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My dear Ray and Ruth:

Your good friend, Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat, your old minister at Raleigh, has here heading up a program of the Religious Emphasis Week at the University of Kansas, from February 8 to 10. I had an opportunity to visit with Dr. Poteat, and found him a great fellow. He is very fond of you and Ruth, and I am enclosing a little program that will perhaps bring you pleasant memories, because it will recall his many years as your pastor at Raleigh.

He came in a few times to play handball, and I had a chance to talk with him about our mutual and amiable friend, Hunk Anderson. Dr. Poteat is much interested in you two people. He wanted to know if I had heard from you lately. I told him I only noticed through the press that you were winning your share of the games. I had Mrs. Allen and Eleanor and Bobby meet Dr. Poteat when he was here the first night that we played Kansas State.

We had a tough time with the Aggies, but barely eked out a win, 35 to 33. It was one of our poor games. We are tied for the conference lead with Oklahoma, but play them down there the 18th. They are a great offensive outfit with five boys on the squad that can shoot well. We do not have that many "goal-smiths", but I believe we have a little better defense than they have. We are 42 points better on the defense than they are in the six games, and they are 87 points better on the offense in the six games. So you see it looks like they have an edge, and especially when we are playing down there on their floor, which is a tough place to win a ball game. When they start playing that razzy-dazzy swing music and get that Indian blood tingling -- well, its a tough proposition. I lost all my regulars last year, except one, and people seem to think that we are doing a pretty good job with the talent we have.

Write me and let me know how things are going at your place. I see a squib out of New York where your publicity man is quite the berries. They state that he draws \$4,000 per year for writing that stuff, and that shows he must be good.