

November 23, 1939.

Miss Hazel Lee Simmons,
Cordley School,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Miss Simmons:

I am delighted to have your letter of November 21.

I have great confidence in Miss Stapleton's ability to do the job one hundred per cent. She has been a wonderful asset in constructively building our department.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Cordley School

November 21, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Allen;

Miss Stapleton came to
Cordley last week and spent
over the Physical Education Program
for the Elementary School with
the teachers. This gave them
encouragement in some of
the things that they are already
doing and brought new vision
in many ways.

She has contributed
much to our school in the way
of reading literature for the

Physical Education program.

I do wish you to know,
that I greatly appreciate all
the fine help that I have
had from your department.

Very respectfully,
Hazel Lee Simmons

December 5, 1939.

Mr. Edgar P. Schmidt,
State Supervisor of Recreation,
912-914 Kansas Avenue,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Eddie:

Thank you very much for your kindness in sending me a copy of the manual you have prepared for recreation supervisors. This contains much valuable information, and we appreciate having this copy for reference.

I am suggesting to Miss Mary Kay Lattner, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who graduated here last June with a major in Physical Education. Miss Lattner is handling recreation work for the Y.W.C.A. in Tulsa and is very much interested in organization, program building, and so forth.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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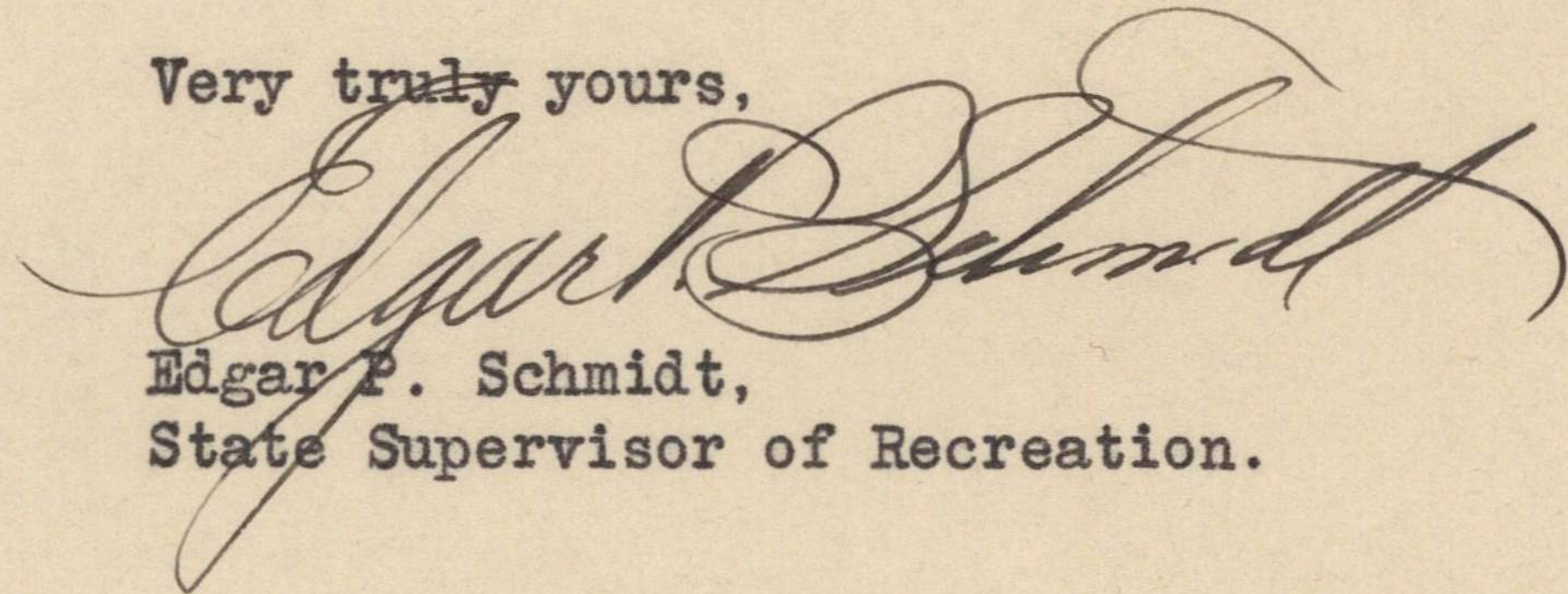
November 27, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

During this past summer I mentioned the fact that I was preparing for distribution to our workers a manual for recreation supervisors, covering organization, program building and program evaluation. I am sending you a copy of this manual.

Very truly yours,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edgar P. Schmidt".

Edgar P. Schmidt,
State Supervisor of Recreation.

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December 15, 1939.

Miss Rosenet Stevens,
Elwood, Kansas.

Dear Miss Stevens:

I am very happy to have your letter about Glenn Cunningham. He is a fine young man, and we are exceptionally fond of him. Glenn was born at Atlanta, Kansas, a small town in Cowley County. His present address is Peabody, Kansas, although he is planning to make his home in the east soon after the first of the year. However, any mail sent to him at Peabody will be forwarded to him.

I am glad to know of your interest in sports at K. U. I am enclosing a basketball schedule, and hope it will be possible for you to listen in to some of the games. We are trying to make arrangements for some of them to be broadcast this winter.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Elwood, Kansas

DR. Forest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence-Kansas

Dr. Allen I hope I'm not bothering you too much but there is some information I want and as I'm a shut-in the only way I can get it is by writing and finding out. There's a radio program called What's My Name. Its a contest in which information is given concerning a well known person and the contestant guesses who it is. The listeners send in the names and information. About 15 years ago I was almost burned to death and I suppose that is one fact that makes me a great admirer of Glen Cunningham. Although I'm a shut-in I'm a great follower of all sports especially from K.U. I'd like to send in Glen's name and information, I have all the information I need except I can't seem to find where he was born. I know he's from Elkhart but I don't know whether that is where he is born or not.

I have a hobby of trying to get letters from

people I admire.....I've been successful in getting them from Governors Landon, Ratner, Huxman and Will J. West and many others. Do you think Glenn would write me that information I want so I could have one of his among my collection. I would like one of yours too, if it isn't too much trouble. I had hoped to get one of Dr. Naithsmith's but I put it off too long didn't I. If this is putting you to too much bother, just forget it.

Yours for a good basketball team

Miss Rosenet Stevens

December 15, 1939.

Mr. William Spanenberg,
Physical Education Department,
Nathan Hale Junior High School,
3588 East. Boulevard,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Spanenberg:

I am in receipt of your inquiry of December 13th, and believe you are referring to what I have called "the batting average" of basketball players. I am enclosing a copy of the research we conducted here at the University of Kansas on the ability of basketball players for the seasons of 1937-38 and 1938-39.

If you desire any further information it will be a pleasure to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

OFFICE OF THE
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NATHAN HALE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

3588 EAST BOULEVARD

CLEVELAND

December 13, 1939

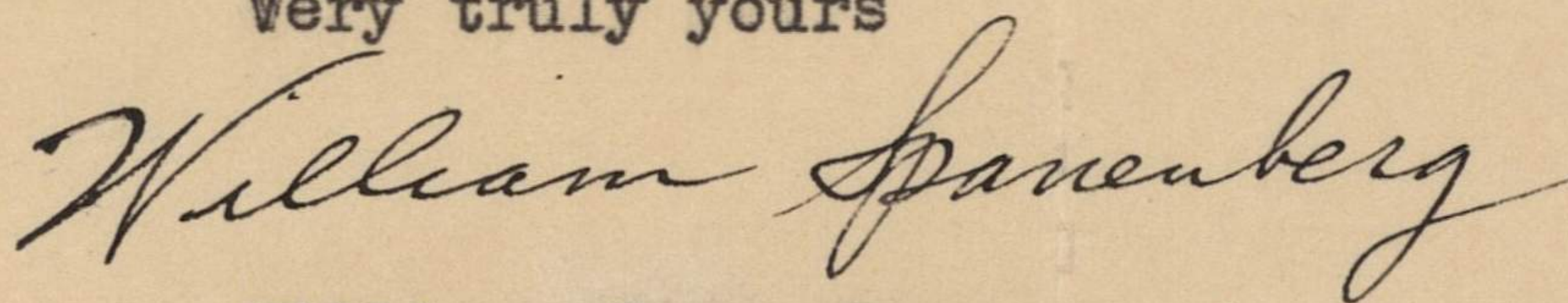
Dr. Forrest Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

You were recommended to me as having some valid and reliable tests for measuring basketball ability. I am making an experiment in teaching basketball and would appreciate it if you will send me a description of what you consider the five best tests of basketball ability.

Hoping to hear from you,

Very truly yours



William Spanenberg
Physical Education Instructor

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December 22, 1939.

Mr. "Curley" Schlupp, Coach,
Burlington Public Schools,
Burlington, Colorado.

Dear Coach Schlupp:

Your letter addressed to me at the University of Kansas at Camerence, Kansas, instead of Lawrence, Kansas, arrived here just the same.

The design that you submitted is very good and one that is used quite generally in the Indiana schools. They have this stained either a very dark coconut brown or red. It is inlaid in the floor. Other schools use the red from the sideline on out with a two and a half or three foot margin clear around the court. I think it makes for improvement and beautification.

We use black lines around our court, and our lines are broken with a two inch white square every six inches. The black and white lines also add much to the striking appearance of the court, and are a visual aid to the officials. This also helps the spectators because they do not protest on so many decisions because the line is clearly set out.

Trusting that you have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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BURLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT NO. 1

BURLINGTON, COLORADO

Burlington, Colorado
December 20, 1939

Mr. "Phog" Allen
Coach of Basketball
University of Kansas
Camerence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

We are ready to lay our lines on our new gym floor here, 80 by 50 with 4 foot basket line, and I have come up with what I think is a potent idea, probable not original, for the 3 second zone-ie-. Lay it in solit red as included diagram shows. This should help player prevent violations.

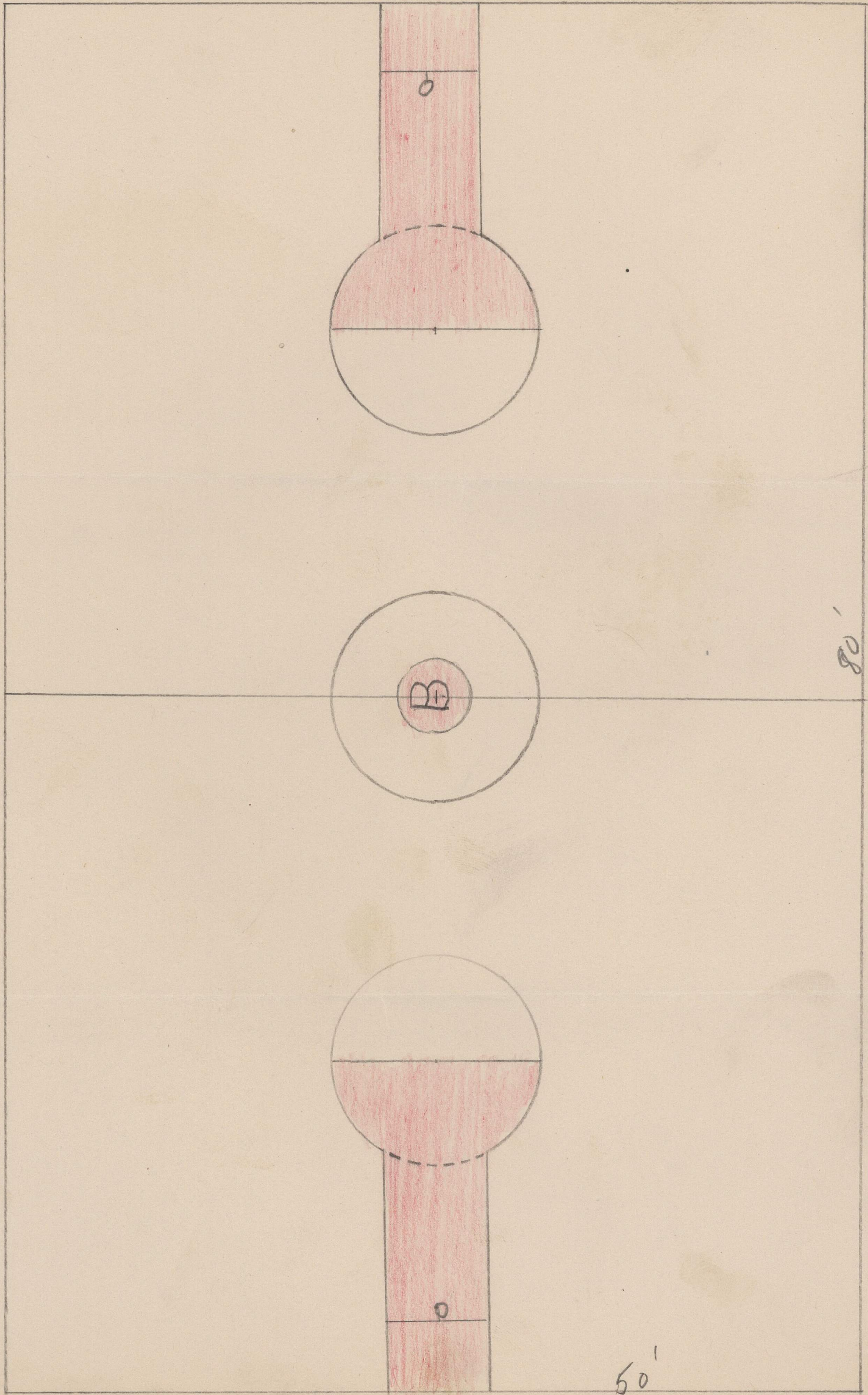
Please by return mail send your comment of approval or disapproval of the idea.

I have sent out to various leading college coaches and if the consensus of opinios is favorable we will finish as the inclosed drawing shows.

Please let me hear by return mail because we plan to paint and seal by Wed.

Truly yours

"Curley" Schlupp
Coach



50'
Scale 1" = 8'

December 26, 1939.

Mr. Henry Shenk,
Junction City High School,
Junction City, Kansas.

Dear Henry:

Congratulations to Henry and Katherine Shenk and also to John Henry, Jr., who arrived on December 19th, at 10:15 p.m. to make the Shenk family complete!

I am writing this from the office, as your greeting arrived here, but I am taking it home so that Mrs. Allen may rejoice with the Shenk family. We often recall the very wonderful trip that we had with the Shenks to Catalina Island. We have always been very fond of both of you.

With best wishes for your continued success and happiness, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

December 28, 1939.

Mr. F. G. Stith,
Coordinator, Health, Physical Education and Recreation,
Department of Public Schools,
Jefferson City, Missouri.

Dear Forrest:

I was very happy to hear from you in your letter of December 22, and am glad to know of your work.

We would recommend for your use "The Physical Education Curriculum", a national program, by Wm. Ralph LaPorte, published by the University of Southern California Press, Los Angeles. We use this here in our course in Content and Methods of Physical Education, and it has proven very acceptable. The study is based on several years of research by the Committee on Curriculum Research of the College Physical Education Association, and contains much information on activities for the grades in which you are interested.

With best wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

STATE OF MISSOURI



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

LLOYD W. KING, STATE SUPERINTENDENT

CITY OF JEFFERSON

December 22, 1939

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

Dear Forrest:

You were kind to the Warrensburg Mules the other night, at least it was quite fitting that the entertaining school won the game.

Judging from the way your boys romped over S. M. U., your prospects for another successful season look promising. May you have just that is my wish to you!

Since June I have been in the Department with Lloyd King, and I am glad to report that I am enjoying my work immensely. One of my duties is to assist a State Committee in drawing up a course of study in Health and Physical Education.

I am coming to you for any assistance which you can give for such a program. I am particularly interested at this time in activities suitable for boys and girls of the ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades. I wish to assure you that any assistance you may have to offer will be sincerely appreciated.

In the meantime, Happy Christmas to you and yours!

Sincerely yours

LLOYD W. KING
State Superintendent

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Forrest Stith".

F. G. STITH, Coordinator
Health, Physical Education
and Recreation

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December 30, 1939.

Mr. Elmer Schaake,
Liberty Memorial High School,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Elmer:

I am sending you a carbon copy of a letter I wrote to a coach at Bar Harbor, Maine, who had some questions about playing on a small court.

I thought some of the information in my letter might be helpful to you in your coaching, and for that reason am sending it along to you.

With best wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

December 29, 1939.

Dr. Raymond Sermon,
North Carolina State College,
Raleigh, North Carolina.

My dear Ray and Ruth:

Please do not feel that my failure to answer your good letter sooner was the result of neglect. That is not true, because I have been covered up in a mass of detail but I have kept your letter constantly on the preferred attention stack, and have made about six attempts to answer it before this.

Then we got your Christmas card. Bess and I both talked about you and Ruth and the many pleasant contacts that we have had. I was much surprised to hear of the resignation, but I know that you will make a success in whatever you undertake. I know how popular you are with students down there, and I cannot understand why the resignation.

I know the discouragements of athletic coaching, but I believe we have unsavor and irritating conditions in any walk of life in which we indulge. I can understand Hunk and I can understand Johnny.

Ray, I do not know of any openings at the present time, but if I were you I would just sit still and not resign. If those students want you to reconsider, I would reconsider it. I don't believe getting fired hurts a fellow at all. Then if you want to practice you are still in just as good condition even though they cast you adrift. Of course, you know better than I do the inside situation, so I am a poor person to advise you when you are on the ground. I assure you if I do hear of anything I will hastily recommend you.

I am distressed to learn about Ruth having musus colitis. Not only is that most unpleasant, but it dissipates the energy. I am hoping that she is much better.

We are all well, and Christmas finds us with Mary and her husband and three children, Milton and his wife and little red-haired Judy, and Jane, Eleanor and Bobby all here for Christmas. We are having a hot time.

We are playing in a tournament in Topeka the 28th, 29th and 30th, and I am hoping this will get us in shape for our opening game with Oklahoma here on January 5th. I do not think we have enough power to win, but we will be in the conference scrap. Missouri, Oklahoma and Iowa State, I believe, have better material in that they have much height and we have none. We are little, but do you remember that "pony express" we had down at Warrensburg? These boys are just about like that outfit of ours. The tallest man I have is six feet two, and every team has them from six feet ten down to six feet six, the shortest on any team.

Bess will write Ruth in the near future, but last evening when I went home I found her ill -- maybe too much Christmas. Our basketball team and its bum coach have escaped all ravages of the flu so far, and I am hoping that our luck holds out.

We enjoyed hearing from you at Christmas and the sentiment that you expressed in your letter is truly our feeling for you and Ruth.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely, Your Friend,

Varsity Basketball Coach,
Director of Physical Education and Recreation.

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