

Lawrence, Kansas  
August 15, 1939.

Dear Doctor Allen,

Was glad to get your letter and I agree with you about a personal interview being better than a letter.

I don't know what the matter is, with me but I seem to have the faculty of "putting my foot in it". What started out to be a quiet evening's fun, backfired and you know the rest. As is usually the case, the stories, both in the paper and around town, are exaggerated; but the damage is done and now I must make the best of it.

First I decided to cut liquor out entirely. I had cut down before, not with the idea of leaving it entirely alone, but merely being more temperant in using it. From now on I will leave it alone.



Then I had an idea of leaving  
and returning to the east and  
play football. after much thought  
I decided not to but to finish the  
work for my degree. I realize this  
spoils my chances for helping  
Mike get with the freshmen but  
that can't be helped now. I can work  
at my old job at the Paper mill  
but I realize that this isn't the  
best job for me. I believe that if I  
could get a job elsewhere I would be  
much better off. Probably not in  
actual wages but in the associations  
with other workers. I believe the  
workers in factories like this are  
the most immoral people in America.  
I know they are the worst that I  
have ever seen anywhere.

Well I guess I have taken  
enough of your time. I appreciate your  
interest and will try to profit more  
by your advice than I did last time,  
altho it was not wasted as you might  
think. I have given much thought  
to what you have told me. Others



that you have helped have done likewise because I have talked to several fellows and have met the same thing from them all. As you once told me, "If someone helps you that has no personal benefit from it, then that is help."

If you do not get time to answer I will drop in your office when you get back. I will anyway but hope you can spare time to answer this.

Wishing you good luck in your Coaching School,

Sincerely

George Stapleton.



COUNCIL ON ATHLETICS  
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

February 23, 1939

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

Dear "Froggy":

You see I haven't forgotten the salutation your little grandson had for you.

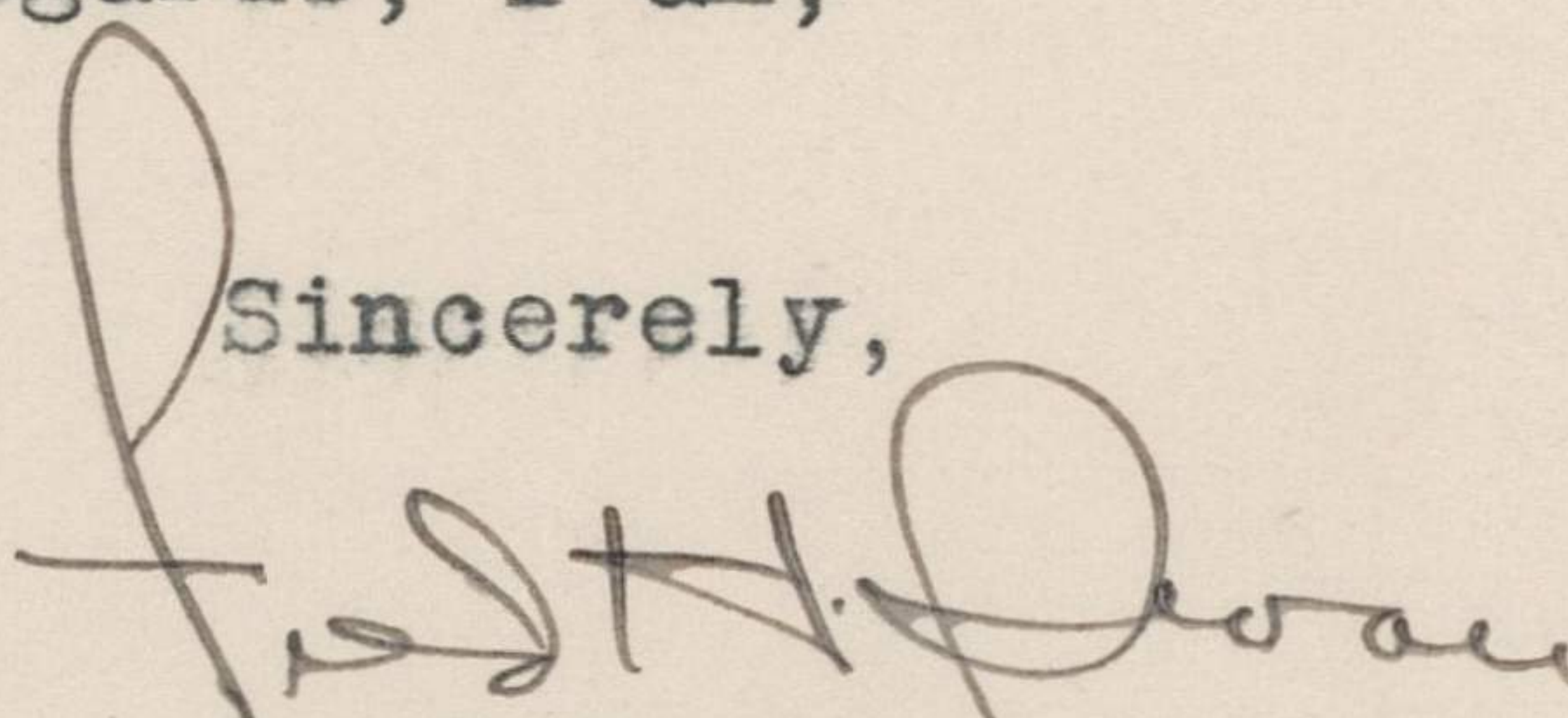
It was very pleasant to get your letter. It was too bad to see the old gentleman go but the years were telling on him. He was and is a grand character and I don't think anyone will ever equal his contributions to American Football.

Yes, this is a tough business but isn't everything else? At least a coach knows he is in a precarious occupation and hotfoots it to keep far enough in front of the alumni so they will think he is leading them and that they are not chasing him.

It was good to get your letter and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing me.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,



Fred H. Swan  
Football Coach



August 13, 1939.

Mr. George Stapleton,  
1046 Vermont Street,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear George:

You doubtless will recall our conversation some time along in the spring when I cautioned you not to get a couple of strikes on you. I am afraid that you would find difficulty in getting enough people to give you favorable recommendations if you continue in the path that you have chosen here of late.

I am leaving tonight for Atlanta, Georgia, but I felt that in the absence of a personal conference with you, which I would much more desire over writing a letter, that this checking up again with you of your excesses should be brought to your attention for your careful consideration.

George, you just can't do these things and expect to be an example to young men. And after all, they pay you as much for the example that you set to the young men as they pay you for coaching.

I know it was doggone unfortunate, and of course you didn't intend to do it, but the fact that they publicized you as they did, did not help you nor did it help the Department of Physical Education if you continue to pursue your physical education course.

If you care to write me a letter you can address it to me here at the University and it will be forwarded to me, and then I will communicate with you. Otherwise, if you desire to see me upon my return around September 1, I would be glad to have a conference with you toward straightening these difficulties out in the proper fashion.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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July 28, 1939.

Dean Alphonse M. Schmitalla, S. J.,  
St. Louis University School of Medicine,  
1402 South Grand Blvd.,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Dean Schmitalla:

It is with pleasure that I write you concerning the personality, character and attitude of Mr. Carl Friesen, a student at our University. It is my understanding that he desires to enter the School of Medicine at St. Louis University.

I have known Mr. Friesen for several years, and this past summer I have had him in my class in Community Recreation. I find Mr. Friesen a fine gentleman of splendid character who has a personality that is most pleasing. He possesses the attitude of a real student. He is industrious, he has an inquiring mind, and in addition he is capable and honest. Friesen has no bad habits that I know of, and I find myself happy to recommend him to you for your consideration.

I met him when he was a student at Bethel College at Newton, Kansas, and got much more intimately acquainted with him when he entered the University of Kansas. I am glad to recommend him to you without reservation or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 17, 1939.

W. B. Saunders Company,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

Thank you very much for the complimentary copy of FUNDAMENTALS OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, by George G. Deaver. We have adopted the book as a text in the men's division of this department. Orders for student copies have been placed through Rowland's Book Store, of Lawrence.

Very truly yours,

V. W. Lapp, Assistant Professor.



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

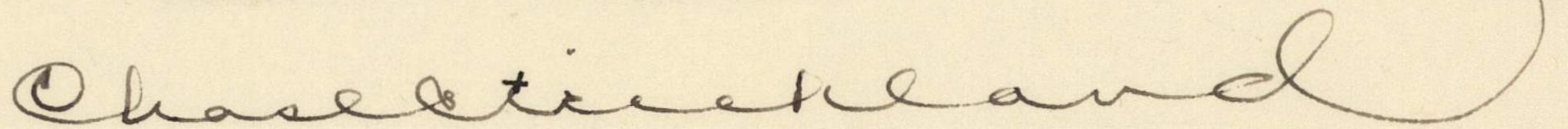
Dear Phog:

Thanks so much for your letter of January 28, with which was enclosed copy of your letter to John Siesseger, Jr., Clear Lake, I o w a. You certainly wrote a swell letter to Johnnie and I am sure he will value it very highly.

Enclosed please find my check No. 689 on the First National Bank of Mason City, I o w a, for \$4.00 in payment of your new book "Better Basketball". I want you to know that I am going to borrow this book from Johnnie just as soon as he has a chance to look it over as I am confident I will enjoy reading it from cover to cover.

Thanks again, Phog, for your kindness in carrying out my suggestions in these several matters.

Very fraternally yours,



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February 17, 1939.

Mr. James G. Skidmore, Jr.,  
Barnard, Missouri.

Dear James:

Pardon my delay in answering your favor of the 2nd instant. I have been so rushed the last few weeks that I have neglected my correspondence.

I would suggest that you get an Ace bandage, it is an elastic bandage, and it can be procured at most any first class drug store or at Lowe & Campbell's in Kansas City, if you cannot get it in your home town. I would get either a two or a two and a half inch Ace bandage and wrap it circularly around the knee.

In my new book, "Better Basketball", I describe the taping and bandaging of the knee. It would give it much more support to use an adhesive tape bandage on the knee, as is set forth in my book, and then support it with the Ace bandage. The elastic bandage that you are wearing now is perhaps an Ace bandage. I would not be afraid to try it out with this bandage on, and see how it goes.

Doubtless you can get my book either from your library or perhaps your coach has one. I am sending you a pamphlet describing the book, and it might be that your coach would be interested in the volume because it gives a full chapter on the treatment of athletic injuries.

Generally, the difficulty so far as the external condyle is concerned is not nearly so serious as if it were the internal. Generally the internal ligaments give much more difficulty than the external because the angle of the femur as it articulates with the knee has a tendency to throw the weight in, increasing the strain on the lesser side and increasing it on the external side. For that reason, I believe you would be safe in taking a few chances if your knee is well protected. You can readily realize that it is rather difficult for me to offer advise in a situation where it is impossible for me to see the knee. Anyway, I wish you good luck.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Barnard, Missouri  
February 2, 1939

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am writing you in regard to a cartilage injury to my right knee. After seeing the doctor I would like to have your advice on whether you think it would further injure it if I continued to play basket ball.

I injured my knee about the first of December and have not exercised it strenuous since. It does not pain me and when I run it appearently does not hurt it. I was also wondering if you thought a bandage of any sort would help. I am now wearing an elastic bandage.

The injury is on the outward side of the knee. The doctor said it was a disarrangement of the external Condyle.

I would apperciate it very much if you would tell me what you think about it.

Wishing you luck with your ball team I remain

sincerely yours

JAMES G. SKIDMORE, JR.





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March 3, 1939.

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you for the honor of accompanying you and your  
basketball team to Columbia yesterday. All favors  
extended to me on the trip are more than appreciated.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

*John W. Slocum*

John W. Slocum

JWS/mm



Dear Sirs:

I am very glad to recommend most highly Mr. Raymond Swanson for a teaching position. He is at present a graduate student at the University of Kansas, and is doing much of his work in the Department of Physical Education. He ranks very high in scholarship and ability to work.

Mr. Swanson is most pleasing in personality, appearance, and is a young man of very high character. He is able to get along splendidly with his fellow students, and has the admiration of his instructors.

I believe any school will be fortunate to secure the services of Mr. Swanson, and I am glad to recommend him most heartily.

Very sincerely yours,



March 15, 1939.

Mr. Harry Stucker,  
1135 West Campus Road,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Harry:

Congratulations on being elected the captain  
of your home room! I am glad to know that you are  
making such fine progress at school. We are expecting  
great things of you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



March 17<sup>th</sup>

"Top of the mawrin" to you  
on St. Patrick's Day.

(and our 4<sup>th</sup> wedding  
anniversary)

The Stukeys



March 18, 1939.

Mr. and Mrs. Mano Stukey,  
1000 Ohio Street,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mano and Mrs. Stukey:

Thank you so much for your generous thoughtfulness of me on St. Patrick's Day. Really, though, while I greatly appreciate what you did, I am sorry that you people working as hard as you do spent that money on me. I do appreciate the thought, and the candy as well, but I would much rather you had sent me an Irish shamrock that I would have worn.

Thank you both, very much.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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April 4, 1939.

Dr. Harry A. Scott,  
The Rice Institute,  
Houston, Texas.

Dear Dr. Scott:

One of our major students, Mr. Mano Stukey, is desirous of obtaining a copy of the Glossary of Physical Education Terms. Will you kindly send him a copy at the address given below, and send him the bill for the same?

Mr. Mano Stukey,  
1000 Ohio Street,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education.





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April 17, 1939

Dr. F. C. Allen  
Head Basketball Coach  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

In accordance with our conversation at the Sherman Hotel, I am planning to be in Lawrence Thursday, April 20 for a visit with you. I plan to leave here Wednesday night, will come straight through to Lawrence and arrive Thursday morning.

It would please me a great deal if you would plan to be with me part of the morning and during the luncheon period. There are a number of things I would like to discuss with you. I shall call you upon my arrival at the Eldridge House.

Looking forward to our visit and with kindest, personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*A A Schabinger*

A. A. Schabinger

AAS/jl

*"Schabie"*



April 24, 1939.

Mr. Cade Suran,  
Downs, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Suran:

I was sorry that Vance Hall didn't get an opportunity to shoot some baskets along with the rest of the boys last Saturday morning.

I wish that you had spoken to me earlier, but I realize that you thought I was busy. But I wasn't any more busy at one time than another - just moving from place to place with the boys.

We are very fond of Vance, and it was good of you to bring him down. I trust that we will have an opportunity before long to have a visit with you.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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April 24, 1939.

Superintendent W. O. Stark,  
Sabetha, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Stark:

Thank you for your kind note of the 17th instant.

I am looking forward with pleasure to your commencement exercises on Thursday evening, May 18, and will speak on "The Common Braveries of Everyday Living".

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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W. O. STARK, SUPERINTENDENT

SABETHA, KANSAS

April 17, 1939

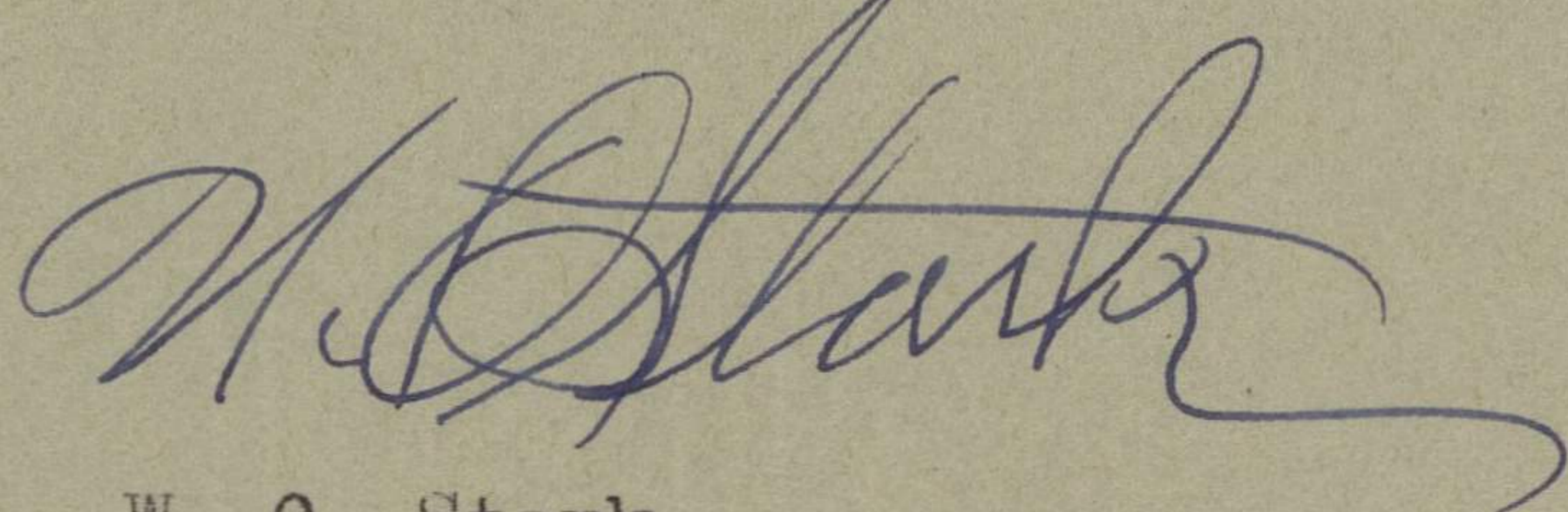
Dr. F. A. Allan  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allan:

Some time ago Dr. Wrightman arranged with you to deliver our commencement address Thursday evening, May 18, 1939.

I am planning the program for the occasion and would like to have the title of your address. We are looking forward with much anticipation to having you for this occasion.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. O. Stark', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

W. O. Stark  
Superintendent of Public Schools

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS  
LAWRENCE

April 5, 1939

FRANK T. STOCKTON  
DEAN

Dr. F. C. Allen  
Robinson Gymnasium  
K. U.

Dear Phog:

Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness in sending me the greeting from Miss Leonard. I am always glad to know that some of our old associates at South Dakota still remember us.

Hoping that you have had a fine trip out on the West Coast, I am

Cordially yours,

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Mr. Falkenstien said that Mr. Henry is not interested in Mr. Stryker's proposal.



March 27, 1939.

Mr. John A. Stryker,  
Worth Hotel,  
Seminole, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Stryker:

Your letter of March 22nd addressed to Dr. Allen has been received in Dr. Allen's absence. He is in Chicago at the present time attending the National Basketball Coaches Association, and from there he goes to Sioux City, Iowa, for the Central District convention of the Physical Education Association.

From Sioux City Dr. Allen is going directly to San Francisco where he will speak before the American Association for Physical Education. I do not expect him back at the office until about the 10th of April.

Since it will be at least two weeks before Dr. Allen will return, I am handing your letter to Mr. Gwinn Henry, who is Director of Athletics at the University of Kansas.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen.





# WORTH HOTEL

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SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA



March 22nd, 1939.

Prof. "Pfogg" Allen,  
Department of Physical Education,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Friend Allen:

Guess you will recall my connection there with you folks during the Jayhawk Night Rodeo in 1929 of '30. Also you may remember my son, Louis Stryker, who featured in the baton twirling contest in your stadium a couple of years ago.

Since meeting you, I have prepared the script, narration and plans for "The Great Western Cavalcade" which is historical of the West, containing pageantry, rodeo and other colorful thrills, including many big, mounted drills and mass action directed by my son, who, in addition to a baton twirler, is a drill master.

Being an old school hand myself at the State Teachers College of Kearney, Nebraska, and having had show experience with Ringlings in addition to many years of rodeo, I ought to be able to stage and direct an event which could become a great annual and draw thousands of dollars through the gates.

I would like to know as to whether or not you and the staff there at Lawrence would consider such a spectacle for your stadium, starting this summer. I realize that it would tear up the turf somewhat but you have the seating capable of making a \$25,000.00 on such an event as soon as it would get up a little annual momentum. May I have a letter from you on this matter. I still reside in North Platte, Nebraska but I am here in Seminole on my third annual appearance handling the coming Seminole Roundup.

Yours very sincerely,

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## Noted Rodeo Man To Do Announcing

John A. Stryker, rodeo engineer of North Platte, Nebraska, arrived in Kingfisher early this week to give assistance to publicity and last-minute advertising for the Kingfisher rodeo. He will also act in the capacity of master of ceremonies at each performance.

Stryker has been referred to by the Wall Street Journal as a "fellow citizen and disciple of Buffalo Bill." He is a leading commentator and program director in the rodeo business, having had 20 years' experience. He was formerly an instructor in the Nebraska State Teachers College at Kearney, Nebraska.

He feels that rodeo is America's most colorful sport, and has a large collection of pictures and posters of rodeos of the world, which will be loaned to business houses for their windows.

Stryker is 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighs 210 pounds, wears a ten-gallon Stetson, is of determined Holland descent, and insists that rodeo and rodeo parades be run on time and according to rules. Stryker is a public speaker and rodeo historian and has recently written a life history of Buffalo Bill, the "daddy" of rodeo and wild west show business. He has written much western prose and poetry under the pen name of "Bin West."



# Rodeo and Fair Here Next Week

## STRYKER GETS PROMOTION.

John A. Stryker of North Platte, Nebr., publicity manager and announcer for the Ted Harmon Rodeo Company has been given a promotion in military ranks since coming to Mound City. Business men and friends persist in addressing him as Col., and in other towns where the rodeo has shown, he states he has been just "Captain" Stryker. The Col. says he appreciates the advancement in rank but never expected to receive it in a small Kansas town.

## Program for Linn County Fair and Rodeo to Be Held Here Next Week

Linn County Fair, Entry day, Tuesday, September 6.

School day, Wednesday, September 7. Rodeo parade uptown, 10:30 a. m.

Championship Rodeo contest, 2 to 4 p. m., Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, September 7, 8 and 9.

### Rodeo Program

1. Grand entry of contestants, officials, local mounted men women and children.
2. Eastern Kansas mounted serpentine drill.
3. Introduction of officials, contestants and mounted guests of honor.
4. The Roughriders' stampede.
5. Professional Brahma riding contest.
6. Trick and fancy roping exhibition.
7. Professional calf-roping contest.
8. Linn County Fair livestock parade.
9. Professional bulldogging contest.
10. Exhibition of educated horses.
11. Professional broncho riding contest.
12. Trick and fancy riding exhibition.
13. Brahma riding contest, part 2.

Note: Clowning by Slick Ware of Oklahoma City, music by Pete Data's Cowboy band, and "Reporter Style" announcing by John A. Stryker of North Platte, Neb., will be continuous throughout each program.

## BEGINS WITH TUESDAY AS ENTRY DAY

## TED HARMON'S RODEO IS THE POPULAR ATTRACTION

## Rodeo Replaces Horse Races and May Be Seen for the General Admission Price.

Linn county's 32nd annual fair will begin Tuesday of next week, September 6 and continue until Friday evening, September 9.

Tuesday, the 6th is entry day and no admission will be charged. Wednesday is school day when all school students of the county will be admitted free, tickets having been mailed from the office of County Supt. Sellers this week.

James W. Wallace, secretary of the fair association tells the Republic that a splendid line of displays are assured in each department. There will be an extra nice livestock display and special prizes have been arranged on several classes.

The grounds are being cleaned and prepared for the fair, this week. Cleve Miller and his NYA boys have done considerable work on the grounds, fences and bandstand and businessmen and farmers worked Monday. Harry Carbon, president of the association, states that in his estimation the grounds and buildings are in the best shape they have been in many years.

Of course the rodeo is the big show this year, taking the place of races that have been held many seasons.

Col. John A. Stryker is master of ceremonies at the rodeo's show and Ted Harmon of Guthrie, Okla., is owner of the livestock. The rodeo showed at Girard July 30 and 31 and many Linn county people saw their show and induced the fair association to secure it for the fair here.

Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. will be the rodeo parade on Main street which will consist of cowboys, cowgirls, old time prairie schooners, covered wagons, Pete Data's cowboy band, the high school band, etc.

Officers of the fair association are:

G. H. Carbon, president.

Earl Murray, vice president.

James W. Wallace, Secy. Treas.

Mrs. F. S. Mead, Supt., and Mrs.

O. Jay Strong assistant Supt. Floral Hall.

Julius Bacon, concession manager.

The board of directors is com-



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PORTLAND, OREGON, SUNDAY OREGONIAN\*\*\*"He has an original manner and his voice, with the aid of his patriotic megaphones, carries like a clap of thunder. Known everywhere he has appeared as "THE HUMAN MAGNAVOX."

BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA, ENTERPRISE\*\*\*"The world's champion was then introduced by that incomparable announcer, John A. Stryker."

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, MANAGER RADIO STATION, KMBC\*\*\*"It was my privilege to hear you at the American Royal. You did some splendid work indeed. The clearness and carrying qualities of your voice are very marked and I like your clever way of announcing."

DENVER, COLORADO, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS\*\*\*"John A. Stryker, the official announcer, will, in himself, be an attraction. He throws his voice for ten city blocks while announcing to the crowds."

CHEYENNE, WYOMING, WILLIAM C. HAAS, CHAIRMAN FRONTIER DAYS COMMITTEE\*\*\*"I want to compliment you on the excellency of your announcing, which was, in my opinion, by far the best that we have ever had."

DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA, NEWS\*\*\*"He is a professional announcer who has made a long study of public announcing psychology. His work was one of the features of the "Days of '76" Celebration this year."

KANSAS CITY STAR\*\*\*"John A. Stryker demonstrated that he can be heard, even without a megaphone, in all parts of the stadium."

EVERETT, WASHINGTON, NEWS\*\*\*"A wonderful exhibition of what the human voice can do. He keeps the thousands happy every moment with his comical interpretations of events."

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, CHRONICLE\*\*\*"Because of his unusual voice, he has gained an enviable reputation as a festival announcer."

LAWRENCE, KANSAS, FROGG ALLEN, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS\*\*\*"As master of ceremonies for our Jayhawk Night Rodeo, he is to be highly complimented for his wonderful performance."

SALINAS, CALIFORNIA, FRED S. McCARGAR, SECRETARY RODEO ASSN. OF AMERICA\*\*\*  
"I am going to take the first opportunity to hear you announce. From all that I hear, you are a world beater."