

July 30, 1941.

Miss Joie Stapleton,  
Camp Oak Openings,  
Saugatuck, Michigan.

Dear Miss Stapleton:

Dr. Allen has asked me to write you to learn if there are any classroom supplies that you will be needing at the opening of school. If so, we should like to order them now so they will be on hand.

Mrs. Sams tells me there are quite a good many arrows locked in your office, and perhaps you have enough. But if there is anything else you should have will you please let me know?

I hope you are having a most pleasant summer.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary pro tem.



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ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ACCEPTANCE FROM  
YOU TO BE PRESENT AT OUR REUNION AND RUSH PARTY  
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# PEOPLES' GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

MASON CITY, IOWA

August 1, 1941

CHAS. E. STRICKLAND  
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Dr. Forest C. Allen,  
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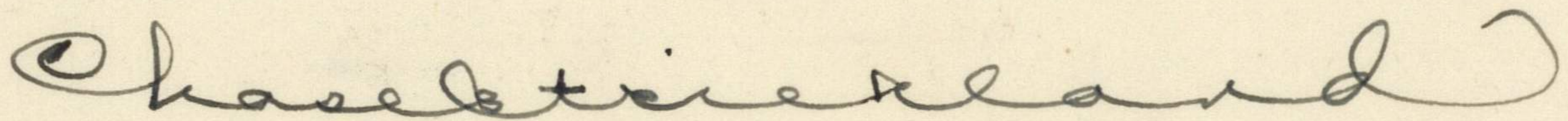
Dear Phog:

Our mutual friend, Clayton "Chick" Sutherland, tells me that you will be one of the instructors at a coaching school to be held in Boone, Iowa, August 18th. Of course, I am very delighted to think that you are going to be this close to us and want to take this opportunity to invite you to come to Mason City Saturday, August 16, for the big annual reunion and rush party of the Northern Iowa Alumni Club of Phi Kappa Psi. In fact we not only want you to come, but we want you to be on our program. All day Saturday we enjoy boating, swimming, tennis and golf, in the latter of which sport Chick tells me you excel. You will have a chance to win the Chas. E. Strickland Trophy at our golf tournament, which will be held at the Mason City Golf Club Saturday afternoon.

This is a big event, Phog, and we certainly want you to be on hand and Mrs. Strickland and I would like to have you be our house guest over the week end. You can leave here in plenty of time Sunday afternoon to reach Boone, which is only about 85 miles from here. If you come by train the connections are very convenient from Kansas City to Mason City, and it goes without saying that we will arrange to drive you to Boone some time Sunday afternoon.

With kindest personal regards to you and the family, and looking for an early acceptance of this invitation, I am

Fraternally yours,



P r e s i d e n t



August 8, 1941.

Mr. Charles E. Strickland,  
President and General Manager,  
Peoples' Gas & Electric Co.,  
Mason City, Iowa.

Dear "Chuck":

Gosh, boy, you are organized to the hilt! If a guy doesn't answer your wire you fire him another one, and you confirm your wires by letter with amazing alacrity.

Someone told me that ex-President Storey of the Santa Fe summed up his success in these three words - organize, deputize, supervise. And, boy, you are ultra in all three!

I just got the Phi Kappa Psi circular about the outing and rushing party schedule, which I know that you had most to do in getting out. So here's congratulations for all that. You may expect me there on scheduled time.

I am writing this letter in haste as we have finished eight weeks of our Summer Session and just at the close there is the usual rush of everybody desiring to get grades in, and the added desire of the professors to get away for a summer vacation. I find myself in the mist of multifarious duties, so I will just write and acknowledge all these things and tell you that I will be on the job. Some time in the next two or three days when I catch my breath I will write you an intelligent and appreciative letter for the many wonderful things that you do and the things that you stand for. Really, Chuck, I am going to enjoy the visit with you very much.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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# PEOPLES' GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

MASON CITY, IOWA

August 4, 1941

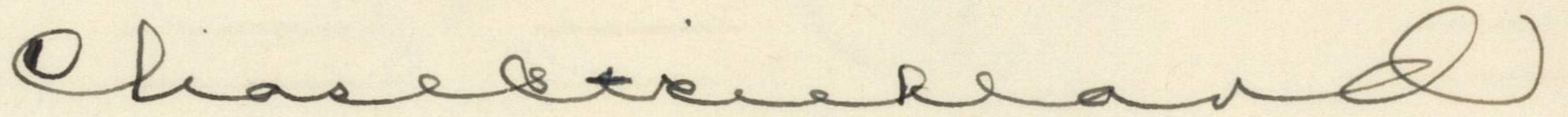
CHAS. E. STRICKLAND  
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

Dear Phog:

I can't tell you how delighted we all were to receive your Western Union wire just now advising us that you will be on hand for our party on August 16. Please advise us when you will come and do come early enough to enjoy a little advance golf and other activities with us before the official date. Remember, Mrs. Strickland and I are expecting you to stay with us.

Looking forward to seeing you about the middle of the month, I am with every good wish

Very fraternally yours,



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



August 5, 1941.

Mr. Virgil Severe,  
Ashland, Kansas.

Dear Virg:

I trust that you like Boulder and its environment. Don't you think it a rather sad commentary, Virg, when a fellow peddles athletes on the hoof?

I have always tried to impress upon the boy that the education a man gets in college is much more durable than his athletic career. We are kidding fellows when we try to put athletics as the most important experience in college life. But I suppose that fellows who get paid in college with soft jobs cannot comprehend why an athlete would choose a college more on the academic than the athletic basis.

Lots of good luck to you, Virg, in your law practice, but not so much success in your proselyting endeavors. Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Severe and your family.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



August 7, 1941.

Mr. W. C. Simons, President,  
The Lawrence Daily Journal World,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Simons:

I am returning herewith your check which you so kindly mailed me for what little service I was able to render. I could not think of taking it, Mr. Simons, because it would rob me of something that I gave you as a neighbor and a friend.

You have been very kind and too generous heretofore. Just because I happened to be in a position to serve you and Mrs. Simons makes it worth more to me not to take it, than to accept it. When a man offers to pay me for some service, then the offer is payment enough for the deed -- more than money.

I trust that you will take this in the spirit that it is written. In one way I know it would make you feel better if I should cash the check. On the other hand, I assure you that you are under no obligation in any way whatsoever to me. You and your family have been very kind to the Allens on many occasions. So will you kindly void this check?

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Dr. F. C. Allen  
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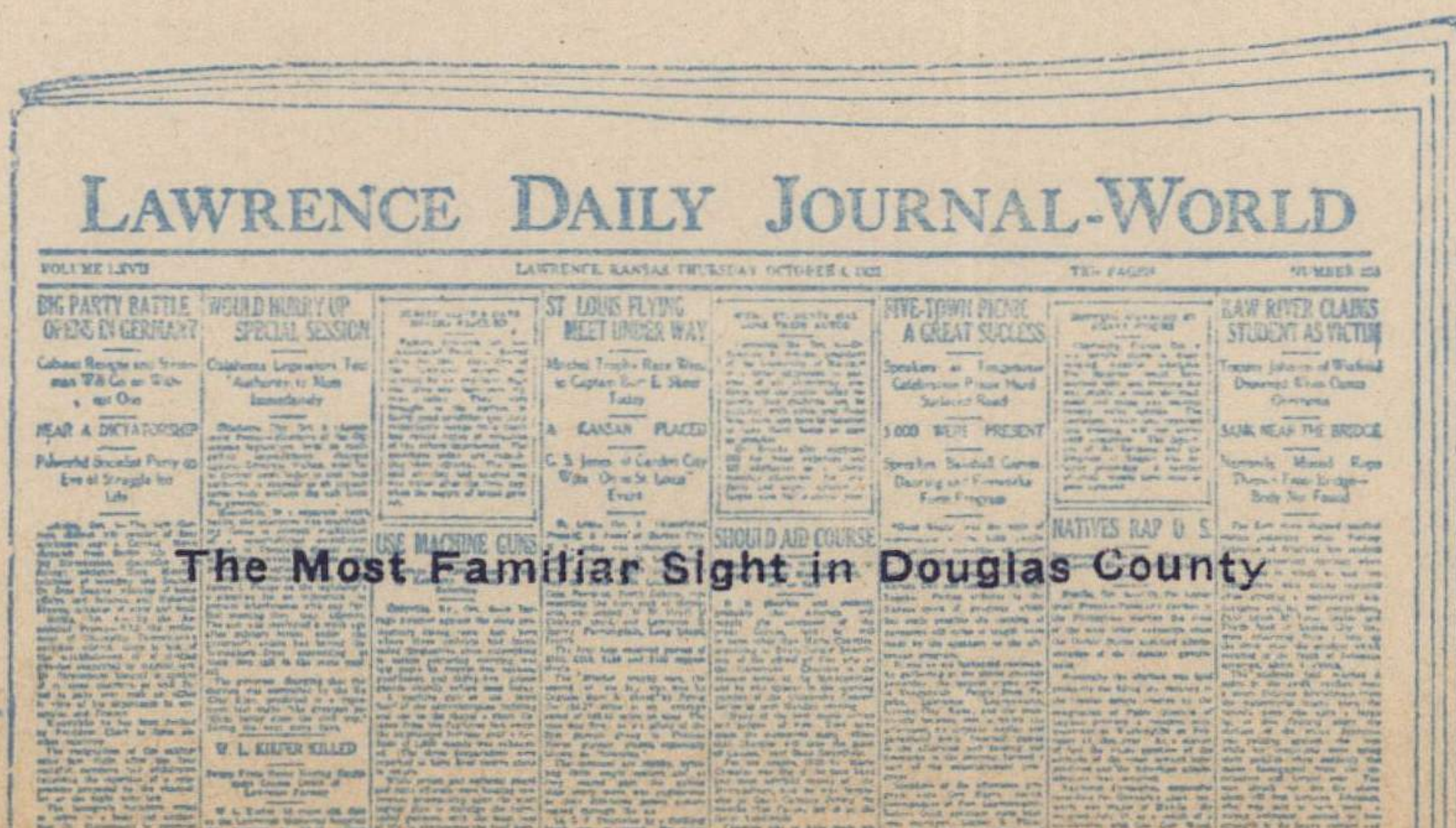
Dear Dr. Allen:

Find herewith my check for \$25.00 in appreciation for the fine service you have given me and for the many favors extended to Mrs. Simons.

Cordially yours

WCS:T

Enclosure





August 12, 1941.

Mr. Charles Strickland,  
President and General Manager,  
Peoples' Gas & Electric Co.,  
Mason City, Iowa.

Dear Chuck:

I expect to drive from Lawrence to Mason City and I will arrange to be there some time Friday for the festivities Friday evening.

You enter me in everything that I am supposed to be entered in and I will pay the fee when I get there. I will give you a ring when I arrive.

If I recover sufficiently from the Saturday celebration of golf, et cetera, et cetera, I believe I will be able to drive over to Boone Sunday afternoon so that I will be ready for Monday morning's strenuous campaign along with Messrs. Shaughnessy, Bierman, Iba and other salubrities and celebrities.

With all good wishes, I am

Fraternally,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



August 12, 1941.

Mrs. Josephine L. Sams,  
Chapman, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Sams:

Thank you for your very good letter of the 10th instant. I am glad that you enjoyed your work and I am happy to say that you did excellent work for us here at the University of Kansas Summer Session. I would offer no criticism other than I believe you worked too hard at your job. No one could say that you thought of slighting it, but I sometimes believe that you carry your burdens away from your classroom.

You were perfectly welcome to any information or help that you might have received from the course in Theory and Practice of Athletic Training. It is always a pleasure to me to be able to impart any information that can be transferred to other fields. Personally, I feel that you will be able to do much good, especially in the absence of a school nurse or a physician at your institution.

Personally, I would not advise you to count very much on a position here for next summer. Rather, if I were you, I would plan on a vacation for next summer and see what the following summer holds forth here at the University. I believe I explained to you rather briefly that while Dean Schwegler had made the recommendation for this position, he had not discussed finances with the budget committee, and it appeared as a very embarrassing financial problem to them. I do not believe that I am revealing any secrets when I tell you that if our correspondence had not gone forward from this office promising you the position the budget committee would have rescinded all action if it were possible to have left you in no embarrassing position. I pressed your case because I knew the background and it was through no fault of yours whatsoever that there was an administrative slip-up. They took half of the salary, as I explained to you, from our budget, and half from the University budget, and they had not counted on this. So there is rather a dark brown administrative taste in the budget committee's mouth. Personally, as an administrator, I desire not to present the same situation next year with the same budget committee. Therefore, I think we had better forego the proposition. In fact, on very good authority I learn there is a strong possibility we may not even have a Summer Session next year. We will miss you because you were so loyal in every department. Your swimming was up to the usual high standard of teaching, and I heard nothing but the very best



of comment on all of your activities.

I am leaving this week-end for Boone, Iowa, for the Iowa State High School Athletic Association coaching school. Clark Shaughnessy, Bernie Bierman, Henry Iba and I will attempt to instruct the coaches there from August 18 to 23.

It is very pleasant here after the rain and I am taking things in a lighter vein - not doing much heavy work, and I fully believe that with a few weeks rest I will be in tip-top shape for the fall term.

If there is any way in which I can help you in any position next summer, in any playground or recreation center, it will be a pleasure, but as far as anything here at the University is concerned I am very sure that the curtailed budget will deny us an opportunity of offering you anything.

With all good wishes for the success of your fine young family, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.  
FCA:AH



Chapman, Kans.  
Aug 10, 1941

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

My dear Dr. Allen,

I was indeed sorry that I did not get to say good-bye to you before leaving Lawrence. I wanted to tell you how very much I enjoyed my work at the University this summer - especially the playground activities course which I taught. I thought the evening playground was a huge success this summer and many of the people who were there Mon. & Tue. evenings said they were already look-



ing forward to next summer.  
(The attendance those last  
two nights was exceptionally good)

I also want to thank  
you for letting me audit your  
class in the treatment of  
Athletic Injuries. I learned a  
great deal from you and I  
am sure I will make use  
of the material & it will be  
very practical to me this  
winter. We have no school nurse  
or doctor here at Chapman, so  
it is up to us Physical  
Education teachers to administer  
quite a bit of first aid.

While I know it is  
impossible for you to promise  
me anything in regard to  
work for next summer, I do  
hope that you feel that my



work was satisfactory  
and that you will keep me  
in mind in case there is  
such work to be done again  
next summer. I believe if I  
can work one more summer  
then I will be able to take  
a much needed vacation the  
following year.

I trust Miss Hoover will  
find everything in her  
department in good condition  
and will not miss anything  
this fall.

Give my regards to  
Mrs. Allen and I hope you  
will be able to have a  
little vacation during the  
remainder of the summer.

Sincerely,

Josephine L. Sams.



August 25, 1941.

Mr. Charles Strickland,  
Peoples Gas & Electric Co.,  
Mason City, Iowa.

Dear Charles:

I acknowledge with thanks your good letter,  
and I also received the swimming trunks which came under  
separate cover and in tip-top shape.

Again I want to thank you and your lovely  
family for the hospitality accorded me. Esther is a real  
hostess and you have three lovely children. Please re-  
member me very kindly to the Semneffs. I enjoyed my visit  
with them very much.

Looking forward to a visit from the Stricklands  
some time this fall, I am

Fraternally yours,

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



# PEOPLES' GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

MASON CITY, IOWA

August 21, 1941

CHAS. E. STRICKLAND  
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

Dear Phog:

It was fine to talk with you over the telephone yesterday, and I was glad of the opportunity to explain to you my failure to get back to Clear Lake before you left. Esther had already told me what a fine visit she had with you, and how much the Senneffs enjoyed you call on them.

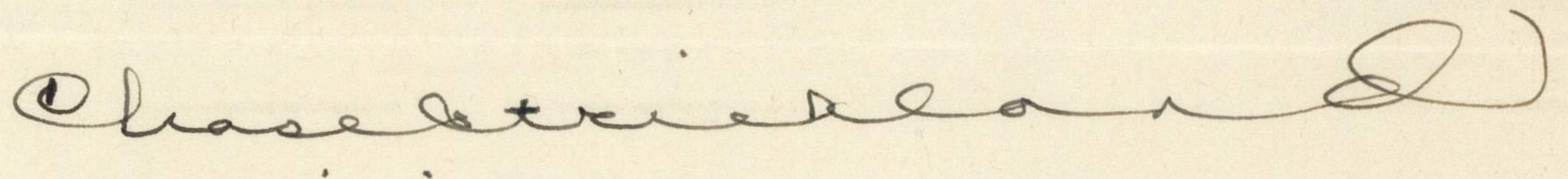
All the gang here join me in extending their appreciation for your taking the time to come up to Mason City and Clear Lake and help make our annual party a success.

The Stricklands certainly enjoyed having you as their guest and all of us do hope that you come often.

We are sending your swim trunks to you under separate cover today and trust that same will reach you in good order.

Looking forward to seeing you in Lawrence some time this fall, I am with every good wish in the world

Fraternally yours,



Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
801 Louisiana  
Lawrence, Kansas



August 12, 1941.

Miss Joie L. Stapleton,  
Camp Oak Openings,  
Saugatuck, Michigan.

Dear Miss Stapleton:

Thank you for your kind note of the 8th instant. I am glad to know that you are supplied with arrows for your class work. I just wanted to be sure that it would not be necessary for us to do some last minute ordering.

I am happy that your summer has been so pleasant and profitable.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



Camp Oak Openings,  
Langatuck, Michigan,  
August 8, 1941.

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Mrs. Hutteen wrote in regard to any further equipment that might be needed for class work this fall. As far as I know now there is nothing in addition to the items that were on the regular inventory or request sheet that Miss Hoover turned in. The plan of checking out the arrows by sets with a request + recheck of each box left our arrows in excellent condition.

This has been a busy but most interesting summer for me in camp.



I never realized how much the assistant  
to the Director had to do - but it has been  
fun and a fine experience.

I don't know whether you have  
heard that Gladys Pitter came up after  
camp started as Asst. Sports leader. She  
has done an excellent job and is quite  
a favorite of the group.

Alice Paden drove as far as Benton Harbor,  
Michigan with me where Ruth Baker  
met her, enroute to New York University.  
We had a nice visit during ~~dinner~~  
almost my first real one with Ruth.  
She is a live wire.

I hope the summer work has moved  
along nicely for you Dr. Allen and  
that you will have some vacation  
before school starts again.

Sincerely,

Gene L. Stapleton