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January 8, 1942.

Naval Reserve Recruiting Agency,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:

I am very happy to recommend for your consideration Mr. Ralph Schaake, a student at the University of Kansas. He is a major in our Department of Physical Education, and I have come in close contact with him during his college career.

Ralph Schaake is a very fine, clean, capable young man. He does not use tobacco or alcoholic beverages in any form. He has taken active part in varsity athletics, having earned his letter in both varsity football and basketball. He is intelligent, cooperative, and extremely loyal to his superiors.

I am very glad to recommend Ralph Schaake to you without reservation.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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

January 2, 1942.

Mayer Roger T. Sermon,
Independence, Missouri.

Dear Rog:

Thank you for your letter of December 30. If you will write to Vaughn Pontius, 1428 Ohio Street, Lawrence, Kansas, I will appreciate it.

Pontius has not as yet filled out an application blank because I wanted to get your letter first. I will appreciate your efforts in his behalf.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



OFFICE OF
ROGER T. SERMON
MAYOR

THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

December
Thirty
1941

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

Dear Phog:

I have your letter with reference
to Vaughan Pontius.

It will not be necessary for him
to make a trip here, but if you will send me
his name and address just as it is on his
application, I will be glad to write a let-
ter of recommendation in his behalf to the
employment manager at Lake City, with the
hope that it will have the desired results.

Yours very truly

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roz", is written over a horizontal line.

Roger T. Sermon, Mayor

RTS:vc

1428 Ohio

December 29, 1941.

Mr. Harley Davis,
Kansas City Power and Light Co.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear "Mud":

I am sending you a carbon copy of a letter that I have written to Mayor Roger Sernon in regard to Vaughn "Chick" Pontius. "Chick" is our greenskeeper here at the Lawrence Country Club. He is 28 years of age and graduated from the Lawrence Memorial High School seven years ago. He has been manager and greenskeeper here for several years, but he desires to get into some other work.

I wonder if you will give Rog a ring and see if he won't kindly confer with this boy and recommend him. Chick is married and has been for seven or eight years. He has a fine wife, and I would like to do something to help him out. I will appreciate anything that you can do with Rog because I realize that it takes a recommendation from someone in that part of the country to have him considered by the Lake City organization.

I would like to tell you something about Wilson Houts. We got in touch with the Alcoholics, Anonymous, in Kansas City and they are working with Wilson. They never reveal their identity by a letter, but an A. A. called us and told us that they were working with him. This chap did reveal his identity to us and it happened to be a Lawrence boy who had gone bad and had straightened up. It is amazing to see the work that they do for their fellow unfortunates, so I have hopes that something can be done for Wilson.

I had Wilson working here for us until about two weeks ago when he went to Kansas City to live with his wife. The weather got too cold for him to stand the outdoor work, but I believe that the days he spent here rather toughened him up and revitalized him so that he could do work that the A. A. will provide for him. I want to thank you very much for your kindness in all the things that you have done.

Wishing you a very prosperous and happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

FCA:AH

December 29, 1941.

Mayor Roger Sernon,
Independence, Missouri.

Dear Rog:

I have a young man here in Lawrence who is especially adaptable in skills with his hands. He is at present greens-keeper of the Lawrence Country Club. His name is Vaughn "Chick" Pontius.

"Chick" Pontius has been the professional here for a number of years as well as managing the club and supervising the greens. He has been at the Country Club a number of years, starting in as a caddy and working up. He wants to get into defense work and I told him about the possibility of getting on at the Lake City munitions plant. He is 28 years of age and has been married for about seven years. He graduated from the Lawrence Memorial High School in 1934. He had one year of R.O.T.C. training while he was a student in high school. He took this training, however, at the University with the R.O.T.C. unit here.

Would it be possible for him to arrange an appointment with you so that you could see him and if possible recommend him at Lake City for possible consideration of employment? Rog, I would appreciate this very much if you will do it for me. I am sure that Chick Pontius will not disappoint you as he is especially skilled in all types of machine work, as I have observed him around the Lawrence Country Club. He is especially handy in doing any type of work that requires mechanical skill. Since it is winter time and the golf work has slowed down perceptibly, he is anxious to get into something that will be more compensating.

Awaiting your reply, and wishing you a very happy and prosperous New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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

December 30, 1941.

Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board,
Bryant Building, Suite 1210,
11th & Grand,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sirs:

I am very happy to recommend for consideration by your Board the application of Wallace Robert Johnson, a senior at the University of Kansas. He is one of the outstanding majors in our Department of Physical Education.

Bob Johnson is now playing on my Varsity Basketball team for his third year. I have had very close contact with him, both as his instructor in Physical Education classes, and as his coach. He is a young man of high character, excellent personality, and clean habits. He is intelligently cooperative, and knows the value of loyalty to his superiors.

I am very happy to recommend him to you without evasion or reservation. I have always found him to be a commendable young man.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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

December 10, 1941

Capt. Carl E. Rankin
Athletic and Recreational Division
Lowry Field
Denver, Colorado

Dear Captain Rankin,

I am glad to recommend to you for your consideration J. Richard Wells, who played three years of excellent Varsity basketball under me, here at the University of Kansas. He also played on the football team at the University for one year making his letter in both sports.

I know of no young man who has the intelligence and physical vigor that has Dick Wells. He has a forceful personality and has the ability to handle men under him. Dick Wells is intelligently cooperative and he is blessed with the appearance and bearing that introduce him favorably to those with whom he comes in contact. He is intensely loyal and understanding and is intelligent to such a degree that insures him success.

I am very happy to write this testimonial to Mr. Wells' character, personality, and efficiency.

Sincerely,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

December 10, 1941

Mr. Dick Wells
901 Harrison
Denver, Colorado

Dear Dick,

I am enclosing a letter of recommendation for you which I trust will land you the job as athletic and recreational officer at Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado.

With all good wishes to you and your family I am

Sincerely,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

December 2, 1941.

Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board,
Bryant Building, Suite 1210,
11th and Grand,
Kansas City, Mo.

Gentlemen:

I am very happy to recommend for your consideration Mr. Robert Lee Thomas, who is a senior in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Kansas.

Mr. Thomas attended Washington Rural High School at Bethel, Kansas, where he was very active in athletics and school activities. At the University of Kansas he has participated in intramural athletics both as a player and an official. He has also been officiating football and basketball games for the Kansas State High School Athletic Association.

Mr. Thomas is a fine, clean, personable young man. He is loyal, courteous, and cooperative. He has splendid habits, and at all times is a gentleman.

I am very happy to recommend Mr. Thomas to you without reservation or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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

Rahert Lee Thomas

Attended Washington Rural High School
at Bethel, Kansas - Active in football, basketball
and was president of Student Council two
years - President of P.E. - Y - and of W club.

I Came to K.C. in 1939 as a freshman
and have attended school here for $3\frac{1}{2}$ years.
I have been active in the extramural program
both as an official and player.

In the fall of 41 I became an ~~the~~
official for the K.S. H.A.A. marking games
for both football and basket ball.

In the Spring of 41 worked as a judge
in the K.C. Relay -

College

Economics major

June 8 - 1940

21 yrs ag²

Address,

Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board
Bryant Building, Suite 1210
11th. and Grand
Kansas City, Missouri

December 10, 1941

Pvt. William G. Wade
399 School Squadron
Flight 49
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Dear Bill,

I am happy to respond to your urgent request. This is no criticism of you, Bill, but I suggest that you not wait so long to ask for things of this nature in that it is necessary to send them by air mail. Doubtless you have been down there quite a little while, and possibly had you taken care of this earlier the necessity for the rush would not have been so urgent.

You understand that I am glad to do this for you, but there are 101 things on my desk requiring attention. Since you are in the service of our country and in a position to deal Japan and Germany a lot of grief, in the spirit of patriotic cooperation I am putting your request as a No. 1 duty and am taking care of this matter. I wish you success, health, and happiness, Bill.

Sincerely,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

Biloxi Miss.

Dec. 7, 1941

Dr. Allen:

I suppose you will be surprised to hear from me again, and I wonder if you will remember me. About a year and a half again I corresponded with you for a short time.

I'll introduce myself, hoping you will remember me and our former relations. My name is William G. Wade, who you called Bill Wade. I was a student at the University of 1938-39. I was also out for spring basketball practice. You once wrote me a letter of recommendation for a job so I could continue my education. Unfortunately, however, I unable to continue because of disagreement between my parents.

Again, I am writing for a letter of recommendation from you. I am in the air corps of the U. S. Army. I want to try for flying cadet and am anxious to get started with my flying training. I am stationed here

at Keesler Field at Biloxi, Miss.

Since you last heard from me, I have been living in Oakland, Calif for the last year. I have been working for Montgomery & Ward Mail Order House and enjoyed much success while employed there, receiving three promotions in my years service. I would have liked to have stayed and worked my way up higher in the company, but I was drafted into the army and enlisted in the air corps.

I must have the recommendation at the earliest date possible. Please reply promptly by Air Mail. I will greatly appreciate your cooperation with me in this matter.

Wishing you a most successful year in basketball, as I know you will have

Sincerely
Bill Wade

Reply to:

Pvt. William G. Wade.

399 School Squadron

Flight 49

Keesler Field, Miss.

December 10, 1941

Commanding Officer
Keesler Field
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Dear Sir,

I am very happy to recommend Pvt. William G. Wade of your 399 School Squadron, Keesler Field, Miss.

William Wade entered the University in the school year of 1938-39. He was out for freshman basketball and did a splendid job. He was studious, dependable, energetic, and clean in his habits. Wade knows how to take responsibilities and also how to discharge orders. His spirit on the team was most commendable and I was sorry that it was not possible for him to return to school the following year.

Due to circumstances over which he had no control he was forced to forego his work at the University. Had he been able to continue, it is my definite opinion that he had the ability to make a Varsity letter.

In my coaching I stress, loyalty, training, cooperation, and team work. Bill Wade had the requisites that make a fine athlete and a real gentleman. I am happy to recommend him to you without reservation.

Sincerely yours,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

December 3, 1941

Mr. Scott Chadwick
Chadwick Realty Company
4069 Archer Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Chadwick,

Miss Melba Schilling has been employed by the department of physical education here at the University for a term of 9 months at a salary of \$1300.00 per year.

At the present time, Miss Schilling is giving fine satisfaction and as far as we know she will be with us next year. However, it is the policy of the University to employ instructors for just a 9 months term, renewing their appointment every year.

Hoping that this information is sufficient for your use I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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TELEPHONES: LAFAYETTE 1123-1124
4069 S. ARCHER AVE., (at California Ave.)
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

November 29, 1941

University of Kansas
Robinson Gymnasium
Lawrence, Kansas

Gentlemen:

Miss Melba Shilling is desirous of renting a flat through our office, but before accepting her, it is our duty to investigate her capability to pay.

Will you kindly inform us as to the duration of Miss Shilling's employment with your firm, and the amount of salary she receives per week?

Your response will be held in the strictest confidence and we shall be glad to reciprocate at any time. The enclosed stamped envelope is for your convenience. We thank you and hope to hear from you promptly.

Very truly yours,

Scott Chadwick

CHADWICK REALTY COMPANY
SC/wao

encl.

November 17, 1941

Mr. Jim Hammers
Treece, Kansas

Dear Jim,

I was delighted to have your letter of the 14th instant and am writing to tell you that I will be happy to write both Kenneth Spencer and George Nettles in your behalf.

I was also glad to know that you have good success with our Better Basketball. I was interested too to notice how you addressed my letter. You have the old signature do you not? And the hammer and Jayhawk was good on the back.

We wish you might have been here last Saturday for the Aggie game. You would have enjoyed it.

Wishing you continued success in your work and in your patents
I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

TREECE HIGH SCHOOL

(A SUPERIOR GRADE A SCHOOL)

JAMES E. HAMMERS, PRINCIPAL

TREECE, KANSAS

November 14, 1941

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
"Basketball" +
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

It has been some time since I've had the privilege of talking with you but I often quote you or your book Better Basketball. My boys both here and at Columbus feel that "Doc" Allen is The Basketball man of the world. I certainly have had success using your "screens".

However, I'm figuring on changing professions, want to work into the new Jayhawk Ordnance Plant near here. It was you who introduced me to the name of George Nettles and he says that he is helping me over the hurdles to get near the plant - he has recommended I be given a guard job. I hope to get "in on" some of the training of the operating personnel. The government is spending \$50,000 training men.

You know George Nettles and Kenneth Spencer; either of which respect you very much. And either of which have very much to say concerning this new plant. Kenneth is the superintendent. He's in charge of the spending of ^{the} twenty-seven millions of dollars. Both men are loyal K.U. supporters - letter men. Well, I thought that perhaps since I'm K.U. - you're K.U. and they're K.U. you might get them a letter in my behalf? Their offices are in the 1st Nat'l Bldg, Pittsburg, Kansas if you'd care to write them for me. I have \$700⁰⁰ tied up in Patents; and have sold one of them.

Sincerely your friend,

Jim Hammers

(The oldest of the
"twins")

November 17, 1941

Mr. Kenneth Spencer
First National Bank Building
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Kenneth,

Congratulations on the Herculean task that you have assumed with the defense industry. I read of you so much and am always pleased that any publicity concerning you is complimentary concerning your organization and administration of your work. May you continue to prosper and work hard for good old U.S.A. at \$1.00 per year.

I just received a letter from Jim Hammer, an old football player here at the University telling me that you have given him a chance at one of your guard jobs. He is very pleased and I hope that he will be successful in every way.

With all good wishes I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

November 17, 1941

Mr. George Nettles
First National Bank Building
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear George,

I have received a letter from one of our old football players, Jim Hammers, stating that he is working under you in the Jayhawk Ordinance Plant in Pittsburg. Jim, you know, is one of the Hammers twins and played a bang-up game of football. If you can show him any courtesy that comes along the line I will, of course, appreciate it. As one football player to another I am sure that he understands that your language is based on efficiency, loyalty and initiative.

I wish you might have been here last Saturday - you would have had the thrill of your life, but on second thought, maybe you were and I failed to see you.

With lots of good luck I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

October 21, 1941

Mr. E. B. Etten
Sears, Roebuck, and Co.
2650 East Olympic Blvd.
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Etten,

I am very happy to return the enclosed information blank for Allen Nipper who has applied to you for a position.

Nipper is a very fine, clean young man who knows the value of work. He has worked most of his life.

Nipper played on my varsity basketball and baseball teams and last year made his letter in baseball. When in school, Nipper was employed part time in my department and we found him most reliable and dependable. I am very happy to recommend him to you without reservation.

Sincerely yours,

FCA/pe

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

November 3, 1941.

Mr. Don Thompson,
1624 Greenfield,
West Los Angeles, California.

Dear Don:

I am sending you the two copies of a letter that I had written on March 29, 1941. In this letter you will note that I state: "He is a very earnest young man", and that "he has had to work his way through college." I stated further that "Don has worked for me during the summer session and has given splendid satisfaction."

Now I am going to send this letter on to you and I have written it as of October 29. You may use it to your benefit. But I was chagrined beyond measure to learn that after I had given you work during the summer time in the Department of Physical Education so that you might pay for having your teeth cleaned you not only failed to pay Dr. Esterly, but you injured my good friend by telling him that the work was of inferior grade and not satisfactory.

When Dr. Esterly's secretary called me I told her the bill would be paid, and it was paid. Of course they thought that I had obtained the money from you. Now I want you to send that \$3.00 back. You will notice that I do not say that I will give you a recommendation if and when you pay the bill. I have given you the recommendation as I got you the job and allowed you to earn the money which was to go to Dr. Esterly but which you appropriated for some other purpose.

You state that you are making it fine and have found out "thousands of things" that I told you about, all of which you say came true - the importance of the ways of life, of personal appearance, of how to meet people and even how you were told to shake hands. Everything you say that you got from my class has been useful. I am sure you will remember that I told you to meet your responsibilities and your debts.

Wishing you continued success, Don, and trusting that you will not be afraid to measure up when the obligation is yours, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

FCA:AH
Encl.

October 29, 1941.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I desire to commend to you Don Thompson, a senior in our University of Kansas from our School of Education.

I have known Don Thompson for about eight years. He graduated from the Lawrence Memorial High School in this city. Don is 21 years of age and a varsity track athlete. He has competed three years on the varsity two mile team in the fall and on the varsity track team in the spring. His events are the 880 yard run and the mile. He has also run on the medley and the four mile relay team.

Don Thompson has been a boy who has had to work his way through college. He is a very earnest young man and desires to enlist in the Air Corps.

During the summer session I have under my control the recreation of the summer school and Don has worked for me at that time and has given splendid satisfaction.

I trust that he will have an opportunity to serve his nation in this time of crisis. I will appreciate your careful consideration of this young man.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:nh

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

Oct 20. 41
1624 Greenfield
W. Los Angeles
Calif.

Dear Mr. Allen,

Would it be to much trouble for you to renew this letter of recommendation for me?

My application for the Navy Air Corps is pending on it. They wouldn't accept it because it was more than 3 months old. I would greatly appreciate your prompt action on this matter.

I am making it fine and have found out thousands of things you told us about, in class to be true - the ways of life, importance of personal appearance, how to meet people, and even how you told us to shake hands. Every thing I got from your classes have been very useful.

Thanking you for your kind consideration,
I remain

Sincerely yours
Tom Thompson

Letter head.
March 29, 1941

~~Commanding General
Seventh Corps Area
Omaha, Nebraska~~

My Dear Sir:

To whom it may concern

I desire to commend to you Don Thompson, a senior in our University of Kansas from our School of Education.

I have known Don Thompson for about eight years. He graduated from the Lawrence Memorial High School in this city. Don is 21 years of age and a varsity track athlete. He has competed three years on the varsity two mile team in the fall and on the varsity track team in the spring. His events are the 880 yard run and the mile. He has also run on the medley and the four mile relay team.

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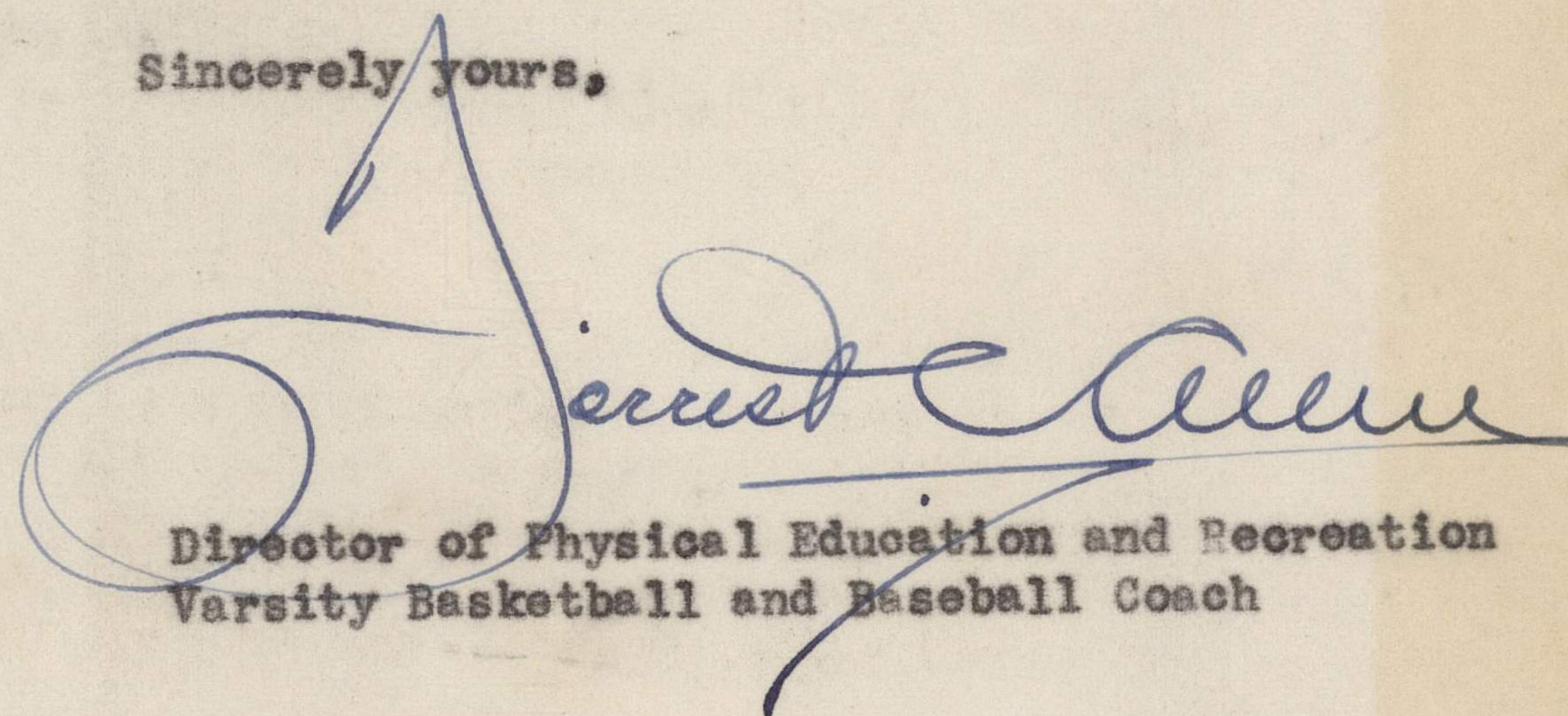
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Sincerely yours,

Send me two copies
one for my self.

Please


Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

FCA:nh

cc: Don Thompson

November 3, 1941.

Dr. George Esterly,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doctor George:

The enclosed correspondence with Don Thompson
is self-explanatory.

Cordially yours,

FCA:AH
Encl.

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