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Dear Friends:

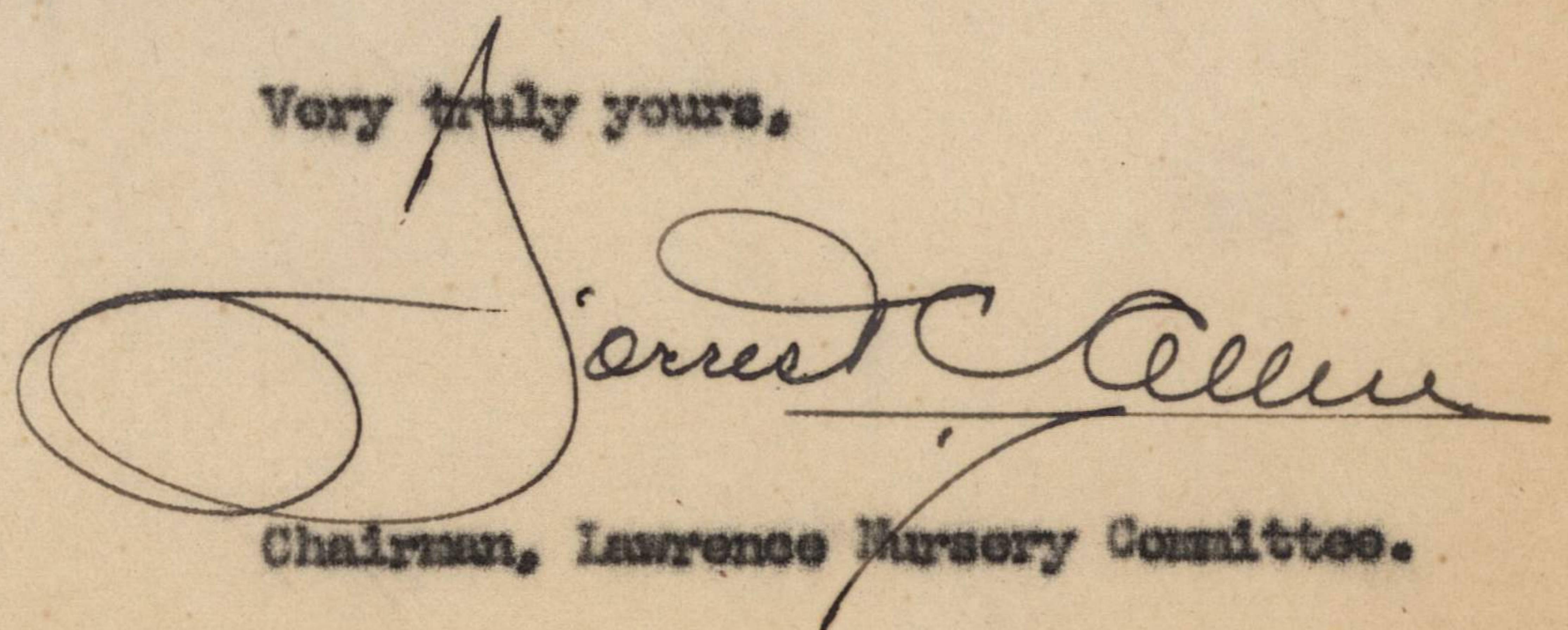
The lovely playground in the back of the nursery school is not available to the children during the winter time because of the very cold weather, so we have had some work done in the basement to accommodate them during the winter months.

The basement is of stone, and there were cracks and holes in the walls which we had plugged up, both inside and outside, to keep the cold air out. The furnace has been walled off with bristol board, and the entire basement cleaned and painted - ceiling, walls and everything. There is now a lovely, light, warm play space for the children. The play apparatus has been moved in, and the basement room is very comfortable.

The bill for this improvement was a little over \$80.00. I went to the Rotary Club, and the Board of Directors gave \$40.00 from the milk fund, but we went ahead and fixed up the playroom without additional funds before the beginning of cold weather.

I am asking each one of the members of the Nursery Committee to stop by some morning around 10:30 and really inspect this play area. I know it will give you a very happy reaction to see that something has been done for these little youngsters. I went ahead and had the work done, and now am trying to get \$40.00 or more to finish paying the bill. I am not asking you people for a penny - I just want you to look at it. I am going to get the \$40 from somebody, but I promise it won't be you. Your payment is made if you make the trip over there.

Very truly yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ernest Allen". The signature is written over a horizontal line and extends across the width of the page.

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