

Portis, Kansas,
August 29th, 19--Forty.

DR. F. C. ALLEN,
Anchorage, Kentucky.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I had just written you a day or two ago as regards some things but note you left for Kentucky so rather think you did not get the letter I wrote. Hence am writing this.

I had written some things I had learned at Manhattan on a stop there and hoped it might get to you in time to be of aid to you but possibly it would not have anyway. Gardner had gone to Winfield to see Tucker apparently and had phoned home there just before I arrived. I guess he must have induced Tucker as papers say Tucker goes to KState and I suppose he will not change his mind any more as I think he is now there and located. Understand Sickles also goes there and that Covert, the big guard from Eldorado goes there and also, I think it is Fritz Kohl. (Kohl) from Paseo at KC.

Reason I write now is to say that they are going to make every effort to get Evans and it has come to me straight that Evans will likely go to State if these other boys do. Perhaps that dope is not true. I did hear, too, that Evans had a bad foot and would have to keep off it for a while, maybe most of one year.

Then this whole bunch, Tucker, Homer Wesche, Newman (publicity) and others were out after Max and took him out and around and I judge put pressure on him to get in with them or possibly face a man-eating team at State for the next few years. I am not sure who all were in the crowd or whether Ray Evans was there then, but maybe so. I do not know what appeal they made to Max as I was here by then but likely they talked strong to him and I would imagine he would be swayed some as the Ags have put lots of pressure on him all along and have been to see him time and again. I do not think they could scare Max into deciding for State but I can see that they might make him want to be "in the swim" with the big boys. Max will work till Sept. 1st and be here a day or two.

We were in Lawrence quite a while last Saturday (24th) talking to Professors and looking over rooms and so on but did not get anything suitable yet in room. We did not get to see Henry or Hurt or Werner.

This is, I guess, mostly gossip, Allen, and possibly you know all that I have told you but that would send it anyway and if any good you are welcome. I am not writing it because I care a lot where those boys go. Neither do I fear that their not going to KU will wreck anything in particular there. Naturally, tho, I would liked to have seen one or two of those boys go there; and maybe the Evans angle I have is not correct.

Regards and hope you are having fine visit. Weather here grand now and some rains coming.

Sincerely,

J. L. Russell, Portis.