

THE GREAT BEND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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one hundred and eighty pairs of feet per day for a solid week, and even yet we are painting them once a week. I have the boys broken in now and they are doing their own paint jobs. I think we have the situation pretty well in hand now and I hope we can keep it so.

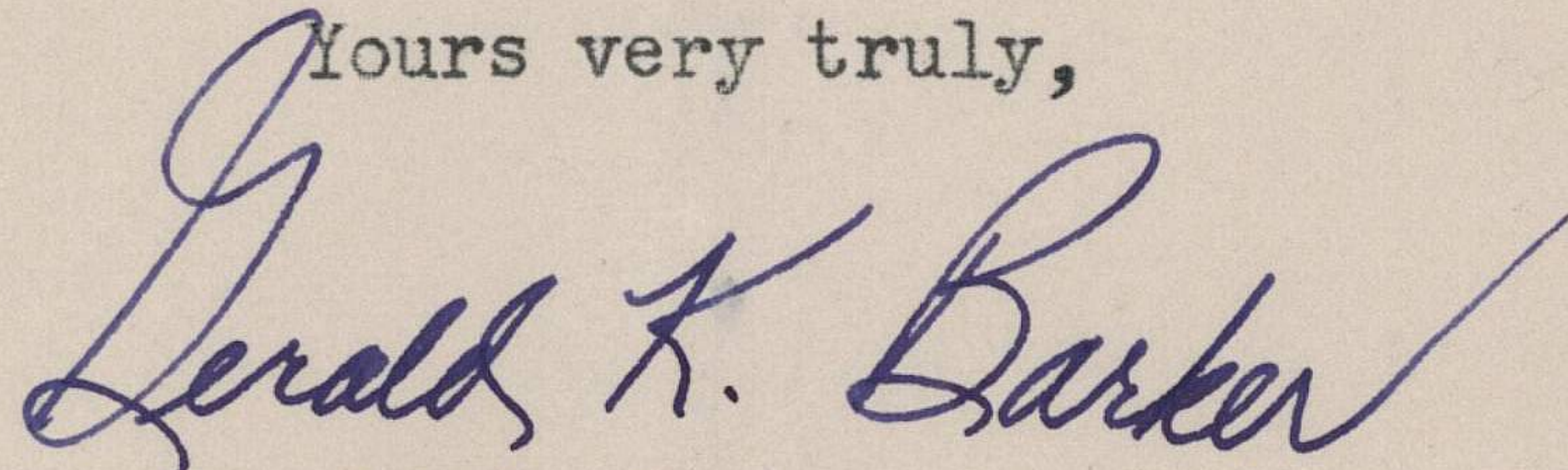
The administration was quite willing to buy whatever we wanted and we are trying to give a well balanced program including all types of leadup games to basketball, badminton, volleyball, touch football, horseshoes, shuffleboard, deck tennis, tumbling, and plenty of calisthenics. I think I told you when I was in your office a short time ago that we were considering the purchase of some "Goal-Hi" and we now have five of them in use; one at each grade school and one at each the junior and senior highs. The kids really do like them and of course you know that I think they are the perfect setup for learning basket shooting. We are also installing the new type of basketball backboard both for practice and game use. We play our games in the new city auditorium and our first squad also works out there. The reserves work in the high school gym as does the junior high outfit. I have already erected four new goals in the high school gym and that makes eight shooting goals for practice. I also bought a dozen new balls which gives us ample opportunity for shooting practice. Now my only headache is finding the needed time.

The boys in my junior high physical ed classes are really pretty bad, "Doc", as far as basketball is concerned. Many of them have never seen a game and none of them have ever played in a game because the provisions have never been made for any kind of a grade school or junior high schedule. In other words, it will be a matter of building from the ground up. Maybe it will be something like a "five year plan".

I wish the best of luck to you and your boys this coming season and I would really appreciate you keeping your fingers crossed for me. Of course, I refer to your "Better Basketball" continually and it really does give a lot of help that I really didn't know I had at hand. If you think of anything that I could do which might help the situation here in a hurry, I sure would like to hear from you.

Thanking you for all past favors, I remain,

Yours very truly,



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