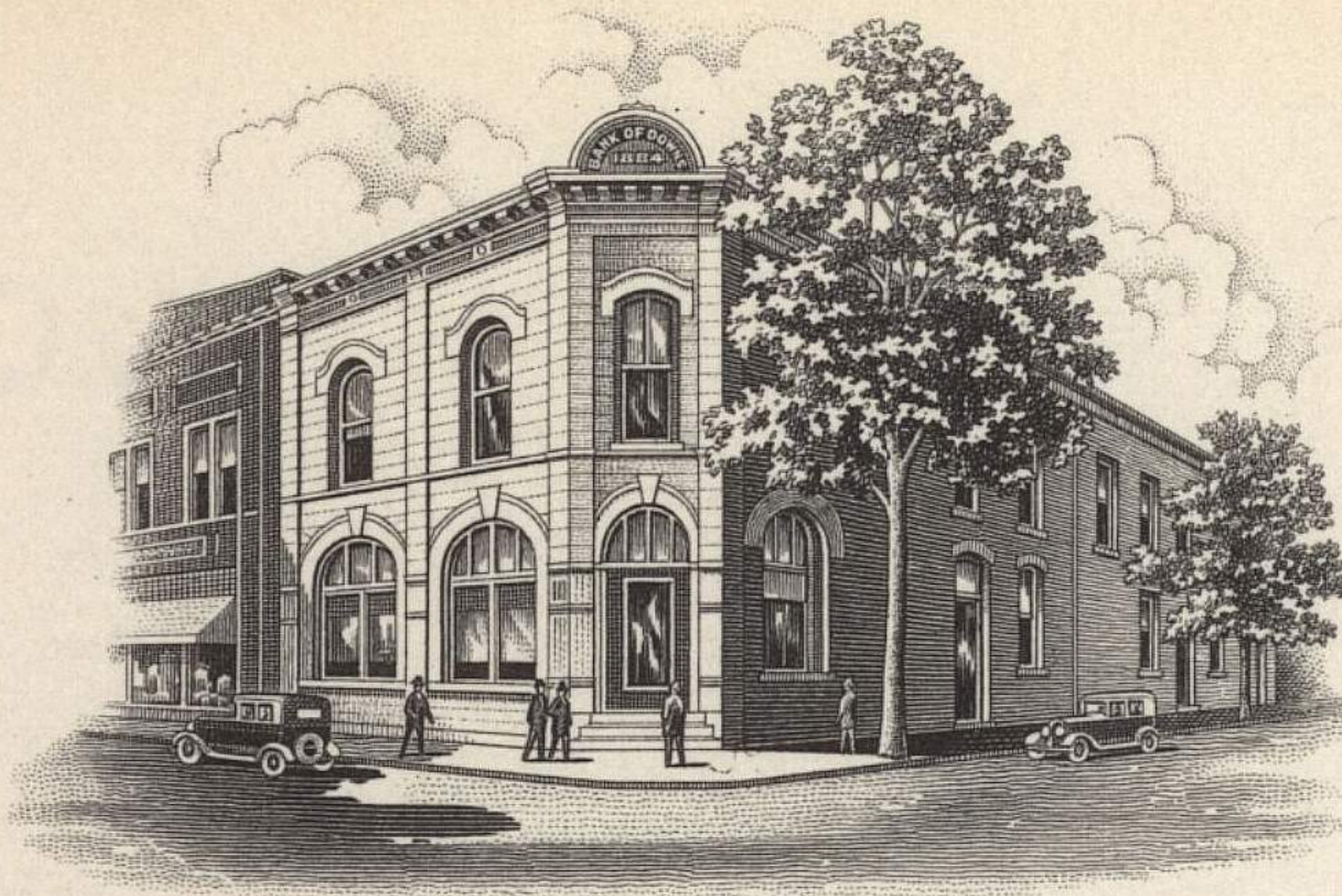


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Mr. Forrest C. Allen, Director
Physical Education Department,
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Dear "Phog" :-

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