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January 7, 1946

Mr. Carl Rice
2108 Washington Boulevard
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Carl:

I desire to commend to you for your consideration Mrs. Fred Harris, 3130 Euclid, Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. Harris is the wife of Fred Harris, jr., of Lawrence, Kansas, who graduated from the University of Kansas in 1937. While in the University, Fred Harris excelled in athletics, being a star quarterback, a fine basketball player, and a hurdler in track. Mr. Harris has completed forty months in the service of the United States Navy. When he was detached, he was a Lieutenant Junior Grade. I learned that he made an excellent record in the service.

Mr. Harris is a family man, having one young son twenty months of age. Mr. Harris is energetic, resourceful, capable, and intensely loyal. He has no bad habits and I am happy to recommend him without reservation.

I understand that Mrs. Harris desires a clerical position. I will appreciate personally anything that you may do for this very worthy young couple.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

November 30, 1945

Mr. C. J. Reimer
Chetopa, Kansas

Dear Mr. Reimer:

I am mailing you by parcel post one dozen athletic supporters. I will see that the sizes, medium and small, are about half and half. These supporters have been selling for 25¢ a piece. We have had pretty good sales from the high schools. I will enclose the item for postage after I have mailed them and determined the amount. It will be \$3.00 plus postage.

Sincerely yours,

Forrest C. Allen, Director
Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Chetopa, Kansas,
Nov. 27, 1945

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
N. U. Lawrence,
Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen,

We need athletic supporters and the ones you showed us, when we got that football equipment, will serve our purpose. Would you be willing to send me one dozen of them and then send me the complete bill (supporters and postage)? I will remit the amount when I receive the bill. I would prefer sizes medium and small, about half & half.

I thank you in advance for any effort to comply with my wish.

Sincerely,

C. J. Reimer

November 30, 1945.

Mr. W. M. Richards,
Superintendent of Schools,
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Richards:

Lt. Gerald Barker, who has seen much active service in the Coast Guard, dropped into my office today and discussed with me the possible openings for next year.

Gerald played his undergraduate football, basketball, track and tennis at Ottawa University. Then he came for graduate work at the University of Kansas, and he has practically finished his Master's degree with the exception of his thesis. I have had him in basketball, and he is a very capable young man. He showed this capacity for coaching at Minneapolis and Great Bend where he had splendid success.

He doubtless will contact you, and I want to tell you that I think you would be very fortunate to be able to secure his services.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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EMPORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EMPORIA, KANSAS

W. M. RICHARDS
SUPERINTENDENT

November 27, 1945.

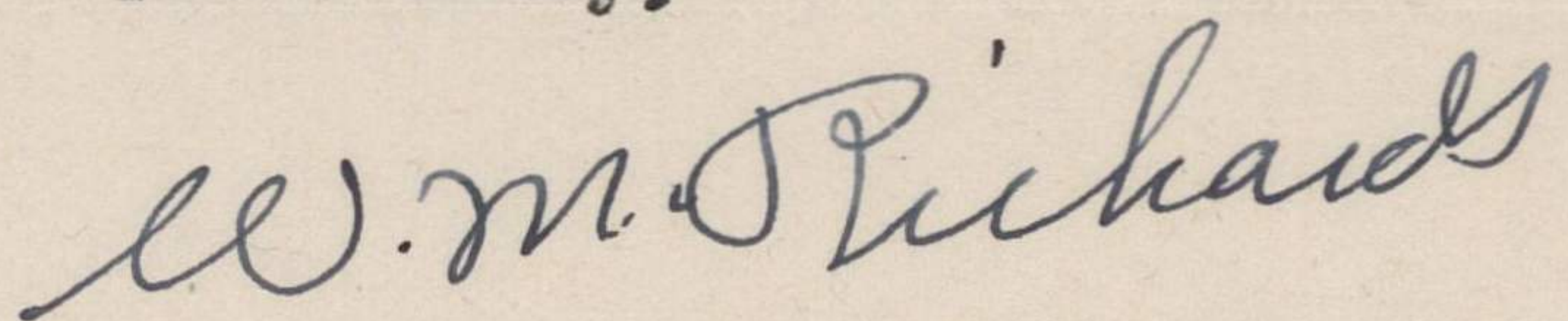
Dr. Forest C. Allen
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

We are looking for a basketball coach for next year. Perhaps you know some alumnus of the University of Kansas who would be interested in this position. If so, we shall appreciate you asking him to contact us.

It will be necessary for the coach to do some teaching in addition to his coaching. We can arrange to have him teach in almost any department for which he is qualified.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. M. Richards".

W.M. Richards, Supt.

WMR:lr

November 29, 1945

Mr. W. M. Richards, Superintendent
Emporia Public Schools
Emporia, Kansas

Dear Mr. Richards:

I am endeavoring to find out when Ernie Varnek, one of our superlative basketball coaches, will be released from the navy. He formerly coached at Topeka High School where he made a splendid record. He was head of the Department of Physical Education when he left, but I heard faint rumors that he might be looking for another location.

I know that they were very well pleased with him. I do not know the reason, or if there are any reasons, for the statement that he might not return. However, I'll find out, and will communicate with you very shortly. He is by far the very best man that we have if he is not attached. He has a wonderful personality with the boys; he is capable, and he knows how to work with the officers of the school.

I would recommend him without any reservations. You will hear from me shortly.

Sincerely,

Forrest C. Allen, Director
Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCams

November 24, 1945.

Mr. Verle Ritter,
Norton, Kansas.

Dear Verle:

We are very happy to send you a brochure describing our courses in physical education. After a satisfactory completion of this course you would receive the B. S. degree in Education with a major in physical education.

Generally speaking, the men in physical education who are able to earn a varsity letter are the ones much more successful in obtaining jobs than those who do not earn a letter. However, we do know of men who enter the field of physical education and are very happy, but the initial salary and the advancement is not as rapid as it is when you indulge in the competitive athletic field. I mention these things so that you might not be disappointed later on. The superintendents and school boards are constantly looking for a star in some athletic participation who also have the academic and teaching requisites for this work. A varsity letter is a laboratory evidence of their proficiency in athletic work.

I trust that we may hear from you regarding your desires and intentions.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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November 23, 1945.

Mrs. Lottie Reber,
Paseo High School,
48th St. and Flora Ave.,
Kansas City 4, Mo.

Dear Lottie:

I am sorry as the dickens that we have a class at 9:30 in the morning on December 14th here at the University. Missouri, Kansas State, Nebraska and Kansas are playing that night in Municipal Auditorium in double headers. We also play the 15th of December there.

Therefore, I am afraid that cutting my class, driving down and back would be just a little more than I should plan at the present time. I dislike, like the mischief, to turn you down, but my basketball schedule will require a certain number of outs and I am afraid I better not attempt this. I hope there is some other way that you can work it out, but I do appreciate your asking me and wish that I could come.

I will extend your good wishes to Mrs. Allen.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

J. C. BOND
PRINCIPAL

W. LAWRENCE CANNON
VICE-PRINCIPAL

Paseo High School

FORTY-EIGHTH STREET AND FLORA AVENUE

Kansas City, 4, Missouri

November 21, 1945

Dr. F. C. Allen
Director of Athletics
University of Kansas

Dear Phog:

At nine o'clock in the morning of December 14 we are to have an assembly for the purpose of arousing interest in and enthusiasm for basketball.

We should like very much to have you come before our students in that assembly and bring them some of your good philosophy concerning school spirit, loyalty, and clean sportsmanship, as only you know how to bring it!

Might I suggest, too, that if there are any University-owned 16 mm. films concerning fundamentals of the game or actual contests that you think our High School students might enjoy, you bring one along? Don't make this talk a burden, Phog--15 or 20 minutes will do the job. I surely hope your schedule will allow you to come to Paseo for this meeting.

My best regards to Mrs. Allen.

Sincerely yours,

Lottie Reber

November 6, 1945

Mrs. Ivan Roe, Secretary
Hercules Powder Company
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Roe:

I am enclosing a carbon copy of the letter I have written Mr. E. F. Thoenges, the manager of your Hercules Company. I appreciate your calling me, and I have instructed Mr. Wetzel to send his bill to you for your handling. If there is anything further that I can do, please call me.

Sincerely,

Forrest C. Allen
President

FAns
Enc.

November 10, 1945

Mrs. A. W. Robinson
431 West 46th Terrace
Apartment 102
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Betty Jean:

I received your special delivery after I had returned from Valley Falls, Kansas last night where I addressed the Rotary Club. I happen to be District Governor of this area and have to make an official visit to thirty separate clubs, so it keeps me busy with basketball coaching, etc.

I was so glad to hear from you, as was all of the Allen clan. Gee, it would be good to have you and Art and the rest of your good family visit us some day when you make your trip to Lawrence. Of course, if Eleanor were here it would make the trip complete. What she wouldn't give to get her hands on Betty Jeanne. I bet you and she would have a real bullfest.

Now, for the real sad news, Betty Jean. Tickets have been sold out completely here at the present time, but they are going to get a lot more end-zone seats in Monday, which will sell for \$1.60, and that is all that there is, or will be. I think you can get these same tickets in Kansas City, but to forestall any possibility of your not getting them, I am making a reservation this morning with the lady secretary of the Athletic Association to hold six tickets for you in case you cannot purchase them in Kansas City.

There is a ten cent mailing charge, so if you want to make a check to me, for mail it direct to Mr. Earl W. Falkenstien, secretary of the Athletic Association, and tell him the reservation is in the name of Mrs. Arthur W. Robinson at your residence address, he will mail the tickets on receipt of your check. However, if you want to mail the check to me and make it out in the name of the KU Athletic Association, then Hewilltake it in and complete the transaction so that you will get your tickets.

I am awfully sorry about this Betty Jean. People who are in our own building have let tickets go past them for two months and failed to get better tickets, and they are now buying in the end-zone. I have had literally hundreds and hundreds of calls from Kansas City from our friends who would like for me to get them tickets, but the sport's page has been full of this information for about a month telling the football fans that the best tickets were gone due to the limited seating capacity of about 200,000 there. The fact that the game is being played in a large city has caused many of the large firms like the Commerce Trust Company to buy 750 tickets at one whack, and the City National Bank and others, who have bought

large blocks of tickets for their customers over their territory. It is just too bad for the Kansas and Missouri alumnus who figured they could get them through their respective Athletic office.

Mr. Falkenstien and the football team are in Milwaukee today where they play Marquette.

I am sending this letter special delivery so that you will get the news as quickly as possible so that you can act upon this information at your earliest.

Give my very best to that swell husband of yours, Dr. Arthur, and tell him he's always been one of my favorites, and certainly I would not leave Dr. Arthur's wife out of the picture when it comes to prime individuals. We in the Allen home have always loved you Betty Jeanne.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

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TRANSCONTINENTAL & WESTERN AIR, INC.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI



November 9, 1945
Friday

Dear Dr. Allen,

It was so good to see you and your dear family the last two Sundays! I know how thrilled you are to have Mrs Allen home again — but I will certainly miss our Sunday afternoon visits. As soon as it is at all possible we want to come up to Lawrence, and we will certainly drop in to see you. My, I surely hope Eleanor gets home soon — I, like the rest of the family, miss her terribly!

Dr Allen, — are there any KU-MU football tickets available in Lawrence? Our family just awakened to the fact of the short interval of time between now and the kick-off at Rupert Stadium. I have tried to get a hold of tickets here in Kansas City but they seem to be all gone. We need six (6) — for Mother, Dad, my sister Fran and her husband (he just got out of the Army!), Art and me. We certainly appreciate your help, for we know how busy you are and how many requests you receive. We all send our very best to our favorite family!

Lover, Deely Jeanne

November 12, 1945.

Mr. A. G. Reynolds,
120 No. Ingalls,
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dear Gord:

I am sorry that I have delayed even as long as I have in answering your request for a letter of recommendation. The whistle has just blown for a class, but Mrs. Hulteen is taking this short dication, so anxious am I to get this letter to you without further delay.

It will be a pleasure for me to recommend you most highly. And you know that you will always be welcome as one of the key men on my varsity basketball squad.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH
Enc.

November 12, 1945.

The Medical College of the University of Michigan,
123 West Medical Building,
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

It is indeed a pleasure for me to recommend A. G. Reynolds, of 120 No. Ingalls, Ann Arbor, Michigan, for your consideration as a student in medicine at your institution.

I have known Mr. Reynolds for two years since he came as a V-12 Navy transfer to the University of Kansas. I have had him as a member of our varsity basketball team, and I am happy to say that I can recommend him without reservation. His loyalty and his leadership are of the highest. He has a high degree of intelligence and is a personable, as well as a forceful young man.

Mr. Reynolds was one of the outstanding leaders on our campus. Not only is he an exceptional athlete, but he was most highly accepted by his professors as an outstanding student. He is clean and courageous. I regard him as one of the top men that has come under my direction in my twenty-seven years here as director of physical education and coach of basketball.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

AG Reynolds
120 N. Ingalls
Ann Arbor, Mich.

3 November

Dear "Doc",

I have a very important favor to ask of you. In order for me to gain "legal" acceptance to the U. of Michigan medical school I must obtain a letter of recommendation written by a non-science instructor.

It may not be exactly according to Hayle for a letter to be written by a coach, but you are more than just a coach, and too, a doctor's degree. The name of Phog Allen is known and respected far and wide. I would be greatly honored with a letter of recommendation written by you.

I know it isn't proper to combine a formal or business letter with a friendly one, but I know you'll forgive me.

I've just completed my first

week in medical school and I
love it. It is going to be exceedingly
difficult, and at times discouraging,
but with a will and determination
to win it'll take a lot to knock
me out.

I thank you for the workout
while I was visiting at G.C. It
made me realize how out of shape
and form I really was. I don't
see how I'm going to find time
for basketball here, with the
schedule the way it is. But then,
I'm playing a more important
game right now and the stakes
are the highest - success and
happiness.

I'm sorry I didn't get to
see you again before I left
but you know how time flies
when you are on a short visit
and try to see everyone.

I saw Dr. Stohand and it
seems possible that I could transfer
to K.A. at the end of my freshman year.
But by that time I probably couldn't
make your "scrubbish" team.

I played on a "war team" and I know
it.

There is no immediate rush
on that letter. By the first of December
would be plenty soon enough.

Please address it to -

The Medical School
123 West Medical Bldg
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Thanking you very much,

I remain,

Very Respectfully yours,
Gordon

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1117 WEST SIXTH STREET

TOPEKA, KANSAS

October 18, 1945

Mr. Phog Allen
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen,

I am very happy to have had the opportunity of meeting you on the 17th. in the Community Building at Lawrence. Although I attended K. U. some few years back I never had the pleasure of actually meeting you.

As you may remember, I am in charge of the Douglas County - World War II Memorial Book which will include the pictures, names and service records of all Douglas County servicemen and women.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing one of our descriptive mailing-pieces with the thought that you may find time to read it and pass it along to your friends.

Since there is no obligation to buy one of the books there is no reason why the Veteran's Club and any other servicemen and women at Kansas University should not be represented 100%. Service record blanks may be cut out of the Journal-World or may be obtained from Mrs. L. E. McPheeters at the Community Building.

I will appreciate any help or suggestions you might care to make in order to make the Douglas County- World War II Book have a 100% coverage of the county.

Sincerely,

Don M. Richmond
Don M. Richmond

Sec. 562, P.L.&R.
U. S. POSTAGE

IMPORTANT!

DOUGLAS COUNTY'S

WORLD WAR II BOOK

A PICTURE AND BIOGRAPHICAL

HISTORY OF MEN AND WOMEN

IN UNIFORM—FROM DOUGLAS COUNTY

DO NOT FAIL TO BRING PICTURES TO

LAWRENCE COMMUNITY CENTER

BUILDING.

SEE INSIDE.

Rural Route Box Holder

LOCAL

Mr. Phog Allen

THIS IS DOUGLAS COUNTY'S OWN BOOK . . .

Bring pictures and information about service records to the place named below.



COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING ON WEST
11TH STREET, JUST OFF MASSACHUSETTS,
LAWRENCE, KANSAS. PICTURES WILL BE RE-
CEIVED BEGINNING OCTOBER 8TH THROUGH
NOVEMBER 2ND.

Mrs. Marie Cox in charge to assist you.

COME IN AND SEE THE BOOKS MADE FOR OTHER COUNTIES.

IT IS YOUR DUTY to see that the pictures and service records of every family member or relative is brought to the above place so that the Douglas County World War II Book will be complete. Please do not disappoint some man or woman in the service by not bringing in their picture. Your cooperation is needed. ACT NOW, every man and woman in uniform from this County will want their picture and record in this important publication. Help them by bringing in the pictures and tell your neighbors to bring their pictures.

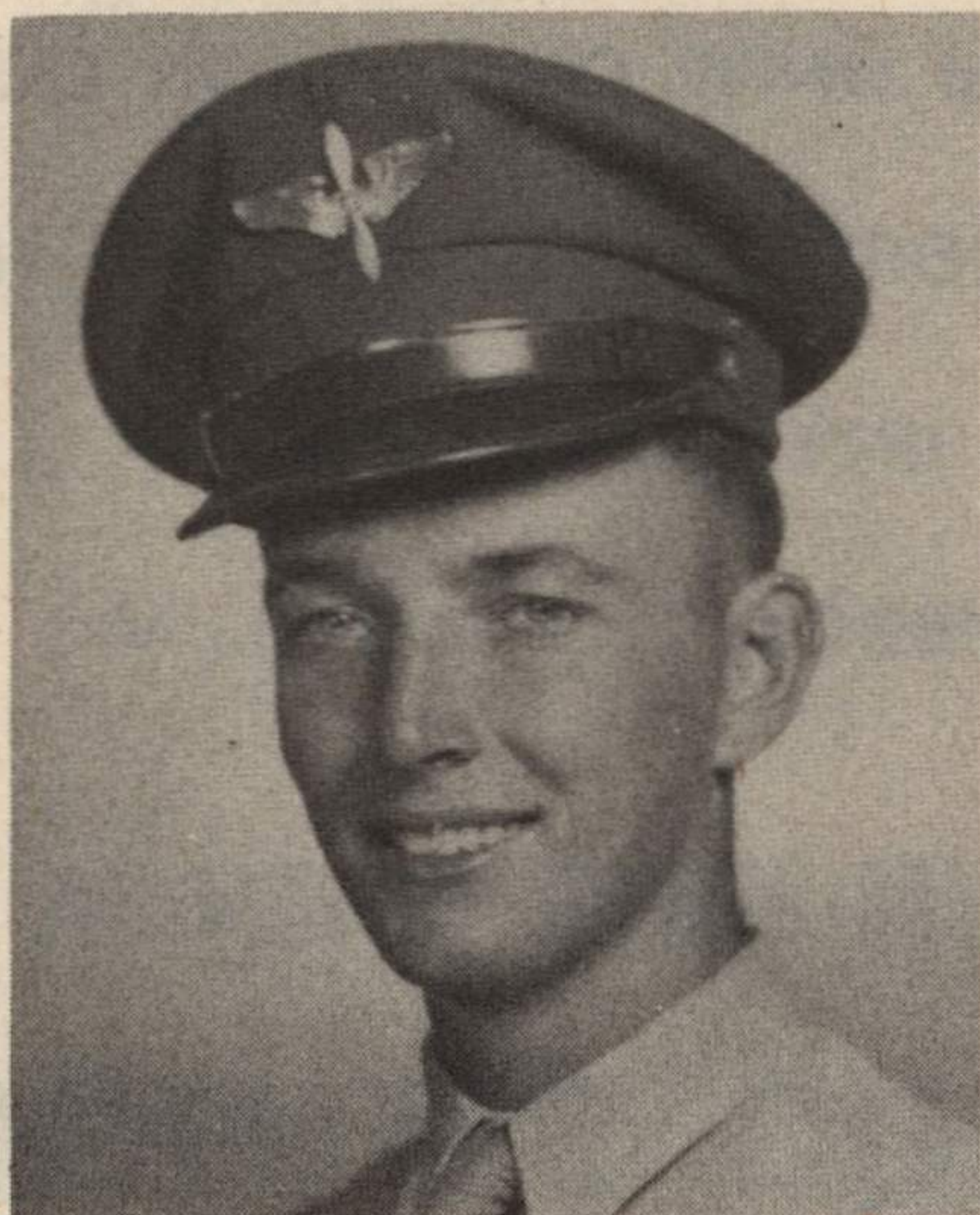
NO CHARGE will be made for placing picture and record in this book. You are not required to buy a book but, if you desire one or more copies the price is \$3.50 plus tax, per copy. If you desire a book, make a \$1.00 deposit and the remainder payable when books are delivered in approximately ten weeks.

PICTURES: Any kind of photograph can be used if it is clear and not larger than 8x10. Pictures 3x5 or 5x7 are preferred. Take pictures out of frames before bringing them in and write name on back of picture. All pictures will be returned in good condition.

SERVICE RECORD: Print or write plainly the information that you have on the opposite page. If parents are living say Mr. and Mrs.—if wife, give maiden name. Give the year and branch of service entered. Tell where he trained and where he has served. List medals or honors and if wounded or killed in action give date and place.

Although you may not wish to order a copy please cooperate to make this Douglas County Biographical History complete.

The service record copy for each picture should contain not more than sixty words. It should give such information as name, rank, name of parents or wife, schools attended, date entering service, branch of service, training, medals or citations won and present location.



JOHNSON, CLAUDE

Cpl. Claude Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Johnson, Lawrence, Kansas; Wife, the former Mary Exeter. Entered Army October, 1943; basic training at Camp Hood, further training at Fort Benning Ga. Went overseas Spring of '44. Engaged in 7 major battles in European Theater. Presidential Citation. Now enroute to Pacific Theater.

The above represents the average form and data that will be printed with each picture.

Name _____
Rank _____ First Name _____ Initial _____ Last Name _____

Parent's Name _____

Wife if Married (Give Maiden Name) _____

Year Entered Service _____

Branch of Service: Army, Air Corps, Navy, Marines _____

Trained At _____

Has Been At (Countries) _____

Now on Duty At _____

Medals and Honors _____

Wounded in Action (Date, Place) _____

Killed in Action (Date, Place) _____

Picture Furnished By _____

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DOUGLAS COUNTY'S

WORLD WAR II BOOK

A Picture and Service Record Write-up of Men and Women from this county that have served or are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States (including anyone in uniform).



Size of book 8 x 11 inches. Approximately 200 pages.

CHARLES W. COREL SAYS:

"A book containing the pictures and service records of every man and woman in the Armed Forces from Douglas County will be appreciated from friends and loved ones of those who have served so loyally and will be extremely valued in later years."

Charles W. Corel, Commander
Post No. 852
Veterans of Foreign Wars.

HOWARD MOORE SAYS:

"A book containing the pictures and service records of men and women in the Armed Forces from Douglas County should be of great public interest and a valuable possession of any citizen in Douglas County. May I urge that everyone help make the book 100% complete."

Howard Moore
Commander Dorsey Liberty Post No. 14
American Legion, Lawrence, Kansas

ROY FILKIN SAYS:

"This book will be priceless not only today but even more so as time goes by. Every boy and girl in uniform will want his picture and record in the book. Even if you do not order a copy bring in the picture and data. Cooperate to make this history complete."

R. S. Filkin
Lawrence Chapter No. 33
American War Dads

Verle Ritter

Norton, Kansas

Int: 10-10- 454

This boy is of small stature but wants to be a teacher of physical education. He knows something of Henry Shenk and is very enthusiastic about him. Also is a great admirer of Dr. Allen. He isn't "hefty" enough to be a football man but looks like he might be a good student. He wants a catalogue and full information on physical education.

September 28, 1945

Mr. Frank Riordan
946 Missouri
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Frank:

The free swimming schedule will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the pool from 8:00 to 6:00. This pool is an antiquated one and certainly will not compare with California pools but we are anxious to serve you and other students.

Due to the manpower shortage which still exists we are having a little difficulty finding a person to life guard. However, we are hoping to open this Monday. I suggest you call this office to confirm this on see Ray Kanehl, your across-the-black neighbor.

A Assuring you that we are happy to serve you and other students persuing the courses here on the hill. I am,

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lm

September 28, 1945

Mr. G. L. Jarvis, President
First National Bank of Winfield
Winfield, Kansas

Dear Mr. Jarvis:

I have just checked on the cost of the Greens for an eighteen hole golf course which we abandoned three years ago in favor of a nine hole course. The cost of upkeep and maintenance of the Greens ran about \$4500.00 to \$4800.00 per year. Since we have reduced to a nine hole course the cost of labor has risen quite sharply so I cannot give you an accurate estimate.

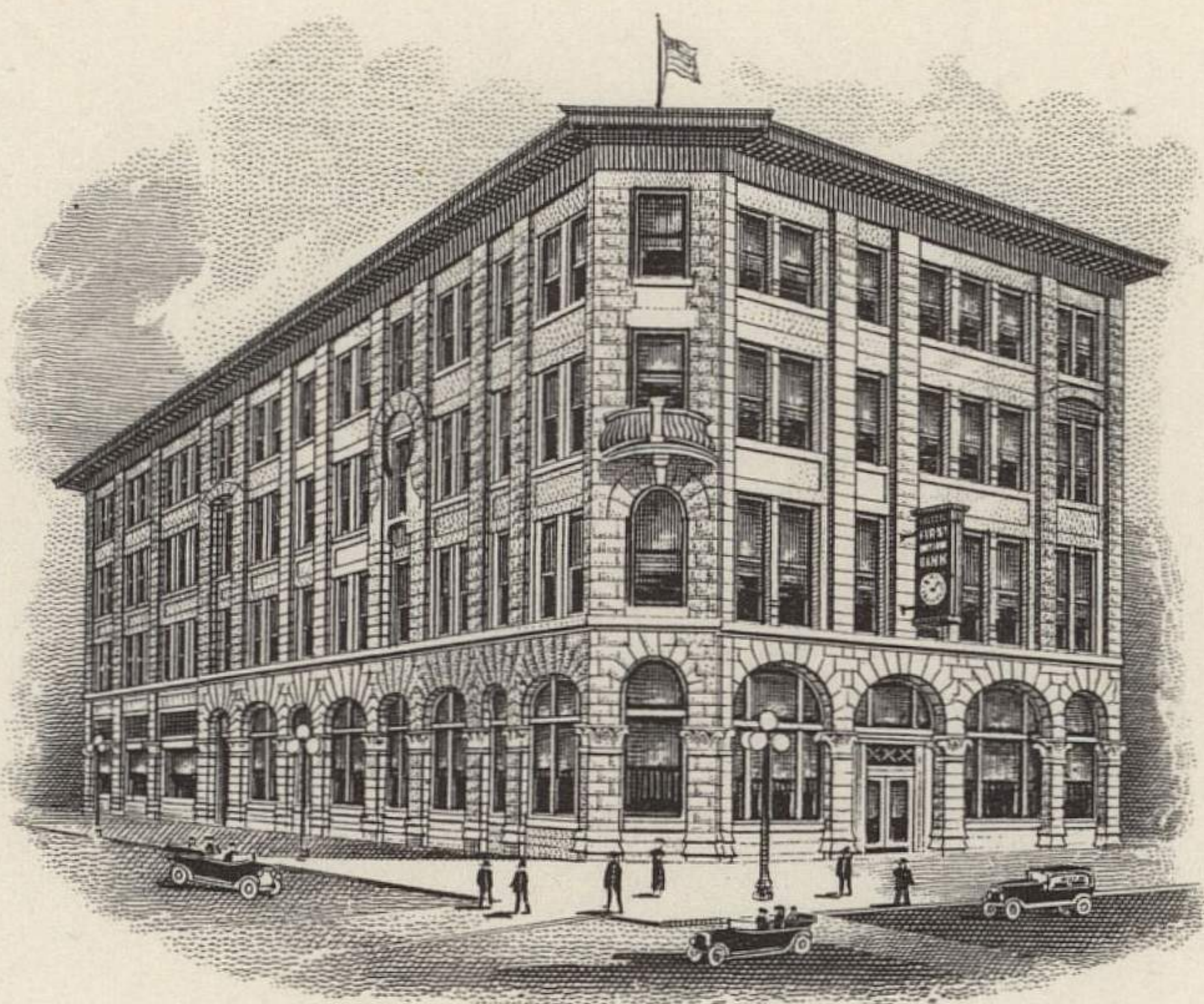
The cost for the Grass Greens on the nine hole course runs about \$3100.00 to \$3200.00 dollars. So I would say you could figure an eighteen hold Grass Greens upkeep would cost you between \$5000.00 and \$5500.00 per year. At least that is what they cost us.

Thank you very much for the sketch of the pool and information in your letter. I appreciate the same. If there is any further information we can serve you with please call on us.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach

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JOHN E. JARVIS, ASST. CASHIER
ROBERT H. JARVIS, ASST. CASHIER

WINFIELD, KANSAS

September 26, 1945

Forrest C. Allen, President
Lawrence Country Club
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

Yours of the 24th received, and beg to advise, the man who was secretary when the club was organized passed away about 3 years ago, and the present secretary is unable to find any plans or specifications for the pool. I have drawn a rough sketch which may help you some.

One end of the pool is 33 inches deep which extends for about 20 ft. and we have a rope across to keep the children in the shallow end of the pool. There is a gradual slope from the 20 ft. on to the other end of the pool, and the deep end is 9 ft. I suggest that you make the deep end about 10 ft. if you have a rather high tower. The wall of the pool is 11 inches thick, and of course, it would be necessary to build a form to pour the cement in, and the cement should be reinforced. And, also, they have a material that they put in the cement so it wouldn't absorb water. We have a 6 ft. walk all the way around the pool. Our pool cost us \$1600. We change the water in the pool every week during the summer time.

Very glad to give you this information, and if there is anything else we could possibly help you with, we would be very glad to do so.

Yours very truly,

G. L. Jarvis

G. L. Jarvis
President

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