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November 11, 1941.

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I recently talked in a forum number in McPherson. They asked for a thumbnail biographical sketch and I sent them the following. You are welcome to use any part of it you see fit:

Born in Nokomis, Illinois, and as a lad came to Kansas with my parents where we settled on a farm in Morris County.

Commencing in my 'teens, taught school six terms in Morris County, the last two terms being as principal of the Council Grove high-school.

Took my college work in Teachers' College, Emporia, and Baker University.

Engaged in the newspaper business in 1898 and published the Council Grove Guard for twenty-three years. Changed this weekly to a small country daily in 1914.

Served in the lower house of the Kansas Legislature in 1909 under Governor Stubbs.

Later was Pardon and Parole Clerk under Governor Stubbs.

Was appointed by Governor Stubbs to be Superintendent of the State Reformatory at Hutchinson in 1910, serving three years.

In 1921 was appointed Warden of the State Penitentiary by Governor Allen.

Sold my newspaper interests in 1923.

Was in business for myself in com-