

Lawrence, Kansas
October 9, 1940

The Lawrence Community Chest Campaign started this morning at 9:00 A.M. The Community Chest is an incorporated body authorized under the laws of Kansas with a constitution and by-laws. The officers are Mr. George Lowman, Prof. J.O. Jones, Messrs. Ruben Fox, F.C. Whipple and Charles Louk.

The first bomb was fired this morning from Central Park at 9:00 A.M. by Sgt. H.E. Roy of the R.O.T.C., signaling the start of this sincere and whole-hearted campaign for the relief of distressed and unfortunate citizens in Lawrence. We sincerely trust that you will avail yourself of the opportunity to make a contribution for this worthwhile project. By contributing you will enable Lawrence and Mount Oread to go over the top in keeping with the ideals and practices of free America. The democratic nations are the only nations that do such a thing as we are doing in Lawrence, Kansas at the present time.

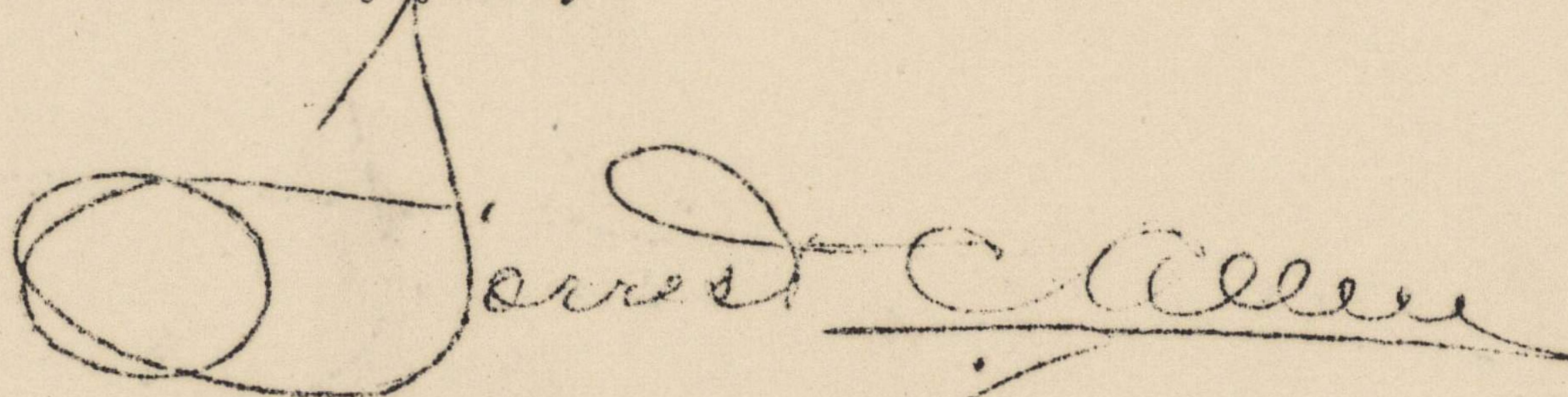
The total budget for Lawrence and the year is \$7515.00. The Christmas Program and the Fourth of July Celebration are listed separately and are not incorporated in the financial estimates on this statement. The giving of funds for these two items will be entirely optional.

You can see by the list enclosed that the K.U. "Y.M." and "Y.W." are not included. The executives stated that it was their hope next year to have these two hill organizations included. The National Red Cross desires not to be included because they have an organization of their own, and calls may be frequent by them according to emergency.

Your name is listed herewith and we will appreciate your giving according to the dictates of your heart. The general practice is to give to the Chest the equivalent of one day's earnings.

Will you kindly mail this pledge card back to me through the campus mail by Thursday, which is the last day of the drive.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ernest Allen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

Chairman, University Committee

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