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Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
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Dear Dr. Allen:-

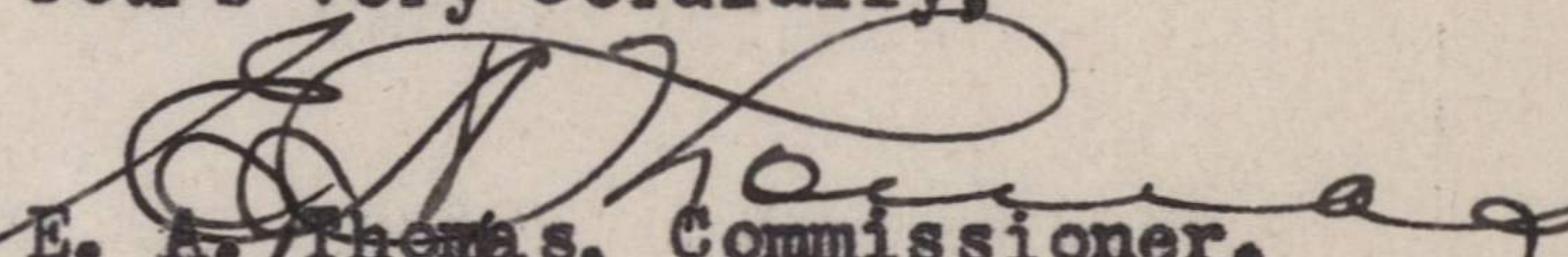
I wrote the enclosed article after I had been asked by a certain publication of wide circulation for my views on the new basketball rules. I don't know that I'll offer it for print but am thinking of running it as an editorial in the next issue of the Kansas High School Activities Journal.

We high school fellows have been thinking about certain desirable changes for some time but have taken no active part in the controversy over higher goals and the curbing of the performances of the extra long boys. Since the rules committee has acted, however, it appears to me that the subject is as much ours for consideration as it is one for anybody else.

I believe I have indicated just about how I feel in regard to the subject at the present time and with the information I have at hand. I'm not for any such "whittling" remedies as the rules committee has dished out to us. I would favor, however, a conscientious study of the game in an endeavor to eliminate as many of the inequities in the game as possible, provided that is what the basketball people really want.

I'll be glad to have your comments before I decide to publish this article and if I am wrong in any of my factual statements, I'll be glad to have you correct me. I'm not endeavoring to agree with anyone in his particular views. All of us are entitled to our own views, provided we are honest about them and use ordinary judgment in presenting them. This I have tried to keep in mind in preparing this short article which, of course, does not go very deep into the subject. I'll be glad to hear from you.

Yours very cordially,


E. A. Thomas, Commissioner.

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