

January 11, 1938.

Colonel Robert Rossow,  
Culver Military Academy,  
Culver, Indiana.

Dear Colonel:

We were so happy to hear from you with your Christmas thoughts of our family.

I am glad that you liked "Better Basketball". It is not necessary for you to write us again, because I know how busy you are.

We often talk of our wonderful hours at Culver and at Lake Maxinkuckee. Mrs. Allen is longing to return to Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee and enroll that young grandson of ours in Culver under your paternal and magnetic, as well as lovable leadership. The environs of your domicile haunt us with many pleasant memories.

Our kindest regards to the Rossows and their loved ones.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR



"O-che-chin-nik Echa-co-do  
Nee-wee-nah Pin-kche  
Da-nee-jahsh-jah-wee  
Ja-ska-wah-jon-goon-sha  
E-jah Ha-do-ne-po-nu Wenah  
Neh-eh Ena-ka-ah-ka-sak."



Dear Doctor:

Thank you  
so much for the  
copy of your book.  
We read parts of  
it, and it's good.  
I hope it be a huge  
success. Will write  
you again after we  
had time to finish it.

Mrs. Rossow joins  
me in best wishes  
to you and family  
Sincerely  
Robert Rossow



January 28, 1938.

Mr. Robert Reed,  
The Country Gentleman,  
Curtis Publishing Co.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Bob:

It is interesting how the names of our old friends occur to us from time to time. I wrote a new book on basketball entitled "Better Basketball" last summer, and when I turned in a list of names to Mr. Curtis W. McGraw, vice president of the McGraw-Hill Book Company, I left your name off that list. From time to time your name would occur to me, and then as quickly as it came back it flitted from my memory.

I am referring to my desire to send you a copy of the new book. I am just writing to see if you are still at the old stand and if so I want to write Mr. McGraw and have him send you a copy. Then some time when it is convenient I want to autograph it for you.

I have eight or nine tales in the back of the book entitled "The Tales of Yesteryear". I believe you will enjoy some of those yarns and it was for that reason that I wanted you to have a copy. Won't you write me and let me know how your family is and how all of you are? I trust that you are still your old versatile, chatty self, with a yen for all sports and still have a dominant love for the old mid-west.

I would like to see Ben Hibbs and all ye Kansans back there.

Awaiting a word of cheer from the fellow who makes his share of it, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



January 19, 1938.

Mr. Julian E. Ralston,  
Attorney at Law,  
Brown Building,  
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Julian:

Thank you for your letter of the 17th. I have passed on the information to Dr. Canuteson, suggesting that he might write to Dr. Thor Jager telling him exactly what he wants.

We greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter, Julian.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



Mr. Ralston's message conveyed to  
Dr. Canuteson.

Dr. Canuteson has a record in his office  
that in 1934 Dr. Charles Rumbold, of Wichita, wrote  
that William R. Sharkey had a sarcoma of his leg.  
A Lawrence physician told Dr. Canuteson that Sharkey  
played football. ~~Thursday~~



**JULIAN E. RALSTON**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
BROWN BUILDING  
WICHITA, KANSAS

January 17, 1938

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

Dear Doctor:

I contacted Dr. Thor Jager this morning and he has had his girl trying to find his record on the Sharkey Death when she was not busy with her regular duties.

So far, she has been unable to find the record. Their files go back to 1916 and seemingly, there is no record kept of the names. Dr. Jager has no recollection of the case.

The girl advised me a few minutes ago that she will continue her search and notify me if she finds the case. I do not believe she is any too anxious to make a real thorough search so suggest that Dr. Knutson (if that is spelled correctly) write to Dr. Jager, whose address is 611 Beacon Building, and tell him exactly what he wants.

If there is anything further I can do, please feel free to call upon me.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

*Julian E. Ralston*

JER:VR



January 5, 1938.

A. J. Reach, Wright & Ditson,  
1012 Grand Avenue,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:

We are returning to you one basketball which we recently sent in for repair, and which you returned to us on December 24, 1937.

This ball still will not hold air. Will you kindly replace it with one in good condition?

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education.



January 5, 1938.

Mr. Craig Ruby,  
c/o Hall Brothers,  
Grand Avenue & McGee at 25th,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Craig:

Your request for six tickets for Friday night's game has been taken care of, and we will be very glad to have you.

Mr. Earl Falkenstien, our financial secretary, handles the tickets, and he will always be glad to take care of you when you desire tickets. In the future you may write to Mr. Falkenstien, as he understands the situation.

Trusting that you will enjoy the game, and with all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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January 4, 1938

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

Dear Phog:

I wonder if you would arrange to have six tickets held at your box office for me for your Friday night's game. We would like the seats out in front of the balcony on the entrance side if at all possible. If these are not available, the best you have will be satisfactory.

This letter will not require any answer from you for I do not want to be any more trouble than necessary.

Thank you very much for your schedules.

Fraternally yours,

Craig Ruby

CR:DRS



February 25, 1938.

Mr. Floyd A. Rowe,  
Board of Education,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Floyd:

I have heard nothing from Porter or any of the boys regarding the meeting, but I presume it will be in Chicago. I am like you on that close vote, but I guess it has gone forward.

I am hoping to see you in Chicago. Until then, and with all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



# BOARD OF EDUCATION

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February 18, 1938

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

Dear Phog:

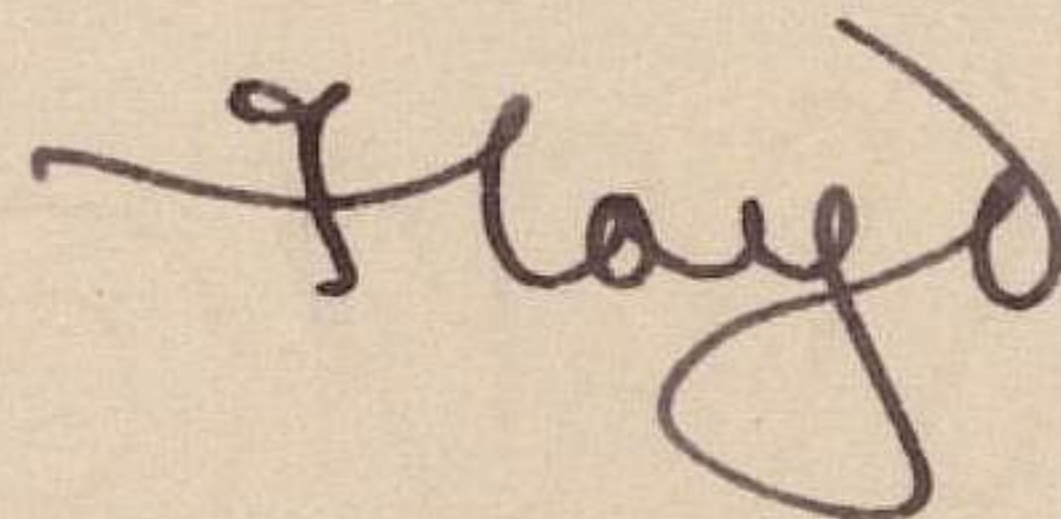
Thank you for your letter of February 14 regarding Reverend Poteat. It so happens that I haven't had the pleasure of running into this chap, but will do so in the near future and see if we can't interest him in an active way in our athletic program here.

Things seem to be going along reasonably well with us here in Cleveland. I have no personal cause for complaint, I guess, and trust the same holds true for you.

From Porter's note, it would appear that the Basketball Rules Committee meeting would probably be in Chicago. However, I don't know that I would want to decide the thing, without referring it to the Executive Committee, on a 9-10 vote, as he has done.

Looking forward to seeing you in either Chicago or New York (wherever the meeting is held), and assuring you that I am always glad to see a letter addressed to me from Kansas, I am as always

Sincerely yours



Floyd A. Rowe

FAR:McG



February 28, 1938.

Mr. T. C. Reid,  
Director of Athletics,  
Central Missouri State Teachers College,  
Warrensburg, Missouri.

Dear Tad:

Pardon my belated letter congratulating you upon your new advancement at Northwestern State Teachers College. I trust that you and yours will have a continued and growing success.

Also congratulations to you on your undefeated basketball team.

My regards to our good friends in Warrensburg.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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January 28, 1938.

Mr. Floyd A. Rowe, Treasurer,  
National Basketball Committee,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Floyd:

I think your idea is a splendid one to give Saint a durable remembrance. He certainly has stayed in there and pitched a long time, and with excellent results.

Now regarding the purchase of a watch, I personally think that a fine American wrist watch would be more durable than a Swiss watch. Of course, if he gets a stop watch it would of necessity be a Swiss. But a wrist watch and a stop watch are not good utility.

Incidentally, Floyd, I called one of my close friends in the jewelry business, and it was his opinion that the price you quoted was not a cost price, but a retail price. However, he is checking up on it and will let me know, and I in turn will let you know. I am not in a position to know cost prices.

I am writing to June Salmon, O.K.ing the proposition enthusiastically. I think it would be a fine thing to have you as chairman of the committee for purchase and presentation. I am also suggesting that to him. By the way, I am sending you a copy of my letter to June.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach,  
University of Kansas.

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January 23, 1938.

Mr. H. H. Salmon, Jr.,  
Vice Chairman,  
National Basketball Committee,  
40 Wall Street,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear June:

Floyd Rowe has just written me concerning a possible purchase of a durable memento to Saint for his long service as chairman of the Basketball Rules Committee.

I am very enthusiastic about it, and I would like you to suggest that Floyd Rowe be considered as the possible chairman of the purchase of the memento. I would also suggest that the vice chairman of the National Basketball Committee make the presentation to Saint.

It would be a great pleasure for me to contribute my part to Saint for his unalloyed service.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach,  
University of Kansas.

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## TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE:

At the last rules committee meeting, Saint expressed himself as wishing to be relieved of the responsibility of the chairmanship of the Basketball Rules Committee. We prevailed upon him to accept, and re-elected him, as you know.

Some time ago in private conversation, Saint rather intimated it was his honest desire to get out. However, sometimes people say those things without really meaning them, and I wanted to check up on it. Under date of January 18, I wrote Harold Olsen, Basketball Coach at Ohio State, and asked him to find out what Saint really wanted to do. I have a letter before me, written January 22, from "Olie" in which he says, in part, as follows,

"Saint really wants to be released of his basketball committee work. He has had 'enuf' and wants to 'take it a little easier'."

At another place in my letter to "Olie", I said that in case Saint really wanted to get out, I thought that I was only expressing the desire of the committee in saying that we would like to present him with a token which he would like to have, and which would be of service to him the remainder of his life. I indicated to Olie that we wouldn't be interested in going out and raising a large sum of money, but that we would want to do something that would please Saint. I am again quoting from Olie's letter,

"As to a memento of some kind to give Saint --- for a good many years he has had a wrist watch (an old 'Ohio Relays' trophy) - but that has about outlived its usefulness. I'm sure that a nice wrist watch, properly engraved, etc., would be a very welcome gift."



January 26, 1938

Now then, I don't want to be presumptuous in this matter, and I am probably no more fond of Saint than the rest of you fellows. I should like to have a hand in presenting him with a really fine wrist watch. Of course, some of you may have ideas that are better than this. If you have, let's have them so that we can all work together on the thing. I have gone into the matter of wrist watches a little bit, and find that a very fine wrist watch, with fifth second stop attachment on it, in a solid gold case, properly engraved, can be purchased for about \$200.00 or \$225.00. The movement in the watch would be a Paul Valette in a seventeen jewel, or better, movement. The case would have to be a particularly heavy and durable case, in order to protect the mechanism of the watch and my judgment is that it should probably be eighteen carat yellow gold.

It may be that some of you are in a position to get a really high quality watch of this type, at a better figure than this. The figure is given me by a personal friend in the jewelry business, who said that he was giving me a close figure on it, and that he would little more than pay expenses on the transaction.

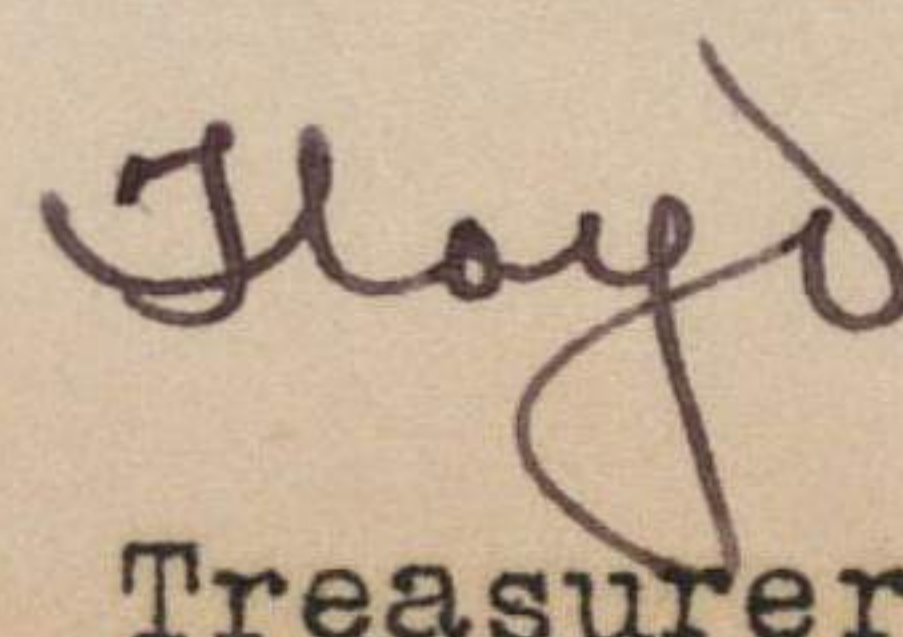
Just to finish up the business in the one letter - in case you agree that we should do something of this sort for Saint, I am raising the general question as to the people who should be offered the opportunity of making the gift possible. My feeling is that possibly we should not go back of the date of the reorganization, excepting for such men as Ralph Morgan, A. E. Metzdorf, George Hepbron. From the high school standpoint, we might possibly want to offer all of the high school men who have been on the committee an opportunity, if they care to avail themselves of it. In a list of this sort, we would have the eighteen men who are on this year's committee, together with William McK. Barber, Collins and Swaffield. This would give us the eighteen members, together with Morgan, Metzdorf, Hepbron, McK.Barber, Collins and Swaffield, making in all around twenty-five fellows.

Naturally, this matter has to be handled confidentially because we don't want to tip the thing off in advance to Saint.

Upon receipt of this letter, won't you please sit down and write "June" Salmon what you think about the whole thing. "June" can then proceed as he thinks wise. My only wish in the matter is to have an opportunity to have a part in doing something for Saint, who has probably done more for the game of basketball in an administrative way, than any other single individual on the committee.

With personal regards, and assuring you that my desire is to be entirely helpful in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours



Treasurer

FAR:McG



February 14, 1938.

Mr. Robert Reed,  
The Country Gentleman,  
Curtis Publishing Co.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Bob:

I have just received a letter from Mr. Curtis W. McGraw, of the McGraw-Hill Book Company, saying that he sent you the book, Better Basketball. I trust that you enjoy it.

Bob, I also want to thank you for giving me a line on this possible article for the Saturday Evening Post. I am afraid I wouldn't have much chance with those people, but I know you will with Red Frissell. You have got the stuff, you see.

I wonder if you have any slant on a possible article the Post might take. Of course, being way out here in Kansas is rather a tough go, because either coast has much more advantage over some fellow out in the sticks.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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*Please return***COUNTRY GENTLEMAN**

AMERICA'S FOREMOST RURAL MAGAZINE

PHILIP S. ROSE

EDITOR

THE CURTIS PUBLISHING COMPANY  
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February 1, 1938

Dear Phog:-

Yessir, I am still around, and I would be mosty happy to see Better Basketball, if Mr. Curtis McGraw is willing to send it. I might be able to give it a review on our boys' page -- which is seen by the boys in a million and three quarters families. But I am boasting.

I'm still crazy about sports, and the old rumbling desire to write some more is on me. I am starting work this week on a football article, with Red Friessell, who has become the ace referee here in the East. He has worlded all the big games -- Yale-Harvard, Army-Notre Dame, Army-Navy, been to the Rose Bowl and so forth. We are going to try and hit The Saturday Evening Post with it. Hope for us, won't you?

I had a chance to read a manuscript that the Post bounced back to the authors, but I think you might be interested on way or another in the proposal. Franny Murray, who played football and basketball at Penn got to mumbling over being put out of basketball games on four personals. He says a guy isn't worth a dam to himself or the team when he gets three of them -- playing on eggs. He thinks a hockey penalty box would be a better bet. I think he was right in saying that a game goes to pieces when the stars come out on personals. He cited a number of games to back up his arguments. I liked the article, but the Post staff bounced it back at Franny and his ghost. I didn't care much for Sam Barry's article last year in the Post. There ought to be good basketball material for Post articles. Football stuff seems to be eaten up and basketball is still going great guns.

I scan very closely the basketball scores in the paper, and as usual you seem to be taking down your share -- which is almost all of them. I wanted to see John Bunn's Hank Luisetti, but about 20,000 of us got shut out at the door. Hank seemed to have made John -- or is it the other way round. I see he's being upped at Stanford. I didn't know him at Kansas, but I'm always glad to see a Jayhawker get there.

If you get East this winter or spring, won't you stop by to see us? Ben Hibbs adds his greetings.

Regards,

*Bob Reed*



February 14, 1938.

Mr. Floyd A. Rowe,  
Board of Education,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Floyd:

Reverend Edwin McNeill Poteat, of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, of Cleveland, spent several days with us during Religious Emphasis Week. I find that he is a bully good fellow, and some time I would like for you to know him. He is a great athletic fan, a handball player, a 6-footer, a real man's man.

He was director of one of the large churches in Raleigh, N. C., for a time. Dr. Ray Sermon, one of my former athletes at Teachers College at Warrensburg, Missouri, was the athletic director at North Carolina State College during Dr. Poteat's incumbency in Raleigh.

I am wondering if you know the man. He would be a great fellow for you to count on your list of friends.

I trust that everything is going nicely with you,  
Floyd.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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March 11, 1938.

Coach Adolph F. Rupp,  
University of Kentucky,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Adolph:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of  
March 9th. I appreciate all the information you have  
given me.

I am glad to know that you are feeling fine  
again, and shall look forward to seeing you in Chicago.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

March  
Nine  
1938

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

Dear Doctor Allen:

I was glad to get your letter in regard to our trainer. In our new athletic set-up the same trainer that we have had here for the past fourteen years was reemployed. Our situation here is somewhat different than at other schools. We have taken the Athletic Department into the University and have cut out all alumni connections. The Dean of the college is the head of our Department. All head coaches are given the ranking of professors and are members of the University Senate and their tenure of office is the same as a regular professor. I was glad to get such a set-up because under the old system we were fast getting no where. Our football situation got to such a point that it was deplorable. I will tell you more about it when I see you.

I have heard of Dees and will be on the look-out for anything that may come up. I know that he is a fine boy and I only regret that we are not in a position to offer him an opportunity.

I have been getting along about as well as can be expected. I have discarded my brace and I feel somewhat lost without it. I had some difficulty three weeks ago and was confined to my home for some eight days. At that time the doctors were of the opinion that I would have to have another operation but I am feeling fine again and I may fool them. I plan to come to the National Convention in Chicago and if I do I will enjoy visiting with you again. Mrs. Rupp joins me in sending our kindest regards to you and your family.

Very sincerely,

*A. F. Rupp*  
A. F. Rupp



February 16, 1938.

Mr. Bill Robertson,  
807 Petroleum Building,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your kind note of the 15th instant. I shall be glad to see you any time Friday. We will be at the Hotel Kingkade from early morning until about 4:30 in the afternoon, when we will start for Norman.

I have a luncheon date with C. O. Burnside at noon at the Huckins.

You may get in touch with me at the Kingkade, and I will be glad to see you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Feb. 15, 1938.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Basket Ball Coach  
Kansas University

Dear Dr. Allen,  
If you have any time at all I would  
like to see you Friday. I know you  
will be very busy Johnson that trainer  
wants to talk to you a few minutes  
I guess you will be at the Kansas  
if you get a chance to call me if I miss  
you I will appreciate it. The store number  
we are using is resident. also I am listed in  
the phone book W.H. Robertson  
I sure hope you can win over them  
Friday night I have watched a lot of  
games this week. Have one for Central  
High & Capitol Hill and also classes  
this week.

Sincerely,  
Bill Robertson

*[Faint handwritten notes at the bottom of the page]*