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March 20, 1946

Mr. F. M. Rogers
Attorney at Law
Wellington, Kansas

Dear F. M.:

Thank you very much for your words of congratulations and may I extend my sincerest to you and your two fine sons for their wonderful work with Wellington. I have had many people, who were fortunate enough to witness the tournament, tell me that your one son, and I always get them mixed up, was the outstanding player of the whole tournament. You tell both of those fine boys that I was sorry that I did not have a chance to visit with them more after the Iowa State game, but we were delighted to have them and we are counting on them for our Varsity when we meet Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas State, and Iowa State. We are in a splendid conference and we certainly want the Rogers boys on the K.U. Varsity.

Some day when I am in Wellington--and I do not know how soon that will be--I want to stop by for a visit.

With appreciation and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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LAWYERS

WELLINGTON, KANSAS

March 19, 1946.

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

Dear Phog:

We listened to the ball game last night and want to congratulate you on the excellent showing your team made against Mr. Kurland. His height is just too much for any ordinary player. It looks to me like we are going to have to get the O.P.A. to put a ceiling on basketball players.

You have had a very successful season and we all appreciate the very fine work which you are doing with the basketball players there at K. U.

Very truly yours,

F. M. Rogers

FMR:lhb

February 20, 1946

Mr. F. M. Rogers, Lawyer
Wellington, Kansas

Dear Forrest:

We were mighty happy to have Harold and Gerald as our guests at the basketball game with Nebraska. I am sorry the game was not more interesting for them. We did have a fine time visiting, although the time was short. I am sorry that we were so occupied with the game that we couldn't give the boys more time. We hope that they will be able to come up during the Relays when we will have a little more time to visit with them.

Yes, I think Wellington has a dandy team. The fact that they lost to Salina only 45 to 43 stamps them as a corking good outfit.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

F. M. ROGERS
LAWYER
WELLINGTON, KANSAS

February 18, 1946.

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

Dear Phog:

I appreciate the courtesy you extended Harold and Gerald while they were in Lawrence Friday. They enjoyed the game very much.

Sincerely yours,

F. M. Rogers

FMR tsj

F. M. ROGERS
LAWYER
WELLINGTON, KANSAS

February 14, 1946.

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

Dear Phog:

I was sorry to bother you yesterday with the telephone call about Harold and Gerald attending the Nebraska game tomorrow night but I wanted to be sure that they would have an opportunity to see the game if they made the trip. I certainly appreciate your courtesy. They will probably see you at your office tomorrow afternoon.

Harold and Gerald are very much interested in basketball and have followed you and your team for many years. They are now sixteen years old and juniors in high school and are beginning to think something of where they might attend college. It may be of interest to you to know that they are twins but not identical twins. Harold is three or four inches taller than Gerald and weights about twenty pounds more than Gerald. Harold plays regularly on the high school team while Gerald is one of the reserves. Wellington has a fair team this year. You may have noted that they defeated Shawnee Mission at Salina last week and then lost to Salina by a score of 45 to 43.

I know the boys will be thrilled to go in with your team tomorrow night.

Sincerely yours,

F. M. Rogers.

FMR tsj

August 13, 1946

Recreation Officer
Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Sir:

A few weeks ago I was in Leavenworth and I was very much impressed with the fine condition in which you keep your tennis courts.

One of the men was rolling the courts with a power roller. I am wondering if you would be so kind as to furnish me with information as to where the roller was purchased.

Very cordially yours,

Henry A. Shenk
Chairman of the
Department of Physical Education

HAS:MF

May 31, 1946

Mr. Otto P. Rost
St. Louis Public Schools
Roosevelt High School
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Otto:

I am just writing and saying hello to you in reply to your good letter of March 26. That is a long time ago and I kept your letter here on my desk fully expecting to answer it at the first opportunity.

I did not get down to St. Louis, as you know, for the Physical Education Convention. I am Governor of the Rotary District #123 here and I have had to visit all the clubs in my area, which has kept me exceptionally busy. I am going to Alma, Kansas, tonight to speak there and driving back late in the evening. Together with my duties as councilman from the first ward, president of the Lawrence Country Club, and a lot of outside duties, it kept me very much on the move. I trust that you will excuse me in not answering your letter sooner.

I am pretty much interested in this Davenport, Iowa, boy. If you hear from Fred or his mother, please tell them that we are hoping that he will attend K.U. The fact that Fred's mother is a Kansas City girl might help us.

I missed you here at the Kansas Relays and doubtless you have found yourself in the same fix that I often find myself in, just too many things to do to get away.

Milton has spoken most fondly of you, Otto, and he appreciates the many fine things that you did in his behalf. He is at Great Lakes today getting his discharge from the Navy and he will practice law here in Lawrence upon his return. He will always be thankful to you for your great aid to him.

Bobby will be frozen in the Navy as a medic for quite sometime. He does not have any idea when he will get out.

With all good wishes to you, your good wife, and your family, I am

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

ST. LOUIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

March 26, 1946

Dear Doc:

Congratulations on another very wonderful season. Too bad that you had to run into the giant from Jennings twice this season.

In reply to your last letter Fred Rusk has already moved to Davenport but I'm certain that we can direct him to K.U. His mother is a Kansas City girl and of course is quite familiar with K.U. I may bring him out to the relays. Of course you know that he is only a junior in school. The rest of my team is also made up of juniors. If you come to the P. E. convention you can meet them all. If not you can look them over another time.

If you attend the national convention please let me know so that we can spend some time together.

With best wishes for you & yours.

I remain as ever

Otto T. Rosk

April 8, 1946

Lt. R. D. Rorabaugh, U.S.M.C.R.
Marine Barracks NOB
Navy #117, c/o Fleet Post Office
New York, New York

Dear Lt. Rorabaugh:

Your good friend, Frank Pattee from Smith's Center, was in my office a few days ago and showed me your last letter to him inquiring as to the possibility of your entering the university here next fall. It was certainly fine of him to call to my attention the fact that you are interested in playing basketball here at the university. As far as a job is concerned, I am sure that we will be able to satisfactorily give you enough work to enable your family to get along very nicely here in Lawrence with the aid of the G. I. Bill.

The university is going to be very crowded next fall and out-of-state students will have difficulty entering. I was delighted to know that you are a Kansan and thus will have no difficulty on that score.

Your experience at Bowling Green will undoubtedly help you considerably in your basketball career at Kansas. We are looking forward to having a good squad next fall, what with nearly the entire 1945-1946 squad to be back, plus several other returning veterans such as yourself.

I am delighted that you are thinking of coming to K.U. and anything else in which I might be of assistance to you in this line of thought I will be glad to do, so please feel free to write and ask me questions that I have left unanswered.

In closing this letter may I congratulate you for your fine service to our country in the Marine Corps and let me assure you that we at home do appreciate all you have done.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

W R D Kowalczyk
USMCR
Marine Barracks NOB
Trinidad British
West Indies
Navy #117 FPO New York
N.Y.

From Smith Center

Married —
2 yrs eligibility

Bowling Green 4/3

March 26, 1946

Miss
~~Mr.~~ Mateel Rich
21 East 9th Street
New York 3, New York

Dear Mateel:

I am getting around to answering your letter rather late as I am disappointed that I could not answer it by speaking to you personally at the Garden.

Thanks for your kind wishes for our success regardless of the outcome. One man seven-feet tall was just too much for our normal human beings to take care of. However, we will be trying just that much harder next year.

I do appreciate your good wishes from Jayhawkers who never let down.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:MF

21 East 9th St.
New York 3, NY
March 4, 1946

Dear Dr. Allen,

First let me thank you for sending me the newsletter about our boys in service. I've enjoyed it very much & usually have been able to pass it on to a K.U. grad.

Then, my sincerest wishes for success in the NCAA playoffs — because I want to see the KU team in Madison Square

garden again — and I'm counting on you to take care of that. My friend & KU mentor, Henry Etta Scrivner Miracles, & her husband, and my roommate join in good wishes to the team — and all four of us want a chance to root for you and your boys.

Kindest personal regards to you & my friends in your department & to Mrs. Allen.

As ever,

Mateel Rich

P.S. — If you see Dr. A.S. (Sr.), tell him "hello" from me.

3-26-46

Dr. Allen:

I called the Recreation Council to tell them that you have a cancer meeting Thursday and they had already noticed that there will be a dinner meeting for the Cander Drive Thursday evening, and therefore, have counted you out as being present. However, they asked me to give you a note asking you to be present at the business meeting at the Community Building if you get out of the cancer meeting in time.

M. French

Henry Shenk asks me to notify you that----
A dinner meeting of the Recreation Council will be held at the Hearth (75 cents) at 5:30 Thursday, March 28th. The early hour will give us a chance to meet Mr. Todd again, to have dinner, to hold a short meeting, and be through in time for the 8 o'clock meeting at the Community Bldg.
Copies of the enclosed letter have been or are being mailed to all organizations listed at the Chamber of Commerce and to prominent citizens who have been consistent donors of our program in past years.
Please notify me on or before Tuesday, the 26th, whether you want a reservation for the dinner.

M.S.S. Tel. 2159

March 22, 1946

Dear Lawrence Friends:

The members of the Recreation Council have compiled a list of clubs and individuals whose support, both in money and sympathetic interest, has been ours for the past six years, and are mailing to you an urgent plea to support the recreation levy at the polls on April second.

The requested authorization is for a maximum of one mill. Just how large or how small a portion of the mill will be needed each year will be determined by the five-member recreation commission appointed by the school and city officials. The important thing to us, however, is that the financial burden of providing for an adequate recreation program in Lawrence should be divided according to the ability to pay among all the taxpayers in the school district, and not borne by a relatively few civic minded organizations and individuals as has been true in a large measure in the past.

The expanded program so urgently needed can not be carried efficiently by our volunteer group which has functioned during the past six years. The sound but limited program we have been able to plan and supervise is not adequate with our larger population and increased need for constructive leisure-time activities. The need is for a full-time paid director and trained staff and facilities and equipment for their use. We have funds in reserve which will carry us through the coming summer months and until receipts from the proposed levy will be available January 1, 1947. That you will cast your ballots for the recreation levy on April second is the hope of

THE RECREATION COUNCIL

Clifford Dean, president
Henry Shenk, executive chairman
A. E. Woestemeyer, treasurer
Mrs. F. T. Stockton, secretary

Joie Stapleton	Mrs. W. B. Sneegas	Ralph O. Burgert
Mrs. Deal Six	Dr. Bert Nash	Electa Kindlesperger
Lloyd Houston	Maud Ellsworth	Mrs. Herbert Jones
Mrs. Ivan Rowe	F. C. Allen	Ralph Graber

March 21, 1946

Dear Colleague:

We are enclosing a brochure which will answer most of your questions about the proposed recreation program which will be submitted to the voters of school district 60 for approval at the city election April 2. You, as a member of the University of Kansas faculty or staff, are urged to read this Circular and to cast your vote in favor of the proposal.

The commission to be set up under the plan will have the authority to levy up to 1 mill tax for the support of a city wide recreation program. It should be made clear that the tax will probably not be a full mill but in no case can it be over one mill. The commission will study the problem and then present a special budget for local recreational needs. Many people apparently have not understood that the commission will determine the tax.

The Lawrence Recreational Council aided and abetted by the A.A.U.W. has worked long and hard promoting a part time recreational program for local children and young people for the last six years. The need for a wider program and more adequate funds is now obvious and a new law allows us to vote on the issue. Won't you please help develop a wholesome city-wide program by voting in favor of the proposal? If you are not a registered voter in your precinct, be certain to register before Friday March 22 in order to vote.

Remember the election date, April 2, 1946.

Very sincerely yours

Mabel A. Elliott

Mabel A. Elliott
University Representative
on the City-Wide Committee

F. C. Allen

F. C. Allen
Member, Lawrence
Recreational Council

Joie L. Stapleton

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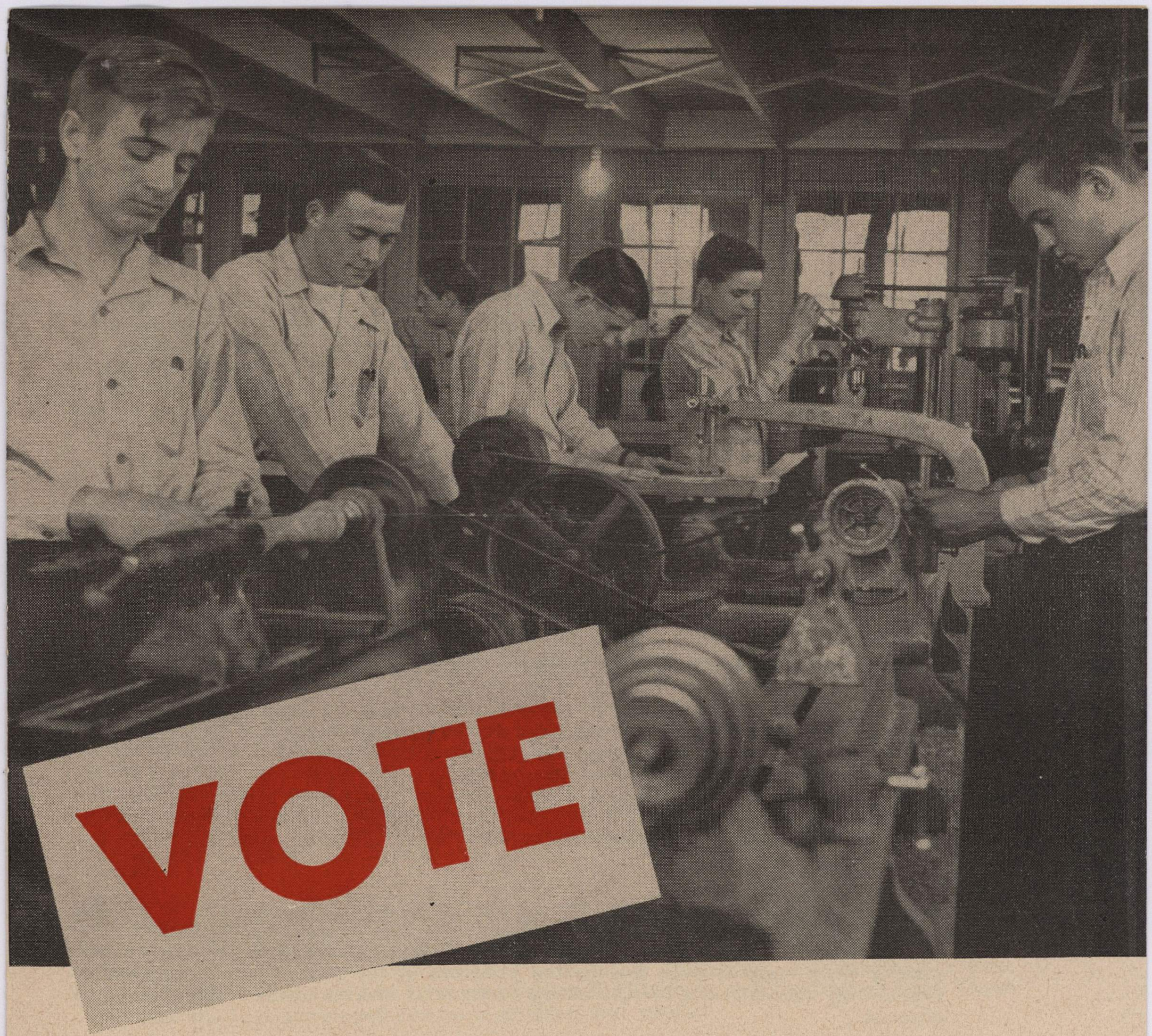
Chairman, Lawrence
Recreational Council



RECREATION FOR LAWRENCE

The Proposed Recreation Commission Program

1. What is the legal basis for a community Recreational Program?

The 1945 legislature passed a law authorizing any city or school district, having a population of more than 8,000, and which does not have a board of park commissioners, to submit to the voters the ouestion of whether the city or the school district shall establish, maintain and conduct a supervised recreation system, and levy an annual tax therefor not to exceed one mill. The city and the school district of Lawrence were petitioned to present this question to the voters by more than 5 percent of the qualified voters.

2. Who has been sponsoring the recreational program in Lawrence?

Since 1940 a volunteer group of citizens, through the Recreation Council, has organized and carried on a six-week summer program of supervised playgrounds, art studio, Red Cross swimming instruction, street dances, baseball leagues, P.T.A. reading program and similar activities, increasing the offerings as additional funds were made available. The Council also operated the Community building servicemen's center, provided a series of evening parties for Mexican families in the gymnasium of New York school, and for two years has furnished supervision of basketball in school and city gyms during school holiday periods.

3. What has been the basis of support of the recreational program?

The A.A.U.W. made the first program of recreation possible and since then contributions from individuals and clubs supplemented the funds made available by the Board of Education. For the past two years, the Board has contributed $800 annually and the Community Chest $1200. Chest officials have indicated that they will not continue this support, feeling that the recreation program should be carried on the budget of a governmental taxing unit.

4. Why not continue with the present plan?

The struggle to secure funds for the support of an adequate program for all children and adults has become too great. Under the present law the city cannot make contributions for any expense of supervision of the program, and without the community chest support even the limited program of the past would be impossible. Community recreation is for the entire community and should be supported by all citizens.

5. Why do we need a community recreational program?

Without some community effort, throughout the year, young people and adults in Lawrence have no provision for leisure time activities, except those of a commercial nature. Modern youth have more leisure time, primarily because of the reduction of home chores, and the failure of most homes to offer constructive activities within the home. A recreational program will keep many children off the streets, will teach useful activities, will assist in the prevention of delinquency, will teach constructive use of leisure time under good supervision, and will train children in cooperative community activity.

6. How much money will one mill levy produce?

At the present evaluations, a one mill levy will provide about $16,000. The law indicates that the Recreation Commission shall levy not to exceed one mill. The commission will have to establish the program, and make a yearly levy. It is assumed that the full levy will not be made, until such time as the community desires it. Any money levied which is not used in a year goes to reduce the amount of the levy for the next year.

7. How is the Recreation Commission set up under this law?

The law states that the City Council and the Board of Education shall each select two of its electors to serve as members of the commission, and these four persons shall select one additional person, making five members of the commission. These shall serve without pay. The commission is therefore responsible directly to the City Council and to the Board of Education.

8. Who will administer the recreational program?

It is presumed that the Recreation Commission will employ an adequately qualified person to act as Recreational Director, to carry out the policies and program of the commission. The commission and the director will employ such staff as may be needed to provide for carrying out the program.

9. Will present school and park facilities be available in the recreational program?

It is the experience of other communities that the recreational program fits into the established community governmental units in putting into more effective use all the present facilities, such as the school or city buildings, parks and playgrounds. Whatever money which is now spent by the city or the Board of Education on the maintenance of these facilities will reduce the amount of the levy to be made for the recreational program.

10. What is the relation between the proposed bond issue for parks and the recreational program?

The sponsors of the recreational program project wholly endorse the bond issue for parks. The more adequate the park facilities of the city, the less will it be necessary for the recreational funds to be used in this development. Adequate park facilities throughout the city are essential for a strong recreational program.

11. Who will be included in the recreational program?

A year round recreational program would include programs for adults, adolescents, and children. Also, in such a program there would be facilities for everyone, regardless of race or religion.

12. What types of services will the recreation program provide?

The new Recreation Commission would have to decide upon and establish the program for Lawrence. Other communities which have year-round recreation programs include sports and athletics, dramatics, music, art, woodworking, crafts, social activities, community work projects for children, and reading classes. These activities are developed for both children and adults.

13. Are other cities in Kansas taking advantage of this law?

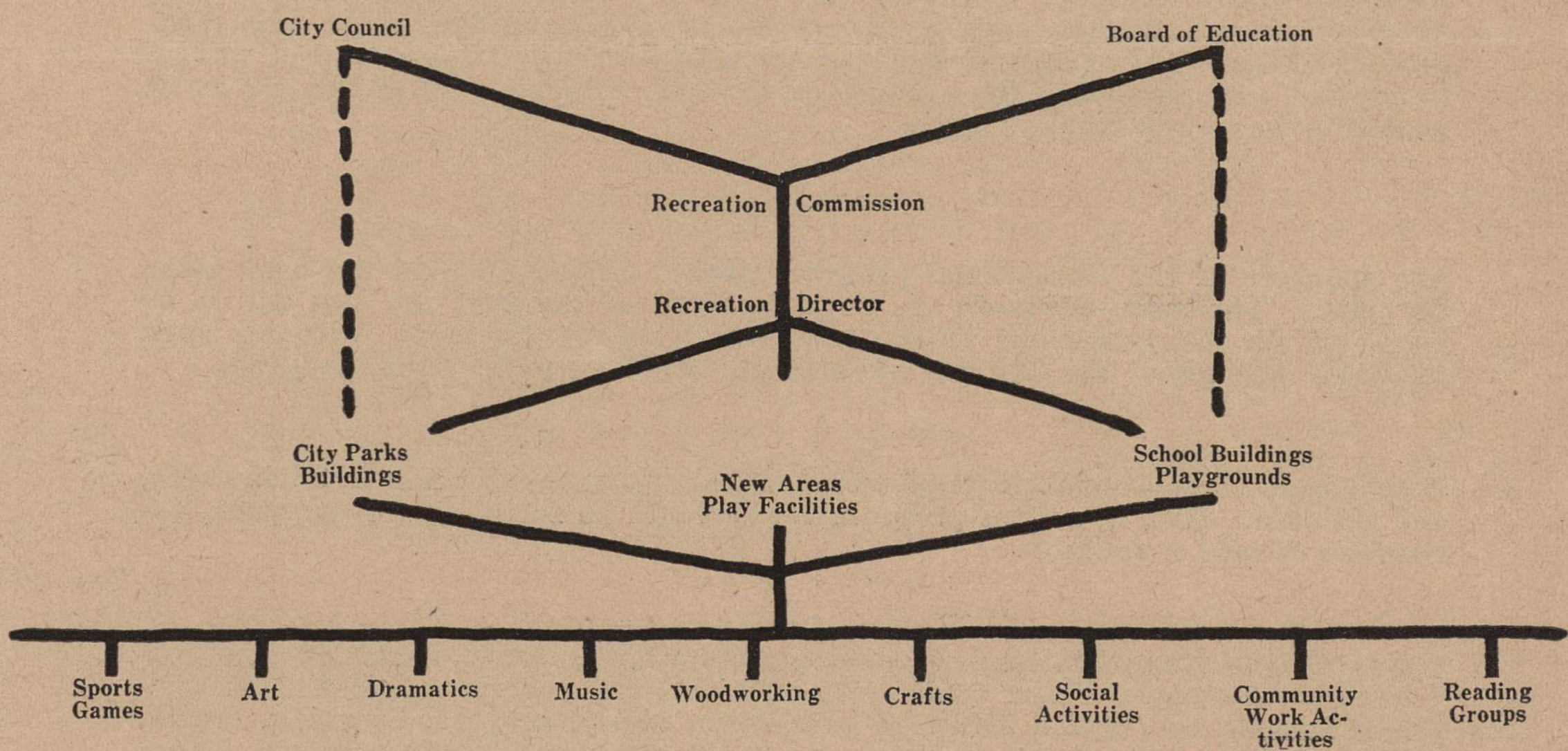
The three largest cities in the state have boards of park commissioners, and operate their recreational programs through them, or through the Boards of Education. Coffeyville has just recently taken advantage of the provisions of the law and has a Recreation Commission. Manhattan and Ottawa are voting on the proposal April 2.

14. If this proposal is approved by the voters, when will the first levy be made?

It will not be possible for any money to be available before Jan. 1, 1947, if this proposal is approved. The present Recreation Council has plans to carry on the work next summer, in the limited way it has had to do with the small resources which are available.

Make Lawrence more interesting and a better place for children and youth . . . VOTE FOR The Recreation Program Proposal at the City and School District Election, Tuesday, April 2.

Proposed Recreational Program



"Play for the child, sport for the youth, and recreation for adults are essentials of normal life. It is becoming generally recognized that the creation and maintenance of recreation facilities is a community duty in order that the whole public might participate in their enjoyment."—CALVIN COOLIDGE.

March 19, 1946

Mr. W. A. Robinson
Hebert-Robinson Advertising Company
Frisco Building
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Bill:

It certainly is good to hear from you and I was delighted to know that you have really stepped up in the world because the advertising game is a dandy and you have always been tops, in my opinion, in this line.

Well, Bill, times haven't changed much. The title is still Director of Physical Education and Varsity Basketball Coach of the University of Kansas. I am not coaching baseball now. My coaching record is 20 out of the last 29 years here at Kansas and 7 straight championships won out of 7 years at the Teachers College at Warrensburg, Missouri, making 27 championships out of 36 years.

It is still good copy to say that I was one of the founders and president of the National Basketball Coaches Association. This other data is still good, although I am not now Chairman of the Fifth District N.C.A.A. I was president of the National Basketball Coaches Association for two years. I was also founder of the Kansas Relays, which is our famous spring classic here at the university. I also obtained, almost single handedly, basketball for the olympic games in Berlin, Germany, in 1936. I am still the oldest coach in basketball in the United States.

I think this Goal Hi will have a tremendous sale in the postwar era. I spoke a couple of weeks ago at Springfield, Ohio, and the boys tell me there that they are going to want a lot of them for their play ground. I am speaking at Fostoria, Ohio, on March 25, So I see a great revival in this sort of thing for school play ground and public play ground.

I am returning the letter that I wrote you on June 24, 1941.

With every good wish to you and yours, I am

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,

GArfield 2111

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SAINT LOUIS 1, MISSOURI

March 15, 1946

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

Dear "Doc":

It has been a long time since I have written you. I think the last time was probably back in 1941 when I wrote asking for information regarding your accomplishments, which was to be used in a new Goal-Hi catalog. Due to conditions at that time, the catalog was never printed, and now that things are getting back to normal it has been revived.

I am attaching hereto the letter which you wrote me on January 24, 1941, and ask that you please bring this information up to date.

You will note from the letter-head that I am no longer connected with Medart; but I am now operating as an advertising agency, handling the Medart account.

Please let me have this information just as soon as it is convenient. Kindest personal regards.

Yours very truly,

HEBERT-ROBINSON

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March 13, 1946

Mr. Jim Rarden
149 New Montgomery
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Rarden:

Dr. Allen is on his way to Norman, Oklahoma, where he will scout the Oklahoma Aggie-Oklahoma basketball game tonight, but he asked me to write you in answer to your letter of March 6.

At the present time there is no opening here at the University of Kansas. Before Dr. Allen can help you, you will have to write him more fully as to where you expect to stay (in California or elsewhere), your qualifications, and other such information. Also, advise him whether you want high school work or college work.

Dr. Allen would also advise you to check up on your teaching certificate and see that it is all in order, as they are very stringent on this point.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

MF

Secretary to Dr. Allen

March 6 1946.

Hello Dr. Allen,

I am living out here in California and out of service. I am looking for a coaching job, do you know of any? If you do please advise. I am with the R F C and you can write me here, San Fransisco 149 New Montgomery.

I am going on my annual pilgrimage the last week in April,so write before then. Hope every thing is fine at Mt. Oread. The best of wishes and luck to you and family,

sincerely

Jim Barden

RFC San Fran
149 New Montgomery
San Francisco

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March 12, 1946

Mrs. Arthur Robinson
829 Greenway
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Betty Jean:

As you have probably read in the paper, Mr. Falkenstein, our Financial Secretary, ordered 3,000 tickets and at the first two days' rush here reservations were made for 3,500, so Mr. Falkenstein refused to accept any more applications until he could get tickets to fill his orders.

I understand that the tickets have just arrived at the Municipal Auditorium. I suggest that you go over there and get your tickets at the box office at your earliest convenience. They are in the name of either Dr. Art Robinson or Betty Jean Robinson.

If you have the least bit difficulty, call for Mr. Clyde Baker, but I am sure everything will be okay.

Sincerely,

Received

WESTERN UNION

March 11, 1946

Dr. Allen:

Have you 8 seats K.U.-Aggie game? Will send you check gratefully.

Betty Jean Robinson
Kansas City, Missouri

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A. N. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS ATHLETIC DEPT

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BETTY JEANNE ROBINSON=

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