

Governor Harry H. Woodring, Correspondence Files, Box 16

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OFFICE OF
COUNTY CLERK

TREGO COUNTY, KANSAS

WILLIS S. SPITSNAUGLE, CLERK
BEATRICE HOFFER, DEPUTY CLERK

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
1ST DISTRICT- GEORGE GLASS, OGALLALA
2ND DISTRICT- L. H. GALLOWAY, WAKEENEY
3RD DISTRICT- S. A. NEWCOMER, COLLYER

COMMISSIONERS MEET FIRST MONDAY
OF EACH MONTH.

WAKEENEY, KANSAS

August 11, 1931

Gov. H. Woodring
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear sir:

Mr. Norman McKenzie of Wakeeney, our City Clerk
and also Community Club officer, wishes to have four-
hundred application blanks for driver's license sent to
him.

Thanking you for taking care of this, I am

Most sincerely,

Willis S. Spitsnaugle

WSS/BH

gone

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STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

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August 6, 1931

Mr. Maurice P. O'Keefe
Atchison, Kansas

Dear Mr. O'Keefe:

I have your letter of August 1, which I have read with a great deal of interest.

I note what you say with regard to the removal of Albert Morton, clerk, in the office of Victor King, Vehicle Commissioner.

There is no question but Morton's place will be filled by a colored man. Winrow comes well recommended and your letter adds much to his chances.

I realize that I received a number of colored votes in Atchison and there is no intention of cutting out colored employes and replacing them with whites. As a matter of fact I already have made a number of appointments from among the colored folk, some of them to better positions than they have received under previous administrations. I trust that when this matter finally is settled it will prove highly satisfactory to you and those supporters among the negroes which I had last fall.

With kindest personal regards and assuring you that I appreciate your interest, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor



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TELEPHONES: OFFICE 53
HOME 1493

FRANCES G. O'KEEFE
NOTARY PUBLIC

MAURICE P. O'KEEFE
LAWYER
ATCHISON, KANSAS

August 1, 1931.

Honorable H. H. Woodring,
Governor of Kansas,
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Governor: -

Sometime ago Albert Morton was relieved of his duties as Clerk in the office of Victor King, Vehicle Commissioner. At the time he was relieved I believe there was some talk of appointing Araczar Winrow in his place. However, nothing developed.

You received quite a number of colored votes over here, Governor, and some capital is being made of the fact that a colored man was let out of the job because you are a Democrat.

You have a number of very good ^{colored} Democratic voters and friends over here in Atchison. They are also friends of mine and if it is at all possible I wish you would give this job made vacant by Morton to Winrow.

The only interest I have in writing you is so that whenever you or my Democratic friends run for office I can go to mine and your colored friends and cite what you have done for their race. This will mean quite a lot to us if it is at all possible for you to do it.

Sincerely,

Maurice P. O'Keefe.

Yes
Yes
He will
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Morton
with
negro
himself
comes
well
and I
your letter

RECORDED

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W. H. Woodring *W. H. Woodring*

11. C. M. A.
Aug 6. 1931

My Dear Gov.:

I recd your letter
and am very glad indeed
that you have given my
application has been given
consideration as I am sure
without a doubt I can do the
more good than anyone Mr
King wishes to place there
as I will trust the party and
stay by them and do you a
plenty good and all the rest
of the party I am for the party
out and out and will work
the same way I am going to
help and put you back for

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The second time also telling
to work for the better of the party
try and land the position I
will see that just the same
for you and your party. Darryl
Green is working he said in my
behalf now please do all you
possible can for me and I will
sure you and our party will
never regret it the time is
drawing near for a final I will
sure like to win out after I had
worked so hard to put you
across as gov and me to
win let me know as soon as
possible if my party can do me
any good yours
Rube F. Felt
1301 Woodland Hotel, P.O. Mo.

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TOPEKA

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Sincere*

August 6, 1931

Mr. Coburn Jones, Secretary
The Chamber of Commerce
Cedar Vale, Kansas

Dear Mr. Jones:

I have your letter of August 1, for
which I thank you.

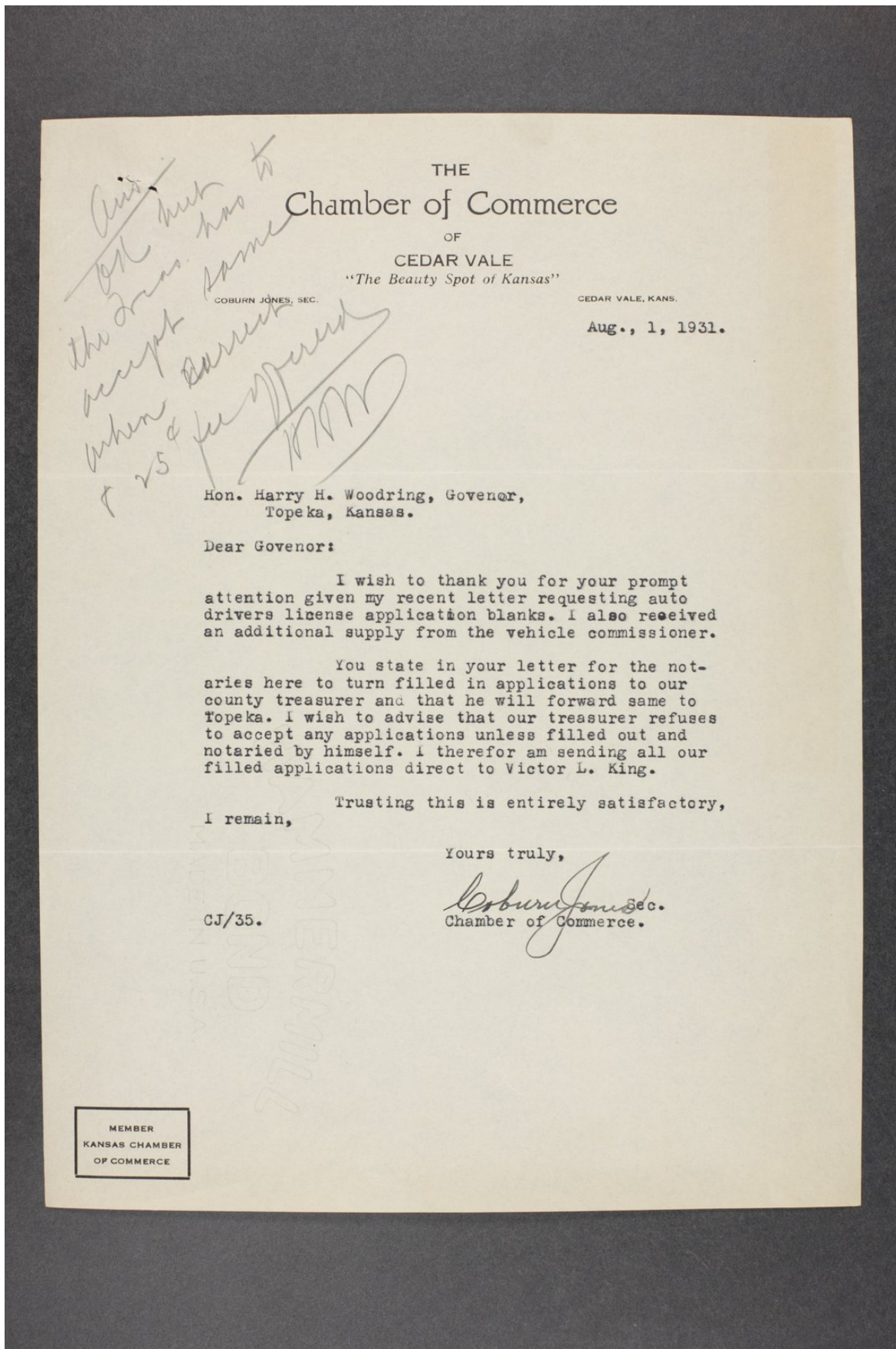
It is alright for you to forward the
applications with fees directly to Victor L. King.
I note what you say relative to the attitude of
the County Treasurer but the fact of the matter is
that he is obliged to accept the attested applica-
tions when the correct fee of 25 cents each is
offered.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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August 7, 1931

Mr. Samuel A. Jolly
2011 Harrison Street
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Jolly:

I have your letter of August 3, relative to position under Victor King, State Vehicle Commissioner.

I thank you for writing me and also for the references you have submitted, together with information concerning yourself. You may be sure that your application will be given earnest consideration, with others, and I trust that a definite answer will be forthcoming within a short time. We have comparatively few jobs available while the applicants number something like six thousand, so you will understand that it is not an easy matter to distribute them equitably throughout the State.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor



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J.W.Blood, President M.J.Healy, Vice Pres. W.E.Dorrel, Sec'y.

MOTOR TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS, INC.

Hotel Kansen -- Topeka, Kansas.
THE OFFICIAL ORGANIZATION OF HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES
IN KANSAS.
Affiliated with National Organizations.

Bulletin No. 15

August 13, 1931.

THERE ARE NO HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 1931.

A great many operators have visited the headquarters in Topeka during the past ten days. Applications for membership are coming in daily. HAVE YOU SENT IN YOURS? No doubt you have all received the letter from President Blood dated August 10th.

Many inquiries relative to liability and property damage insurance have been received and these are being answered as rapidly as possible. Insurance rates are due to increase within the next thirty days and we suggest that you avail yourselves of the opportunity to get in on our special arrangements. Be sure and sign your name to your inquiry.

* Owing to the death of Mrs. Thos.N.Mulloy, wife of the *
* Director of the Motor Carrier Department of the Public *
* Service Commission, the meetings scheduled to be held *
* by the Commission in Salina and Hutchinson this week *
* were postponed. They will probably be held next week. *
* Watch the papers for date, time and place. *

We all extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Mulloy in his hour of trouble.

Following is a rule of the Commission relative to reporting accidents:

"Accidents arising from or in connection with the operation of motor vehicles under this act, resulting in injury to any person shall be reported IMMEDIATELY, in detail, to the Commission, in writing. Whenever any accident causes loss of life or limb to any person, the motor carrier shall IMMEDIATELY give notice of the fact in detail to the Commission by the speediest means of communication, whether telephone, telegraph, or post. Any such accidents resulting in damage to property not owned by the motor carrier and amounting to more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be reported to the Commission."

Of course, every operator should use every possible precaution to avoid and prevent accidents, but when they do happen, be sure to report as required by the above rule.

Be sure your lights, brakes, reflectors, tires, etc. are in proper condition before sending vehicles out on the highway. Possibly your run is ordinarily made in daylight -- there is a possibility that some of the mechanism may fail and it would be necessary to leave the vehicle on the highway after dark. Be sure your lights are working properly to meet such an emergency.

There is also a rule which requires all vehicles under the jurisdiction of the Commission to stop at all railroad and interurban crossings. MAKE THIS A HABIT.

There are still some operators who feel that they do not have to comply with the law. The best way to find out is to call upon or write the Public Service Commission, State House, Topeka. All persons using the highways for transporting persons or property for hire are required to secure permission from the Commission and pay the tax as proscribed by law. There are two exceptions, the farmer carrying his own goods and the private carrier who operates within a radius of 25 miles from his own base point.

No Banker, Lawyer or Politician can change this until the next session of the legislature. Then it is up to YOU.

W.E. Dorrel
Secretary

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TOPEKA

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Vehicle

August 14, 1931

Mr. A. W. Blossier
301 South Fifth Street
Independence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Blossier:

Replying to your letter of August 6, I am sorry to report those places to which you refer were filled some time ago. We have been snowed under by so many applicants with such a comparatively few positions available that the distribution to satisfy everyone has been just about our hardest job.

I assure you that I do remember you and should anything develop in which you would be interested, I will keep you in mind.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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Independence, Kansas. August 6th 1931.

Gov. Harry Woodring,
Topeka, Kansas.
My Dear Governor ;

At the suggestion of Mr Chas. Spencer of the "Reporter" I am writing you with the hope that you might consider me as an applicant for the position of Inspector of Truck's and Busses, an addition recently added to the State Highway Dep't. I am out of employment and in dire need of a place.

You will no doubt remember me as the Bert Blossier who was connected with the Commercial Nat Bank here during it's entire existence. At the time of it's trouble I was on the Board of Directors, and the Committee who organized the Security Nat Bank in order to please the Comptroller of the Currency followed his suggestion to not employ in the new Bank any of the Directors of the Commercial Nat. There were never any charges brought against any one in the case, however, except Mr Guernsey.

Will say, I can give you references from an unlimited number of the best Citizens of Independence provided you require them. Bankers, Heads of Civic organizations, County Officers, Municipal Officers and of course Mr Spencer of the "Reporter".

Hoping to hear from you,

I am respectfully,

Ans.
Dear Bert:
I am sorry to report
that these places were
all filled long before
you applied etc
W.W.

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Vehicle
September 15, 1931

Mr. H. H. St. John, Sales Agent
The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Co.
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. St. John:

I am very happy to have helped Mrs. Flora for some nine months past and to have been able to grant your request that she be retained as long as possible. However, the increasing demand of those who did not work against my election, but quite the contrary did work for it, is such that I feel I have an obligation which exceeds the desire of retaining Mrs. Flora further.

I wish I might furnish a haven for all worthy and unfortunate persons needing places so badly, but my position is becoming similar to what I imagine is that of the Santa Fe -- not enough jobs to go around.

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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Subject: "GRAND CANYON LINE"

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company

CLAIM DEPARTMENT

H. C. PRIBBLE,
General Claim Agent

E. H. HEMUS,
Asst. General Claim Agent

C. D. HART,
Asst. General Claim Agent

Topeka, Kansas,
September 11th, 1931

Hon. H. W. Woodring,
Governor, State of Kansas,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Woodring:

I have just been informed that within the next few days there are to be several changes made in the Vehicle Department, and being very much interested in the welfare of Mrs. Leona M. Flora, who is now employed in that department, I am again, as Vice-President of the Masonic Employment Bureau, writing you, as I did under date of March 25th, in this lady's behalf.

I explained in my previous letter the need of Mrs. Flora being permanently employed so therefor will not again go into the details. The members of the Masonic Fraternity are solidly behind this lady and any assistance rendered by you to insure her continued employment will be deeply appreciated by all Masons in this vicinity.

Yours very truly,

W. H. Johnson
Sales Agent

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This I have been very happy to have helped Mrs. Flora some quite a bit to have granted your request - however the increasing demand of those who did not want to work against my election but quite the contrary did work for same (over)

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Yours truly
H. W.

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

September 23, 1931

Mr. Hugh C. Gresham, Editor
The Cheney Sentinel
Cheney, Kansas

Dear Mr. Gresham:

I have your letter of September 12 which I have read with much interest. That it has not been answered more promptly is due to the fact that we have had an unusual mass of mail which has taxed our force to answer.

I have referred your letter to Mr. King with the suggestion that he adjust this matter in such a way as will meet with the approval of the people generally.

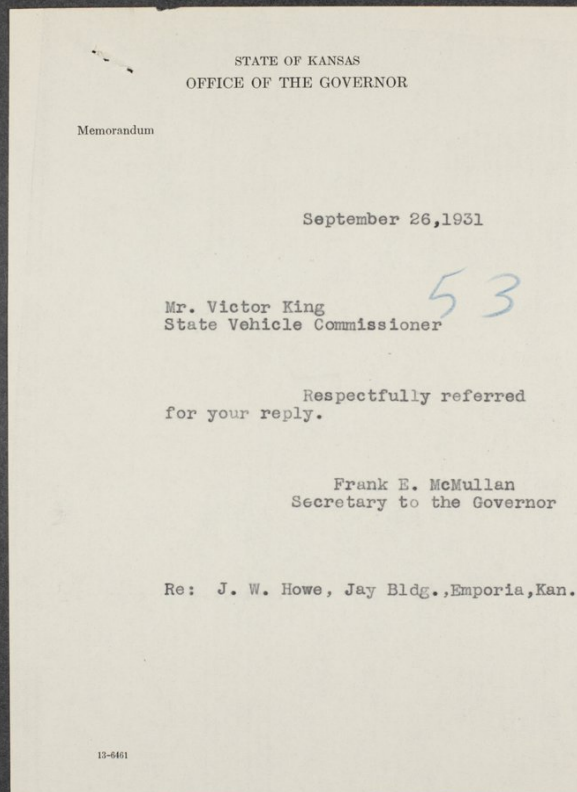
It is my understanding that free notary service is furnished in something like one hundred offices in Wichita, that the case to which you refer does not have to be purchased and that the only cost to the applicant is the 25¢ fee for the State and possibly in some instances mailing charges. The law itself provides only for the collection of the State fee, though, of course, it does not require notaries to donate their services unless they desire to do so.

Thanking you for writing me in this connection and assuring you that I appreciate your interest, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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September 25, 1931

Mr. J. W. Howe
Jay Building
Emporia, Kansas

Dear Mr. Howe:

Replying to your letter of September 4 relative to Mr. Ormsby, permit me to say that I am referring your letter to Mr. King, State Vehicle Commissioner with the request that he write you directly with regard to the matter. I appreciate your interest in the administration which I am sure prompted you to write me so fully.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

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September 29, 1931

Miss Dorothy Ehart
Jarbalo
Kansas

Dear Miss Ehart:

Replying to your letter of September 26, permit me to say that inquiry develops there is nothing available in the way of a position in the Vehicle Department. While it is true they have a big force and are pretty well snowed under with the mass of applications, they are handicapped by a lack of room and equipment, and probably will add no more stenographers for some time. Should anything develop, I would be glad to advise you and will file your application for future reference.

Thanking you for your letter and assuring you that I appreciate highly the support which I received from your family, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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Inquiry nothing
develops now.
amiable now.
H H W*

Jarbalo, Kansas
September 26, 1931.

Governor Woodring,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I heard that at
the department where the driver's
licenses are issued they are
rushed with work that some
around here haven't received
their licenses they applied
for about a month ago. If
there are any chances to get
work there or somewhere else
out there I sure would
like to have something to do.
I have a high school
education and held a State

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normal Teachers Certificate,
but did not get a school.
There are so many married
women teaching around here
that the girls haven't a
chance even though they offer
to teach for less. I attended
the Democratic meeting when
you spoke down here. You
received two votes from my
family and I would have
voted for you if I would
have been old enough.

yours truly,

(Miss) Dorothy E. Kent,
Farbals, Kansas.

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(Complete Carbon Copy) Kansas City Kans; 8 / 31st/ 1931.

Driveing License Department,

Topeka Kansas.

Kind Sirs:-

Don't you think it is unfair, all of the Officials,
to keep singing that all of the car drivers, are going to ^{be} Arrested, for
not having License to drive, or heavily fined, until the people will

Rob their selves, of money and take out an application, and then have to
wait until almost time to publish an other notice in the paper, of more
threats before ~~they~~ ever get the License. please think this over?

Now you may be need of some votes some time.

% Governor Woodring,

Topeka Kansas.

Kind Sir:-

You are our Representative, what is the matter,
of The Topeka Office, it will soon be time to hollow again.

Your Friend.

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TOPEKA

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September 5, 1931

Mr. Joseph Koch
R. R. #2
Clyde, Kansas

Dear Mr. Koch:

Replying to your letter of August 31, permit me to say that someone has been giving you misinformation. The State is not giving away driver's licenses, but only furnishes the blanks. You can obtain them from your Chamber of Commerce or the proper county officials, but you will be obliged to pay the regular state fee of 25¢.

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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No. 100
the blanks
100

Clyde, La.
Aug. 31, 31

Dear Gov. Harry H. Woodring

I under-
stood you were giving
away free drivers license
and I would like to get
one My age is 18 years old
weight 102 lbs.
hieght 5 ft. 3 in.
color of eyes blue
color of hair light
sex Male

Yours truly
Joseph Koch
Clyde, La.
P.R. 2

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STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

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September 12, 1931

Mr. A. H. Harris
Alton, Kansas

Dear Mr. Harris:

Replying to your letter of September 9 relative to charges for automobile drivers' licenses, permit me to say that the law provides only that the applicant shall pay to the state a fee of 25c for every license granted. The only additional charge is for the notary fee and in many places, notaries public or public officials authorized to attest applications are donating their services.

Trusting that this answers your inquiry to your satisfaction, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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250
all law ~~permits~~ ^{efforts} Kansas
R.R. #2
Mr Woodring Sep 9 - 1931
Dear Sir I am writing
you for a little information
and advice Our County
Treasurer is charging us
45 cents for our auto driving
license and I hear the farming
counties are only charging 25¢
if we should only pay a 25¢
how could I get my 20 cents
back and if she is taking
this 20 cents unlawfully
could we fine her for this
hoping to hear from you soon
Yours Resp
A. H. Harris



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A. H. WATSON
REAL ESTATE, LOANS AND INSURANCE
STAFFORD, KANSAS

REFERENCES:
FARMERS NATIONAL BANK
FIRST STATE BANK
STAFFORD, KANSAS

Sept. 14, 1931.

Hon. Harry H. Woodring,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor:

I am practically out of Drivers License applications, have asked Mr. King your Vehicle Commissioner several times for an additional supply, thus far I have failed to receive them. In addition to these, I want a supply of Chauffers application blanks.

I assume that Mr. King is very busy and that is the reason I have not received the blanks. If you will call at his office and see that I am promptly supplied with the necessary blanks, I will appreciate it very much.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Watson

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STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

COPY

September 19, 1931

Mr. H. O. Ohlsen
Marysville
Kansas

Dear Mr. Ohlsen:

I have received from Mr. King, State Vehicle Commissioner, a report on his reason for cancelling your driver's license as related in your letter to me of September 5. He advises me under date of September 17, that he was left no alternative under the law since the records show that you were convicted July 15 in the Court of J. B. Robinson, Marysville, of driving a car while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, and fined \$100.00 and costs. He quotes Section 18, Chapter 80, the Laws of 1931, in which it specifically states his duty to be to revoke the license of any person upon receiving the record of his conviction for such an offense.

Under the circumstances I do not see what I could do in the premises or how I can advise leniency. I truly sympathize with you for I know that any added expense to a business under present economic conditions quite well may become a burden. But it is nothing compared with what easily might happen when one drives a car on the public thoroughfare while intoxicated.

With kindest personal regards and assuring you that there is nothing personal in this matter, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor



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STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF
VICTOR L. KING
MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

September 17, 1931

Frank E. McMullen,
Secretary to the Governor,
Building.

Dear Mr. McMullen:

The letter addressed to the Honorable Governor, was this date referred to me by you from Mr. H. O. Ohlson, whose driver's license I revoked the 6th day of August, 1931.

For your information will state that Mr. H. O. Ohlson was convicted July 15th, 1931, on the Court of J. B. Robinson, of Marysville, Kansas for driving a car while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, and was fined \$100.00 and costs amounting to \$28.00.

Under Sec. 18, Chap. 80, Laws of 1931, it is the duty of me to revoke the license of any person upon receiving the record of conviction for driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs. I revoked Mr. Ohlson's license for a period of one year, which I think meets with the approval of practically all of the people, with the exception of Mr. Ohlson, in Marysville.

Any further information which you desire on this subject, I will only be too glad to give.

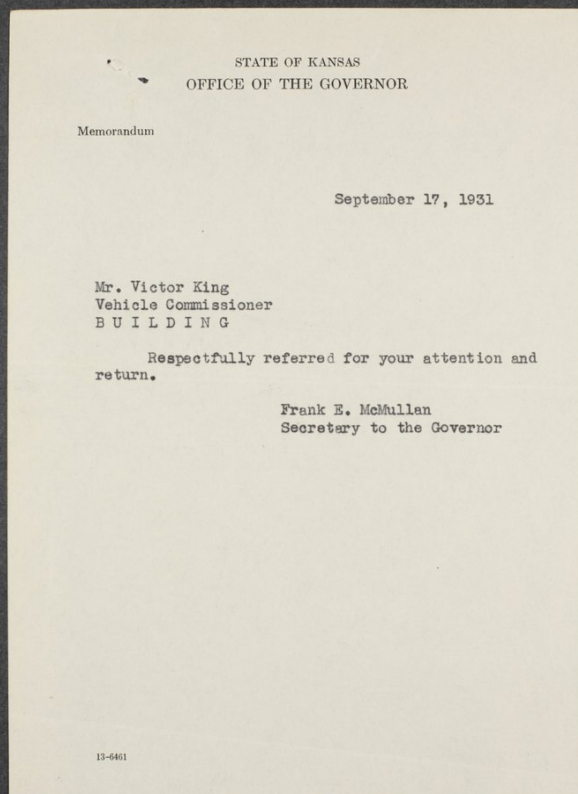
Yours very truly,

Victor L. King
Motor Vehicle Commissioner.

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Circumstances
which I
uphold
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