

Lawrence, Kansas
March 18, 1940

Mr. John Bortka,
21 S. Coy St.,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear John:

I am writing this letter to congratulate you and the boys of Wyandotte upon the splendid record and great playing that you have done. I saw you play Lawrence High School and you were in a class by yourselves so far as your team and the Lawrence High team was concerned.

I would be happy to see you attend the University of Kansas, and I am very sure that you would like the University here on Mount Oread. If you are interested I would be glad to talk with you some time toward the possibility of your enrolling at the University of Kansas.

Again, congratulations and best wishes. If you are interested in K. U. I would be glad to see you.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.

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Mr. William Brill,
1603 Garfield,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

You played a swell game at Topeka, and I am sorry that I was not able to be there to see you. You deserve a lot of credit, and you have had a wonderful season this year. I have watched you play and I thought your floor work and general ability were marvelous. You and your teammates have certainly mowed them down, and I am sorry that the "sudden death" method cut you short on your natural heritage.

With all good wishes, and hoping that you will attend the University of Kansas, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.

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Mr. Leo Headrich,
207 S. Coy St.,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Leo:

It was a very difficult break you boys got by the "sudden death" method of terminating a game. Doubtless had the game gone on to regular overtime period, you would have whipped them. Anyhow, congratulations on your fine season and your splendid playing.

I saw you and your teammates playing at Lawrence High School, and by your deft and clever passing and by the all-around team work of your entire group I picked you to beat Winfield. A difference of two points is very little difference, but it makes a big difference in the final results, doesn't it?

We were fortunate enough to finish out ahead of Oklahoma A. and M. by but two points, yet I hardly think there is two points difference between the two teams.

I heard about the way you used your head when you took the ball out of bounds. Nice going, Leo - keep it up. An athlete who has brains and muscles and uses them is more valuable than one who uses only his muscles.

With congratulations and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.

P.S. Should you be interested in the University of Kansas I assure you that we will be able to get you a job that will help you obtain your education here.

F.C.A.

Lawrence, Kansas
March 26, 1940

Mr. L. R. Buell,
Nickerson, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Buell:

I have been so busy with details of this N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament in Kansas City that I have failed to acknowledge your very kind letter regarding Bill Engellund and "Red" Hawks. I want you to know that I do appreciate what you have told me.

I spoke at Hutchinson last night and fully intended to stop by and talk to you regarding these boys. I got away from here so late that I did not have time to see you at Nickerson, but I did get to talk to Bill Engellund. I understand that there is a possibility he will not go to school next year, but will enter the oil business. Of course, my theme was "Get your education first".

I am planning on driving out to see you some time this spring, just as soon as the rush lets up a little.

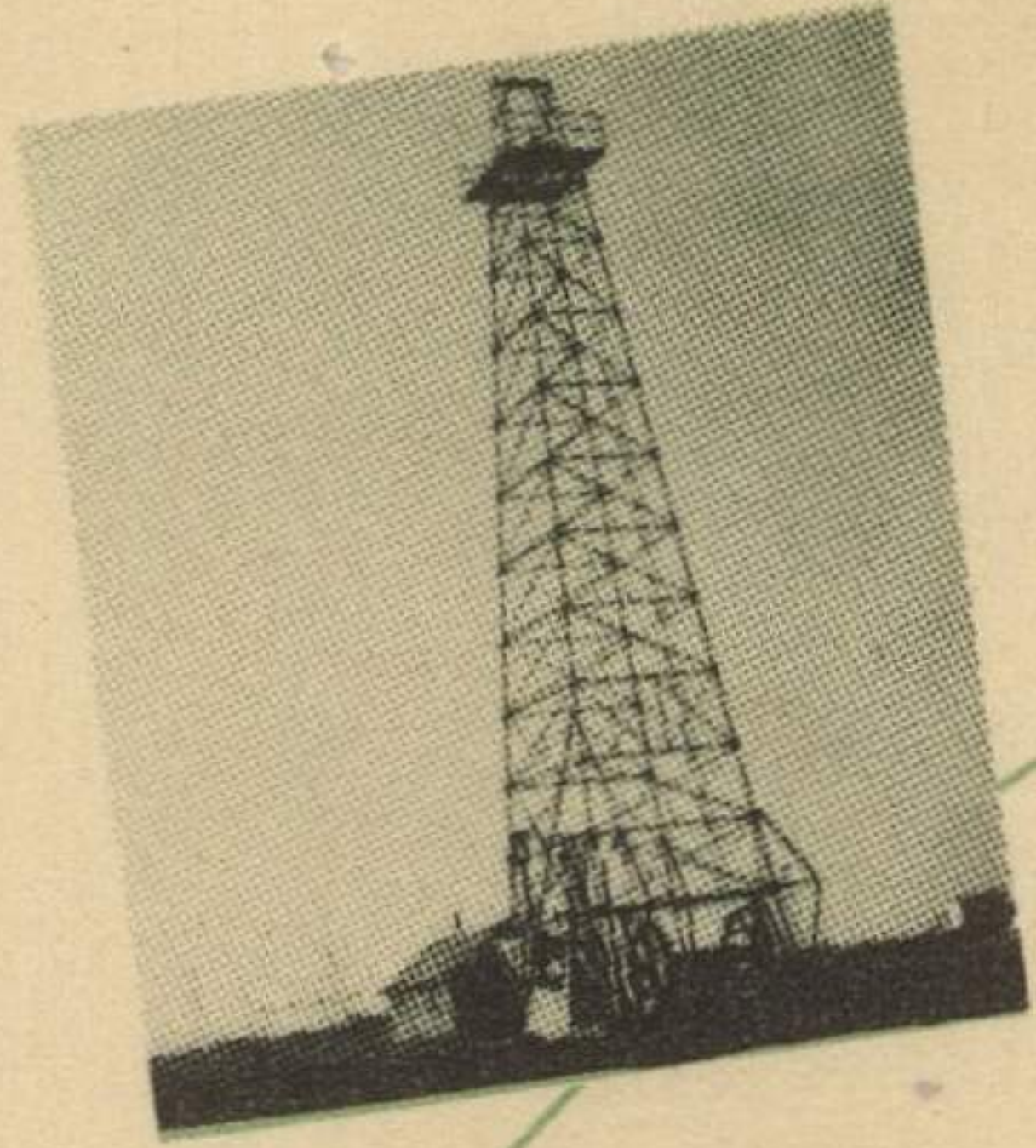
With deep appreciation, and kindest regards,

I am

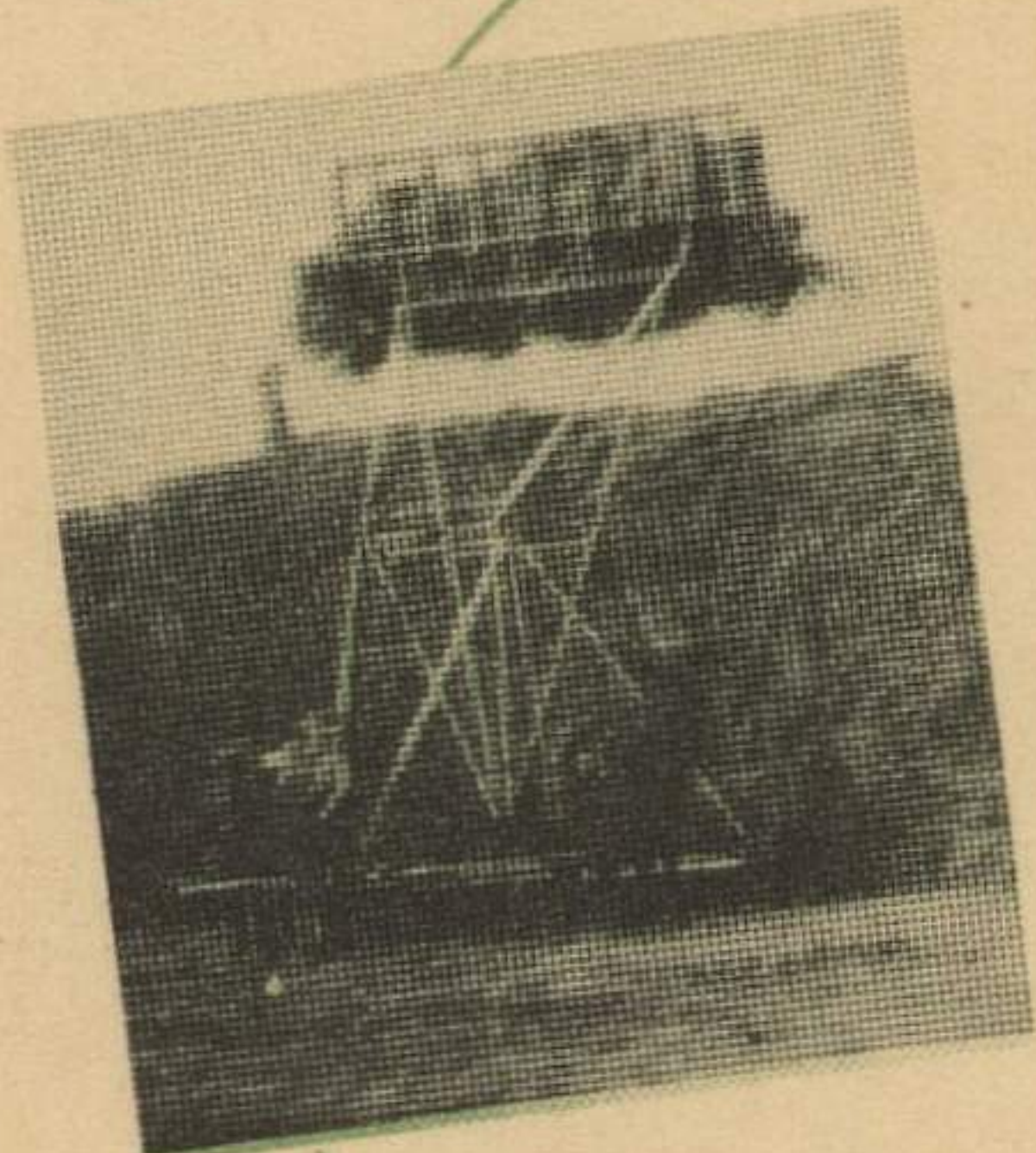
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LESTER R. BUELL

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NICKERSON, KANSAS

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

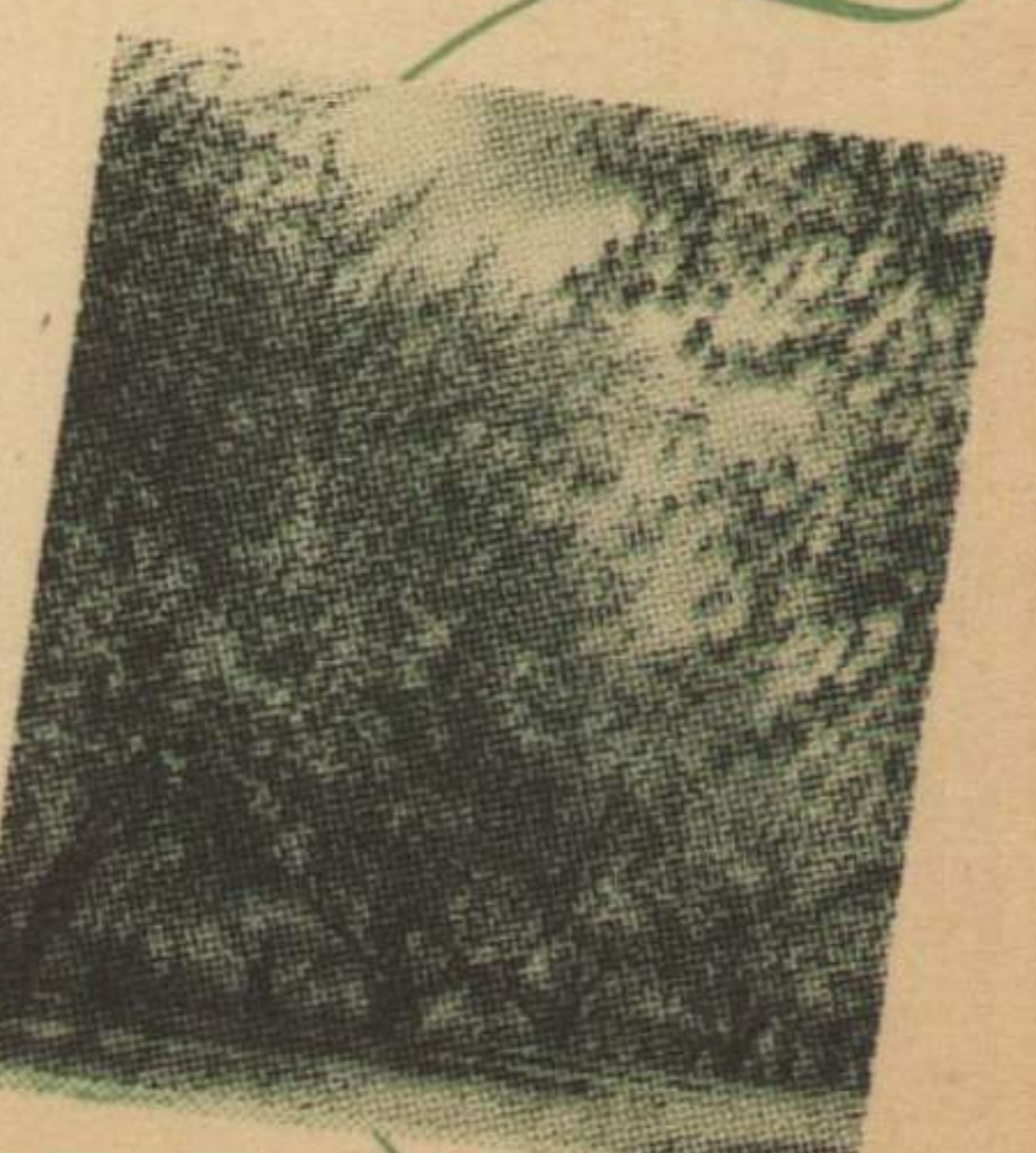
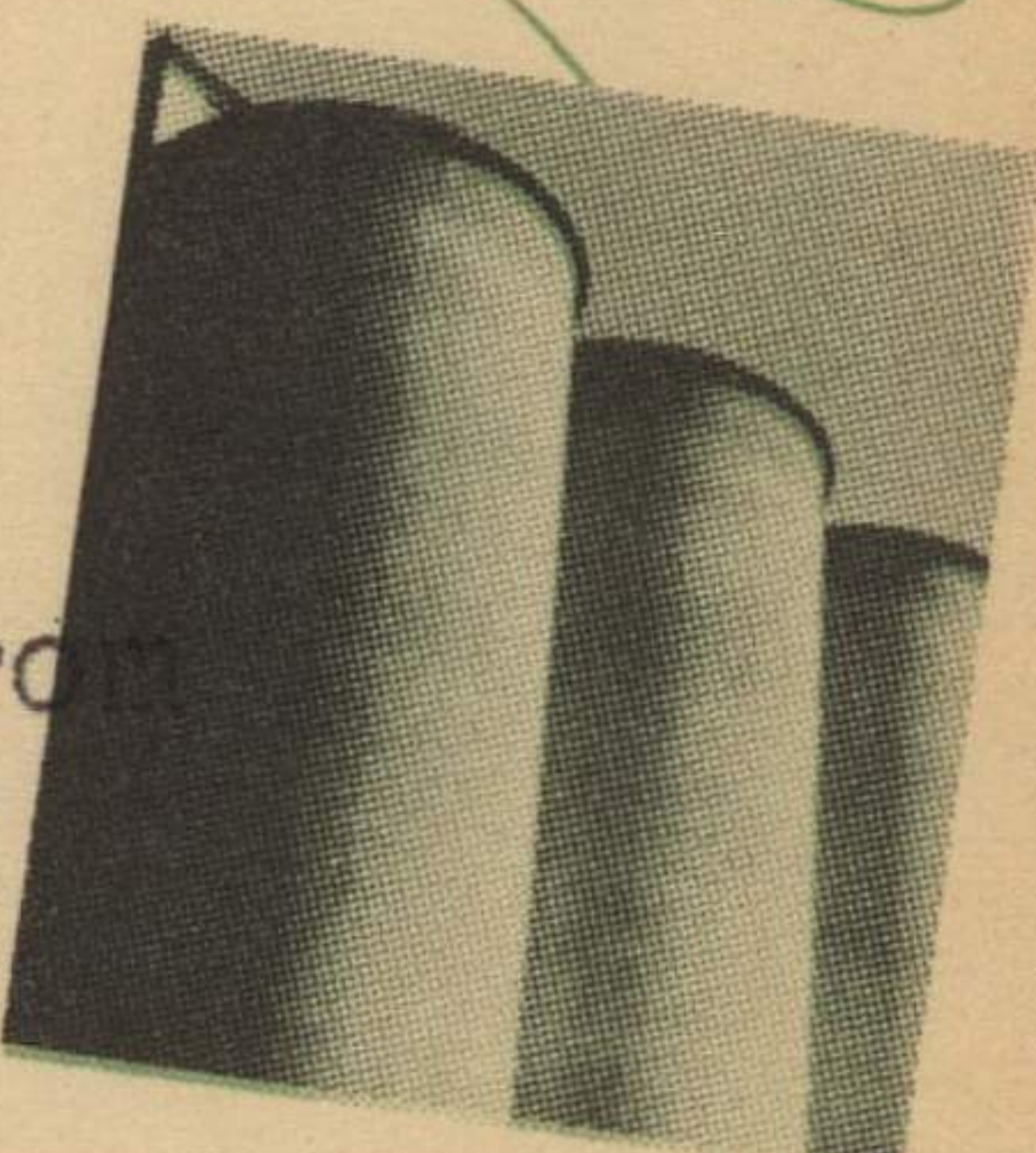
Dear Mr. Allen;

I wish to thank you for the fine letter from you concerning Earl, it certainly is my ~~wish~~ wish that Earl makes good in both his work and in Basket Ball. I had quite a chat with Earl recently and he sure is sorry he let me down on not getting better grades but after thinking of my own experience in School I recall a C plus average first Semester and B plus the rest of my schooling and feel he perhaps will know more about studying.

I have been working on Bill England for 2 years. First I want to tell you how the things are. Bill is from well-to-do Dutch people, our finest citizens. His folks are leaving the judgement up to Bill concerning college and where he attends. Colorado has been working on him, Kansas State, and ~~several other~~ several other large schools. Now I need help, and here is what I need. Have Sollenberger from your Freshman squad to contact Bill this vacation. Have one or two of our Alumni in Hutchinson contact him. I am too darn poor to ~~have~~ arrange a trip up to Lawrence myself and perhaps some one else can help. Have Earl get busy, he and Bill's sister are that way about each other and certainly Earl could help. And I will do my level best from here until September. Bill will demand work, arrange a job in half year he will be on his own if I am any Judge. Bill is straight A student here and perhaps that will help get work. Also he is a very good Foot Ball Man, and track man.

I have been working on Red Hawks of the Hutch. Junior College. He is a fine guard. Making B average at Junior College and a above average foot ball man. Talked to his mother this morning and he is going to transfer to a four year school. He has had only one year in Hutchinson. He will need work. With a letter from you or an invitation to visit at Lawrence will help me.

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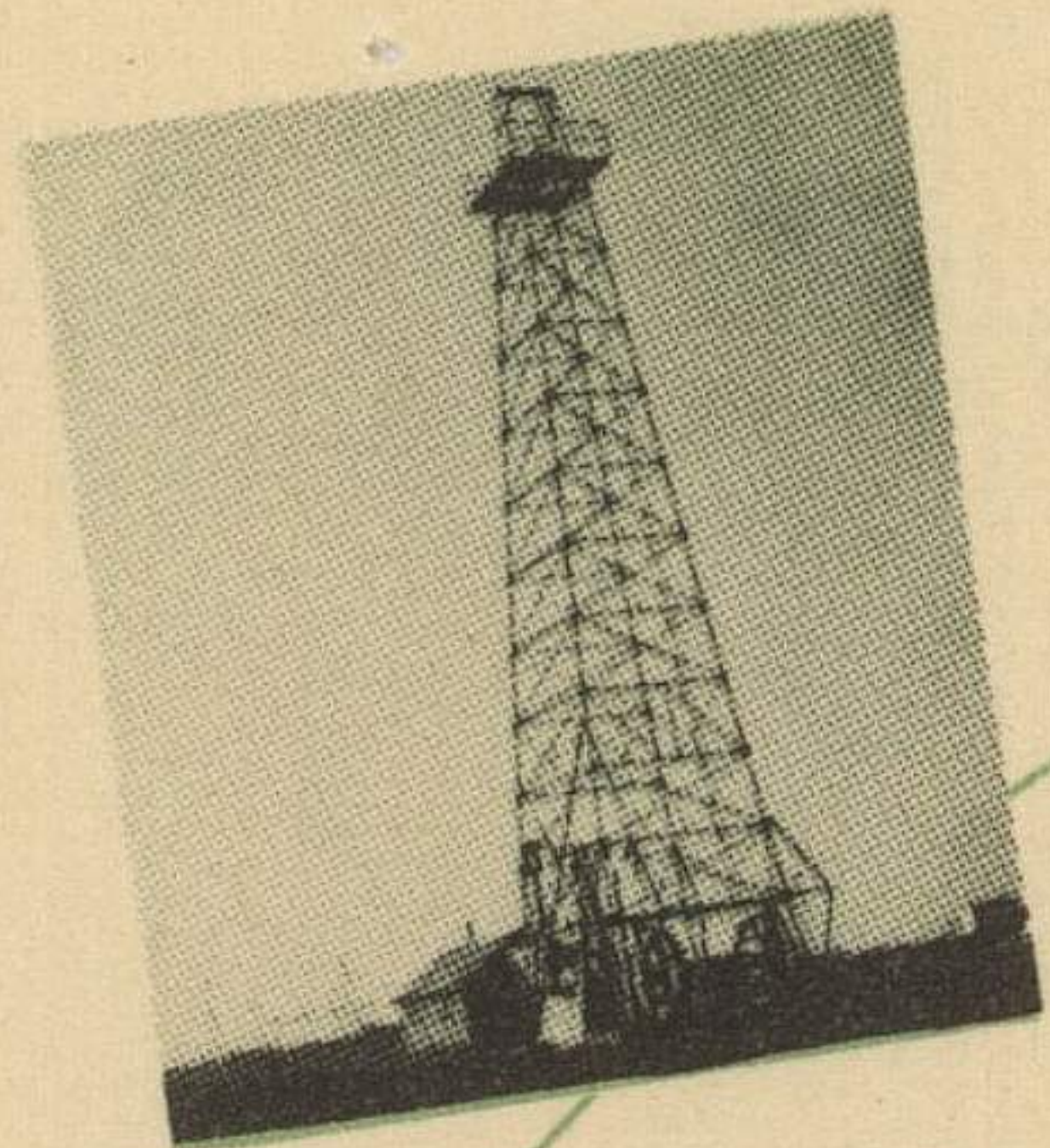


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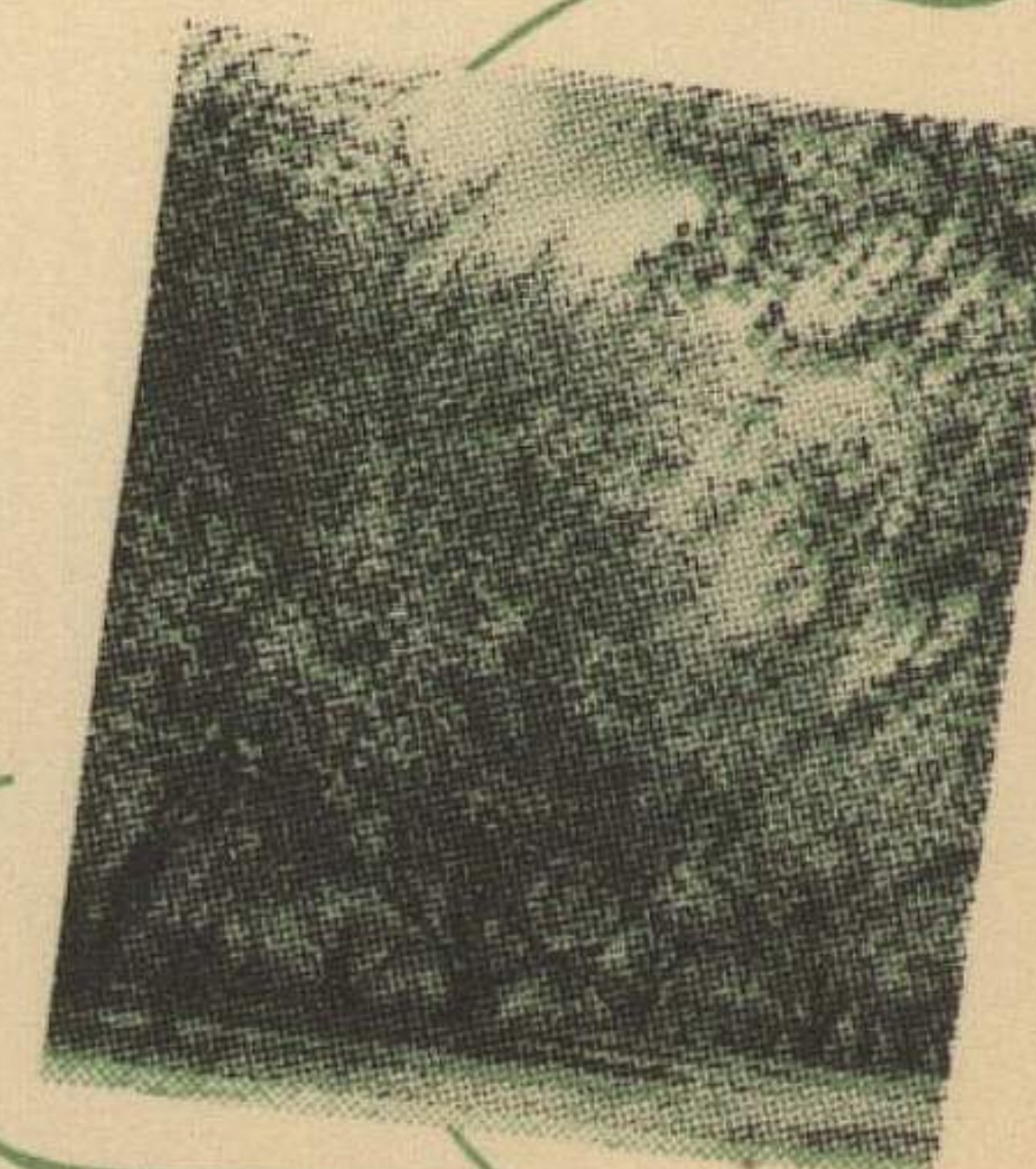
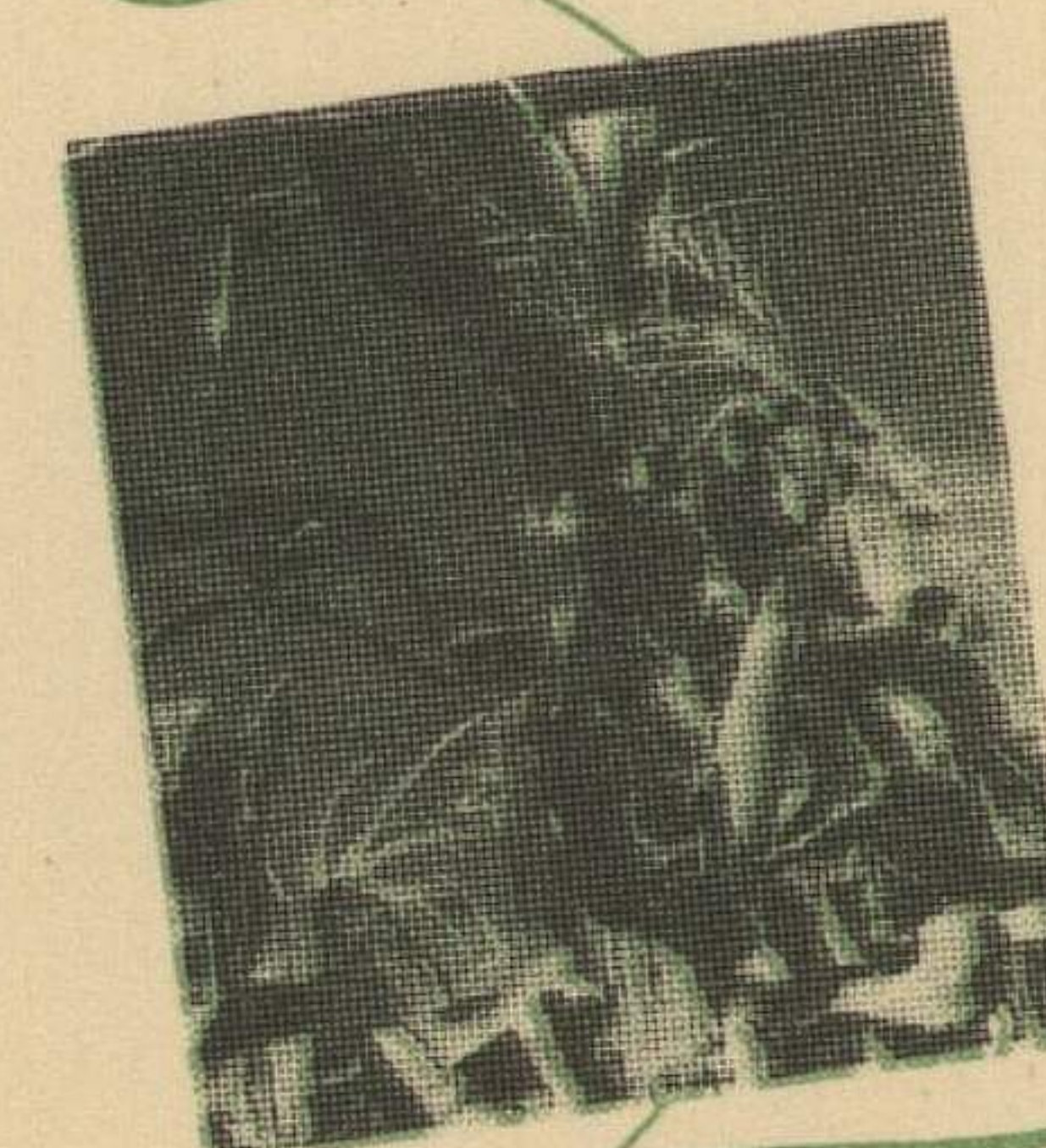
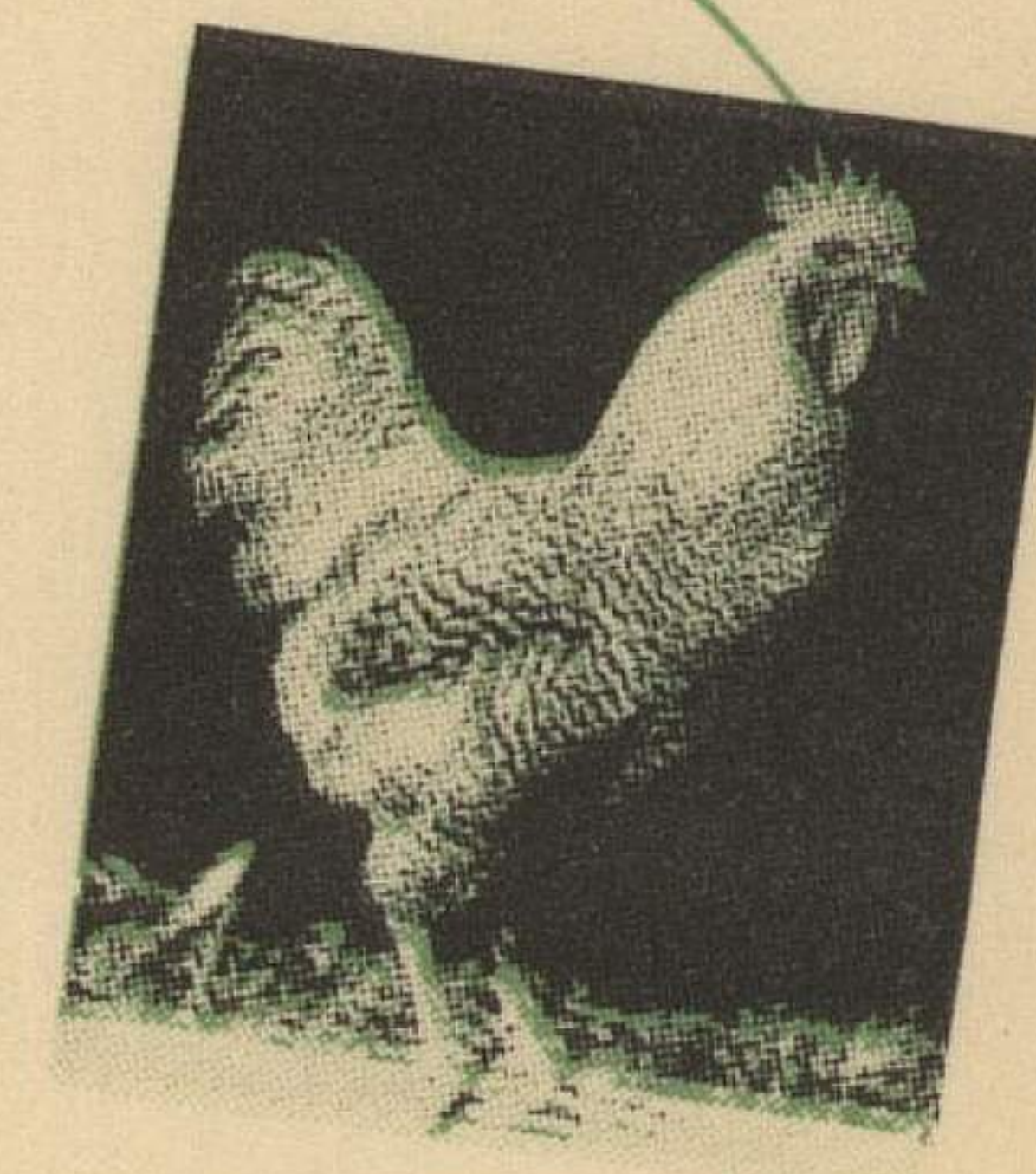
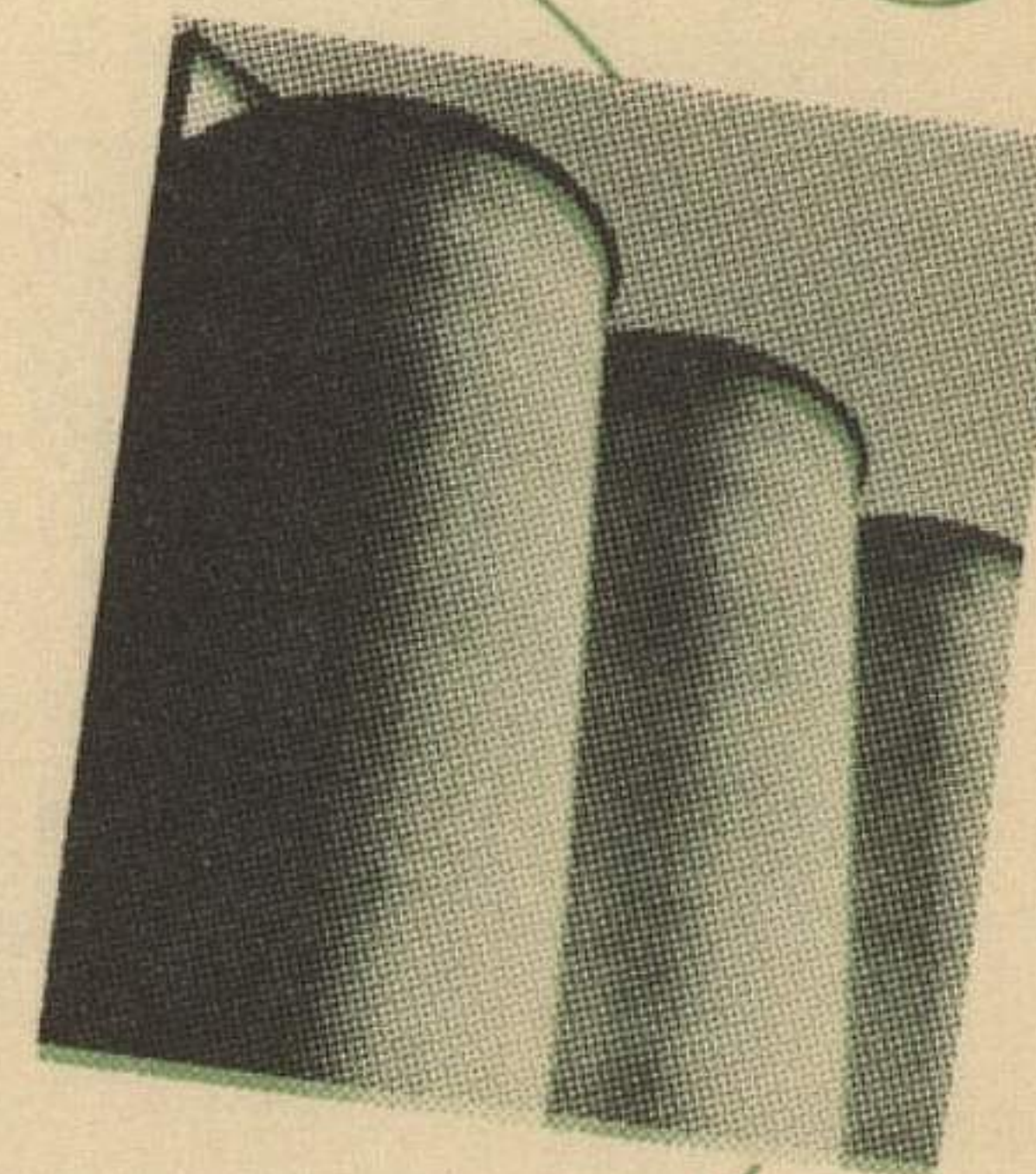
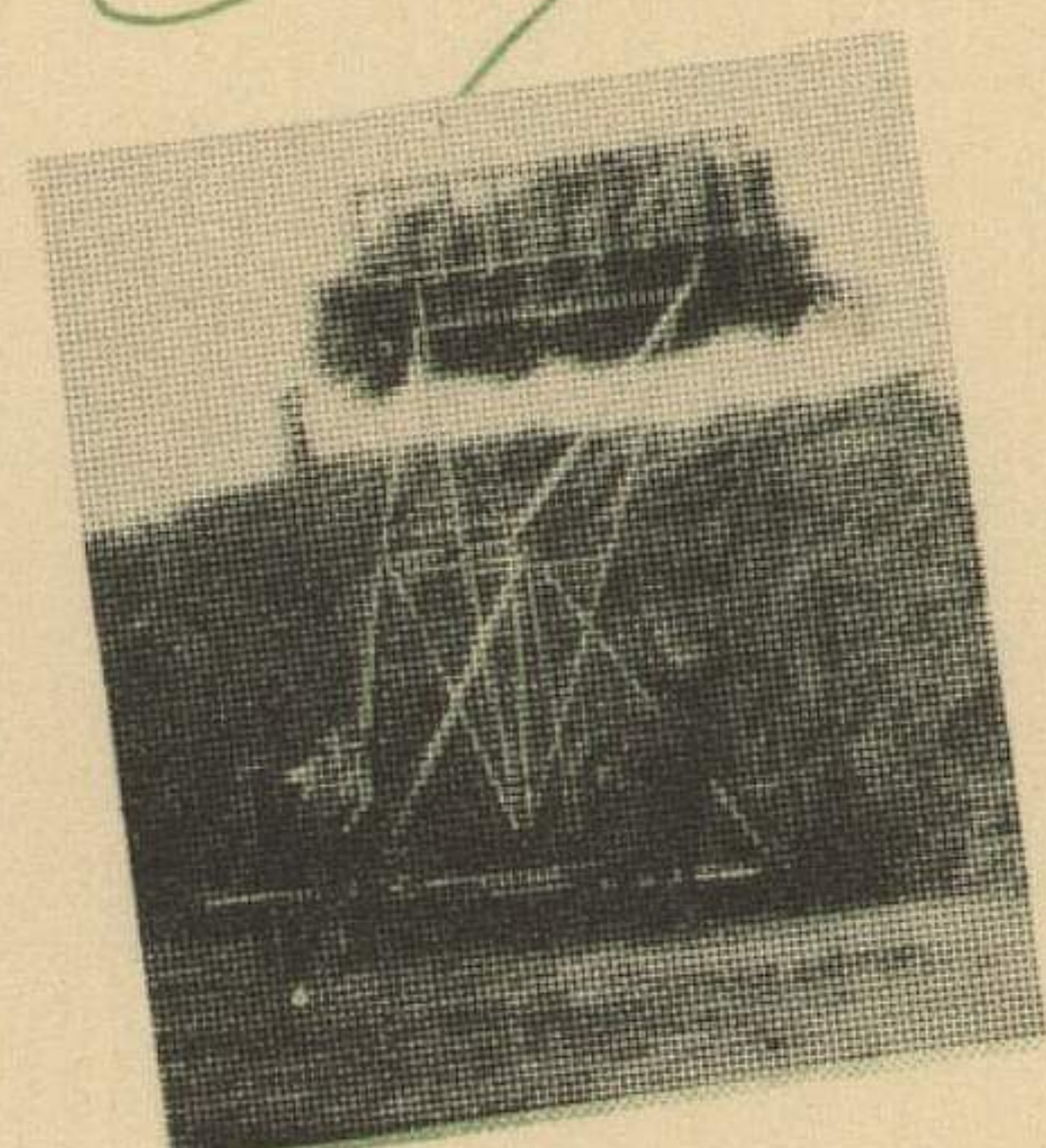
Dr. Allen we have one real foot ball player here. This boy is one of the best passers this part of the country has ever produced. I dont know who to contact concerning this, but have taken the liberty to enclose a clipping about him and sure would appreciate it if it was turned over to the right party. He wishes to go to K.U.

Please dont think I am begging too many jobs for players, but I have followed sports for several years and I believe I know these boys will make you proud in a couple years.

I have read where you was to make a talk at the Banquet honoring the teams from Reno County. We are just 10 miles from Hutchinson and I certainly would like for you to arrange a little side trip here and we could discuss these boys further,

Respectfully,
L.R. Buell

The ideal of these boys being together seems to help some and it seems the ever wish of the fans here that they could all go to K.U.



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Basketball Tracks Football

William Engelland: While a sophomore, he played in 24 basketball games — 16 regular season, 3 District, 3 Regional, and 2 State tournament games. (He scored 239 points for an average of 9.96 points per game.) He made the All-State tournament Honorable mention list. He also saw service at a center position in football and placed third in the discus throw (Mid-Kansas league).

While a junior, on a State B class High school champion team, he played in 28 games — 18 regular season, 3 D., 3 R., and 4 State tournament games. (He scored 479 points, 195 field goals and 89 free throws for an average of 17.11 per game.) He scored 82 of these 479, in the State tournament, thus breaking the tournament record both for total points and average per game. He made the All-State tournament Honorable mention list. Playing on an undefeated football team he scored a few touchdowns with his uncanny ability to catch passes. He won and broke the Mid-Kansas league discus throw record with a heave of 121 feet.

While a senior, he played in 25 games — 17 regular season, 3 D., 3 R., and 2 State. (He scored 449 points and of these 449 — 117 were from free throws) and 46 points were scored in the State tournament — more than any other player. He was chosen on the Mid-Kansas League Honorable mention list and became the only player to be chosen on the All-State tournament Honorable mention list 3 years. (His entire High school scoring record)

record is 1167 points in 77 games for an average² of 15.15 points per game. He was chosen among Alvin Lumber's list of outstanding Southwest Kansas 'bucks' in football.

P. S. — Phog, these yearly scoring records and his entire high school average, were compiled by me, personally. The reason, I never kept any record of his scoring his freshman year was because he played with the second team.

Basketball

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Eldon Hawks: He played a regular guard position in his Junior and Senior years in High School. In his Senior year while playing with the B class state champions he was selected at a guard position on the All-State Honorable mention list.

He was a regular guard on the ¹⁹⁴⁰ State Junior College championship team.

Perhaps, his best jobs of guarding were when he held the highly touted Harley King (Dolan) who had ^{had} an average of 17 points per game down twice this last season once to 9 points and the other to 10.

Basketball

William Piskey: He played a regular guard position in his Junior and Senior years in High School. In his Junior year, while playing with the ¹⁹⁴⁰ State champions he was selected at ~~as~~ guard position on the All-State Honorable mention list.

In his Senior year, he was chosen on the All Mid-Kansas Honorable mention list and played with a team which reached the State championship quarter finals.

Perhaps, his best job of guarding was in the finals of the Regional at Lyons when he held the highly touted Voth (Guman) to 3 points. (Continued on other side)

All this data was gathered by Wayne Kent

William Fisher: He played a regular guard position in his junior and senior years in high school. In his senior year, while playing with the Belmont State champions he was selected as a guard position on the All-State honorable mention list.

He was a regular guard on the state junior college championship team.

Perhaps his best job of guarding was when he held the highly touted Henry King (backcourt) for an average of 17 points per game down twice this last season over the 9 points and the other to 10.

Basketball

William Fisher: He played a regular guard position in his junior and senior years in high school. In his junior year, while playing with the Belmont State champions he was selected as a guard position on the All-State honorable mention list.

In his senior year, he was chosen on the All-Mid-Tennessee honorable mention list and played with a team which reached the state championship quarter finals.

Perhaps his best job of guarding was in the finals of the regional at Lynchburg when he held the highly touted (left forward) to 3 points. (Continued on other side)

Football

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Jay Dwing: He saw a great deal of service as a quarterback, while a Freshman but didn't become so outstanding until his Sophomore year when his passing, kicking, and running made him known as a Triple Threat man. He played on an undefeated untied team in his Junior year. He played quarterback for Nickerson 3 years, in which time he contributed touchdowns by either his accurate passes or his own ability to carry the ball.

Perhaps, his best performance was in the Sterling game (1938) when he pitched 26 passes, completing 13 for a net gain of 203 yards. Of these 13 completions, 3 were good for 75 yards and touchdowns. He also kicked 1 extra point after touchdown and passed for another. All this was done on a day which was not good for football.

Jay was also chosen on Alvin Dumbler's lists of outstanding Southwest Kansas 'backs' in football.

Lawrence, Kansas
March 27, 1940

Mr. Gus A. Beauchamp,
Holton, Kansas.

Dear Friend Beauchamp:

I have been so busy with details of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament in Kansas City that I have failed to acknowledge your kind letter of the 17th instant.

Thank you very much for your congratulations. We are, of course, very proud and happy over the way the boys have come through.

I am sorry that it was impossible for me to get to Holton on the 11th, as I had promised, but I sent word to your people there that the basketball play-offs would prevent my coming. However, I do hope to see you before long. I am to speak at the Seneca High School Commencement on May 16th, and I trust that it will be possible for me to have a chat with you on that trip. I would like to talk with you about Bob Fletcher.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.

Beauchamp's Pharmacy

GUS BEAUCHAMP
K. M. TRUE

Holton, Kansas

Mr. Forest E. Allen Lawrence Kansas.

My dear Allen,

I am pleased to congratulate you & Kansas on your wonderful victory at Oklahoma City. and I here is hoping for you & your Boys on your next game. may all your Boys be at their best and kick and if so I feel they will win - We have 3 boys here Kansas should have our Bob Fletcher is a find for any school you watch him he will star in Base Ball Basket Ball Foot Ball & Track - our High School in this Big 6. won in Track Foot Ball & tied with Horton in Basket Ball the answer is Bob Fletcher.

Yours very truly
Gus. A. Beauchamp

March 17-1940



The REXALL Store

JAMES E. TAYLOR
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SHARON SPRINGS, KANSAS

April 9th, 1940.

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

Dear Doctor,--

Your letter of the 5th inst. has just now been received. We are very glad to hear from you, and to know that you will be able and happy to take this young man and talk to him about the advantages of your system.

This boy's name is Gale Botts, nicknamed "Polly". Last night, Mrs. Taylor was talking to his mother, and they are planning on him being in Lawrence on Monday, the 15th of April, and I'll have Mrs. Taylor bring him to your office. It will probably be in the morning, as she will have plenty of time then, and it is quite early when they get there.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to interest him in going to school there. If we can ever get students to going to K. U. once more it will help us get others interested in the future. We have two boys there now, one Russell Mount, in the Pharmacy department, and another is a pre medic, but he has been away for several years, so I don't know whether he is there now or not. However this is a very strong pro Kansas aggie town, and the faculty on the High School, and the Board itself are much Pro Aggie, and they have the children during the years when they can formulate their desire for certain colleges.

Thanking you for your consideration in this matter, I
am,

Very truly yours,

James E. Taylor
JAMES E. TAYLOR.

JET:J

April 12, 1940.

Mr. James E. Taylor,
Sharon Springs, Kansas.

Dear Jimmy:

Since receiving your letter of the 9th instant I have been asked by the Topeka High School to speak at their assembly on Monday morning at 10:15. However, I expect to be in my office in the afternoon, and will be glad to see Gale Botts.

If Mrs. Taylor will call my office, K. U. 83, some time during the morning when she is on the campus, my secretary will be able to make an appointment for the young man in the afternoon.

I assure you it will be a pleasure to talk with him.

Thanking you for your interest and loyalty in the University of Kansas, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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JAMES E. TAYLOR
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SHARON SPRINGS, KANSAS

March 28th, 1940.

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

Dear Doctor:--

The writer of this letter is a graduate of the University of Kansas, LLB '26, and I doubt very much if you will recall me, but I worked for a couple of years in the office of Mr. Dill, Director of Publicity.

However, what I wish to write to you about is the fact that we have a young lad here in high school, who has his heart on studying to be a basketball coach, and is very desirous of going to K. U. He is a fair player, but probably not up to the type necessary to succeed there due to a leg injury suffered several years ago. However, he is quite interested, and in view of the fact that none of our students from here have gone there of late years, he would like to look the school over before making up his mind finally.

What I have in mind is this. My wife plans on attending the State Convention of the Order of the Eastern Star on April 15, 16 and 17th, meeting in Lawrence. This young man would be willing to go down at that time and talk the situation over with you if possible. My wife would be able to take him around over the campus as she was graduated from there in 1927. The young man can make the trip as his folks are railroad employees, and the cost would not be much.

What I am interested in is getting some of the boys from here going to K. U. instead of Kansas State. For instance Kansas State has Swanson, their football end, a graduate of this school here; the Kansas State freshman Basketball team had Koons who received a numeral, and who undoubtedly will also get his numeral in baseball this spring.

What I would like to know is whether or not you would be willing to make an appointment to meet this young man, and talk the situation over with him, and what he wishes to do in the future?

Thanking you for a prompt reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

James E. Taylor

JAMES E. TAYLOR LLB '26

JET:J

April 5, 1940.

Mr. James E. Taylor,
Attorney-at-Law,
Sharon Springs, Kansas.

Dear Jimmy:

It was a pleasure to hear from you, and to know of your interest in seeing the young lad whom you mentioned attend the University of Kansas.

I shall be very happy to see him and tell him the advantages that may be obtained by attending K. U. if he is able to come to Lawrence with Mrs. Taylor. I expect to be here on April 15, 16 and 17, and would be glad to make an appointment to see him. On Tuesday, the 16th, I have classes all morning, but on Monday or Wednesday mornings I will have time to see him.

Let me know the young man's name, and the time he is coming, and I will be very happy to talk with him.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

412 West 9th Street
Pittsburg, Kansas
April 13, 1940

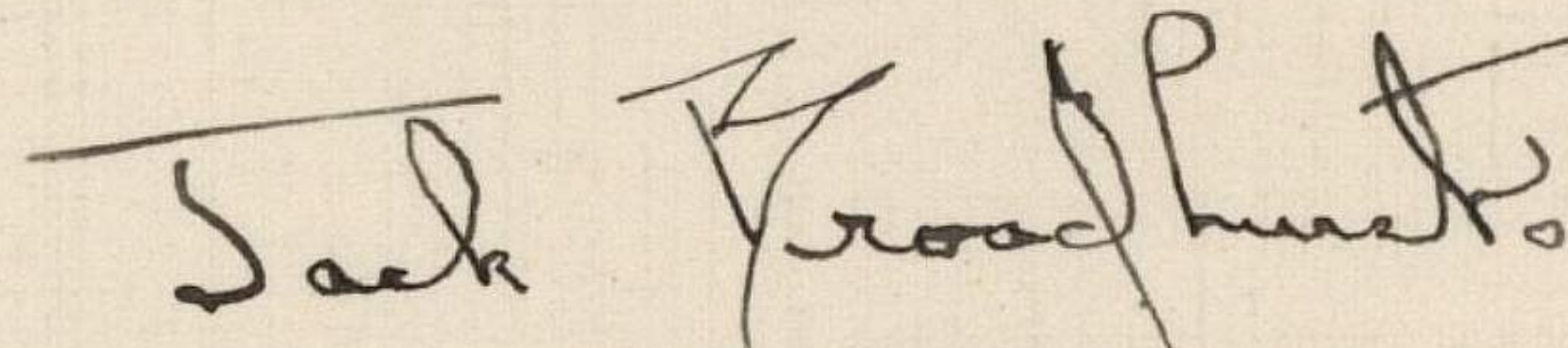
Dr. F.C. Allen
Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas

Coach Allen:

Thank you for your invitation of April 11th.
I expect to be in Lawrence with our track team Friday,
April 19th, and will be glad to have the opportunity
of working out with your team.

Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack Broadhurst". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Jack Broadhurst

Sun. April, 14

Dear Dr. Allen,

I received your invitation to come to K. U. next Saturday and I am happy that I can accept it. I shall make it a point to be there at any time or place you set.

Thanks for the invitation and I shall look forward to being there.

Sincerely yours,

Glen Mize

April 15, 1940

Dear Dr. Allen

Thanks a lot for your
invitation to shoot some baskets
Saturday morning.

I will be glad to come

Sincerely yours,
Leo Hadriels

Dwight, Kansas
April 15, 1940

Dear Dr. Allen,

Thank you very much for your letter containing the invitation to shoot baskets Saturday morning.

Am happy to accept this invitation and am looking forward to Saturday morning.

Sincerely
Jack Beck

Holton, Kansas
April 15, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 10th which I appreciate very much.

I will be very glad to accept your invitation to be one of the group of the high school boys to come down and shoot some baskets with the varsity group.

I will be in Lawrence on Friday this week to participate in the high school relays and will either stay over Friday night or come back on Saturday morning.

Thanking you again, I am

Yours truly

Bob. Fletcher

Harley King
503 N. St.
Jala, Kans.
April 15, 1940

Forrest Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Sir:

I thank you very much for the invitation to come to Lawrence April 20th. I will be there either Friday afternoon, April 19, or Sat. morning April 20 and will be very glad to come down and shoot a few baskets.

Sincerely yours,

Harley King



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

I consider it to be a pleasure to be with you Saturday. You can depend on Bill Bull, John Noone, Leo Hedrick, and I to be up this weekend (I hope you can read this writing) I was talking to the rest of the boys and they agreed that we would come up together. I can see where we are going to have a swell. Will close till Saturday.

Respectfully Yours.

Ray Evans

April 16, 1940.

Mr. Ralph L. Duncan, Principal,
Miller Rural High School,
Miller, Kansas.

Dear Principal Duncan:

I am very happy to know that you plan to bring some of your boys to the Relays this week-end. We are having some of the boys come to the gymnasium Saturday morning to shoot a few baskets with the varsity, and we would be glad to have you bring your boys for a workout.

Most of the boys who are coming will be entertained at the fraternity houses, and if you will call at my office when you get in town we will see what arrangements we can make for you. In the mean time, we will contact some of the boys here to see if they can take care of your group.

I assure you it will be a pleasure to see you and your boys.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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RALPH L. DUNCAN, PRINCIPAL

BERENICE DAVIS
ENGLISH

MILLER, KANSAS,

April 13 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

We are planning on attending the Kansas Relay's Friday night. Of the four boys I am bringing three played on the district championship basketball team and we were beaten by Rosevelt of Emporia by two points and they placed third in the state. I would like to have you meet the boys while we are in Lawrence.

We would like to stay for the Relay's on Saturday. Would there be some fraternity house where we might stay.

Sincerely yours

Ralph L. Duncan
Ralph L. Duncan

St. Francis, Kansas
April 16, 1940

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Varsity Basketball Coach
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen

I received your invitation but regret that I can not attend the Kansas Relays this Saturday because on Friday our track team, of which I'm a member, goes to Scott City for a meet.

I am 6' 7 1/2" tall and weigh about 180 pounds. I have played end on our football team and center on the basketball squad. I throw the shot and discus + run the hurdles in track. My grades have been good so far.

I am not certain as to what course I plan to take but whatever it is I will have to work my way through college or I can't go.

In case you might like to get some recommendations you could write to Mr. H. E. Greene, Principal of High School, St. Francis, Kansas. He could probably give you any information you would like to know.

Sincerely yours

Darren Bryce Schneider