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CSEP ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION
MISS MARTHA TILLMAN, *Executive Secretary*

August 1, 1939

ROOM 4
FRANK STRONG HALL
TELEPHONE K.U.-40

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Department of Physical Education
108 Robinson Gymnasium

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am glad to have your letter concerning Edward Owens. You will be interested to know that this young man has an application on file in this office, and I assure you that he will be given every consideration for a job.

We will not make our selections until after the 15th of August and will notify the applicants as soon after that as possible.

Sincerely yours

Martha Tillman

Executive Secretary

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July 28, 1939.

Mr. Hugh Mullen,
Blue Rapids, Kansas.

Dear Hugh:

Pardon my delay in replying to your good letter. I have been so engrossed in the promotion of our recreation program, in addition to my teaching this summer, that I have not had an opportunity to attend to my correspondence.

Yes, I am quite sure that I remember meeting you. I remember when you spoke over at Leavenworth when I was at the banquet. I imagine that you knew Mr. Fred Stock, who died there a few years ago. He was my roommate in college. It happened that we had double-decker beds at that time and four fellows slept in those beds, so I had several roommates. I was sorry when he passed away. He was a grand man.

Regarding Edward Owens, I will be very happy to write to Miss Martha Tillman, who is secretary of the CSEP, and say all the good things that I can regarding Edward. It is a very difficult thing for me to locate employment for boys because they are desiring to build up football here at the University and what few jobs there are here generally go to the football men who need employment. If Edward's grades are good I am very sure that the CSEP will be able to help him.

I want to assure you that I will be very glad to help him if it is within my power, and if he will come to the office when he comes to school and make himself known I will do all I can to make his load easy.

Thanking you for writing me, and with kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Blue Rapids, Kansas,
July 15, 1939

Dr. J. C. Allen,
Basket Ball Coach,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

You probably will not remember me, but in the fall of 1931 we were introduced at a high school foot ball banquet in Lawrence, Kansas. Edwin Phelps and I were Co-Captains and struggled through what were probably very bad speeches.

I have been coaching here in Blue Rapids the last few seasons and have a boy here who is very interested in obtaining a college education. He is probably the most deserving boy that I have ever run across. No father, poor home, etc. He is an honor student and very clean-cut. He is so desirous of going to school that he has worked at odd jobs the past year and has saved every cent, above bare necessities, that he has earned. He competed in high school athletics and last year ⁽¹⁹³⁸⁾ played on a team that won the County Tournament over Mansville and Frankfort. I realize that he is not an outstanding player and I doubt very much if he could or would ever letter at K. U. Again he may develop enough to be a help. He is 5'9" tall and weighs 160#, not very fast, but can run a 100 in 10.5. He has applied for a

job in the C. S. E. P., but they have many applicants
and I'm afraid he might be one of those who applied
and were unsuccessful.

If you should happen to have a place for a
young fellow interested in Physical Education and
basket ball and who is a good worker I wish that
you would consider this young fellow. His name
is Edward Owens.

Sincerely,
Hugh Mullen.

July 28, 1939.

Miss Martha Tillman,
Secretary, CSEP,
University of Kansas.

Dear Miss Tillman:

I am enclosing copies of correspondence I have had with Mr. Hugh Hullen, of Blue Rapids, concerning Edward Owens who is desirous of attending the University this fall.

I would appreciate it if you would send application blanks to Edward, and give him any information you can about his possibility of securing a job this fall.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

July 29, 1939.

Mr. Roger Weltner,
Beloit, Kansas.

Dear Roger:

I am sorry that I have delayed so long in replying to your kind letter of the 7th instant. I have been so busy with Summer School teaching and promotion of the recreational program that I have neglected some of my correspondence.

I am glad to know of your interest in Richard White, and hope that he will decide to come to the University of Kansas. As you doubtless know, I have never gone out after boys, believing that they should choose their school primarily for an education.

If Richard has saved enough money for his books, tuition and incidental expenses, then I am sure that he will have no difficulty here at K. U. I always tell the boys that the first thing they must do is get their academic work.

If you can persuade Richard to come to K. U. we will be glad to do what we can to help him help himself. I appreciate your interest very much.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Kansas Gamma
Sigma Phi Epsilon
1001 West Hills Parkway
Lawrence, Kansas

Beloit, Kansas
July 7, 1939

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you in regard to a boy whose home is here. He attended high school here and was a fine athlete. His name is Richard White. He is about 6 feet tall and weighs about 185 pounds. He wants to come to school at K. U. I would like to play basketball and baseball. He is a fine lad, intelligent and willing to work. I thought perhaps you might be able to help him. At least he is worth investigating, don't you think.

His address

Richard White
R. F. D. #3
Beloit Kans.

Sincerely
Roger Weltner
President Σ Φ Ε

July 8, 1939.

Mr. Vern Schwertfeger,
Satanita, Kansas.

Dear Vern:

Thank you for your interesting letter of June 25. I am glad to know that you have a job during the harvest season, and hope that you will find steady employment throughout the summer.

Your fees for the first semester would be approximately something like this: matriculation fee, \$10 (this is paid but once); incidental fee, \$25; health fee, \$5; activity fee, \$6. This would be \$46, and does not include any laboratory fees nor cost for books.

Our jobs here in the towel room pay 35¢ an hour, and about the most a boy could earn at that job would be a maximum of \$20.00 a month. If you have saved enough money for your books, tuition and incidental expenses, then I am sure you will have no difficulty in making the grade here at K. U. However, I tell the boys that the first thing they must do is get their studies. That is the reason you come to the University - to get an education. If a boy has to do too much outside work to make expenses, that detracts from his academic work.

I assure you we will help you help yourself in any way possible, and if you have further questions it will be a pleasure for me to hear from you again.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Satanta, Kans
June 25-1939

Mrs. Forrest C. Allen
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Mr. Allen,

I received your letter and will try to answer it. You wanted to know how I am getting along. Well, in the first place I'm not at Dodge City, I'm at Satanta, Kansas, on the farm. Our wheat wasn't any good. I cannot depend on any help from my folks if I expect to attend school at K.U.

Right at the present I'm working in an elevator here at Satanta. It won't last long, only during harvest and that is about over. I will try to get a job with a gas company out here later on, I don't

whether I can get on or not, but
I am going to try.

I wanted to stay in Hodge this
summer and play ball there, but
they could give me nothing better
than \$12⁰⁰ a week. I couldn't
save much money on that so
I packed my bags and came
home at Satanta.

I don't know whether I will be
able to see my way through or not.
Jobs are so scarce and if you wish
to go to K. U. you have to have
money.

I have to close & get to bed, I have to
get up real early in the morning.

I wish you would write & tell me
about the job I would have during school
down there & how much I would get &
what my tuition would be, a close guess.
Give me a fairly accurate statement of
how much it would cost me. Verul
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June 23, 1939.

Mr. Verne Schwertfeger,
Dodge City, Kansas.

Dear Verne:

I am just writing to let you know that we are still counting on you at K. U. next fall. We believe that you belong here, and I am sure there is a place for you.

Won't you write me a letter and let me know how you are getting along? You know, where there is a will, there is a way. I shall be very glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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April 12, 1939.

Mr. Doral Grose,
1700 First Avenue,
Dodge City, Kansas.

Dear Doral:

So happy to have your letter of March 26. As my secretary wrote you, I have been all over the country, but I have now returned and am catching up on my belated correspondence.

I am glad to know that Burnett and Schwertfeger are interested in going to school next year. You tell both of those boys that I am counting on them and I hope that they can come down to Lawrence on the Friday and Saturday of the Relays, April 21-22.

We are going to have all the boys who come to the Relays and who are interested in basketball come to the gym and check out some basketball equipment and shoot a few goals. This will be a good way to get acquainted and a fine opportunity for the boys to have some fun. After their work-out they can take a shower bath so they will be in tip-top shape for the Relays in the afternoon on Saturday.

You tell Schwertfeger that two years is ample time for him to go to town in a big way at the University of Kansas. Two years of junior college competition counts but one year of Big Six competition, so he would have two years left. We can arrange the work, so that I am sure he would be quite happy here.

And as for Burnett, you tell him that I am counting on him a thousand per cent.

Why can't you, Doral, bring those boys up for the Kansas Relays? We will have tickets for you and the boys. We will have these new convex backboards up so the boys can try them out, which should add a lot of interest. I expect to spend my Saturday morning here at the gymnasium meeting these boys, and they will all dress in one big room which will be a lot of fun and have an opportunity to get well acquainted. If Mrs. Grose could come along just bundle her in the car and she could stay at the Allen household while you and I work with the boys.

Now, you count on doing this right away. Don't put it off, but begin talking to those boys and arrange to get here Saturday morning or maybe Friday night. I assure you that all of you are welcome. Let me hear from you right away. I hope this suggestion takes strongly with you and the Mrs. and the boys.

I am happy that you thought the clinic went over in good shape. I had a lot of fun, and both Mrs. Allen and I enjoyed it very much. We just saw "Dodge City" night before last, and our visit to Dodge City made the picture doubly interesting. I know that you must have been suffocated with the influx of all those people. But the fact that you were able to write a letter after all that happened showed me that you can take it.

With all good wishes to you and your good family, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

March 26, 1939
Dodge City, Kansas

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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Athletic Department
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have intended to write to you long before now, but have just simply neglected to do it. During February I managed to keep busy officiating basketball games, sometimes three a week, but now I have more time to devote to so-called unfinished business.

I have talked to Burnett and Schwertfeger several different times about going to school at K.U. next year. I believe they are both interested in the University. Burnett undoubtedly will make some coach an outstanding athlete. He has every thing it takes to make a good athlete, and he absorbs what they coach wants him to so easily. He has improved 1000 per cent in his play each year in school, and with a year of freshman training should be hard to stop. Schwertfeger is wondering about the advisability of his going to the University, since he has had two years of junior college competition. Shorty is another swell boy, and I certainly wouldn't recommend him if he wasn't.

I checked up on the grades both boys have made in school, and they will average a "B". So you wouldn't have trouble with them scholastically.

Sure sorry your team was so cold the night you played Missouri. It looks like its going to be tough on the Big Six teams the next few years however. Laurence Hensley was more than elated to make the trip with the team to Missouri. It was certainly nice of you to take him along. I think you have a servant in that boy from now on out.

Churchill, (the football coach) took Burnett and several other boys up to Manhattan last week-end to see the school and watch spring football practice. I imagine they will make a bid for some of the boys next fall. I would like to take some of the boys up to Lawrence before school is out, but I don't know whether I will be able to arrange it or not. I may be able to work it out during the Kansas relays.

Once again I want to tell you that I certainly enjoyed your visit to Dodge City. Everyone thought the clinic was a huge success. (even the two who were not so strong for it at first). I hope you will be able to get out here again real soon.

Yours truly,

Doral Giese

March 27, 1939.

Mr. Doral Grose,
1700 First Avenue,
Dodge City, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Grose:

Your letter of March 26 addressed to Dr. Allen has been received during his absence in Chicago. He will go from there to Sioux City, Iowa, for the Central District Physical Education meeting, and then on to San Francisco to speak at the convention of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Dr. Allen will be away from the office for about two weeks, but upon his return I am sure he will be interested in seeing your letter.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen.

June 23, 1939.

Mr. Loren Burnett,
Dodge City, Kansas.

Dear Loren:

I would like to hear from you and know how you are getting along this summer. We are still counting on you enrolling at K. U. next fall, and I hope you will be able to make. Let me hear from you at your convenience.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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September 5, 1939.

Mr. Vance Hall,
Downs, Kansas.

Dear Vance:

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of September 3rd. I am delighted that you have had such a wonderful vacation in the Lake of the Woods country. Canada is a wonderful place to enjoy yourself -- cool, and a hospitable group of people with whom you come in contact.

I am glad that you are getting interested as the days roll by toward your University life. I, too, know that you will like K. U. very much. I am sure that you will not have to worry about your transcript. Your grades were fine.

I will be glad to see you when you come to Lawrence on the 11th. Yes, I will be looking for you and will be happy to see you and talk with you concerning your job and your course of study.

Awaiting your coming with pleasure, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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September 3
Downs, Ks.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Am sorry that I haven't written you sonner but have been busy enjoying a wonderful vacation in Canada with some friends from here. They have a cabin in the Lake of The Woods and we really had a wonderful time fishing, swimming and getting in shape for basketball.

I am sure getting excited about going to the University as the days go past. I know I will like K.U. very much. The Superintendent of Downs sent my transcript in some time ago but as yet I have not heard from them -- hope they don't turn me down!

I am coming down a week from tomorrow and I was wondering if I could see you then concerning my job and to talk to you about my course of study which I think you can help me in deciding upon as I want to be a coach.

I would like very much to hear from you if you have the time. Hoping to see you soon, I am

Sincerely yours,

Vance Hall

County Tourney All - Star Team.

Coaches and officials and others interested picked an all-star team from first teams in the tourney at Osborne last week end, and the result was as follows:

Vance Hall, Downs.

Max Kissell, Portis.

Clayton Kyle, Osborne.

Junior Caldwell, Portis.

Roland Brent, Alton.

Several other boys were right close and Stansberry and VanGundy of Osborne, Walters & Dillon of the Downs team and Lea of Alton received considerable mention. Portis had but the two men named while all five of the three other teams had some recognition. In points for first team and honorable mention the rank was Downs, Osborne, Alton and Portis. All-star teams are of course entirely mythical and anyone can name his own team and feel it suits him best.

lin Roosevelt has named Hugo Black, Stanley Reed and Felix Frankfurter, liberals like himself. Next will come appointment of a new liberal to succeed liberal Justice Louis J. Brandeis, retired at full pay to help his fellow Jews and enjoy old age. Expected is an appointment from the middle west, now represented only by Minnesota's Pierce Butler. Since many plainsmen felt short-changed last December when Mr. Roosevelt appointed Justice Frankfurter, an easterner, a middle west appointment is considered incumbent.

Miscellany

Announced, by Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, a \$12,000,000 profit since January 30, 1934, for the highly secret \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund.



HARRISON BROTHERS, AGENTS
DOWNS, KANSAS

June 2, 1939.

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

Dear "Phog" :-

Just a short easily read note to let you know that I haven't had time to get any word to Vance Hall since receiving your very nice letter. He left the Tuesday after Graduation for Texas to work and grow on his Uncle's ranch there.

Other coaches will have no opportunity to work on him this Summer as he will return to Downs just in time to go to Canada for a few weeks fishing and then to K U. I had John Ise talk to him the night of the Downs Hi Alumni banquet and John was very well impressed with the lad. He told Vance a lot about the School and why he liked it so well and also that he much preferred students to athletes but if an athlete was a good one they were all right as such things go. Prof. John being handicapped all his life still resents the active chaps just a little much as he trys not to. At that John Ise is a pretty good old boy and really believes most of what he says. We folks out here have always liked all of the Ise family.

Vance's address in case you should wish to drop him a line this Summer is :

Vance Hall
C/O W.D.Owen,
Route # 1,
Claude, Texas.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely Yours,

W.H. Harrison.

May 22, 1939.

Mr. W. H. Harrison,
State Bank of Downs,
Downs, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I have just returned from the Big Six Conference meet at Ames, Iowa, the past week end and find your letter on my desk awaiting me. As always, it was good to hear from you. It pleased me very much regarding Vance Hall's attitude.

You can tell Vance that we will see him through, and that means seeing him through difficulties. I am glad to know that Vance is intelligent enough to realize that if jobs weren't any too easy around Downs, they wouldn't be too easy to get around another non-college or college town. I like this boy, Vance Hall, not alone for what you have said about him, but also because I am convinced he has the qualities of courage and manhood that will make him a great athlete at the University. You just tell that boy not to worry, but to come to the University and I will not sell him short in any way whatsoever.

Vance Hall has a great friend in you, Bill, and you can tell him that if he would use his reasoning power thoroughly he can be assured that you are going to see that he gets a square deal from every angle, and I say to you, Bill, that I am for this boy, first, last, and all the time. I will take a great interest in him as a student and as an athlete. Not only that, but when he gets through college we will see that he is placed in a good job. He will realize then that all of his struggles have not been in vain. He will say, "Gosh, I've had a swell time going through college. It has been worth more than I have put into it." Then he will be in a position to get out and face life's difficulties with the philosophy and training that will give him confidence and the zest to attack.

I am glad that Vance is going to work on a ranch. There is nothing like the wide open spaces and outdoor work to give a boy the right philosophy of life. He is contacting nature all the time and there is something about a man's make-up that when he works and sees the wonders of the elements he is a pretty safe individual to deal with. Won't you give me Vance's address so that I may write him during the summer? You tell him that I want to hear from him consistently and he can rest assured that I will write him from time to time. If he has already left I suggest that you send him this

letter and assure him that he is going to have a wonderful time at the University of Kansas. He is ambitious with the right idea, it seems to me. It will be a pleasure to have him here on the team with Miller, Engleman, Bob Allen and the rest of the boys. We have a fine bunch of chaps and they are all just about like Vance is -- a bunch of sterling lads who are worth more than any resources that the state has.

I consider it a blessed privilege to have youngsters in school and associated with such fellows as Bruce Voran, Bill Hogben, Kenny Messner and the rest of the fellows, including the freshmen that are coming up. But you tell Vance not to be afraid but what he can make his place on this Kansas varsity. Every one of the boys that I have on the team are exactly like him and this is the sort of an outfit that I want. I certainly would not thank any coach for trying to paint a roseate picture to my son should he be considering going away to college. So I try to do for the other boys what I would want some father to do for my boy.

Many of these coaches work on the premise of promising the boy everything and then when he gets to that particular school they tell him that things didn't pan out just exactly the way they hoped but they would help him anyhow all they could. Then, of course, you know that they figure since a boy is enrolled and has been there a month or so they can hold him. That is obtaining athletes under false pretenses and it is a pretty shabby trick.

I have chosen the other angle -- that of being perfectly frank with the boy and then when tough times do come, as they do to all of us, we can sit down together and work out a plan that causes the boy to feel that you really are his friend.

So you just assure Vance that in all of our opinions he made a wise decision. I am sure that he will never be sorry. Bill, I appreciate your interest in Vance and I know when he is on the varsity that you will be up here even more regularly than before. I am convinced that you believe he is the real stuff and we want you to be happy about your nomination of him.

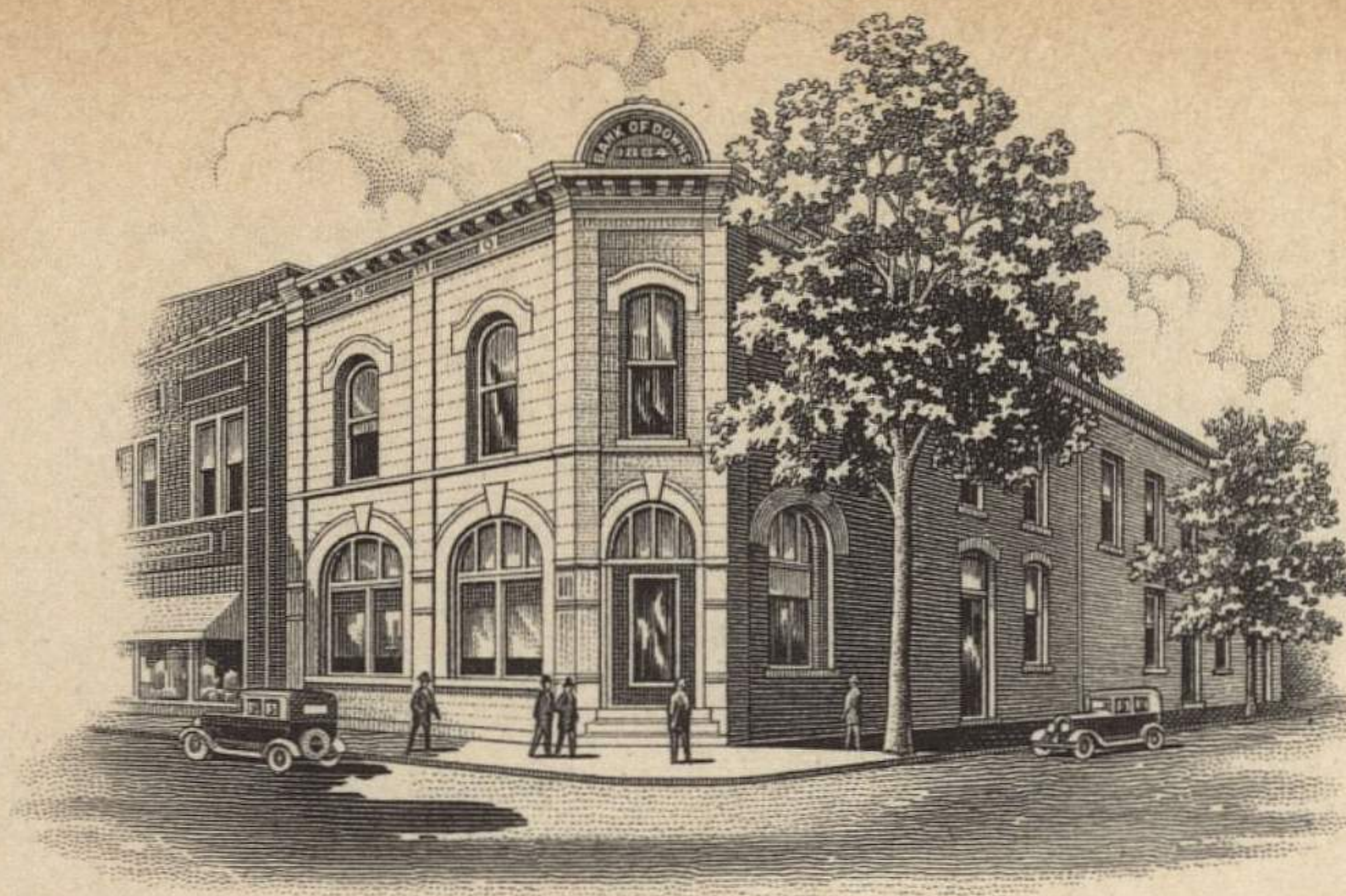
With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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DOWNS, KANSAS

May 18, 1939.

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

Dear "Phog" :-

Vance Hall has been over to talk with me several times lately and he is absolutely coming to K U if he can make the grade with his finances. Just last week he told a couple of College Coaches who were here with flattering offers that he had wanted to go to K U for several years and that if he could just make his grades down there and play on Phog Allen's Team he would just about have reached his athletic goal. He didn't know that he could make it with the job you had in mind but wants to come to K U so badly that he will be down there trying at any rate.

He wanted to come down the first of the week and talk things over with you but the fellows from here who were going to Topeka decided to put it off so he won't get to come to Lawrence until about time for School to start next Fall. Helen goes to K.C. tomorrow to take Billy for his monthly turn with the Dentist but Vance has to attend his Graduation Exercises tomorrow night so couldn't go along with her. He leaves Tuesday for work on a ranch in Texas where he worked last year, and the last month of this Summer he will spend in Canada with some Downs folks who have a Lodge in the Lake of the Woods country, as their guest. I hope that he comes back from Texas as much bigger and huskier looking as last year. He seemed to grow inches and gain a lot of weight and said the hard work and sunshine did it for him.

If there is anything you can suggest that I do at this end please let me know. I do feel certain that Vance will be there in the Fall and that no one will get to him this Summer. Every time some one contacts him he comes to see me and jokes about their flattery and the rosy picture they paint for him at other Schools. You certainly did the exactly right thing when you talked just the opposite from all the others about hard work and steady application, and offered nothing on a silver platter. His being away all Summer will keep him from being bothered by other Coaches, especially from the smaller Schools, and he doesn't like their line any way.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely Yours, *W. J. Harrison.*

May 9, 1939.

Mr. W. H. Harrison,
Downs, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your good letter of the 6th instant. I am very happy that you wrote me regarding Vance Hall.

You know, I told you and told him that we would fix him up with a job here in the Department of Physical Education. We have under our control the matter of checking out towels to the boys in the gymnasium and in the physical education department. A fellow can work two or three hours a day, and we pay 35¢ an hour.

They have a rule that if you work three hours a day you can enroll in only 12 hours of academic work during the semester, but a fellow can work two hours a day and carry his full load of 15 hours. It takes 27 hours the two preceding semesters to be eligible for varsity competition. If a fellow would carry only 12 hours a semester he would have only 24 hours the two semesters prior to his eligibility. Therefore, it is a good idea for him to carry 15 hours because there is always danger that a fellow might fail in 2, 3 or even 5 hours. If a boy worked 2 hours a day, 6 days a week, at 35¢ an hour that would be \$4.20 a week, or \$16.80 for the four weeks. This is about as much as a fellow can work without losing some academic hours. And this is generally what most of our athletes do who get along in their subjects.

Won't you write me and tell me if this is about the amount of work that Vance desires? Of course, a fellow can work more, but invariably I find that when a fellow does more work than this his studies suffer. If this is satisfactory, you can count on this work. I have told you that we would take care of Vance in the way of work, and we will do that very thing. The great danger, as I pointed out, is that of trying to work too much and letting the academic subjects suffer.

Before showing my letter to Vance you write me and let me know just what you think he expects, because I do not want to have some

representative of another school promise him more than he can actually get and succeed. For that reason I am very desirous of having him come to the University, and at the same time feel satisfied that we are doing everything that we can for him. If he needs more work after his subjects are assured, then we can get it for him. But I can count the hundreds of boys who come with a desire to earn more money and spend less time on their studies, and most of those boys went home disappointed because they could not play, due to the fact that they flunked out. No boy will flunk here if he has an ordinary brain, if he attends all of his classes, and gives some time to his studies. It is the boy who feels like all that is necessary is to go to class occasionally and play ball who has the high mortality.

It was fine that you had Ad out to talk to Vance, and it was fine that Ad made such a good talk. I appreciate Ad's kindly cooperation.

With all good wishes to you, Vance, and the rest of the Downs contingent, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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HARRISON BROTHERS, AGENTS
DOWNS, KANSAS

May 6, 1939.

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

Dear "Phog" :-

I have been intending this letter for some time but let it slip my mind. Vance Hall asked me some time ago to write you and see what you could do for him in the way of part-time employment next School term. I haven't any idea other than to leave it up to you as I am sure the boy will make good in any work he is assigned to do. He is thoroughly sold on K U and I believe he has all the qualifications necessary to be a success while there. He has worked Summers for the past few years and isn't afraid of work. He has had experience the past two vacations in Drug Store work and also did some tractor farming for an uncle in Texas last year. I don't suppose you have many tractors in Lawrence however.

Anything you can do to help him will be appreciated as he seems to think that whatever you say will be all right with him. He certainly appreciated the talk you gave him and it was so different from the talks other Coaches and School men have given him that he felt you were about the only one who told him the truth. The others seem to think he believes that they will put him on a pedestal and bring things to him, and none of those who talked along those lines made much of a hit with him. Adrian Lindsey was out home for luncheon a few days ago and I asked Vance to come over and meet him. Ad talked so nice about K U to Vance, about Mandeville, Red Hart, himself, and others from small Towns without any money and how well they got along, etc. Vance had said that it probably took a lot of money to get through K U and old Ad certainly rose to the defense in great shape. He said that the other Schools could not find anything to talk against K U as a School so reverted to the rich School and Society School angle. He made me pleased that I had asked him to talk with Vance and certainly made a hit with the boy.

You may either write me or address your answer directly to Vance, whichever you choose. Thanks a lot for your patience with me in all this correspondence but I wish we had a boy like Vance coming out of Downs High every year.

Sincerely,

Bill Harrison

April 13, 1939.

Mr. Wm. H. Harrison,
Downs, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

We are inviting the boys who are interested in basketball to come to the gym on the Saturday morning of the Relays, April 22, and shoot a few goals. We would be very happy if you could bring Vance Hall and Allen Verhage over. After the work-out in the gym the boys can take a shower and be in tip-top shape for the Relays in the afternoon.

I expect to spend my Saturday morning here at the gymnasium meeting these boys. They will all dress in one big room and will have a lot of fun. They can check out some basketball equipment and shoot a few goals, and get acquainted.

We will have the new convex backboards up so the boys can try them out, which should add a lot of interest.

I assure you that all of you are welcome. Write me and let me know if we can count on you and your boys.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

April 17, 1939.

Mr. Cade Suran,
Downs Public Schools,
Downs, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Suran:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the 13th regarding Vance Hall. I met Vance when Mr. Harrison brought him to the University, and know he is a splendid young man. I wrote Mr. Harrison the other day asking him to bring Vance Hall and Allen Verhage over to the University the day of the Relays. We are having some of the boys who are interested in basketball work out in the gym Saturday morning. It will be lots of fun for them and a good opportunity to get acquainted.

I am glad to know that you are bringing some boys to Lawrence for the Relays, and I assure you it will be a pleasure to have a talk with you. I expect to be in the gymnasium all morning Saturday, probably on the basketball court with the boys.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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DOWNS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Geo. Bistline, Superintendent

DOWNS, KANSAS

April 13, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am writing you in regard to Vance Hall, who graduates this spring.

Vance was greatly impressed by his visit to the University with Bill Harrison. He is very anxious to attend college but is doubtful as to whether he will have financial support.

I am wondering if you could give me an estimate of how much money he will need from home, also approximately how much he will be able to earn while in school.

I realize that the particular type of course one selects will largely determine the number of hours one will have in which to do outside work.

Vance would like to major in Physical Education. I realize there is no tuition at a State University, but at the same time there are a number of fees which must be paid and these are in some instances equivalent to tuition.

I am planning to bring some boys to Lawrence to the Relays and if you should have a few minutes at that time, I should like very much an opportunity to talk with you. With best personal regards, I remain

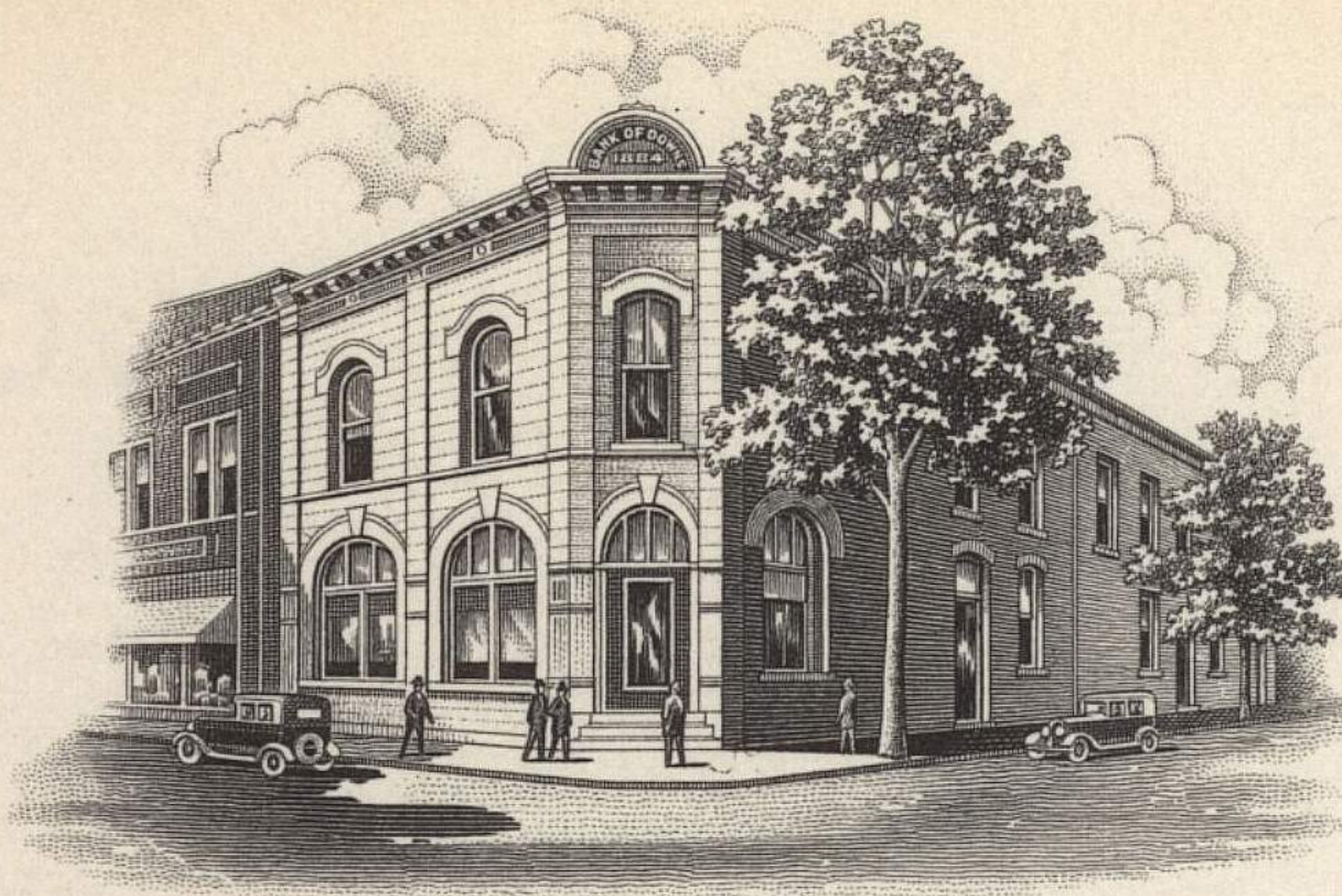
Cordially yours



Cade Suran

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DOWNS, KANSAS

March 13, 1939.

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

Dear "Phog" :-

Our basketball worries are over since Downs High was eliminated in the Regional at Mankato Friday night by the Haddam Team. Hall sprained his ankle in the second Quarter of the Thursday night game and was hobbling the rest of the game. It took all his drive and practically stopped him from anything but long hard shots. At that the boy scored 29 points against a much larger team while his mates were gathering only 8 points to beat Webber 37 to 30. The next night Hall was so badly crippled he reminded me of Ralph Miller trying to get around over the floor under great difficulties. Downs lost to Haddam 39 to 25 and Hall scored 16 points to give him a Regional average of 22.5 per game, which is fair for a cripple. Haddam had a big, husky Center about 6'5" who dunked them in from under the basket, and Hall who always handles the big boys on the defense was helpless as he couldn't get very high off of the floor. This big chap scored 27 points. I didn't get his name as we were mired down in snow drifts South of Lebanon and couldn't get to Mankato to play the consolation game. The other team was snowed in at Smith Center so it is just the end of the Season for us.

I will try to get a Mankato paper for you and mail it down so you can see what they have to say about Hall. The crowd thought he was pretty good and I was sorry for the kid because he really wanted to go to Town in that Tournament. I feel certain that Downs could have gone through but for his bum ankle.

With best wishes to you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Harrison