

FROM WM. B. HENDERSON  
TO Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
RE: Dick Soper  
11106 Winner Road  
Independence, Mo.

916 WALNUT STREET  
KANSAS CITY 6, MO.  
DATE April 6, 1944

Dick will graduate from Northeast High School, Kansas City, in June. He would like to enter Kansas University July first. If satisfactory to you, he will arrive in Lawrence between 9 and 10 A.M., Friday, April 14th. If that will not be satisfactory, kindly advise me or write directly to Dick. Do you wish to give any specific instructions as to where he should first report when he reaches the campus?

For your information, Dick's father is an Osteopathic physician at the above address. He paid his own way while he studied Osteopathy. During that period, he was an employee at the Post Office in Kansas City; supported his family and accumulated some real estate, including his home. After he graduated, he continued with his Post Office position and built up practice among Post Office employees and their families that paid as much as his salary. But that did not satisfy him. He asked for a "leave of absence" so that he could give himself exclusively to his profession. He forfeited his salary and the practice among Post Office employees. He has now increased his suburban practice enough so that he will resign his Post Office position when his leave of absence expires. His other son is preparing for the practice of Osteopathy. Dick seems to have other plans. His parents are inclined to let him act upon his own judgment. I believe you will find the boy somewhat reticent about his athletic record. He would not now have a Press record if his mother had not kept it up. I asked him if he was going to take it to Lawrence with him. His reply was "I wouldn't think of it". It may not be important to you. If it is important, you may have to ask for it.

Dr. Soper could help the boy with some of his expense, but the boy very strongly inclines toward self-sufficiency. The relationship between the parents and their children is sensible, helpful, and co-operative.

If you find it difficult to identify the above indexed address, it is in Englewood, on the Winner Road, not far west of the Independence city limits.

If I have said too much, it will not be harmful. If I have not said enough, you may ask Dick for it or write to me.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

*Wm B Henderson*