in taking all the money and giving the teams practically nothing. The A.A.U. does not own a hurdle, a basketball goal, or anything else. They are a paper organization but they have the mechanism whereby these individual teams can meet for a play-off, and naturally the boys being out of college and in being in an organization that can play in a tournament anywhere else, they go for the trip and the tournament.

I would answer you very directly and say that any time the A.A.U. holds a tournament you see better basketball played there than anywhere else in the country because the top teams go there. The A.A.U. tournament is the same as the N.C.A.A. in college basketball. The top teams attend that tournament. The Invitation Tournament in New York City is nothing but the sport writers tournament. The sport writers get together and collaborate

with Ned Irish and make a little extra money on the side. Of course, it is Ned Irish's promotion that does the job, but Ned Irish must sweeten the pot for the newspaper men so they will reciprocate and boost his Garden games.

None of these are really a development of the sport because the money-making angle makes it a business instead of a sport. I am sure you have had this all figured out heretofore. But this is my angle.

I am sending you a copy of a letter I am writing to our boys who participated in athletics here at the University of Kansas. You will know practically none of these men, but some part of the letter you may enjoy.

I am wishing you well, Sergeant Pechek, and hope that you land safely in the good old U.S.A. in the not too distant future.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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SOMEWHERE IN THE PHILIPPINES

MARCH 22, 1945

DEAR MR ALLEN:

FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS
SEVERAL MIDWESTERN BOYS
AND I HAVE HAD AN UNENDING
ARGUMENT ABOUT BASKETBALL.

I MADE A STATEMENT TO
THE EFFECT THAT THE
BRAND OF BASKETBALL PLAYED
IN THE DENVER AAU. TOURNA-
MENT IS ON A PAR OR BETTER
THAN ANY BASKETBALL PLAYED
ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE
U.S. PLEASE ANSWER AND
GIVE US YOUR UNBIASED
OPINION AS TO HOW YOU

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RATE THE CALIBRE OF
PLAY IN THAT TOURNAMENT.

a Fan,

Sgt Pechek

April 30, 1945.

Mr. Reaves Peters, Commissioner,
Big Six Conference,
342 So. Chelsea,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Reaves:

I have written Louie Menze this letter so that for
games between Iowa State and Kansas I hope we can have the
same officials work the games at both places.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH
Enc.

April 27, 1945.

Mr. LeRoy Parmelee,
Lambertville, Michigan.

Dear Bud:

I was up to Casey Stengel's homecoming dinner a couple of weeks ago, and since I had not your address I asked him for it. He wrote George Trautman, and I have a letter from George giving your address, so I am autographing and mailing to you a copy of "Better Basketball", with happy remembrances of our coaching days at Boone, Iowa, last August.

I wrote the Eastman Kodak Company and tried to get that film on the fight between the mongoose and the cobra, but they had sent all the films to the University of Chicago, and I have not been able to get it. I am wondering if your film is in use. I certainly would like to see it. Would you be kind enough to send it to me?

With every good wish for your continued success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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The American Association of

Professional Baseball Clubs

GEORGE M. TRAUTMAN
PRESIDENT

April 7, 1945

LEAGUE OFFICES,
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BLDG.
COLUMBUS, OHIO

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

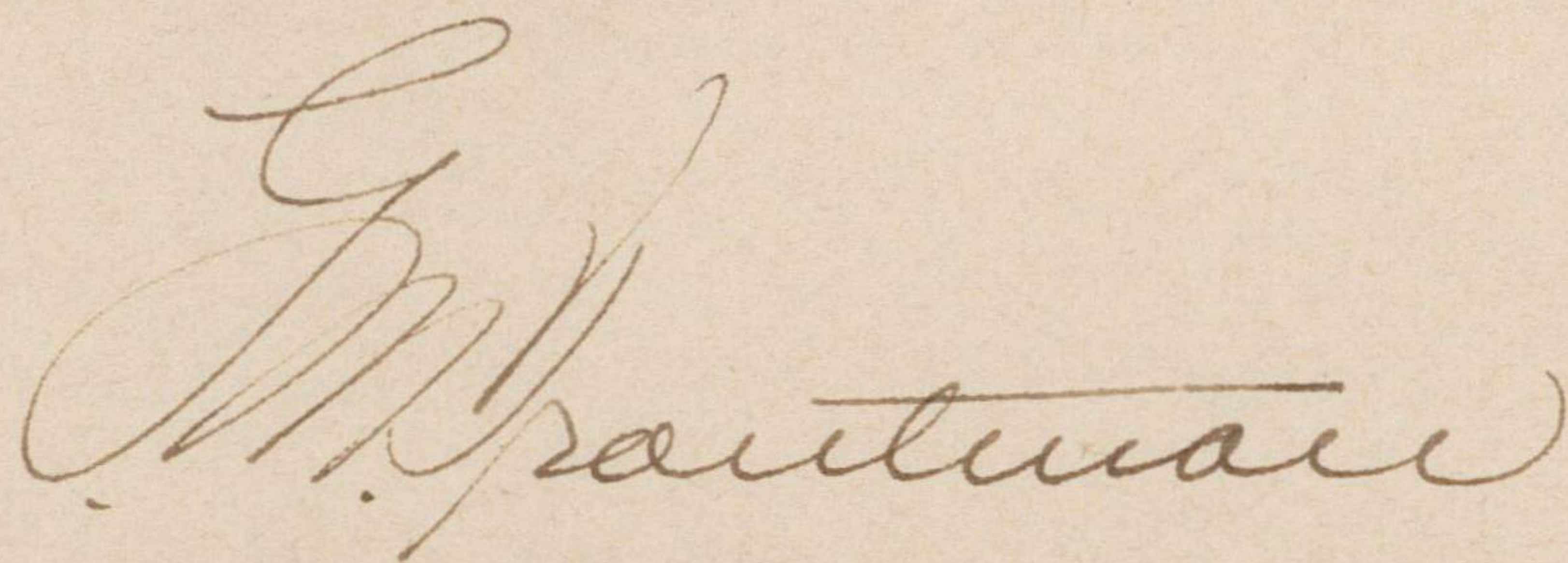
Dear Phog:

Casey Stengel told me that you would
like to have Bud Parmelee's address. Here it is:

LeRoy Parmelee, Lambertville, Michigan

Best regards.

Very truly yours,



President

COLUMBUS

INDIANAPOLIS

KANSAS CITY

LOUISVILLE

MILWAUKEE

MINNEAPOLIS

ST. PAUL

TOLEDO

April 26, 1945.

Mr. Don Peete, Jr.,
3717 Belleview,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Don:

Congratulations on making that Pen Day baseball team! I would like to see you first basing with that southpaw arm of yours. I'll bet you that when a man is on first and tries to go to third on an infield hit, that you will heave a wicked throw right to that third basemen that will out him off ten feet.

How is your batting average? I hope it is good. Remember, there are a lot of good ball players, but few ball players that can hit. A left-hand hitter has a good stride over the right-hand hitter in getting down to first base. So practice getting away fast after that swing!

I would like to see you play, but I am afraid that I won't get the chance for a while.

Lots of good luck to you in your studies and your athletics.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

9:06 am



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pm

May 9, 1945.

Capt. Albert W. Protiva, 0484272,
Btry. C, 785th AAA AW En.,
APO 926, c/o P.M.,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Captain Protiva:

Your letter of April 25th has just been received and I am hastening to send you the mimeographed copies of intramural rules for volley ball, basketball, touch football, tennis, horseshoes and handball. I trust these will fill the bill for you, and if there is any other service we are able to do for you, please command us.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you and to Lt. Baringer, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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W E I
25 April 1945

UNITED STATES ARMY

Dear Dr. Allen,

As a former K. U. student I recall mimeographed copies of valley ball, basketball, soft ball rules published by the Phy. Ed Dept or Intramural office. We have courts and a soft-ball diamond but too many disputes about rules. Rule books are even scarcer than ^{white} women in these topics, so we've never collected any. I am enclosing ^{a money order for} ~~some~~ air-mail stamps in hopes that you still have some of those copies of rules, and will be so kind as to send us some. Pvt Bainger - active in intramural sports a few years back at K. U. is with me and doing fine.

Sincerely yours,

Capt Albert W. Trotter 0489272
Bty C, 785th AAA AW Bn
APO 926, To Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif

April 24, 1945.

Porter

Mr. P. C. Cobb, Director of Athletics,
Dallas Public Schools,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Mr. Cobb:

I am very happy to commend to you Mr. Howard Porter, who was a member of our Physical Education staff two years ago. Porter directed the physical conditioning, along with eight other young men, and did an excellent job. In addition to this, he was my assistant coach in basketball, and did a fine job.

A year ago he went to the Beechwood-Planeview schools in Wichita at my suggestion because the Army and Navy were cutting down their personnel. He came to the University with the understanding that when this was over we would require less help.

Porter is highly intelligent, has a strong personality, knows the game of basketball, and above all else knows how to handle young men. He is a very safe and valuable young man to deal with young people. He is friendly with them, yet has a directing genius that is very pleasing to the patrons. His approach is a challenge to young men. He is clean, personable and capable. In addition to this, he is highly loyal and knows how to take orders.

He has a lovely wife and a young child. He is a family man in every sense of the word. I am sure that you will be very pleased with him, and I congratulate you on being able to obtain him.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 4, 1945.

Mr. H. C. Palmer,
Football Coach,
Chanute High School,
Chanute, Kansas.

Dear Coach Palmer:

I will be very glad to examine the knee of the boy you mention in your letter of April 2nd.

Saturday morning, April 21, will be fine, and I will be happy to see you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE CHANUTE HIGH SCHOOL

W. W. BASS, *Principal*

• HOWARD A. JESTER, *Vice Principal*

CHANUTE, KANSAS

April 2, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

We have a lad who received a knee injury in early season football practice last fall. This knee was treated by a local chiropractor, and after five weeks of treatment he returned to practice football and participated in parts of our remaining games on schedule. The knee was not further injured in any practice or games. Upon returning to resume his football play, the knee was taped according to instructions of his attending physician and was also further supported by an Ace Bandage but no commercial knee brace was used.

This same lad reported for basketball practice, continuing to use the taping and Ace Bandage but suffered a reoccurrence of the injury. Our basketball coach purchased a knee brace, and after the knee was in a condition to practice again the brace was used. But to no avail, the injury occurred again.

Basketball was given up by the boy.

Since that time and now the knee has "failed" the lad a few times. He is quite enthusiastic of his football and basketball and has come to me as his football coach, asking if there wasn't something that could be done to correct the knee and permit him to continue with his athletics.

Would you be kind enough to examine this knee for the lad and pass your opinions if we would come to

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W. W. BASS, *Principal*

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CHANUTE, KANSAS

Dr. F. C. Allen

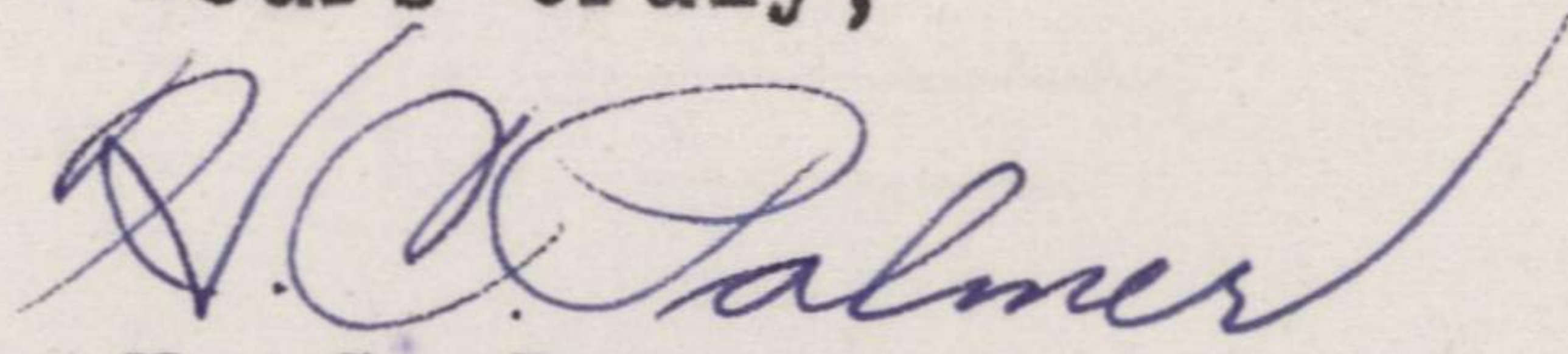
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Lawrence? We would naturally like to come on a Saturday so as to avoid missing any school, but if that is inconvenient for you we can arrange a date satisfactory. Possibly it would be possible for you to examine the knee on the date of April 21, the date of your K. U. Relays; but if not please name a date.

We shall appreciate an early reply.

Yours truly,



H. C. Palmer
Football Coach

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THE CHANUTE HIGH SCHOOL

W. W. BASS, *Principal*

• HOWARD A. JESTER, *Vice Principal*

CHANUTE, KANSAS

April 11, 1945

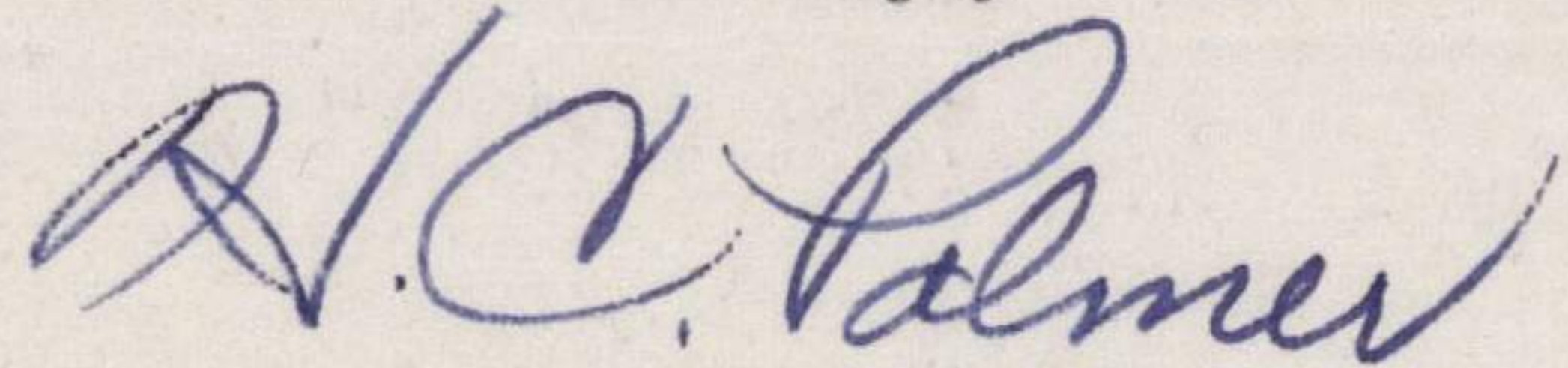
Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

May we thank you for your letter of April 4 in regard to the date of Saturday morning, April 21, as a time for examining the knee of one of our athletics.

We shall plan to be in your office around 9:00AM the morning of above date. With best wishes and hoping to see you in the near future.

Yours truly,



H. C. Palmer

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PHI KAPPA PSI FRATERNITY

March 24, 1945

To All Chapters, Alumni Associations, Members of the S.C.,
and about 1,000 other Key Alumni!

Dear Brothers:

Phi Kappa Psi has offered to it an opportunity for expansion which based upon our experience of the past fifteen years is unique and remarkable.

In the course of recent Grand Arch Councils, the demand for expansion of the Fraternity has been very manifest, especially among the undergraduate chapters. There has been a very definite feeling that Phi Kappa Psi should add to its strength particularly in the south and southwest, and should fill in the gaps and link together our more isolated and scattered chapters in the sections of the country where we are sparsely represented.

Some impatience has been expressed with the Executive Council for not providing and bringing to the attention of the Fraternity local fraternities and petitioning groups. The fact is, however, that local fraternities have practically disappeared from college campuses and they are just not available.

Our permanent Committee on Collegiate Information, of which the Chairman is Brother John F. Ramsey, Calif. Gamma '28, formerly an instructor at Alabama and Oregon State and now in Washington, D.C., has presented a report describing and recommending as desirable institutions for expansion by Phi Kappa Psi eleven institutions in the South, Southwest and Northwest.

Among these is the University of Arizona at Tucson regarding which Brother Ramsey reports as follows:

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, TUCSON, ARIZONA: Chartered 1885; first instruction, 1891... Colleges of the University founded as follows: Agriculture, 1890; Mines & Engineering, 1890; Liberal Arts, 1915; Education, 1920; Law, 1925; Fine Arts, 1934; Graduate School, 1934; Home Economics, 1922. . . Fees: No tuition for Arizona residents; out of state residents, \$100 per semester. . . Faculty: 211 . . . Enrollment: 2,873; men, 1,811; graduates, 211 . . . Library: 131,365 volumes. \$12,835 spent on books during 1938-9. . . Endowment: \$48,136. Total income, \$1,907,136. Budget, 1939-40: \$1,868,714. . . Grounds: 75 acres. Buildings valued at \$3,132,157. PWA-WPA grants; \$502,612. . . Fraternities: Kappa Sigma, 1915; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1917; Sigma Nu, 1918; Sigma Chi, 1919; Phi Delta Theta, 1922; Delta Sigma Nu, 1922; Delta Chi, 1925; Pi Kappa Alpha, 1925; Zeta Beta Tau, 1926; Alpha Tau Omega, 1930; Phi Gamma Delta, 1931. . . Inactive Fraternities: Beta Kappa.

We have in Tucson a small but active and interested alumni group including two members of the S.C. In the University we have two Phi Psi undergraduates, also two sons of Phi Psis, and we understand that another Phi Psi is about to enter. The above group is extremely anxious to and is willing and eager to immediately

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undertake the formation of and assume responsibility for a new chapter of Phi Kappa Psi.

Ordinarily such action would be undertaken only upon unanimous approval by the next Grand Arch Council. However, we were unable to hold a G.A.C. in 1944 and 1946 is the earliest possible date in prospect and this may not be feasible.

Phi Kappa Psi must grow. It is perfectly possible that as a result of the war we may lose one or two chapters. In the past we have encouraged conservative and substantial growth, but we have not established a new chapter since 1934, mainly because of the lack of desirable opportunities. I believe we now have such an opportunity. At a recent meeting the President, the Dean and two members of the faculty having supervision of fraternities at Arizona, have told the local Phi Psis that a chapter of the Fraternity would be welcome. Because of existing conditions typical on all campuses, our group at the present time can start out on a more equal competitive basis now than they would be able to do later when fraternity conditions approach normal.

A new chapter of Phi Kappa Psi may be installed by unanimous vote of our chapters and alumni associations. This may be done by a written vote through the mails. This is an unusual suggestion, but these are unusual times and we have an unusual opportunity.

I am asking you for an expression of opinion as to whether the officers of the Fraternity shall proceed to place this proposition before the Fraternity in the form of a petition from the group at the University of Arizona and secure a vote on the matter through the mail.

I shall greatly appreciate your opinion and advice.

Very fraternally yours,



Harry S. Gorgas, President.

HSG:HM

April 7, 1945.

Mr. Ray S. Pierson,
Peoples National Bank Bldg.,
Burlington, Kansas.

Dear Ray:

After I returned from your very wonderful banquet at Burlington last night I called Edwin Browne, our University publicity chairman, to find out what happened to the mats. He is checking on that with his secretary and is to call me back. I have asked that he write you so that you would know that I carried through my part of the detail arrangements.

The publicity chairman of the University has all the information and it goes out from that center. We make a request of him for sending out the mats, and the liaison apparently broke down over there. But I did want you to know that we had followed through.

It was great to meet the many friends at Burlington and also to meet the fine athletes of your town. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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RAY S. PIERSON
LAWYER
PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
BURLINGTON, KANSAS

March 27th,

1945

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Head Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

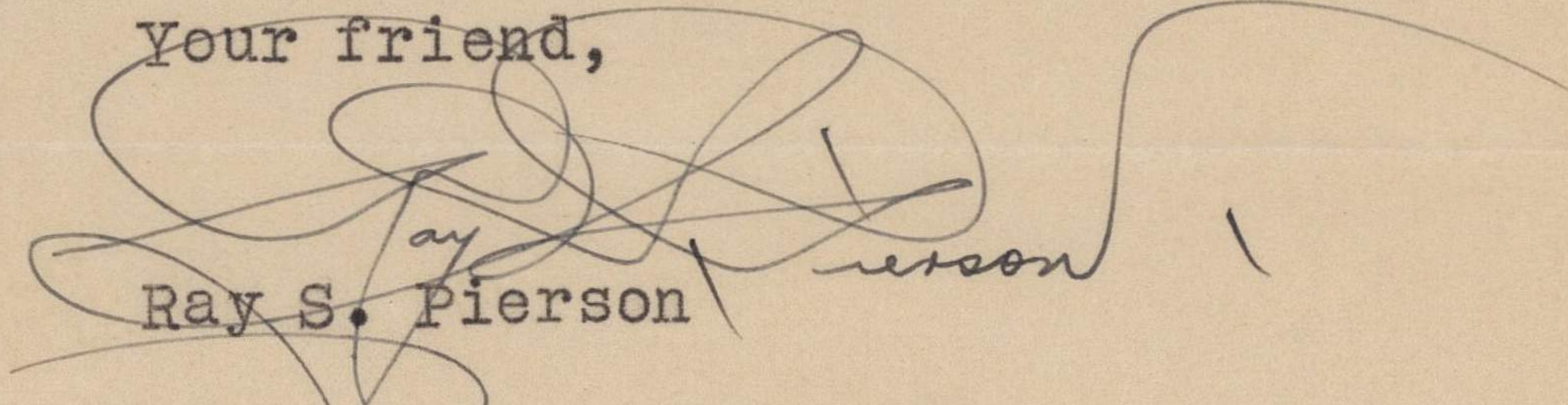
Dear Doctor Allen:

This will confirm our long distance telephone conversation in regard to the speaking engagement for the Athletic Banquet for the High School Football, Basketball and Track athletes here at Burlington on Friday evening, April 6th, 1945 at 7 o'clock. The meeting is sponsored by the Men's Bible Class of the Methodist Church and we expect to have an audience of about 150. I would appreciate it very much if you would send me a one column mat of yourself and also any literature that would assist us in giving you the proper publicity that you justly deserve.

We were certainly pleased to have your acceptance and we are all looking forward to a very pleasant evening. Right now, we are having a little trouble in the Commissary Department but we hope to have the problem solved by the time you get here.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Your friend,


Ray S. Pierson

RSP:CJ

April 2, 1945.

Dr. Don Carlos Peete,
1500 Professional Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dr. Peete:

I find that I have been negligent to the point of even writing you and thanking you for the radio cardiogram and your high professional skill when you so kindly took care of me. I did thank you, but if I thank you a hundred times it will not be too much.

I am sorry that I didn't have some time other than your busy professional life to visit with you. Still, we had a short visit at the Engineers banquet, but we were not together then. I am hoping some time in the not too distant future that we are going to have that chance for a visit we have long contemplated. Certainly when it does come it will be most satisfying because we will have many, many things to talk about.

It is always good to see you, and your professional skill is always most highly appreciated.

Until you are better paid, I am, as ever

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Print the complete address in plain letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided on the right. Use typewriter, dark ink, or dark pencil. Faint or small writing is not suitable for photographing.

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FROM

TO

DR. FOREST C ALLEN

LT. JOHN A. PEITSCH 0107728

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPT.

448 AAA (KW) Bn

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

APO 3.39 WPM NY NY

LAURENCE, KANSAS

7 FEB 1945

(Sender's complete address above)

John Peitsch
1st Lt

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

Germany

Dear Doc,

I find I haven't written to you for some time. Possibly its due to the fact that we have been occupied most fully most of the time. We haven't been loafing any way. I have been in all the countries bordering Germany lately & now am in "der Fuehrers back yard." Before too many months have passed I hope we are in the front yard with the Russians and then we can all concentrate on the Japs. I got your last Reprints a month ago and sincerely enjoyed it.

Have been following with great interest the gambling incident of Brooklyn College. You really hit the nail on the head several months ago Doc. I figured you knew what you were talking about. You got quite a write up in the Stars & Stripes and are still getting, by the way. We are still in their driving Doc so keep open a place for us, we won't be gone too much longer.
as ever
John

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REPLY BY
V...-MAIL

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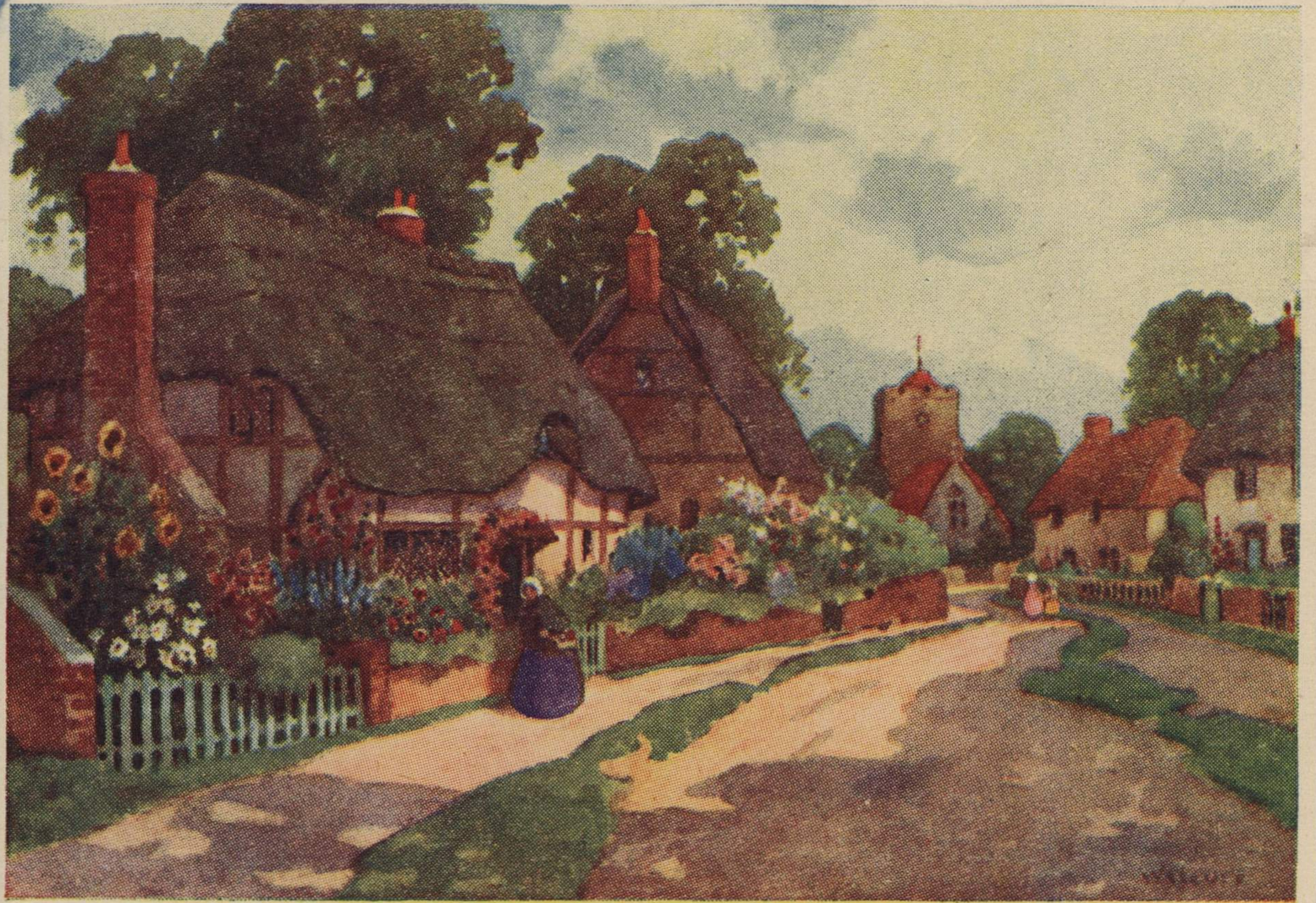
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As ever,

John



Christmas Greetings

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Allen,

just a small greeting from the
E. T. O. Here's hoping you have a
very happy and joyous Christmas.

Love,

ms H — Lloyd, Jr. Purcell

Do we send him a rebound
Jc

My Message

May you be happy
On Xmas Day
With only Sunshine
That fades not away

Lloyd, Jr.

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MADE IN
BEAUX ARTS
GREAT BRITAIN



March 13, 1945.

Mr. Richard Potter,
1130 Emery Road,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Richard:

I wish to congratulate you personally and your fine family on the high honor that has come to you in the award of a Summerfield Scholarship. This is a most exceptional award which attests to your leadership and scholarship. We are all very proud of you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Feb. 22, 1945.

Dr. F. C. Allen,
University of Kansas Physical Education Corporation,
Robinson Gynasium,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Complying with your telephone request today, we have ordered
by Air Mail this afternoon:

12 Doz. 100's Savita Yeast Tablets 4.50 per dozen

Promptly upon arrival, which should be not later than
Wednesday of next week, we will make delivery.

Will you kindly mail us purchase Order?

Thanking you for this business, we are,

Yours truly,

THE THEO. POEHLER MERCANTILE CO.

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December 19, 1939.

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

For some time I have been very much interested in means of building cardiac reserve. Accumulated evidence in the last few years would indicate that the giving of vitamin B compound, glycine, and dextrose would aid in restoring cardiac reserve when it is lost through various types of disease. For several years now we have employed these methods in our practice and have been impressed with the improvement shown in many of these patients.

It occurred to me that this improvement can be brought about in exhausted hearts from disease, why wouldn't it be possible to improve cardiac reserve in those who are under great physical strain, and with your cooperation I would be very much pleased to try it on some of your players. I would suggest that we start with a few members so that we will have some method of control as to the value of our results.

The following is the method I would like to follow:

One capsule of betulin compound three times daily after meals
A tablespoon full of dexin (dextrose sugar made by Burrows & Wellcome) in glass of lemonade ten minutes before game time and between halves.

A tablespoon full of glycolixer by Squibb (glycine) three times daily.

Please let me know your reaction and if you have any suggestions to add.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Don Carlos Peete, M.D.