

June 21, 1943.

Mr. Charles B. Shaeffer,
Priorities District Manager,
402 Interstate Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Charlie:

Thank you so much for your very prompt and efficient work in regard to the PD-2000 application for priorities mailed on May 26 by the Board of Education, Lawrence, Kansas.

Superintendent Dean, of the Lawrence public schools, phoned Friday saying that it had arrived. This is marvelous of you to do this and we appreciate it very much. You have always been swell to your alma mater and to the people connected with it. We deeply appreciate this courtesy and prompt service. It will enable the people who are dependent upon this application to go forward with their project, as the Chancellor and Miss Hill, of the Home Economics Department, had planned.

When you gave me your card I put it in my pocketbook with the definite intention of calling on you when and if I got in Kansas City, but the only time I have been in Kansas City was when I went to St. Louis to attend the convention of Rotary International, the latter part of May. I happen to be president-elect of the Lawrence club and we went through on Sunday night and came back late Friday night, so I did not have a chance to see you. But I am going to drop by and see you. Had I not kept your card in a very secure place I would not have been able to have asked you to do this thing that was so necessary. When the discussion came up for application for priorities I told the committee that I was sure I knew someone who could get the job done, and sure enough it worked out beautifully.

Be sure if you ever get through Lawrence to stop by and see us. We will be delighted, and we will make an effort to see you at the first opportunity.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Priorities Field Service
402 Interstate Building
Kansas City, Missouri

IN REPLY REFER TO:

June 16, 1943

Mr. Fhog Allen
% Robinson Gymnasium
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Fhog:

With reference to the PD-200-C mailed
May 26 by the Board of Education, Lawrence,
Kansas, for the nursery for Sunflower Ordnance.

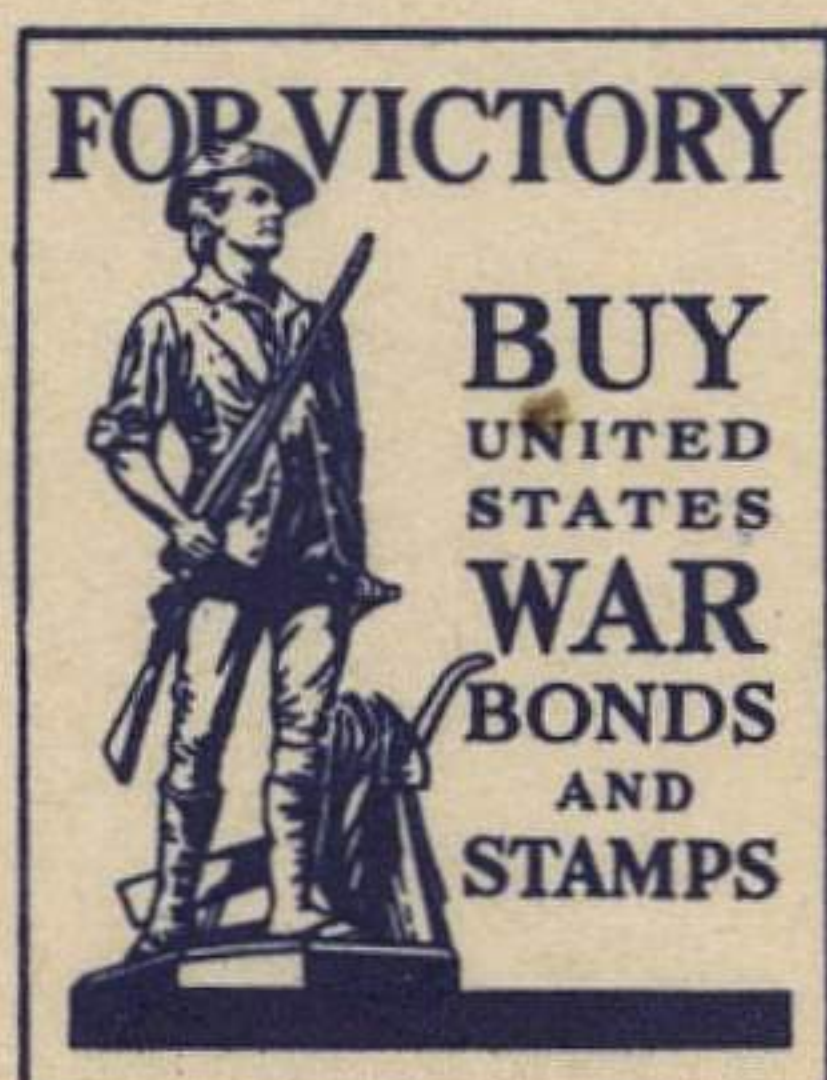
This application is being approved today
and will be rushed through the Regional Construction
Department. The approval should be at Lawrence
Friday morning and at latest Saturday.

Thanks for calling and with kindest per-
sonal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Charles B. Shaeffer
Charles B. Shaeffer
Priorities District Manager

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June 22, 1943.

Mr. Howard Sutherland,
Board of Education,
Lawrence Public Schools,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Howard:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation today when I asked you to serve on the Lawrence Community Nursery Committee. I appreciate your willingness to serve because I am sure that you will have many valuable contributions in the way of helpful suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

June 24, 1943.

Miss Barbara Stugard,
Delta Gamma House,
Northwestern University,
Evanston, Ill.

Dear Barbara:

I have been carrying this communication which you wrote - "Just dropped in to say hello. I'm sorry I didn't get to see you." - on my desk. One of the school teachers who was rooming at our house laid this on my dressing table and ever since then I have been wanting to write you and tell you that I appreciated your stopping by.

Your dad stopped in, and your little brother. I certainly would have enjoyed seeing you.

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

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Just dropped in to say "hello".
I'm sorry I didn't get to see you.

Barbara Stugard
(New Rochelle, N.Y.)

Paxico, Kansas
June 23, 1943

Dr. F. C. Allen
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

In 1940 I brought a boy whom I was coaching at that time to you for treatment of a knee, that other doctors failed to relieve in more than a years doctoring, and you corrected the trouble with one treatment.

Now I know you are not doctoring as a profession, but I am writing to you, and any consideration you can give me will certainly be appreciated.

Beginning in the joint of my shoulder leading down my arm, there is a pain that has troubled me for more than a year, and much more the past month. Also the lower portion of my back and the right knee. I have never been injured. I have gone to M.D.'s and Osteopaths ever since trouble started, but no relief.

Now if you can and think it worth while, I will come to Lawrence, any day ^{of week} except Sat. Unless we would be flooded here I would leave on train at 7 & should be there by 9 or 10 A.M.

Yours truly
E. L. Stockbrand

June 24, 1943.

Mr. E. E. Stockebrand,
Paxico, Kansas.

Dear Stodke:

Yes, I remember when you brought the boys up and I was able to work on them, and of course I am always glad to do it.

I will be glad to look at your shoulder, but I am hoping that it is not neuritis. Those cases generally have an unfavorable prognosis, and especially for manipulation but the way it sounds at first glance, you may have a bad case of neuralgia.

You spoke of the pain in your shoulder but you do not say the right shoulder, but you do say that the lower portion of your back and the right knee. So if this difficulty is on the same side you have either been sleeping in a draft - this is my guess - or else you are exposing that right side to some undue situation.

Now my class in Theory and Practice of Athletic Training, which is athletic injuries, meets every morning at 9:30. If you could let me know when you are coming and plan to be here at 9:30 some morning I will use you for a clinic and then give you the benefit of the best advice I can give you. Be sure to let me know ahead of time when you are coming.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

June 18, 1943.

Mr. C. K. Scott,
207 West 7th St.,
Newton, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Scott:

Since talking with you this morning I made certain inquiries which I think will clarify some points in regard to Johnny Dewell's case.

The only chance that there would be of Johnny Dewell entering the University of Kansas would be for him to take engineering or medicine. For other classifications the boys are sent to other schools. I do not know what Johnny was enrolled in at S.M.U. He had transferred from Physical Education to the School of Business after his first semester here, but he withdrew for S.M.U. before he had paid his tuition the second semester.

When you talk to Johnny he can tell you of course what school he was enrolled in there. However, it might be possible for Johnny to request that he be transferred from the school he enrolled in - say the School of Business, at S.M.U. to the School of Engineering for his July 1st assignment. If he would be interested in doing this it would be necessary for him to make the request. No one else could do that for him. And too, I find that the University or the authorities here could not make any request. Rather it would have to come from him.

The Navy will not promise that they will accede to an enlistee's request, but they promise they will do the best possible under the circumstances if the enrollment is possible. I have talked to Dr. Leonard Axe, the coordinator of the V12 program here, and to Dr. Lawrence Woodruff, the registrar, and I also talked to Lieut. Ted O'Leary in Kansas City, and I am pretty sure of my ground in what I am writing you.

If you would be kind enough to ask Johnny what his status is as he is enrolled at S.M.U., what sort of grades he made, and so forth, then if you would write me I assure, and also assure Johnny, that I would do everything to help him that is within my power. Please give Johnny my kindest personal regards and tell him, please, that even though he may not be able to be sent here to the University of Kansas at the present time, we are hoping that when the war is over he will want to come back here to complete his education. He will have my united support.

Thanking you for your interest in Johnny and the University, and assuring you that I appreciate this cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

May 31, 1943.

Lieut. W. H. Shannon, S. C., USNR,
Gallatin Hall, E-13,
Soldiers Field Station,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Bill:

I was delighted to have your letter of May 16th and note that you have graduated on May 27th and that there is a chance for you to return to Lawrence before your next service appointment.

I would certainly be delighted to have a few rounds of golf with you while you are here, if and when you arrive. Bobby Allen is coming in from the University of Pennsylvania for a two weeks respite about June 5th, and I know he and I would both enjoy the friendly contact and golf game with you at any time it is convenient for you.

I will make this letter short, hoping to have a visit with you in person.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Boston, Mass.
16 May 1943.

Dear "Doc":

Your "April" letter was greatly appreciated; I believe that the idea is an excellent one and I shall look forward to the issues to come in the future. For your most complimentary remarks and inclusion of my name among the K. U. athletes, I am indeed grateful and trust that I am worthy of such recognition. Even though it places additional work and attention on your part, I am confident that the boys appreciate your efforts in assembling the interesting facts; these are days in which ^{we} cherish memories of the past and welcome news of such associations and activities.

My days at the Supply Corps School are numbered in that my class graduates on May 27. So far, we have not received any data on our ultimate billets and you can well imagine the anxiety. I fully expect sea or/and foreign shore duty after this period of training.

The spring has been very backward in Boston, however, the trees, bushes, and grass are coming out very rapidly. I have had very little time to explore the sights in and about Boston as the Navy has monopolized my time.

The past four and a half months have been very hard in many respects, but I have enjoyed the association and friendship of the young boys. The ways of the Navy are peculiar and I have been quite concerned and worried over my transfer to the School. However, I have the personal satisfaction of performing my past duty to the best of my ability; whatever and wherever my next duty may be I will continue the same performance of duty. I trust that certain moves will not reflect upon my professional standing nor betray the confidence of my friends.

Bits of news received via the Journal-World indicate the many activities in and about the University. The war has changed the scenery for so many places, but I am confident the majority of us will welcome the days of peace and return to the normal ways of life.

I am in hopes that I will receive a few days leave with the change of duty in which case I am planning to visit Lawrence. Till then, I remain,

Sincerely,

William H. Shannon.

P.S. Perhaps we can have a round of golf -- at least a good visit. I will be looking forward to it.

May 31, 1943.

Circulation Department,
SCHOLASTIC COACH,
220 East 42nd Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

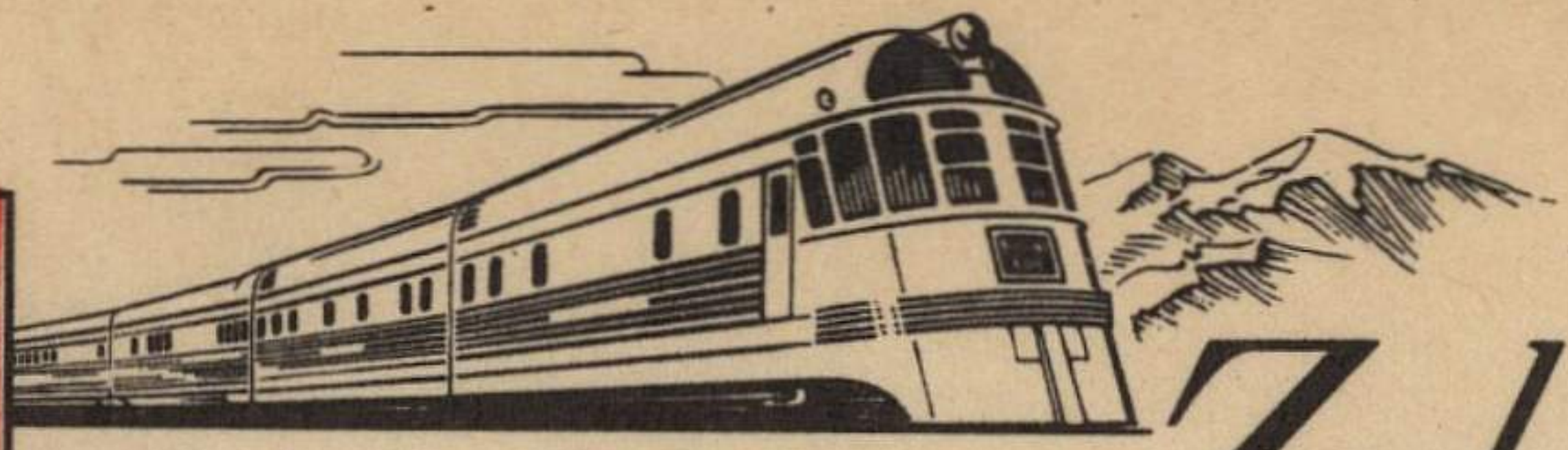
I have mislaid my copy of the May, 1943,
issue of SCHOLASTIC COACH, and would greatly appreciate it if you could send me another copy. I am particularly interested in the article by Dr. Thomas K. Cureton on "Resuscitation and First Aid".

If there is a charge for this copy I will gladly pay it.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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Zephyrs

Dr. Allen:
Here is the
material on the
background of Lawrence
Recreation. If the
docs. not give you
all the information
you want I shall
be glad to supply
additional. Love A.S.

BACKGROUND OF LAWRENCE RECREATION MOVEMENT

The development of the recreation movement has been a patchwork affair in Lawrence, since the community as a unit has not only been slow to recognize the need for municipal planning but also apparently reluctant to make room for recreation expenditures in the budget. Several years ago, after persistent effort, a few of the councilmen succeeded in persuading the city council to earmark \$1000 of the park fund for recreation expenditures to make possible the development of lighted ball diamonds. This sum has never been changed, and its use is limited to the purchase of capital equipment or to the maintenance of equipment and facilities; there is no city fund which can be drawn upon to provide leadership and supervision, nor to purchase expendable equipment. The Liberty Memorial High School Band is allowed \$500 a year with which to purchase instruments not otherwise obtainable, music, etc.; in return, the band gives concerts in the early weeks of the summer, plays for parades and similar occasions. Summer Recreation Program for children of school age--

In the summer of 1940 the American Association of University Women gave \$400 to inaugurate such a program, and the Board of Education gave immediate and substantial cooperation. The Parent-Teachers Council became cosponsor in February, 1941, at which time the Recreation Council was formed. Any group interested in the program is entitled to send a representative to the one or more general meetings of the Council held each year. The administration of the Recreation Council is formally accomplished through an executive committee with the following personnel: Pres., Clifford Dean, superintendent of the city schools; Chairman of exec. comm., Mrs. F. T. Stockton, Dr. Bert Nash, Joie Stapleton, A. E. Woestemeyer, Mrs. Deal Six, Mrs. Ivan Rowe, Maude Ellsworth, Mrs. W. B. Sneegas, Mrs. D. Gagliardo, and the

president of the Parent-Teacher Council (elected annually) for the school year; Dr. F. C. Allen, Electa Kindlesperger, and R. O. Burgert are advisory members. These children's programs are financed by the Board of Education, the sponsoring groups (AAUW and PTA), and gifts from civic groups and interested individuals. The 1940 program for the playgrounds was slightly less than \$400 in cash outlay; the Summer Art School approximately \$250; the playgrounds operated for a four weeks period the first summer. The cost for 1941 was \$600 for the playgrounds (six weeks), and about \$300 for the Art School. The two budgets were combined for the 1942 program, and cooperative planning of all recreation groups providing summer facilities achieved a highly successful, non-duplicating six-week session. By utilizing the services of a WPA director and some WPA playground leadership, costs were materially reduced for the play program's supervision; the Junior Red Cross gave \$50 toward swimming instruction costs; and as much volunteer help was used as possible. As a result, the cash expenditures by the Recreation Council were under \$600 for the 1942 season.

KU Campus Project--

The physical education department at KU, under the leadership and direction of Dr. F. C. Allen, began an evening playground on the campus for summer session students and their families. The participation grew so rapidly that, within the two or three summers of its operation, the project has become one of the major attractions on summer evenings; facilities and leadership have been materially increased. The project's immediate success for both adults and young people clearly indicates the need for increased park recreation for all sections of the city.

The city's short-lived recreation program---

During the summer of 1941, the mayor appointed a committee on recreation to plan and supervise a city program supplemented by

WPA funds which provided the services of a director and supervisory personnel. This committee consisted of four city council members: Burgert, Eustace, F. A. Russell, and Stough; and three non-council members: A. E. Woestemeyer, Joie Stapleton, and Mrs. F. T. Stockton, all of whom had served on the executive committee of the Recreation Council operating the summer program. Dr. F. C. Allen and Supt. Dean were advisory members of the mayor's committee.

Under this system, the game room and gym of the Community building were made available for as many hours a day as the leadership permitted with the workers available, South Park had several hours of game supervision daily during the seasonable weather, and the summer program for children received substantial aid.

When the site of the Sunflower ordnance plant was announced and the assignment of KU as a center for the training of service men was made, the mayor's committee anticipated the sharp increase in demand for recreational activities and formed an organization of committee chairmen and personnel called the Community Service League. The League chairmen were authorized to plan maximum use of the park and building facilities for all groups, with special emphasis on the week end program for service men. Since no city funds were available, small incidental items were paid for from an emergency fund created by individual gifts; the expenditures for the weekly parties were underwritten by local groups, clubs, lodges, fraternities, etc. etc., one of whom served each week as "sponsor". (The sponsors contribution, when the program started and the number of service men was not large, was \$7.50; this paid for the jute-box rental, simple refreshments, etc. The sponsor's contribution has gradually increased as the participation has increased; the average cost of the items named above is between \$15 and \$20, and the committees feel that more consistent sponsorship can be counted on if the cost is kept as low as possible.)

The Community Service League was responsible for twenty-six of these Saturday night parties for service men, and the participation indicated the men's appreciation. The discontinuance of the parties at the end of January, with the withdrawal of all WPA assistance, was a tragedy for Lawrence, but there was no choice. The major part of the game equipment had been loaned by WPA, and extra janitor service had been provided for the building; these relatively small items when added to the services of the director and the nearly 300 hours of weekly leadership, however, left the League with no funds other than the sponsors' contributions.

Realizing that both the city government and the school officials-- the two agencies which could be counted upon for public support of a recreation program-- were taxing their legal limit and hard pressed for funds, the mayor's committee felt it justifiable to ask for federal aid for the duration . Such action seemed particularly fitting since the major share of the recreation participation was either from the service men in training here or from the influx of population due to the powder plant, both federal rather than local in character. The city council, asked to outline the projects which they felt most urgent, refused to consider the application for any sum or to make constructive suggestions as to possible alternative procedure. Part of the council's opposition may have been due to purely political aversion to the WPA and a reluctance to accept the generosity of the administration, but there was evident also the erroneous idea that the entire recreation program might be carried on a purely volunteer basis. Confronted by no funds and little or no cooperation, the committee resigned.

Saturday night parties for service men to be resumed--J.W. March 16-43

Lawrence citizens will be gratified to learn that, at a meeting held last night in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, the Community Service League, which has been responsible for community hospitality to service men, perfected an organization ~~which will~~ for carrying on the Saturday night parties in the Community building. Lt. F. P. Butorac and Ensign Oscar Pederson met with Mr. and Mrs. ^{of the Naval Training School} George Hedrick, Mrs. Deal Six, Miss Joie Stapleton, Mrs. Laurence Woodruff, Mrs. Frank T. Stockton, A. E. Woestemeyer, and city clerk Harold Fisher.

The Saturday evening festivities, so appreciated by the army and navy officials and enlisted men, were discontinued after January 23rd, since the liquidation of WPA at that time deprived the city recreation program not only of game room supervision and janitor service but ^{also} of the services of a director, and the League was faced with the necessity of carrying on the activities with a corps of volunteer workers who had no source of funds other than the weekly gifts of sponsors. The recreational facilities afforded the service men during the preceding six months had been carried as an integral part of the city program, with the result that moderate expenditures for music, refreshments, and incidentals by local sponsoring groups made possible a weekly dance and game room party each Saturday night. The discontinuance of the week-end hospitality for service men has been a matter of grave concern for army and navy officials, and a source of embarrassment to patriotic Lawrence citizens who have been grateful for the opportunity to meet and know the men in uniform who are quartered here for training or who are the city's guests for a few hours or days when on leave. It is hoped

that last night's meeting has worked out at least a temporary solution for the urgent need.

The Community Service League's volunteer chairmen who worked so effectively under the city program set-up have kept their committee personnel intact through the no-fund interval, and will continue to function under the ^{emergency} organization perfected last night; one or two additional committees have been added. Mrs. George Hedrick, chairman of the sponsors' committee, has appointed a sub-committee to handle all details of refreshments for the parties, since rationing regulations and the rapidly increasing number of service men makes the provision of food a major problem. Mrs. E. E. Alexander will head a new committee on special courtesies, ~~for~~ and George Hedrick was made chairman of a finance committee for which A. E. Woestemeyer will serve as treasurer. Other committee chairmen remain the same: Mrs. Laurence Woodruff, junior hostesses; Mrs. Deal Six, senior hostesses and activities; Miss Joie Stapleton, equipment; Mrs. F. T. Stockton, publicity; and Mrs. E. L. Haynes, Sunday hospitality.

The local fund-raising committee of the United Service Organizations has generously allocated ^{to the League's use} a sum of money accruing to the community in connection with the Community Chest drive for funds, various civic groups have subscribed to an equipment fund, and officers of the Naval Training School have assumed responsibility for repairing and building as much game room equipment as possible. The city will provide the building and the utility bills. Local sponsoring groups will continue to finance the current weekly expense for food, music, and prizes. The League's chairmen hope that the combined total of money and volunteer service gifts will carry the hospitality program for at least a few months.

Junior hostesses are being notified, local stores are

being searched for available games, and the Community building is being made ready. The wives of navy enlisted men have asked to sponsor the first party on Saturday night, March 20th.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
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May 6, 1943

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Department of Physical Education
University of Kansas

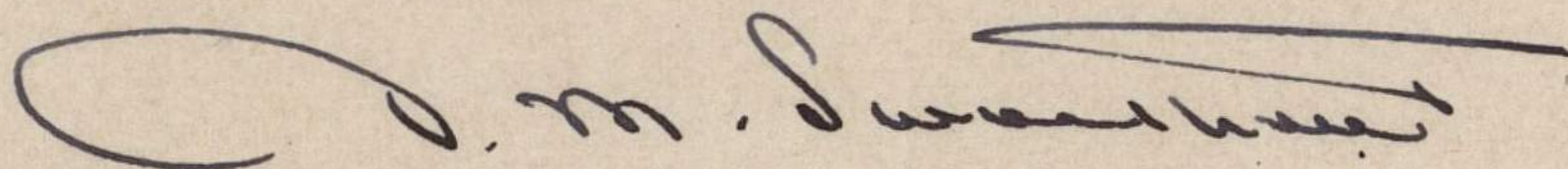
My dear Phog:

Let me tell you with all sincerity that I think you're doing a bully job in keeping in touch with the boys that have worked in your department that are now in the service.

Your little series of letters called "Jayhawk Rebounds" are splendid and should be read with a great amount of interest by those to whom you are sending them. I was happy indeed to get a copy and look it over.

Keep up the good work.

Cordially yours,



D. M. Swarthout
Dean

May 6, 1943.

Dean R. A. Schwegler,
107 Fraser Hall.

Dear Dean Schwegler:

I just want you to know that we followed up on your suggestion to the Red Cross. I am sending you a letter that Mr. Norman A. Durfee wrote me.

Thank you, however, for offering the suggestion. I am always glad to get them.

May I take this means of congratulating you on the fine tribute the Scottish Rite Class paid you last evening. It was much deserved, I assure you.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

May 4, 1943.

Mr. George A. Swift,
Holton, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Swift:

I talked to Mr. John Riling and he said that his brother is handling your case, and that he would call me.

I also had a talk with Dr. Francisco, and he is recommending that Dean charge a fee of \$2.50 for each treatment. He will approve this charge.

I will let you hear from me again after Ed Riling has called.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.



TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

OFFICE OF DEPUTY COLLECTOR

DISTRICT:

Topeka, Kansas
April 28, 1943

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

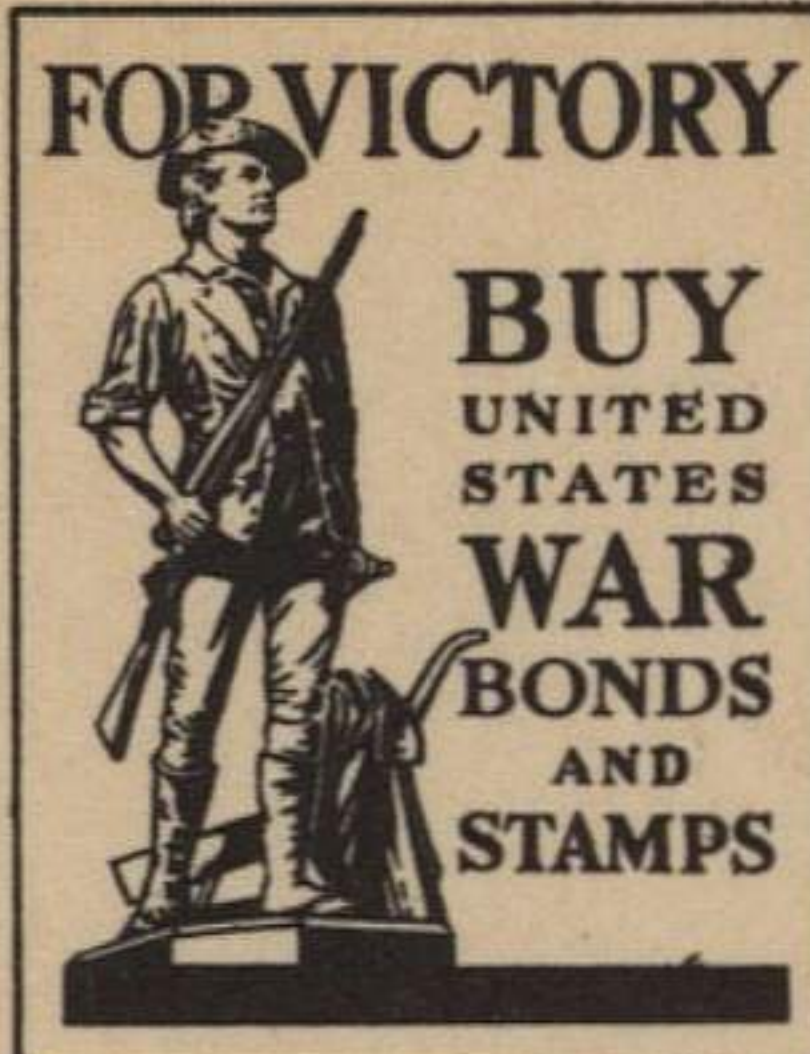
I had planned to see you before leaving Lawrence but my orders for moving came sooner than expected. I am assigned to Topeka for a permanent post and have been here since April 19th.

I am more than pleased with the results that Dean Nesmith has been getting from the treatments on my shoulder. He not only knows his business and has been conscientious in the performance of his work but ^{also} has been a very fine and agreeable gentleman with it all. I have enjoyed knowing him and have appreciated his work greatly. I am planning to continue treatments with Dean at least once a week for a while. My shoulder is greatly improved but the neck and back seem to be pretty stiff and sore yet.

I will appreciate very much if you will contact Dr. Francisco in regard to some arrangement for paying Dean. Of course, I will pay him if the company does not but I believe that they will arrange a good payment for him if Dr. Francisco will recommend it.

I will also appreciate a letter from you to Mr. Ed Riling giving a statement of my case as you know it. He expects to apply for some sort of settlement in the near future and asked me to contact you for a statement. We hope to establish the fact that my injury is of such a nature that it will be hard to predict the length of time it may take for full recovery. The company is obligated by law to pay for partial disability so long as I am unable to return to the type of work in which I was engaged at the time of the accident. To date, I have received but three \$18.00 payments. Your assistance will very greatly appreciated.

While I have had employment in government service since the middle of December, I have sacrificed a great deal in income and, in addition, have worked under severe handicap on account of the results of the injury. I am not more than half efficient now because my nervous system cuts up capers when I am under a heavy



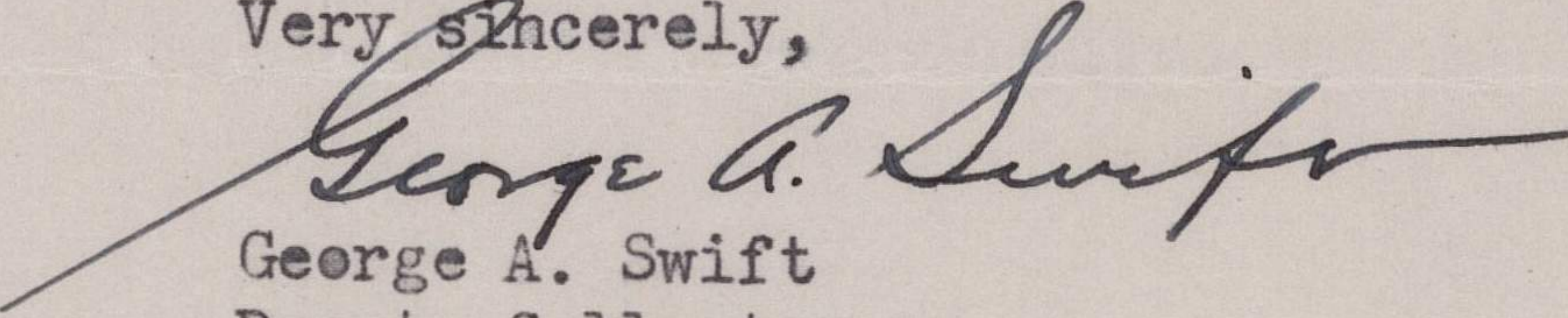
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strain and I don't perform ordinary tasks with the greatest of efficiency. It has been particularly difficult getting started in this new work.

I would like to express to you my sincere appreciation for your help in getting me lined up with Nesmith. I believe it is the difference in a fairly good chance of having a normal shoulder and that of being game for several years.

If you will help Mr. Riling with my case with the Insurance company, I will be very grateful. I am sure Dean will give you any information as he has it at this time. I am planning to take a treatment once a week for some weeks yet.

Very sincerely,


George A. Swift
Deputy Collector

Address:

Holton, Kansas

*I am commuting
to my work in
Topeka.*