

June 23, 1943.

Dr. Homer Kingsley Ebright,
District Governor of Rotary,
Baldwin, Kansas.

Dear Governor Homer:

Yes, sir, I have definite information to tell you. I have made arrangements so that your Rotary Officers Assembly will meet at 9 o'clock at the Hotel Edridge. The main meeting will be in the grill room which is downstairs. This is not air conditioned, but I have arranged with Mike Getto, and he and I are working with the president of the Kansas Electric Power Company to have proper ventilation and circulation of air for the morning meetings.

Then the main dining room will be for food and after luncheon we can use the main dining room and the grill for the two separate meetings. Mike also told me that if the grill was not satisfactorily cooled we could divide the dining room with a partition. I am speaking now of unbearable weather, which I hope will not exist on July 12th.

2 p.m.

I believe this takes care of everything, does it not, Homer?

Mike Getto made a special point that he should know pretty definitely how many to prepare food for. So if you can either write me or write Mike direct, as soon as you have a pretty good guess, it will help Mike in his preparation of food.

I am glad to get Gene Conklin's subject, "The White Plumes of Rotary". I will give this to our bulletin chairman so that he will get the information to our Lawrence Rotarians ahead of time.

Being inexperienced, I am wondering if there is anything else that I should do from this end of the line that has not been done. You stated that of course Lawrence Rotary would have charge of the program, but aside from singing and introduction of members, the program is now well taken care of, is it not? Of course we will want to introduce you and have you extend a word of greeting at the luncheon hour. Remember, Homer, you are the boss and you tell me what you want and I will get it.

I am glad to have the program recommended for 1943 District Assembly. I will do all that I can do in the work of registration and fellowship, and so forth.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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BALDWIN, KANSAS

DISTRICT NO. 123
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HOMER KINGSLEY EBRIGHT

June 21, 1943

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

Dear President Phog:

I have your letter speaking of the dining-room of the Eldridge Hotel as air-conditioned. I have written to all the clubs to find out the name of the Presidents and Secretaries and asking them to let me know how many will be in Lawrence on July 12. Several clubs have already written me that they are expecting to bring four. A number of them state that they will let me know later how many can come. I believe that in addition to the local members at Lawrence we shall have eighty others. Later I may be able to give you more accurate figures.

Can you tell me yet where the meetings will be held in the morning so that I can tell the representatives where to come? We shall need two rooms at the 2:00 hour for we wish the Presidents to gather in one room and the Secretaries in another. I am enclosing the program suggested by the Chicago office. We are condensing it into a one-day assembly.

I am glad that you wrote Gene Conklin directly, and to the other Governors. Conklin wrote me that the subject of his talk at noon would be "The White Plumes of Rotary".

He and John Feller will have charge of International Service at 3:30. I am printing adjournment at 4:15 P.M. Then any who wish to remain and talk individually can stay as long as they desire.

I hope that you can be there at nine o'clock and take charge of the hour of Registration and Fellowship. Your genial countenance will spread good cheer when you welcome all when they first arrive. I remember that at Lawrence they used a card for names that could slip in ones left pocket. I can think of no plan as good as that and I shall print in advance the names of all officers and their town so that they can be read ten feet away. I believe that will be better than having big cards at tables. I hope that most of the men can arrive in time to get acquainted to a large degree before ten o'clock, for at 10:00 I would like to have a couple songs and including the singing have confined the Governor's Message to thirty minutes from 10:00 to 10:30. I hope that nearly all can be there by 10:00. Am I mistaken in that hope? We shall remain in the one group during the morning. Have you any other suggestions that can be made in advance?

Sincerely,

Homer Kingsley Ebright

Homer K. Ebright
Governor

HKE:aw
Enc.

June 19, 1943.

Mr. Clif Calvin,
Lawrence National Bank Bldg.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Clif:

Please find enclosed my expense account for Mrs. Allen and me to St. Louis, Missouri, to attend the convention of Rotary International.

We left Lawrence Sunday, May 16, and returned Friday afternoon, May 21. It is not necessary to tell you that our train was so late we did not get in to Lawrence until late at night. We will charge that up to the war and congestion.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Enc.

Expense of trip to St. Louis, Mo., for Convention
of Rotary International, May 17-20, 1943.

Railroad fare for two, round trip, Lawrence to St. Louis	\$34.70
Pullman and tips	14.00
Hotel and meals, enroute both ways	44.32
Taxicabs	10.45
Entertainment and service charge	5.05
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Total	\$108.52

June 12, 1943.

Mr. Cecil Howes,
Kansas City Star Bureau,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor Cecil:

I just received a letter from Governor
Homer Ebright stating that you have consented to be
with us on July 12 at our Rotary Officers Assembly.

I am sure that you will bring us a message
that we all need that we will enjoy. It is a great
pleasure for us to have your consent to come. We will
be looking forward to seeing you at that time.

With all good wishes, I am

Rotarily yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

June 12, 1943.

Master Johnny Thompson,
161 Lincoln Street,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Johnny:

I have written Hubert Ulrich a letter telling him of your honesty in desiring to return the gold football which Hub won in 1941 as All-Big Six end. Doubtless you will hear from him. In fact, I am sure that you will.

I want to compliment you on doing the thing that you did. Of course, it was the thing that all honest fellows would like to do but sometimes there is a temptation to keep something that you find, rather than to return it to the owner. In such a case the finder is never happy because he realizes that he is withholding something from the owner, and the owner suffers the loss of a thing that he prizes highly. In your case you have made two people happy.

Wishing you lots of success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

June 12, 1943.

Mr. David L. MacFarlane,
Emporia Teachers College,
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Governor "Scotty":

Not being sure whether you are now at the State House or at the Teachers College, I am sending it to Emporia knowing that it will be forwarded to you.

I have just received a letter from Governor Homer Ebright stating that you have consented to be with us on July 12 at our Rotary Officers Assembly. I am sure that you will bring us a message that we all need that we will enjoy. It is a great pleasure for us to have your consent to come. We will be looking forward to seeing you at that time.

With all good wishes, I am

Rotarily yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 25, 1944

Mr. Ralph Graber,
Liberty Memorial High School,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Ralph:

Although a little late in writing, I want to thank you for your wonderful work as chairman of the program committee for Rotary. You did a swell job and it is greatly appreciated.

Rotarily yours,

FCA:AH

President.

March 6, 1944

Mr. E. A. Davies,
President, Bendigo Rotary Club,
Bendigo, Victoria, Australia.

Dear Rotarian Davies:

Lawrence Rotary Club, her officers and her members, greatly appreciate the thoughtfulness of your Rotary Club in sending us a cablegram conveying your greetings.

We were delighted to hear from you and Col. Baldwin and happy to know that he was your guest of honor at your luncheon on February 26. We are especially fond and proud of Rotarian Colonel Karl.

Our warmest greetings to you and your club.

Rotarily,

FCA:AH

President.

January 28, 1944

Mr. Homer Ebright
Dist. Governor Rotary International
Baldwin, Kansas

Dear Governor Ebright:

We are mailing to you today a group picture of the officers, board of directors and committee chairmen of the Lawrence Rotary Club. This picture was taken immediately after our luncheon meeting at the Hotel Eldridge, Monday January 24th. The names of these officers and members are listed on the back of the picture.

I am forwarding this picture to you as per instructions by Dr. Forrest C. Allen.

Rotarily yours,

C. D. "Doc" Hough

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cc:Dr. Forrest C. Allen

May 27, 1943.

Mr. Homer K. Ebright,
District Governor of Rotary,
Baldwin, Kansas.

Dear Governor Homer:

I am sorry that I missed you on the noon luncheon meeting at the House of Friendship. After I had left you the day we discussed the meeting date, I came across Ambrose Johnson at the noon hour and he told me that he was to meet you that day at noon, and I erroneously supposed that you had set the time up, and that accounts for my being absent.

I regret that I did not have an opportunity to meet with you boys on that date. However, I am happy to say that Monday, July 12, is very satisfactory for us to have a meeting of the Rotary Officers Assembly.

Now, regarding the meeting place. Of course, the Eldridge Hotel would be fine. I am endeavoring to have a little something extra, if we can. I am hoping that we can meet at the Union Building here on the hill and have our food up here. We have a very fine dining room, called the Kansas Room, very pretty, and would accommodate us nicely and provide a very pleasant location. Yesterday I called Miss Zipple, Director of the Memorial Union Building, and asked her for the date. She was not exactly sure at the moment because we have a large contingent (something around 500) Naval engineers coming in July first. She has to feed them in addition to all the other mouths that she is feeding, and so she is not sure at the present. But we can go ahead with our announcement that we will meet July 12, and I will advise you on the location very shortly.

We do not have a meeting on Monday, the 31st, on account of Memorial Day. So by the first week in June I should know definitely whether it will be the Eldridge Hotel or the Union Building. Will this be soon enough?

I am happy that Gene Conklin, of Hutchinson, will come and take part in the program, and I am happy that he has chosen International Service.

I would be happy if you would care to suggest what you would want in the way of presentation for our program. Since you

are the boss, Homer, I would be glad if you will express your desires and opinions.

The reason I suggested the Union Building is on account of having cool rooms in the afternoon for our afternoon sessions. Answering your question about the dining room at the Eldridge, I am sure that Mike Getto would give us the air-conditioned Crystal Room for that noon meeting. It would be warm downstairs and would be inadvisable to hold the meeting there even if we could accommodate them in numbers. We worked it out with Mike last year whereby we moved upstairs and put a partition screen between the Rotary group in their meeting and other guests who sat in the back end.

But for this group we would ask Mike to give us the entire dining room without any visitors. Mike couldn't do it ordinarily, because the overflow from his Coffee Shop has to be taken care of.

I have gone into quite a bit of detail, but I hope it is not tiresome. If you feel that you should have the meeting place definitely settled before you write your letters, phone me or write me right back and I will get a decision on the location at the earliest possible moment.

Call me "Phog"; that is the way I am listed in Rotary.

With all good wishes, I am

Rotarily yours,

Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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BAKER UNIVERSITY
BALDWIN, KANSAS

HOMER KINGSLEY EBRIGHT
BIBLICAL LITERATURE AND GREEK

May 24, 1943

Dr Forrest Allen ,
Lawrence , Kansas .

Dear Forrest , or Phog ,
(or what do you wish to be called in Rotary)

Well we had quite a time at St Louis . Hope you got back without trouble from high water . Our train was seven hours late in Kansas City .

Sorry that I did not get to see you the second day . A dozen of us met at the House of Friendship , and talked over several questions , especially about the coming Rotary Officers Assembly .

It was the judgment of the group that Lawrence was the best place to hold it, and so we accepted your invitation . Also it seemed best to plan for it the second Monday in July, July 12. Is that satisfactory with you ?

That is the day for your local Rotary meeting, and so we shall do as last year, ask the local club to put on the program at the noon hour as a model meeting , so everybody can get some ideas to take home.

I seized the opportunity by the "bangs " and asked our new director , Gene Conklin of Hutchinson , to come and take part on the program, and I asked him which of the departments he would prefer to present . He said any one, but he preferred International Service. That will be fine, for this year the interest will be on Post War Planning , and it will be fine to have Gene Conklin.

I am writing this letter at my earliest chance . so that you will know that we want to have the assembly at Lawrence , and that we may be sure that the date is satisfactory , so that I can soon write some letters to others of the past governors.

When will you know what your club will present for its program that day , so that we make a program well balanced for the whole day ?

Where will your club hold its dinner that day ? I suppose at the Eldridge . Where then should we plan to hold our morning session and the afternoon session ? Is your luncheon room down stairs large enough for your regular crowd and 75 guests besides ? Or should we go up stairs to the dining room ?

Enough now . More later when I hear from you .

Sincerely
Homer K Ebright

June 5, 1943.

Dean Homer K. Ebright,
District Governor of Rotary,
Baldwin, Kansas.

Dear Governor Homer:

Answering your favor of the 3rd instant, I like the set up best that the presidents and secretaries meet together and hear the addresses concerning their duties in a single assembly. Don't you think it is possible that some of the boys will be a little late and by meeting together the late arrivals can slip in quietly in a joint meeting much more graciously than otherwise?

And too, the meetings might be small if you break them up into several groups, whereas if you do this after lunch you would have the full attendance and no single group would be noticeably small. However, I do believe in stressing punctuality, and perhaps we can get the entire group ready to go on time.

I like your suggestion that we use Gene Conklin to speak at the luncheon on the general field of International Service.

Of course you know that as the boss of District #123 we are expecting you to tell us what to do. You have my letter stating that the meeting will be held at the Eldridge Hotel. I am sure we will be able to have our song leader take care of the music and we will do every other thing that we should do, but we want you to feel perfectly free to tell us how you want it, and we will cooperate with you a hundred per cent.

I think your program sounds fine. I will be very happy to follow your suggestions asking Gene Conklin to speak on the general field of International Service. Should I feel free to write him now, or shall I wait until you definitely make up your program? I see you have him listed on one plan to speak at 3:30 in the afternoon. Do you not believe if he speaks once at luncheon that this would be sufficient? I will await your reply, and then will follow everyone of your advices to the letter.

I think it is a grand thing to get as many district governors as you can, and above all lets have Scotty McFarland. He adds a lot of zip and pep to a meeting that some of the other fellows do not have in hyper-abundances like old Scotty.

Awaiting your reply before finally writing
Gene Conklin, I am

Rotarily yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

June 4, 1943.

Dean Homer Ebright,
District Governor of Rotary,
Baldwin, Kansas.

Dear Governor Homer:

With the heavy enrollment of Naval engineers and the possible coming of Army engineers on or about July 1, Miss Zipple, the director of our Union Building, feels that it will be an impossible task to feed our Rotary group.

Therefore, I have made arrangements to eat at the Eldridge Hotel, and have checked with Rotarian Mike Getto regarding the food. The dining room is air-conditioned, and he will feed us in good style. I am wondering if we could poll the clubs and find out somewhere near the number that we will have as Mike desires to count noses early. He has great difficulty in arranging for waitresses and extra help, and if we could give him a pretty close check on the numbers it would help him very much. I thought perhaps you might be writing each club; and if the secretary could notify you how many were coming it would be much easier on Mike.

I will also make reservations for the extra meeting places that we will have before and after the luncheon.

If there is anything else that you would have me do, please notify me.

With all good wishes, I am

Rotarily yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

June 4, 1943.

Mr. Dolph Simons,
Lawrence Daily Journal World,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dolph:

I apologize for this belated reply to your good letter of May 15th. I agree one hundred per cent with your suggestion regarding Nell Cotton as permanent chairman of the party committee.

The night of the Rotary Ann party I spoke to her and she said she just couldn't do it, and for me to get Margaret Hill. However, I am hoping you can use your persuasive powers when you see her and get her to accept at least the chairmanship of the committee for this next year. Four Rotary Ann parties with Nell Cotton as chairman would insure the success of such meetings.

Thank you for your suggestion, and too, I thank you for my luncheon Wednesday. I was needing some change and when I wanted to write a check I didn't expect to suchre you out of a luncheon. But since we were talking about free luncheons for these pre-school youngsters I didn't think that the suggestion would work on you like it did. Thank you just the same.

Fraternally,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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May 15, 1943

Dr. F. C. Allen, President
Rotary Club
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

The success of the last two Rotary parties prompts me to suggest that such parties be held at least four times a year and that the club establish Nell Cotton as permanent chairman of the party committee.

The women folks really enjoy these occasions and I feel the majority of our members enjoy a break in the routine of our weekly noon day meetings.

Sincerely,

Dolph
Dolph Simons.

DS:df



June 2, 1943.

Memorandum to Chancellor Malott:

Dear Chancellor:

District Governor Homer Ebright has written asking that Lawrence Rotary be host to our district Rotary Officers Assembly here on July 12th. I have agreed to the meeting and the date.

There will be seventeen clubs represented and a total of fifty-odd visitors. Lawrence Rotary is to have charge of the luncheon and the program. Of course the visitors will pay for their meals.

I talked to Miss Zipple last week regarding the possibilities of having our meeting on the hill. I called for you but you were out for the day and Miss Hosford suggested that we do preliminary checking with Miss Zipple. She was happy and willing to cooperate, but about July first she has the Navy engineers coming in in large numbers and she was not so certain she could handle it. She said that she could feed us chicken, if she could feed us.

We are to have with us Gene Conklin of Hutchinson. He is a director of Rotary International, newly elected at St. Louis. He will speak on International Service.

I am wondering if you think it worth while to have these boys up on the hill. We could have it down at the Eldridge Hotel, but I thought since we have so many visitors from different towns it would be a nice thing to have them meet at the Union Building, if you think we can do it. I will be happy to have your suggestion in the matter.

I am sending this memorandum to conserve your time.

Rotarily yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



Memo

Carriages for Anne
on their birthdays

Card file on
Service Men



Name _____
Last First Middle

Home Address _____
Street or RFD Town State

Next in Kin _____
Name Relationship

Branch—Service _____ Date entered service _____

We do not try to keep this up to date
Last Known Address _____

Parents _____
Father Address

_____ Mother Address

May 6, 1943.

Mr. V. E. Bates, General Agent,
The Franklin Life Insurance Co.,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Pete:

Thanks very much for your prompt response and the information concerning the Manhattan Rotary Club Honor Roll of Riley County. I know this will be a very definite service for Douglas County, and when I take over in July I plan to put this into operation.

With thanks for this service, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



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MANHATTAN, KANSAS

May 5, 1943.

V. E. BATES
GENERAL AGENT

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

Dear Phog:

I am in receipt of your letter requesting information regarding the Manhattan Rotary Club's Honor Roll of Riley County's men and women in the Armed Service and I am happy to explain the "modus operandi" to you.

We have had our file in operation for approximately nine months, and it is the only list in our County that is any way near complete. We have about 1,350 names listed and it is entirely a Rotary project, and very much appreciated by the community.

We put the information a file card 3" x 5", sample enclosed. The index is broken down so that there are about three divisions for each initial letter; this index we got from a local book store. A gold star is placed on the card when they are reported deceased, see card, and a silver star when reported wounded. The missing we mark "M" until we get further information.

We get the names and addresses of the men who are inducted from the Riley County Draft Board. The others, which are the majority, are more difficult to get. We put a notice in the paper stating that we are compiling an Honor Roll of Riley County and request all who know of eligible men or women, who are not inducted through the local Draft Board, to please send us the information on a postal card. And we really get a lot of them from this source.

F. C. A. - 2

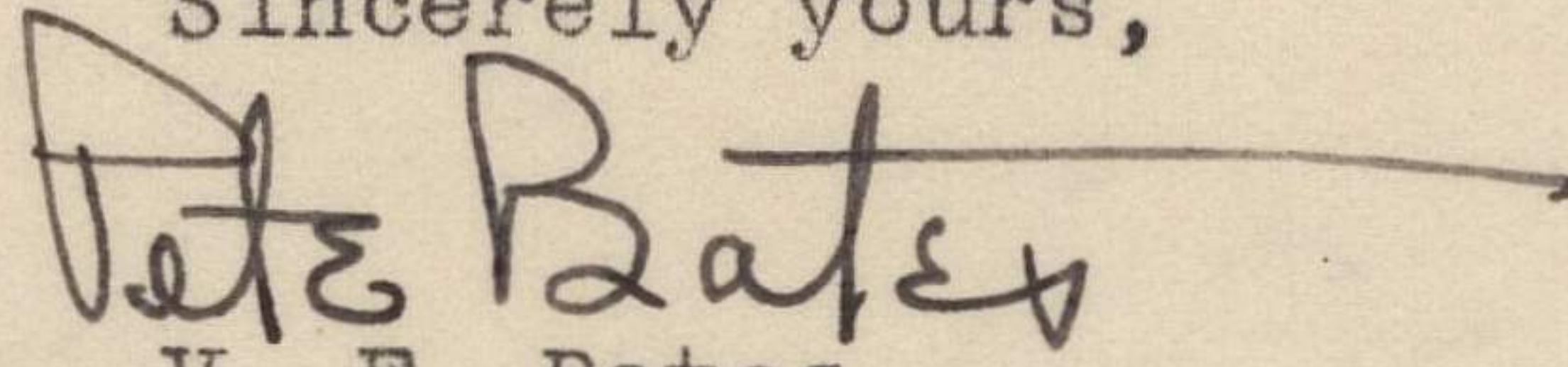
May 5, 1943.

We then drafted a couple of interested Rotary Anns to watch the papers for eligible names - and they are constantly on the job. We get the new enlistments and a lot of overlooked old ones from their clippings.

Our file is kept in the Chamber of Commerce office where it is available to anyone who wishes to use it, and it gets lots of use. We do not allow the file to be used for any promotional or advertising purposes.

We feel that this is a very fine project and it gives me pleasure to tell you of it. If I can be of any further service, please call on me.

Sincerely yours,


V. E. Bates.

VEB:h

May 10, 1943.

Mr. Roger Allen,
Fritz Company,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Roger:

From one president to the other, I would say thanks, old fellow. I would be perfectly willing to have you do this work, but I guess you feel that the guy that should do it must do it.

I am writing the secretariat of Rotary and telling him that there are two Allens in Rotary.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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PHONE 4
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

May 6, 1943

Dr. F. C. Allen,
President-Elect,
The Rotary Club,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear "Phog"-

I am flattered by the enclosed letter,
but they have the wrong man.

Don't know who pulled the "boner" on
listing the name, but either you or Karl
will want to have the correction made.

Know that Rotary in Lawrence will have
a great year under your able leadership.

With best wishes,

Rotarily yours,

Roger Allen



May 5, 1943.

Mr. Melvin Kraemer,
Maryville, Kansas.

Dear Mel:

I had a splendid visit with Dr. Jake Beveridge, president-elect of the Maryville Rotary Club. He is very anxious indeed that you become a member of his club.

It happens that I am president-elect of the Lawrence Rotary Club, and I say this to you very sincerely - that I know of no contacts that I have ever made that have given me as much pleasure, or as little displeasure, as my membership in Lawrence Rotary. It is a great thing to belong, Mel, because all of what you do in Rotary, if you are a Rotarian, you do unselfishly. It is not to get more business, it is not to be somebody, but it is to be with people who are somebody if they follow the ideals of Rotary.

Mel, I know you would enjoy it. Just try it once and you will never quit it.

I trust things are going well indeed for you, old fellow. Nothing would give me more pleasure than to sit down in your hardware store for a thirty-minute chat. Or, just as well, or better, you drop into my office, which you haven't done for a long time.

My kindest regards to your own immediate good family, and to your good folks.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH