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Mr. Vernon Smith
W.R.E.N. Station.
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Smith:-

After talking to you this morning I decided that I could put in letter form what I wanted to say and it would take less of your time.

I want to say that I am not at all in sympathy with the criticism directed toward Dr. F. C. Allen and his broadcast of the foot-ball game Saturday. I was at home and listened to the entire broadcast. It was a most difficult game for any one to describe. The forward passes of the Texas team came so fast and furious that no man could keep up with them in a description over the radio. I noticed that the other announcer made the mistake of talking about the Nebraska team when he meant the Texas team.

Dr. Allen gave sidelights of the game and little personal interest stories of the players that no other man could possibly recite. His perfect understanding of the game made it possible for him to tell the listeners of little inside matters that were very interesting.

I trust you will not let the criticisms influence your selection of an announcer for future games. Dr. Allen's many, many friends everywhere enjoyed listening to him and hope to hear him again.

I am not sure that Dr. Allen would approve of this letter. I have not mentioned the matter to him, -I am merely expressing my own personal opinion and registering my protest against what I believe to be unjust and malicious complaint against a very competent man.

Very Cordially,

*I sent this letter to
Bing Smith
Restaurant*
