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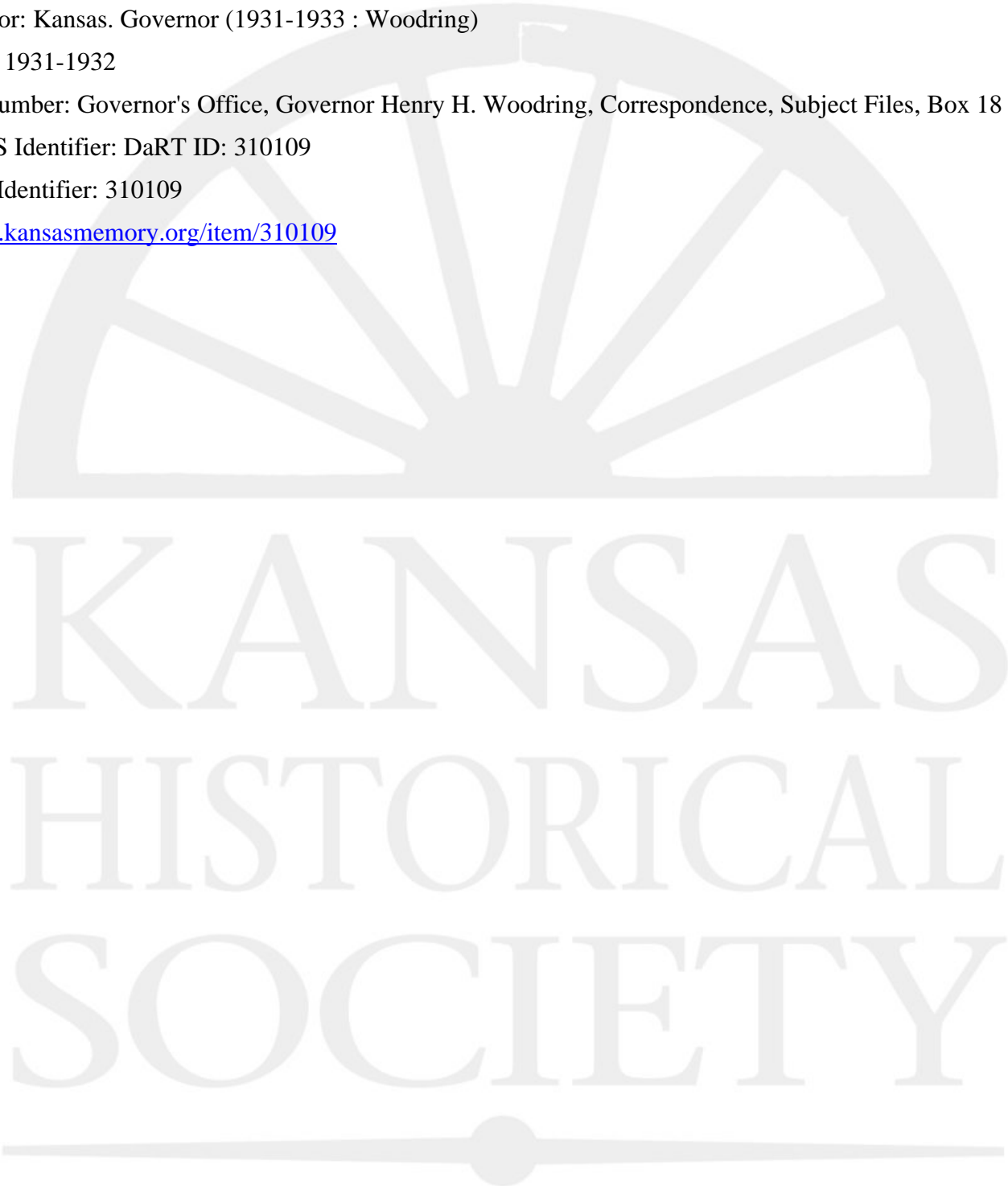
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We cannot do that with-
out the right laws. Other
business have laws that
protect them. I be-
lieve the farmer is en-
titled to the same con-
sideration. It looks to
me like it is up to the
middle western and southern
states to pass such
necessary laws that
will enable the farmer
to get justice.

I admire the stand
taken by Governor Murray
of Oklahoma on oil, also
his proposed action on
wheat & cotton.

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I also notice that
other states are beginning
to act. I believe it is a
step in the right direction.

Because of the
gravity of the situation,
I earnestly urge you
to call a special session
of the legislature to pass
such laws as may be
necessary to raise prices
of grain to a fair figure.

Yours sincerely

J. D. Linden

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September 15, 1931

Mr. O. A. Nordlund
Lindsborg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Nordlund:

I have your letter of September 13,
relative to the situation among wheat farmers
of Kansas.

It is a matter which has given me much
concern and to which I have devoted a lot of study.
Up to the present time I have been unable to find
any solution of the problem, except that it must
come through Federal legislation. It is true that
Governor Murray, with the cooperation of other oil
state executives, has succeeded in obtaining a
raise in the price of oil, though that fight has
not yet been won by any means.

However, it is quite different to control
the price of farm or factory products through
governmental agencies. There is no law by which
the government can control individual sales. As
a matter of fact we stretched a point when we
attempted to control the production of oil at its
source. The Kansas law and the Oklahoma law differ
considerably in that respect.

As the Governor of the leading wheat pro-
ducing state of the union I am much concerned over
the present situation. I realize, as does everyone
else, that the prosperity of Kansas is almost wholly
dependent upon the prosperity of its agricultural
industry. As long as farmers are forced to produce
wheat and other products at a loss Kansas cannot

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Mr. O.A. Nordlund

expect the return of good times.

I believe there is some way this matter can be worked out but it seems to me that it must come from the Federal Government, or atleast through the closest possible cooperation of the wheat producing states and of the farmers themselves. For Kansas to adopt a measure which would shut off sales would avail nothing if the other agricultural states did not do likewise.

I thank you sincerely for your letter and for the information contained therein. I, also, will welcome any constructive suggestions as to how it is possible to establish wheat prices. I am ready and willing to do anything possible to bring about an end to the present situation.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor



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No way to
signify to
enforce*

Lindsborg, Kans.
September 13, 1931.

Gov. Harry Woodring,
Topeka, Kans.

Honorable Governor:-

If the wheat is the foundation basis of all market quotations, then prosperity can not be gained by ignoring the basic value.

Now that Governor Murray has started a crusade for better oil prices, Governor Long taken hold of the cotton industry, Iowa is arranging for a set price on corn, don't you think it is due time for Kansas to go ahead about the wheat prices as Kansas is the largest wheat raising state in the Union; the wheat should be \$1.00 per bushel now which would not effect the flour and bread prices much to still be the cheapest part of our living.

Every person eating bread knows that each slice the Farmer, or rather the wheat grower, is paying for part of the slice of bread, as he furnishes the wheat to make the flour at below cost of production; and then to burden him with the difficulty of holding the crop to force better prices is a matter of injustice.

I have traveled the past 18 years for the Davis Coffee House, dealing direct with the rural people and conditions are very serious, so I appeal to your excellency for established wheat prices now before too much wheat gets out of the hands of the Farmer.

The sentiment in five counties where I travel seems to be that the Farmer can't hold the wheat much longer.

Thanking you for prompt attention to this letter, I am,

Respectfully,

O. A. Nordlund
O. A. Nordlund.

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September 17, 1931

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Mr. John H. Mayhew
Trousdale
Kansas

Dear Mr. Mayhew:

I thank you most sincerely for your letter of September 2 which I have read with more than usual interest. It offers a suggestion which is worthy of further consideration.

I feel that no plan which may be put over by one or a few States is sufficient to take care of this matter. It must be worked out nationally or else those States which limit their production will suffer thereby to the advantage of their neighbors.

Nevertheless, your suggestion offers much food for thought and is something that might be worked out in a nation wide campaign. There is no question but that before we can have any permanent prosperity the agricultural industry must be put on a paying basis. There also is no question but that it will take the earnest thought of all of us, both private individuals and public officials. For that reason I am thankful to have your suggestions and those of any others who really are concerned about the situation.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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Trousdale, Kansas
September 23, 1931:

Governor Harry Woodring
Topeka, Kansas.
Dear Governor:-

Having lived all my life in Kansas on a farm being forty three years, being twelve years county commissioner of Edwards County, serving several years as member on the school board of the Trousdale Consolidated School, also bank director, and a number of other small jobs, farmer by profession on a modestly ~~small~~ scale I think that I am somewhat qualified to offer some solution for the depression of the wheat farmer that now exists, and by the way this is the paramount issue of Kansas at the present time.

We are all informed that our federal government through the study of the farm board came to the conclusion and only solution of the disastrous low wheat price and over production was to cut production by the way of eliminating acreage but not leaving us any workable plan and therefore so far have failed to accomplish the intended object in my judgment.

As I understand it we could not pass an acreage cut law as it would be unconstitutional, to pass such a law just to raise the price of wheat, but would it be unconstitutional to pass an acreage cut law giving the governor and some board of control power to reduce acreage in times of emergency such as now to eliminate the waste that naturally comes at such low prices, when we are going to kneed this for the future generations I can see a great difference in the fertility of the soil that has been in continuous production for the last thirty years why not save this for the generations to come when we do not kneed it now what are the people going to do in a thousand years hence if we get all the fertility out of the soil especially when we do not kneed it therefor we are just wasting it so let us pass a law to conserve this fertility especially in times like this when we do not kneed it and bring about a liveable price for us wheat growers.

Now Mr. Woodring I believe that you have an opportunity to put a feather in your cap besides doing one of the best things that a governor of this state ever did, if it is unconstitutional to pass an acreage cut law just for the sake of raising the price, then why not for the sake of saving the fertility of the soil for the future generations especially when it is not kneeded for the people to eat as it is now thereby leaving the soil for our children as good as it was for us during this acreage cut period we as farmers could be building up our soil, of course this law would not take effect until enough states that were raising wheat passed a law similar to ours to bring about an increase in price, in case individuals did not build enough storage to take care of lean years the state could, so that the people would not go hungry.

Now Mr Woodring I really think that this could be worked out and that the farmers could receive a price that would be fair, we should or could fix a maxum price when kneeded so that the consumer would not be overcharged, I hope that this will not tire you out and that you give it your carefull thought and if you think that I can be of any help to you do not hesitate to ask me *John H. Mayhew*

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Woodbank Plantation, R1, Dussaloosa, Okla.
September 2, 1931.

Hon. Harry H. Woodring, Governor,
Office of the Governor,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor Woodring:

Your kind letter of July 23 answering mine of July 18, 1931,
is under my eyes again.

What Alfalfa Bell and Stirling have done for oil, and what Long & Johnson
are trying to do for cotton, is what the West will do for wheat.
Long, answering my letter suggesting a Cotton Moratorium by State Law, of August the
14th, wrote on the 17th "I have called a conference which I hope will result in
a solution of the cotton problem." He has already washed his baby,
as he signed his cotton holiday for 1932 - on Saturday at 2 A.M. and Stirling
I hope, will wash it again according to reported promise.

I admire your fight against the gas trust and hope that when you
turn your attention to the electric power trust, you will defeat, and place
electric power in the reach of the people for cooking, heating, lighting and
industries at not over two cents for K.W.H. under ultimate state ownership.
We, the people of the U.S. are just now beginning to realize the power and the
usefulness of our (supposedly) sovereign State Governments, in controlling
certain products to prevent the spoliation of the primary producers - and
on the other hand to prevent trusts that tend to exploit the public by
exacting prices that are too great. In fact the state exists basically to enforce
"a happy medium" either by control or ownership.

I am suggesting a Kansas State Law for bidding the growing
of wheat for export or until consumption catches up with production.

What good is it to grow a money crop if the money disappears
at the harvest? Hate those who have wheat store it on the farm

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in relatively small quantities instead of carrying to Elevators. Keep it
out of the Government estimate, as we advocate keeping our seed
cotton at home on the farm i.e. without ginning, so that the record of
the quantity will not get into the Ginners' Report!!

Big Business has certainly demonstrated its incapacity for business
and for government. Pharaoh of old was a failure with his
Egyptian aristocratic government in a crisis. He called on
Joseph, a man of vision, to show him what to do! History will repeat
itself! Pharaoh, Hoover-Horgan-Jefferson-Young-Waylakes, has
completely failed in this Wall Street Crisis. Democrats of
vision must make the world safe for Democracy!

I served overseas some months, as a Captain of Engineers. I am delighted
that you also are an overseas man.

I am presenting you a folder whose plans are to be used in
checking up on the special session (coming) of Congress, the campaign
of 1932, and subsequent national legislation.

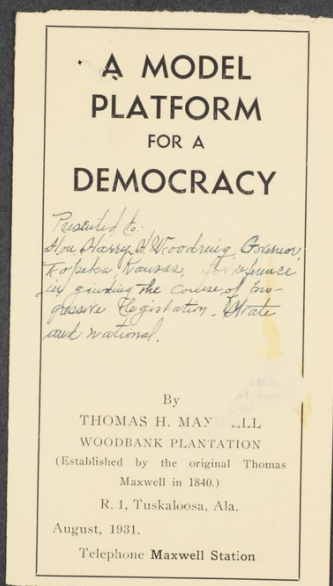
Your Comrade,
Thomas H. Hurwitt

(Captain H.H. Hurwitt, U.S. Army, 1st Lt. Eng. 1st Div. U.S.A.)

P.S. It is probable that my next period of study training will be at Fort
Riley, your State. All this chap talks about reducing armaments, navy, army
is foolish. What will become of the dismissed soldiers & sailors if we abolish the
army and the navy? This matter is covered in plank #13 the lucky number.

THH

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A MODEL PLATFORM FOR A DEMOCRACY

1. A profound silence on the accomplished Eighteenth or Prohibition Amendment, except to extend practicable control of the alcohol and narcotic problems.
2. No tinkering with the tariff except to exclude from our shores foreign materials and commodities similar to those produced from United States' soil and industry.
3. The raising of taxes on large incomes, inheritances, bonuses, excess profits.
4. The initiation and completion: Of a Federal, all-Southern Military Highway, from near Charleston, S. C., to near San Diego, California, along, as near as may be, the parallel, N. 33° 06', such a location being the shortest line from the Atlantic Coast to the Pacific Coast, lying wholly within the United States; of a Federal North-South Highway over the Wilson Dam, north to the Great Lake Region, and south to the Gulf of Mexico, following a true Meridian, as near as may be; of a North-South Lateral through each State traversed by the Coast to Coast Highway, along a true Meridian Line selected by the women of the American Legion Auxiliary, of the State.
5. Friendship for all nations, entangling alliances with none; no treaties that would tend to reduce our Nation's sovereignty or jurisdiction within our own boundaries, or to impair the Monroe Doctrine.
6. To counteract the present money "deflation" by the opposite policy of "inflation", to the end that our trade wheels may smoothly course with pneumatic comfort.
7. The Federal Reserve System—which makes money plentiful in good times, and scarce in bad times, must be changed to prevent bad times.
8. The raising of the per capita circulation of primary money, from the present status of \$38.65, to not less than \$100.00, using for the purpose gold, silver, paper, nickel, copper, without asking the aid or consent—of Haiti, Santo Domingo, Cuba, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Greece, Turkey, Russia, Roumania, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Persia; nor of Ramsay McDonald, Bueening, Laval, Morgan; nor of China, or of any group except the Congress of the United States (after a thorough cleansing).
9. The extension of old age insurance to all Federal employees, civil and military.
10. To encourage each state to take over its railways, coal mines, and other utilities with just compensation to the present stock and bond owners, to the end that our people might enjoy transportation and "juice" at prices that will make for comfort and happiness—without the necessity of paying dividends on watered stock.
11. Federal operation of all Federal constructed navigation and power plants, furnishing power at not over

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- two cents per K.W.H. to homes and industries.
12. Giving to the Federal Farm Board power to fix prices of farm products by means of the debenture or equalization system, or otherwise.
 13. To increase our army and navy power to include all able-bodied men—to be sent back into industry, when industry can pay decent wages.
 14. To take over the happy burden of training the Boy Scouts by officers from the regular army in order that their budding minds might learn that our government is greater than any state or nation-created corporation.
 15. The immediate construction of the Nicaragua Canal by the Army Engineer Corps.
 16. The completion of the Alaska-Patagonia International Highway in agreement with our neighboring American governments.
 17. To extend and develop aviation in order to make flying "safe for Democracy."
 18. Through lack of prevision on the part of Congress, the devastation of the forests having removed flood barriers, the Federal Government must do all work necessary to adequate flood control in all districts drained by national water courses.
 19. No foreign debt cancellation.

Addressed to the Democracy and all modern-progressives in the United States and in our overseas territories.

Sincerely,
THOMAS H. MAXWELL.

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Mr. F. E. Doyle
238 Avenue C East
Kingman, Kansas

Dear Mr. Doyle:

I have your letter of recent date which I have read with a great deal of interest. I am inclined to favor your suggestion, but the question probably would be to get the Farm Board to take heed of such a proposal.

Contrary to your suggestion that I might not be interested in the figures you submit, I found them exceedingly interesting, and more than that I am filing your letter for reference at such a time as we may later have a conference with regard to the present situation. I feel there is information in it that will be worthy of further consideration.

I agree with you that the low prices that farmers are receiving for their products are not in keeping with prices demanded for the finished products. I also am convinced that this is a condition which makes our taxes doubly hard to pay. While there is no question but that there has been much waste and much extravagance during the past few years, there would be considerable less talk of high taxes if the farmers of Kansas were able to get a reasonable return for their labor and investment. As the Chief Executive of the leading wheat producing state of the Union, I am much concerned over this and I am interested in any constructive suggestion which may tend to a solution of the problem so vital to our well being.

I thank you sincerely for your letter and for your interest which I am sure prompted your taking the trouble to write me so fully.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring

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Ans I agree with you - low prices for farm products makes our taxes doubly hard to pay - its

F. E. DOYLE
REAL ESTATE AND LOANS
238 Ave. C East
KINGMAN, KANSAS

Sect. to pay - its

1931

Governor Woodring, Topeka Kans.

Dear Sir, Enclosed you will please find an ad which appeared in one of our County papers which might ^{help to} solve some of our trouble in wheat raising if the Farm Board could get the mills to take over the wheat the Farm Board is holding on a 50x50 division of profit.

"48 lbs sack flour for 89¢"

A bushel of wheat 60# will make 40# of flour and 89¢ will buy 3 bushels of wheat which would make 120# flour. From each bushel of wheat the mill would have left 12# bran and shorts which would pay for milling the wheat. 120# of flour is equal to 2 1/2 sacks of flour so it would appear that the millers are making a good profit even if the farmer is losing money to raise the wheat.

The above figures and writing may not interest you but it does me as I am a wheat raiser and own 640 acres good average land. My wheat this year will not pay my taxes for 1931. We need better prices for farm products or lower taxes. Pardon me for taking so much of your valuable time. And trust the farmer will see better days soon. Very Truly Yours F. E. Doyle

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New Mexico, Saturday.
Mrs. R. S. Reida spent Monday af-
ternoon at the home of her parents
W. S. Hundley.
A. H. Hufford and family were Sun-
day dinner guests at the Tom Hufford
home in Harper.
Mrs. Ethel Wilson and Jerry spent
Sunday afternoon in Rago, visiting
Ross Crawford spent Sunday in
Wichita visiting.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McDavitt drove
down to Alva, Okla., Sunday, to take
their niece, Fay Kilmer, home.
Lloyd Hundley and his mother
spent the week end in Wichita, visit-
ing their sister and daughter and
family, and getting acquainted with
the new boy.
Mrs. Arnold Reida visited Friday
afternoon with her mother, Mrs. W. J.
Hundley. She took her grandfather
Mr. Steiger, home with her, to visit
while her mother visited in Wichita.
She brought him home Tuesday.
Earl Hufford, of Harper, and
Leatha Padfield, of Kingman, were
dinner guests Sunday at the Fr

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September 17, 1931

Mr. C. A. Ward, President
Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America
Kansas Division
Salina, Kansas

Dear Mr. Ward:

I have your letter of September 16 and am inclosing a single column mat in compliance with your request.

If you should need a double column mat, I shall be glad to furnish it.

With continued good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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The
Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative
Union of America

KANSAS DIVISION



OFFICE OF
C. A. WARD
PRESIDENT

SALINA, KANSAS

Sept. 16. 1931.

Gov. Harry Woodring,
Toepka, Kansas.

My dear Governor;

I am endeavoring to get as many plans of our state convention outlined and under way at this early date as is possible.

I am asking if you have a mat, or cut of yourself, which we could use in publicity purposes that you mail same to me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

President.

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September 17, 1931

Mr. Matt Guilfoyle
Abilene, Kansas

Dear Matt:

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Replying to your letter of September 4 which has interested me more than I can tell you, permit me to say that no one is more convinced than I that the price of wheat is the real cause of unrest in our State. If the farmers were receiving for their products the price that would yield a reasonable profit, we would hear comparatively little about high taxes and other things of that nature.

It is true that Governor Murray is getting a lot of favorable comment for his action in establishing martial law in the oil fields. That is more popular in such times as this than when things are normal. I am convinced there will be a reaction and that his military shut down will be defeated and possibly will react against him. While we have gone the limit under our laws to cooperate with him, there are certain aspects to a shut down which are playing directly into the hands of the big companies and to the detriment of our own independent Kansas refineries. As far as we are concerned, we have tried to keep in mind at all times not only the producers but also the independent refineries and the ultimate consumers as well as the farmers who own the land.

With regard to your plan to prohibit all sales and transportation of wheat within the State until the market price at some central point reaches a figure that will pay a reasonable profit, let me say it is similar to suggestions I have received from many people. I have given it much thought in the hope that it could be developed satisfactorily. However,

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I have yet to find one who can suggest a way in which the plan may be administered or any law under which it could be done. Then too, we must take into consideration the fact that Kansas alone surrounded by other agricultural states hardly can expect to control the price of its products. Much as I would like to do everything possible to help out in this situation, I am not convinced that such a plan would be sound. I am pretty sure also that the first ones to complain, if we could and should prohibit sales, would be those farmers who might want to sell before the price reached that point to which it would be pegged.

I certainly think, Matt, that it is not so much a question of over-production as it is under-consumption, and that there are enough people to take care of the surplus if means can be found by which they can get employment and thus have their purchasing power returned to them.

I thank you for your suggestion and want to assure you that I am always glad to hear from you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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*Alas
no one
more concerned
than I that the
wheat is the
real cause of
unrest in our state*

Dear Matt

MATT GUILFOYLE
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
ABILENE, KANSAS

Sept. 4, 1931.

Hon. Harry Woodring,
Governor of Kansas,
Topeka, Kansas.

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Dear Governor:

I wanted to write you regarding the principal topics of conversation that I hear on the streets these days.

Governor Murray of Oklahoma is getting a lot of favorable comment for his determined action in establishing martial law in the oil fields. The results have been so beneficial, that there is a lot of comment that martial law should be declared on wheat and that as Kansas is the largest wheat state, that you are the one who should do it. Most people seem to believe it would be as easy to stop the sale or transportation of wheat as it was to stop the production of oil.

*For Murray -
True, in
such times
as this -
there will be
a reaction - his
policy that down
will be defeated
How would
you
administer
the
plan?*

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sound*

I have listened to a number of discussions upon the subject and some of the advocates had rather complete plans. The plan includes prohibiting all sales and transportation of wheat within the state until the market price at some central point reaches seventy-five cents or a dollar a bushel, then that no person or corporation be permitted to sell over one thousand bushels of wheat and these sales conditioned that not less than the minimum price be paid. When all those who wish to sell the first thousand bushels have done so, then that an order be made permitting them to sell the next thousand bushels, etc. By this method, the ordinary farmer will soon be able to dispose of all the wheat he cares to sell and the surplus, if any, at the end of the year would be confined to the hands of those few who persist in raising thousands and thousands of bushels.

I realize the difficulties of your position but the conditions in this wheat country are so bad that nothing could be done that would hurt matters. Any effect at all would be improvement. Also, the most of the people, who I have heard discuss it, believe that the Governors of Oklahoma and Nebraska would join with you in a program of this kind which would control enough wheat to insure success.

If there is surplus enough in the large terminals outside the state, it might be that our farmers would not be able to sell more than one-half of their wheat, but selling one-half at double the price would be better than selling all of it at one-half the price.

Sincerely yours, *Matt Guilfoyle*

MG:EB

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September 18, 1931

*card - Shearer
75 Winder*

Mr. M. S. Winder, Executive Secretary
American Farm Bureau Federation
58 East Washington Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Winder:

Replying to your letter of September 17, permit me to say it is a pleasure to comply with your request for more information relative to Mr. Andrew Shearer, who has been nominated for the 1931 American Farm Bureau Federation distinguished service award. I feel that this honor is due Mr. Shearer because he has given a life time of service to the up-building of agriculture and agricultural interests, both as an individual and through organized effort. He has done this with no thought of personal reward but through a sincere desire to help others. In this service he has contributed probably more than any other one man in Kansas to the general welfare of the Kansas farmer.

Both as a public speaker and as a writer for daily papers and farm publications, he has always stood in the forefront as an advocate of whatever he deemed best for the industry to which he has devoted a long and honorable career. Withal he has been solid, sane and substantial regardless of the situation which the country might be facing at the time and his advice, which frequently has been sought, has been sound at all times.

While I feel that this award would

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be an honor for Mr. Shearer and appreciated more than anything else that could come to him at his time of life, I am equally sure he would honor even more the jury of award which selected him.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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GENERAL OFFICES
58 E. WASHINGTON ST.
CHICAGO ILL.



LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT
MUNSEY BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TELEPHONE DEARBORN 1633

CHICAGO, ILL. Sept. 17, 1931

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

My dear Governor:

Mr. Ralph Snyder of Manhattan, Kansas, has presented in nomination for the 1931 American Farm Bureau Federation distinguished service award the name of Andrew Shearer. He has given us your name as one from whom additional data concerning Mr. Shearer can be obtained.

The purpose of the distinguished service award is set forth in the enclosed circular. In the light of this information, will you give us a confidential and frank statement concerning this nomination? What is your knowledge and estimate of Mr. Shearer?

Please give us as fully as possible such information as will be necessary for our jury of award to arrive at a conclusion as to whether or not this outstanding 1931 distinction should go to Mr. Shearer.

Sincerely yours,

AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

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MEMORANDUM.

In making nominations for the A. F. B. F. Distinguished Service Award of 1931, it is recommended that specific examples of service be clearly stated. Following is an example of such a statement:

"Because -

Mr. Blank, during the year 1930, without compensation and in spite of serious illness in his own family, devoted 96 days to the development of the Blank Co-operative Marketing Association and the development of this association is largely due to Mr. Blank. The association has added definitely to the income and, in this way, to the comfort and convenience, of more than 300 farm families in the district served by the association, etc. etc."

It is understood that the above is just a form of statement. The specific services can be in any field covered by the rules and regulations, as set forth in the circular distributed by the American Farm Bureau Federation.

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September 19, 1931

Mr. John Johnson
402 Washington
Galena, Kansas

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Replying to your favor of September 14, permit me to say that I do not know where or how you could borrow money on the terms you suggest in your letter, unless it would be through the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank at Wichita. This bank does not make loans directly to individuals, but there may be a bank trust company or loan company in your community whose paper the Intermediate Credit Bank re-discounts. You might write to John Fields, President of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Wichita, who could give you the necessary information. I would be pleased if there was anything I could do for you other than to advise you to write Mr. Fields.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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Mr. Harry Woodring.

Dear Gov.

I thought I would write you a few lines in regard to borrowing money a sort of government or state aid. We are farmers my son & I lost so much in Crops in 26 & 27 & 28 had such a loss in Cattle & quite a downfall of sickness so we were so in debt that we sold off & thought we would go to public works not realizing that public works was at its worst. So we have not got any more & we realize now that if we were able to borrow money on a longer term we could make some money. That was the reason we sold that was because we could only borrow money for 3 or 4 at a time & it didn't permit us to gather any financial strength so I just told my son & I was going to write to you & ask you if there were any conditions that we might borrow from money on a 3 or 5 year term to go back to farming if we could borrow about \$2000 & we could make some money as cheap as grain is & the price of hogs & cattle. Don't you think we could? & for that reason I am writing you to see if there wasn't a way to overcome this handicap for we feel we are letting a great opportunity get by without a effort. We are honest men & if you can help us we sure will be very thankful are willing to pay a fair rate of interest & do the square thing that has always been my way of doing things. The country is in such a condition that I couldn't see anything better than the farm if we could possibly get back & farmers have no business any place else especially ones like us that don't have anything else. It is too bad for son for he likes farming & stock so well & he is only 20 & it hits him pretty hard. Will you please let us hear from you & if you will be able to help us.

Yours Sincerely John Robinson

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September 19, 1931

Mr. E. C. Lane
Box 634
Olympia, Washington

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Dear Mr. Lane:

Replying to your letter of September 14 relative to leasing of farms and farm lands in the state of Kansas, permit me to say that the state has no such farms since it makes no loans from state funds.

It might be possible that you could lease some of the farms which now are held by the Federal Land Bank of Wichita. That institution has a number of tracts on which it has foreclosed in various parts of the Ninth Federal Land Bank District. You can obtain information concerning them from Mr. John Fields, President of the Federal Land Bank of Wichita, Union National Bank Building, Wichita, Kansas.

With continued good wishes, I am

Very truly yours

Frank E. McMillan
Secretary to the Governor

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Sept 14, 1931

Secretary to the Governor
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am seeking information relative to the leasing of farms and farm lands in the State of Kansas.

Has your state any farms which it has possessed by reason of mortgage foreclosures on farms assisted by loans from state funds?

If such is the case I would be glad to have you hand this letter to the proper department in order that I may be furnished with a copy of the listings of said lands.

Am anxious to get settled before winter so will appreciate any assistance you may be able to render me in the premises.

Very truly yours

E. C. Lane

Box 634
Olympia,
Wash.

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September 22, 1931

Mr. F. C. Larsen
Sylvan Grove, Kansas

Dear Mr. Larsen:

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Your letter of August 21 received and read with much interest. I think yours is a splendid suggestion. As a matter of fact, I have been eating Kansas wheat as a breakfast food for more than a month past and must say that I enjoy it and relish it as thoroughly as any I have tried. I wish I had been able to discuss the matter with you on the occasion of my visit to Lincoln. I remember seeing you at the dinner at Lincoln and hope some time you may be able to call on me at Topeka. Should that happen, we will discuss this matter further. I thank you for your kindly reference to the big audience at Lincoln and hope you are right that it was further evidence of the esteem in which the administration is held by the people.

We are trying our best to give Kansas a constructive administration under most trying circumstances.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours