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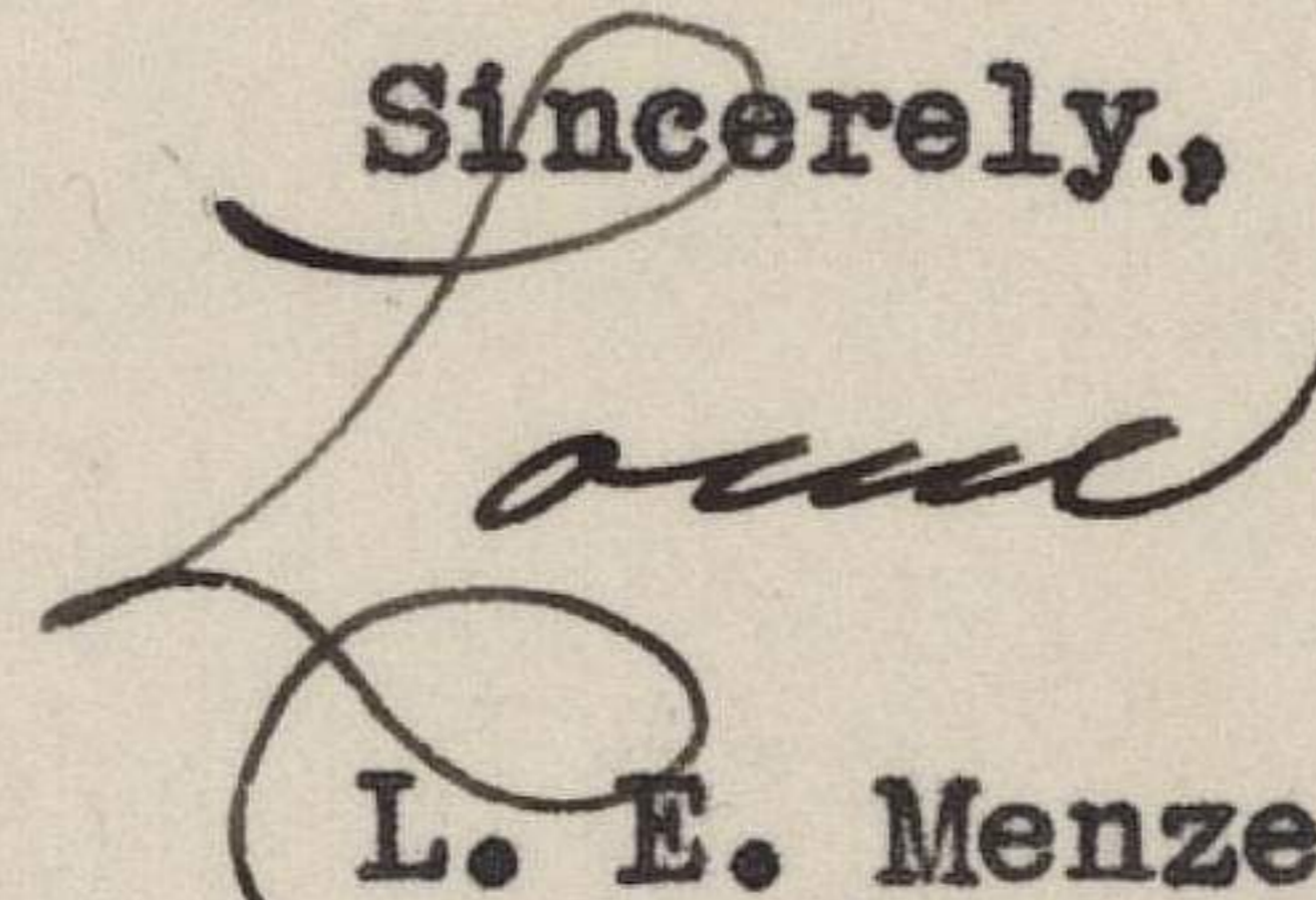
Dear Doc:

In reply to your letter of September 16 relative to the possible change in the shape of the backboard, I certainly would be in favor of some sort of uniformity in the construction of the backboard and the manner in which it is erected. Take, for example, our boards here--because of the fact that we have them suspended from the ceiling we have a difficult time making them rigid. As a result there is more play in our boards than there is in those which are attached to the walls. Just off hand I would say some sort of an arrangement whereby the boards are erected on a standard platform might be the answer for uniformity.

I don't see any objections in reducing the size of the board as I really don't think we need a board 6 feet long. I doubt, however, if the 4 foot dimension could be lessened very much. Because of the expense involved I just wonder if a reduction in size or shape would be worth while. I haven't given this matter a great deal of thought but these are my first reactions as I think about it.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



L. E. Menze  
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