

March 25, 1941

Mr. John W. Slocum
State Commission of Revenue and Taxation
State House
Topeka, Kansas

Dear John:

Thank you for your very informative and confidential letter of March 22. I will be guided discretely by your very valuable advice. I have never found you wrong in sizing up situations and I believe in this case you have the situation well in hand. You can rest assured I have read all you have written and consider it extremely confidential and very valuable to me.

I am leaving on a speaking engagement at the Chase, Kansas Community High School and McPherson, Kansas. At the first opportunity I have I will stop at the State House and say hello to you.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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March 22, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Basketball and Baseball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

This letter is in regard to our prolific scoring basketball center of Seneca Public High, Alton Wiley.

Lauretta has shown me a copy of the letter and clippings sent by Bernard Kampert, Seneca druggist and former K. U. football player. You also have received copies of the publicity given this young man by the Courier Tribune and sent to the Kansas City Star by the Courier. As you know, Seneca won the district tournament, also their conference title, but lost in the regional meet at Holton. The Seneca team has been very much a one-man team with Wiley, standing a full six inches above everyone else, being fed the ball whereupon he gently places it in the basket with hardly any opposition. This is undoubtedly the reason for his high score of over three hundred points this year. The young fellow is only seventeen years old, parents of medium financial status, who will be able to partially help him in the University and perhaps will take care of all of his expenses if approached in the right manner. As to his scholastic rating in high school, you will find it quite average. The Superintendent of Schools, J. E. Bowers, has been pampering the young fellow, granting special privileges in his behalf for the last three years because of his basketball playing. A characteristic of the boy that is quite predominant is a continuous twitching of the muscles in his face. As I understand it, this was caused by a minor attack of infantile paralysis when he was quite young. He is highly nervous, aggressive in speech but lags a little in performance.

Now I will tell you the reason for the Seneca High team not being able to attend the Oklahoma A. & M. game. We have a peculiar situation in Seneca. We have a superintendent of schools (named above) who is violently disliked by everyone in the community except members of the school board. He has been rehired for another year because of a majority of one vote on the school board, his votes being from individuals who have

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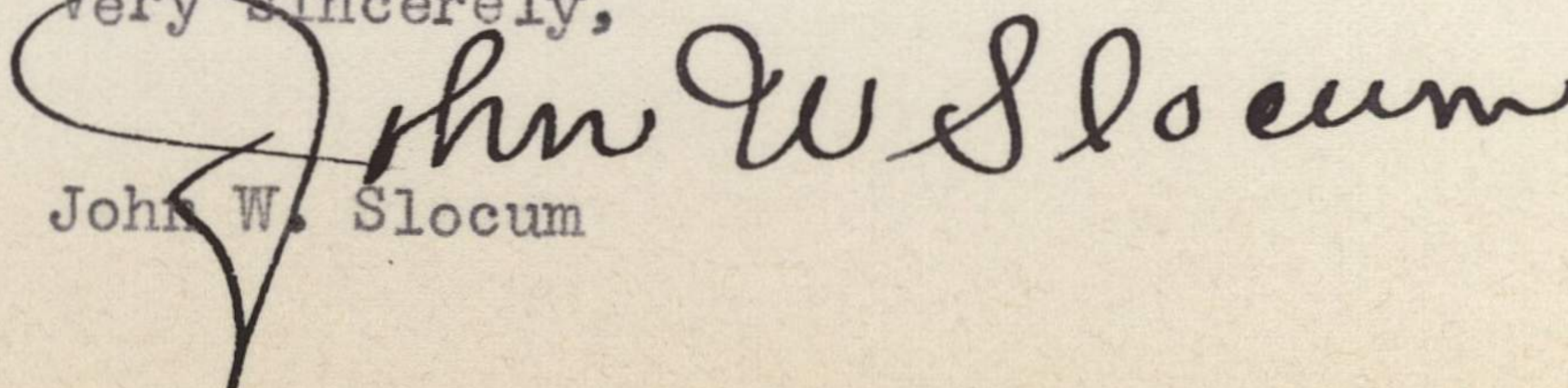
children in school that have received special privileges, one being the valedictorian this year, another honor roll, and still another employment in the high school office. Another school board vote was gained by having a wife of one of the members on the substitute teaching list. It's a bad situation, Dr. Allen, something that the community is almost up in arms about but can't do anything about until another election takes place. The superintendent being extremely jealous of the coach because of his success in both his football and basketball this year, would not let the coach bring the boys because of the fact he wishes to bring them to the campus later in the year and has given them promises of untold magnitude. The superintendent is making statements to the boys that he knows you "like a brother" and that you will do as he wishes if he asks any special favor.

Personally, I like our superintendent, but I don't admire the way in which he accomplishes some of his selfish purposes. As a result of the boys not coming to Lawrence, they have said that they will not, under any condition, come to the campus with the superintendent because they feel that it is up to their high school coach, Dale Ridgeway, to bring them. It puts Ridgeway in a very peculiar position which I hope will be remedied soon. As for Wiley, he does not look as if he would make a University basketball player but we do have another boy, whom our superintendent and coach seemed to have overlooked somewhat, by the name of Donald Price, whom I believe, after a year of freshman practice would make you a darn good player, and then in another year, there's a young man by the name of Frank Ruske, Jr., who will graduate and ~~now~~ is "6' 1", of a very good physique and who has shown very good basketball playing ~~that~~ will be another good prospect. Don Price will be in the University and will probably be out for freshman basketball next year. He is not receiving any publicity. He's a quiet individual, very unassuming with an ideal attitude.

Getting back to Wiley, I am sure he will be in school and will be out for freshman basketball next year, but let's don't promise him any employment or anything of that sort. Let his parents put him through and let him dig for what he gets out of the University. Between you and me, I don't believe the boy will be able to last through the first year scholastically.

This letter is probably rather cynical and full of facts. I don't mean to cast any shadows but I do think you should know the background of our Seneca set-up. Will see you in Lawrence soon.

Very sincerely,


John W. Slocum

JWS/mm

March 25, 1941

Mr. Dan Servey
456 West 62nd Street Terrace
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Dan:

Yesterday I spoke to the Traffic Club and promised myself that before I got out of Kansas City I was going to drive out and say hello to you.

However, Dana Durand met me after luncheon and asked me to work on Fred Wolcott's knee, the Rice University hurdler. As a consequence, I worked on him and then Cal Morrow and Webb Holloway met me at the Athletic Club, where I was working on Wolcott, and we had a conference which lasted until such a time that I was forced to hurry back to Lawrence to coach the baseball team.

This is no good alibi at all, Dan, but I assure you that the first opportunity I have to come to Kansas City I am going to drop out and say hello to you. I feel rather low down for not having called on you sooner. But it is just one of those things that people have no excuses for but are nevertheless ashamed of themselves for not doing.

I have talked to Dr. Dave Robinson about you and told him I was coming to see you. Only yesterday I read of the accident to Dr. Robinson. You keep up the good fight, Dan, we are certainly going to see you soon.

I am leaving today at noon for Chase, Kansas to speak at their Community High School banquet tonight, and tomorrow night I speak at McPherson. Also I am coaching the baseball team. I am just trying to show you, Dan, that I try to kid myself into being busy. But friends are worth more than merely running around the country and I want you to know that I consider you one of my tried and true friends. I have never forgotten the many kindnesses and courtesies that you extended me.

With sincerest wishes for your complete and rapid recovery, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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March 31, 1941

Mr. Raymond Swanson
Lansing, Kansas

Dear Mr. Swanson:

I have your letter of March 25, and may I say I am glad to have you use my name as reference at any time.

I am glad to hear of your success in the past basketball season.

If there is anything I can do for you at any time please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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Lansing, Kansas
March 25, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have used your name again as a reference and I hope if you receive any blanks to fill out that you will do it for me.

School is going along fine. I had a very good basketball season. We lost out in the District Tournament in a tough overtime game. Track has started now and it sure is nice to work outside. We are going to have a very good track team so maybe we can see you at the K. U. Relays.

Thank you very much for your trouble and I hope I can return the favor sometime.

Yours very truly,

Raymond Swanson
Raymond Swanson

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April 10, 1941

Mr. Henry Shenk
Director of Athletics
Junction City High School
Junction City, Kansas

Dear Henry:

I am authorized by Dean Stouffer to inform you that you have been selected as Associate Professor in Physical Education at the University of Kansas for the nine months term, beginning September, 1941 and ending in June, 1942, at a salary of \$2250.00.

Chancellor Malott is out of town, but before leaving Sunday night he gave approval to Raymond Nichols and to Dean Stouffer to make the selection. Of course, they prefer that no publicity be given this action until the Board of Regents meets, which will be sometime in the middle of May. I have just phoned Raymond Nichols this morning and the date is not definitely set for the Regents' meeting. Since you have been in school work you can readily understand the red tape in such matters.

I was so sorry to learn of the passing of Mrs. Shenk's mother. Mrs. Allen and I both extend our deepest sympathies in her bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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April 16, 1941

Mr. Henry Shenk
Director of Physical Education
Junction City Junior-Senior High School
Junction City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Shenk:

Thank you for your letter of April 15 enclosing the photograph. We are passing this on to Mr. Raymond Nichols, the Executive Secretary in the Chancellor's Office.

I am just now getting ready to leave for Norman, Oklahoma where we play baseball on Thursday and Friday. However, I plan to be here Saturday morning and will be glad to see you then.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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P.S. It was necessary for Dr. Allen to leave for Norman, Oklahoma before this letter was written, and he asked me to sign the same and forward it to you.

Secretary to Dr. Allen



JUNCTION CITY JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

HENRY A. SHENK, DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEAD FOOTBALL COACH, HEAD TRACK COACH.

RAYMOND JOHNSON, ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH, JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL COACH.

IZAC EMRICH, SENIOR HIGH BASKETBALL COACH

April 15, 1941.

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Enclosed you will find the picture you requested. I know I shall be very happy in the Physical Education Department at K.U. under your direction.

I am bringing a few boys down for the Relays and hope that I will get a chance to talk to you. I'll drop by your office Saturday morning.

Very sincerely,

Henry Shenk

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July 15th, 1941

Mr. Henry Shenk
Junction City Junior-Senior High School
Junction City, Kansas

Dear Henry:

Yes, I know of this conflict, Henry. I discussed it when you were in conference with me here in Lawrence. But, I imagine like all other things, under such conditions, we just don't get them all at the time.

You know I said that there would be conflicts but I thought we could arrange, under your guidance or your appointment for some one else to handle this 31M, but you would still have your fatherly hand on the individual that conducted the 31M. I did this so that you might acquaint yourself with the 31M and yet I wanted you to have the academic solid such as the History and Principles of Physical Education.

I presume that you would rather have History and Principles of Physical Education than to have the 31M course meeting every day a week, would you not? I did want, however, that you get a good baptism. I wanted that when you came you would feel that you were in this work right up to your neck since you have served your apprenticeship long ago, and, that you were ready for administrative work as well as your gymnastic and teaching work.

That was the reason why I wanted you to supervise equitation and I also wanted you to supervise this 31M course with a view of having conferences with the fellow who gave it, and strengthening it as much as possible under the conditions. There would be two days a week that you would be free at 8:30 to look in on the course and supervise it with the individual who should have it.

I would be very happy to have you officiate games this fall. That will come at a time when I'm sure you can arrange your work compatible with all of your activities concerned.

Yes, I too am looking forward to your working in our department and we're most happy to have you. Your long association in the State of Kansas has made many friends for you in your work and we're happy to have your reflect that good feeling from the University to our neighbors.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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



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224 W. 6th St.
Junction City, Kans.
July 14, 1941.

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

In looking over my schedule for this fall I have found an apparent conflict between two courses. History and Principles of Phys. Ed. meets MWF at 8:30 and 31 M meets MTWTF, also at 8:30. I had not realized that 31 M met five times a week until I checked the schedule more carefully, and I thought it would be better to call this to your attention now rather than waiting until we get to Lawrence.

Is there any reason why I should not do some officiating this fall if I have the opportunity? I have been offered one or two games and will accept them if it is all right.

I am looking forward to my work and am anxious to get started. I know I shall enjoy working under your supervision..

Very truly yours,

Henry Shenk

July 5, 1941.

Mr. Henry Shenk,
Junction City, Kansas.

Dear Henry:

I would like to have a conference with you as soon as possible after you come to Lawrence. I noticed in the paper that you were moving, but do not know to what street address. I need to go over with you the courses you will teach.

I trust that it is possible for you to induce your father-in-law to live with you. I know it would be very enjoyable for all of you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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July 2, 1941.

Mr. Henry Shenk,
Junction City, Kansas.

Dear Henry:

I am sending you your teaching schedule. You will have for the fall schedule the Practice Teaching in the Oread Training School. It is listed for Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., but really it amounts to an every day load, Tuesday and Thursday included. We will endeavor to have your work arranged so that you will have no fourth hour class in the morning. It is necessary that the supervisor of practice teaching arrive about 1 p.m. to supervise the oncoming of these youngsters.

Miss Joie Stapleton will teach the girls. This job of the men's really amounts to an athletic director's job throughout the year. Of course, we can sit down and talk over this thing thoroughly when you come.

Then you will have History and Principles of Physical Education on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. You will supervise Equitation but that will be merely a supervisor's job as Mr. Mott is an expert horseman. Dr. Elbel had thought of you as taking the 30-series. That runs through the 8:30 and 9:30 hours on Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout the year. I will talk to you about that matter when I see you.

The spring schedule would be Remedial and Physical Examinations, at 8:30 on Tuesday and Thursday. Then Track, a two hour course, on Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30, and the Practice Teaching as already described.

As I see it, there are but two courses that you will want to work on this summer. One is your History and Principles for the fall, and the Remedial for the spring. When you and Miss Stapleton get together in the early fall you and she can work out your problems. Since both of you have had long experience in teaching in high schools and since you have had supervisory work of an unusual degree, I am sure that this will come second nature to you.

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Won't you write me and let me know what luck you had in lining up a house? And if there is anything that I can do to help you from this end of the line it will be a great pleasure to assist you.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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April 5, 1941

Mr. Jay Simon
Coffeyville Journal
Coffeyville, Kansas

Dear Jay:

Thank you very much for your clipping from the Bartlesville Examiner. I appreciate your sending me the clipping on Goal-III. Yes, I am interested, and things are going along very nicely.

Regarding our baseball prospects, I would say they are rather dim this year. Larry Hensley signed up with the Detroit outfit and has been farmed out to a league in Kentucky. Miller Cameron transferred from the University of Kansas to the University of Oklahoma this past fall. Both of these boys felt that there was not enough emphasis placed on their favorite sport and they did not care to continue another year of Varsity Baseball here.

Of course, we lost most of the team last year. Horak, Jack Sands and Red Dugan, pitchers, were all seniors. Monte Murkle is saving his last year of eligibility for football. Bob Hunt and all the outfielders graduated so that only leaves Eddie Hall, a K-man from the year before, as catcher and Knute Kresie as our number 1 pitcher.

On two different occasions, you can see by the schedule enclosed, we are playing four games handrunning. The fact that we did not pick up any pitchers causes us to be terribly lame in that line. John Burge is relief pitcher but could not go a full game. Therefore, Bob Allen, apparently, is the number 2 pitcher, and we have a boy named Atwell, a lefthander, who does not pitch well at all, as the only other pitcher. We will get socked beautifully by the other Big-Six teams who have now gone in strong for baseball.

I am sending you a clipping from Horace Mason's News Bureau regarding the baseball situation, but doubtless you have already received the same. This is just a year of rebuilding so far as baseball is concerned.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

New Sport Draws Interest



Among the innovations in the Central high school noon-hour playground program, started this week, is Goal Hi, a new form of basketball played on a circular outdoor court with but a single basket. The students at Central high have taken to the sport, and every noon finds a group this large or larger pot-shooting at the goal. The game is a variation of the old back-yard basketball of a few years ago.

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Coffeyville, Kansas

April 3, 1941

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

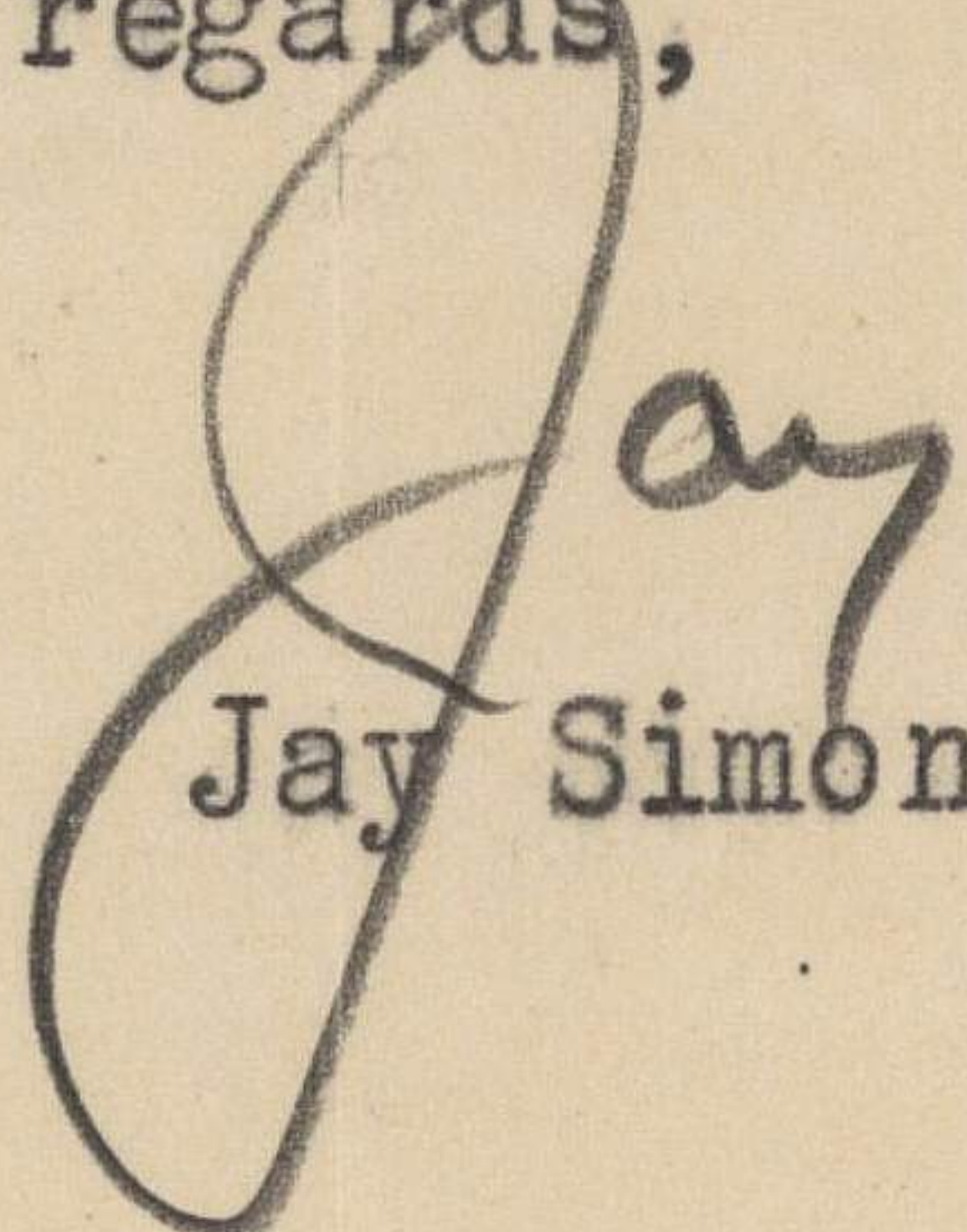
Dear Dr. Allen:

I found the enclosed clipping in Bartlesville Examiner and thought you might be interested in seeing how your game has caught on at the oil town.

Things have been going very well with me here at Coffeyville. I like my job fine and most of the persons I talk with seem to think I am getting along o.k.

I am going to be watching with interest your progress in the new-found field of baseball. Here's hoping you can bring the Jayhawks out of the mire they've been in the last few years.

Best regards,


Jay Simon

April 7, 1941

Mrs. Marge S. Stockton
720 Indiana
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Stockton:

I regret to advise you that I will be unable to meet with your P.T.A. Council in regard to your recreational program on Wednesday evening, April 9 at 7:30 P.M. I am scheduled to speak at the Medicine Lodge, Kansas, Junior Chamber of Commerce Athletic Banquet on that date.

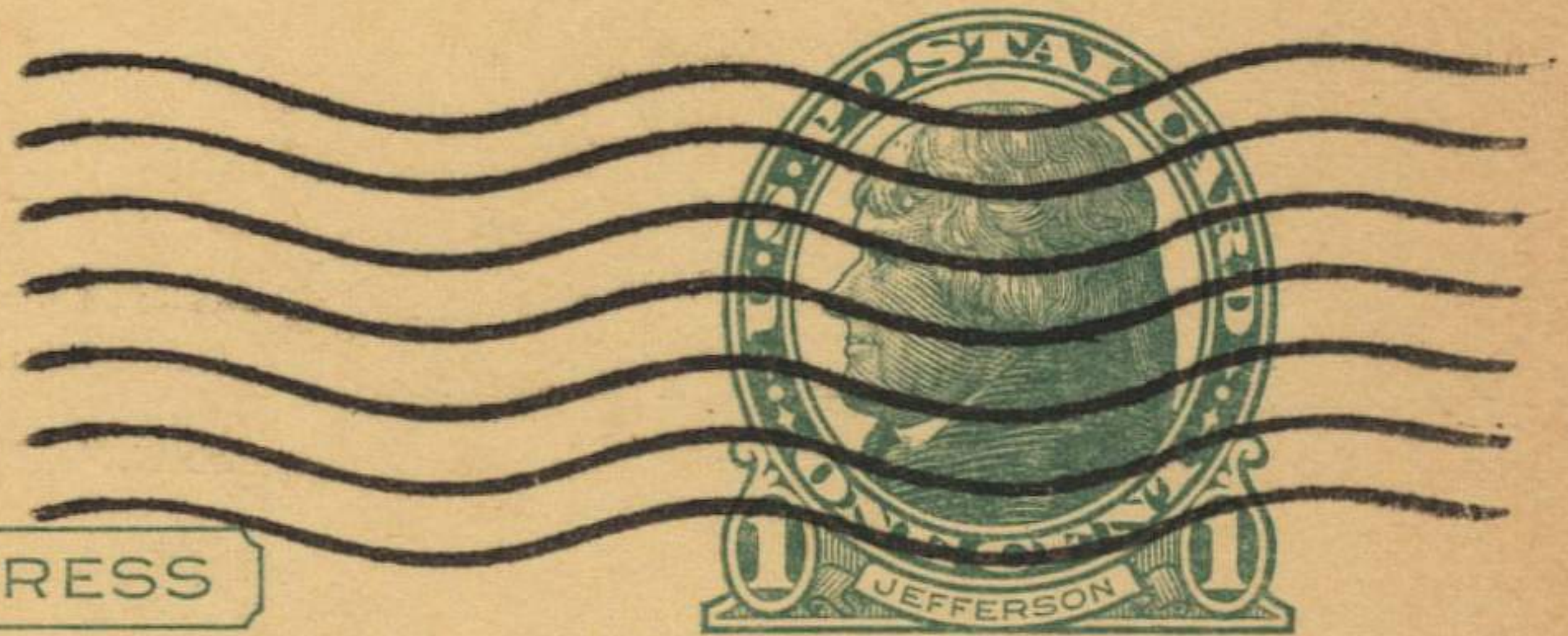
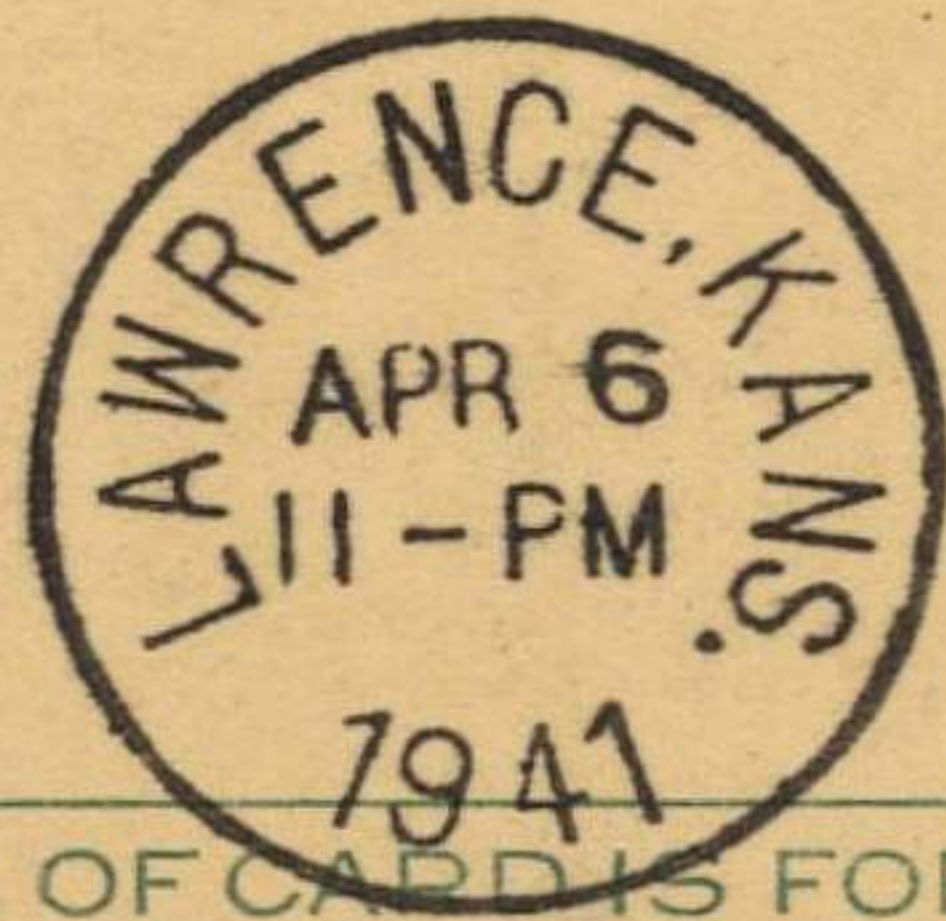
I am sorry that I cannot be with you and trust that you will have a very profitable meeting.

If at any time I can be of service, please command me.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr James Allen

Phys. Educ. Dept. I.C.U.

Lawrence Kansas

Dear Phog - the PTA
Council, which is interested
in a recreation program
for this coming summer,
have called a meeting of
interested people for 7:30 pm
on Wednesday, April 9th,
in Super Dean's office.
I hope you can attend
that meeting and give us
some practical advice.

Mary S. Stochon

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April 16, 1941

Mr. Wilfrid Smith
Sports Desk
Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Wilfrid:

Your wire to me was turned over immediately to Dr. Elbel, who is the General Manager of the Kansas Relays under Gwinn Henry, Director of Athletics. He stated that he would wire you the information at once and I am sure the same went forward immediately.

I am not sure that I will have an opportunity to greet you when you come because I am coaching Varsity Baseball and we will be down at Norman, Oklahoma on Thursday and Friday, and then I have a speaking engagement at the University Club at Wichita on Saturday night.

I am getting to be one of those famous orators, don't you know; the kind that the gardeners reserve their produce for.

It is always good to see you.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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Dr. Elbel took care of this answer

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Chicago, Illinois

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

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WILFRID SMITH
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

cc: Dr. Elbel

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May 1st, 1941

Miss Hazel Lee Simmons
Principal of Cordley School
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Miss Simmons:

I greatly appreciate the thoughtfulness of you and your students in inviting us to your Cordly Play Day on May 6th, from 6:30 to 7:30 o'clock P.M. We play the Missouri Tigers here in baseball and since I'm coaching baseball, I will be busy with that activity until after six o'clock. I'm also coaching basketball and we have our spring practice the first three days of each week, this comes after dinner at 7:00 o'clock, so I am sorry that I will not be able to avail myself of the opportunity of attending this fine Play Day of yours.

However, I do thank you for your thoughtfulness.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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

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Office Phone 94

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CONCORDIA, KANSAS

MARVIN O. BRUMMETT
Residence Phone 490
Office Phone 94

May 4th, 1941

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

Dear Phog:

I was recently elected president of the local Ban Johnson Baseball Club. As you probably know we play a 72 game schedule here. That keeps up busy getting good players lined up. I just saw in the Kansas City paper that they were not going to have Ban Johnson Baseball there this year. Last year I contacted the Coach in re some players. Most of his players belonged to K. C. teams. I am wondering if some of them would like to come out here and try out?

We are rebuilding our team this year. I think any good player would have a good chance to make the team. Personally I would like to see some K. U. boy on the team here. We, under the B. J. code, pay the room and board of the players and give them expense money of \$3.00 per week. If a boy is ambitious he can find a part time job at which he can make some money to save to go to school on. The part time job he would get would be work though and he would have to earn his money. some of the teams in the division last year deviated from this rule, but it will be rigidly enforced this year!

Practice started here May 1st. The first league game will be played May 18th. Before any boy is accepted on the roster he must present his contract and birth certificate. I know you are familiar with the Ban Johnson rules.

Thanking you in advance for anything you can do for me in this matter, and with best personal wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Lee R. Stanford
Lee R. Stanford



WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

DEPARTMENT OF
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

June 2, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

We are holding a Basketball Clinic here at this institution this summer and I am desirous of securing a 16 m. m. picture on basketball.

Do you know where one might secure such a picture? I will appreciate any suggestions or any help.

Best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

E. B. Stansbury
E. B. Stansbury
Assistant Basketball Coach

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June 17th, 1941

Mr. E. B. Stansbury
Assistant Basketball Coach
Western Kentucky State Teachers College
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Stansbury:

The Eastman Kodak Company of Rochester, New York have two reels which they took of the Kansas basketball team on basketball fundamentals. They are sixteen millimeter films. I think they are very good in the depicting fundamentals.

I believe they sell the two reels for forty five dollars but there are a great number of Extension Divisions in Universities that rent the films for a mere trivial, \$1.20, I believe.

If you do not desire to purchase the films, I'm sure if you will write Mr. Fred Montgomery, in care of this University, he can give you any information you desire, as to renting the same.

Trusting that you have a very successful basketball clinic, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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

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