

## Governor Harry H. Woodring, Correspondence Files, Box 25

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STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
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July 29, 1932

Mr. H. O. Closson  
Ashland Chamber of Commerce  
Ashland, Kansas

Dear Mr. Closson:

Please accept my thanks for your telegram of July 25 and your suggestions with regard to the distribution of the Federal Relief Funds. This is the plan as outlined by our state-wide relief committee at its first meeting.

Thanking you for your interest and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

Harry H. Woodring  
Governor

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PATRONS ARE REQUESTED TO FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND SUGGESTION CONCERNING ITS SERVICE 1201-3

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KA29 39=ASHLAND KANS 25 1120A

GOVERNOR HARRY H WOODRING=

STATE CAPITOL TOPEKA KANS=

WE ARE URGING THAT FEDERAL RELIEF FUNDS BE DISTRIBUTED  
FOR RELIEF PURPOSES OVER THE STATE AND THAT NO MAJOR  
PROJECTS BE UNDERTAKEN THAT WILL CENTRALIZE  
EXPENDITURES PERIOD WOULD LEAVE TWO HIGHWAY COMMISSION  
DETAILS OF WORK DONE IN RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS=

ASHLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE H O CLOSSON.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE



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GOVERNOR HARRY H WOODRING=

STATE CAPITOL TOPEKA KANS=

I WOULD URGE THAT FEDERAL RELIEF FUNDS BE DISTRIBUTED FOR RELIEF PURPOSES OVER THE STATE AND THAT NO MAJOR PROJECTS BE UNDERTAKEN THAT WILL CENTRALIZE EXPENDITURES PERIOD WOULD LEAVE TWO HIGHWAY COMMISSION DETAILS OF WORK DONE IN RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS=

J W BERRYMAN .

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*Ad (W. H. H.)*  
*This is the plan*  
*is authorized*  
*and J. H. Smith*  
*Relief Com.*

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July 29, 1932

Mr. J. W. Berryman  
Ashland, Kansas

Dear Mr. Berryman:

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Thanking you for your interest and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

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KAA28 20=COUNCIL GROVE KANS 30 1143A

GOV. HARRY WOODRING=  
TOPEKA KANS=

UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN MORRIS COUNTY IS CRITICAL  
PROBABLY THREE HUNDRED MEN UNEMPLOYED NEEDS WILL BE  
TWENTY FIVE TO THIRTY THOUSAND=  
W L YOUNG MAYOR.

*Ans: Our plan is to supplement your efforts + funds & suggest you as Mayor should*

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start plans & program for your  
Community to meet its obligations  
its

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President Council, EDWARD HEROLD  
City Clerk, JOHN T. CAMPBELL  
City Treasurer, HARRY R. LEVICK  
City Attorney, CLIFFORD W. BALDWIN  
Chief Engineer, W. B. MURPHY  
City Electrician, C. J. BUTLER  
Water and Street Commissioner, H. R. LEVICK  
City Marshal, JOHN J. SKOCH

### City of Seneca

G. D. MYERS, Mayor

CITY COUNCIL  
First Ward { JOSEPH SCHUETZ  
                  { P. P. WALLER  
Second Ward { EDWARD HEROLD  
                  { FLOYD CARPENTER  
Third Ward { C. C. FIRSTENBERGER  
                  { ROY D. CARPENTER

REGULAR MEETING  
FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

*Hon Harry H Woodring  
Governor  
Dear Sir*

Seneca, Kansas 8-1-32 *Rye*

*I received your western union telegram  
some time ago and should of answered  
it much sooner but I expect to be in  
Topeka + bring it to you in person in regard  
to unemployment  
Our city pay out 7100 last year for  
unemployment in the way of work  
the County paid out in our city to the  
Poor 9,857.65 making total \$16,957.65  
that with in the city limits*

*Your very Resp  
G. D. Myers  
Mayor*

*Rye*



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STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
TOPEKA

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August 1, 1932

Hon. W. L. Young, Mayor  
Council Grove, Kansas

Dear Mr. Young:

I have your letter of July 30 in answer to my telegraphic request for information in regard to the unemployment situation in your city.

The information which your letter contains will be referred to the Kansas Federal Relief Committee for consideration.

With very best regards, I am

Sincerely yours

Harry H. Woodring  
Governor

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J. W. CAMPBELL, COM. OF FINANCE  
L. FREEMANBURG, COM. STREETS-UTILITIES  
GEO. C. PECK, SUPT. WATER PLANT

TOM R. YADON, TREASURER  
H. E. SNYDER, ATTORNEY  
R. M. ARMSTRONG, CITY CLERK

City of Council Grove, Kansas

W. L. YOUNG, MAYOR

COUNCIL GROVE, KANSAS

July 30th-1932

Hon. Harry H Woodring  
Governor of Kansas

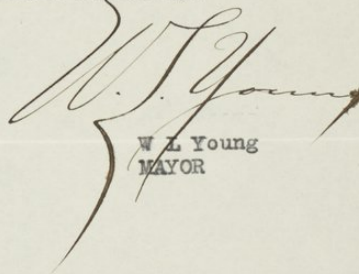
Dear Governor:

During my vacation in Minnesota, your circular message regarding the present unemployed situation was received and turned over to our County Commissioners for a reply, Am very sorry this matter has been delayed and without the assistance of this message will attempt to make a reply.

My judgement is we will need \$25.000 to \$30.000 from the Govt. relief fund for the poor for this coming winter, would estimate between 200 and 300 unemployed men in Council Grove now and has been for some time. as to our county am unable to say but believe safe to figure it on same basis.

Trusting our needs will receive favorable consideration.

Yours sincerely,

  
W L Young  
MAYOR



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August 1, 1932

Mr. M. A. Doyle  
628 Martin Street  
Emporia, Kansas

Dear Mr. Doyle:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 21 in which you express your desire to obtain employment when Kansas receives \$3,000,000 appropriations from the Federal government.

The Federal appropriation for unemployment will be used exclusively for local day labor in the various counties and will be under the supervision of the Kansas Federal Relief Committee of which Mr. Deane Ackers, Topeka, Kansas, is chairman.

I remember your visits to the office and shall be glad to consider you for employment if anything suitable develops.

With very best regards, I am

Sincerely yours

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**AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION COUNCIL**  
28 WEST 44th STREET  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

August 3rd, 1932.

Telephone BRYANT 9-4866

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

Your Excellency:

May we respectfully urge for your consideration the importance of such action as you may feel consistent at this time to encourage proper measures for the rebuilding or modernizing of blighted tenement districts and slums where such exist in the cities of your State.

It is also urged that a careful analysis of requirements looking toward the enactment of the necessary enabling and safeguarding legislation in your State be made, if such has not already been done.

For the purpose of survey we desire to call your attention particularly to the provisions of the State Housing Board of New York which provide, in that state, public supervision of low-priced housing meeting given standards.

Careful analysis shows that low-priced housing for people of moderate means, soundly planned and conducted, furnishes the opportunity for safe investment on a conservative income basis. When the new construction is for replacement purposes rather than on vacant land it should not jeopardize existing investments, as it is thereby non-competitive.

You are acquainted, of course, with the recent legislation affecting the powers of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and a careful appraisal of these new powers with respect to what is commonly referred to as slum clearance, is recommended for consideration in your locality.

In cooperation with civic, professional and business groups, the American Construction Council, acting as a national impartial body representing all elements interested in construction and including the public, has been urging such a program in the belief that it offers one of the greatest fields for stimulating general economic recovery as well as relief to a vast number of unemployed workers.

We should be very glad to put at your disposal any information or help that we can in order to be of assistance to you in this matter.

Very truly yours,

*E. M. Craig*  
E. M. CRAIG  
President.



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August 3, 1932

Hon. Ralph C. Mitchell, Mayor  
Independence, Kansas

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

I have your letter of August 2 relative to the government relief soon to be available in Kansas. I have read it with a great deal of interest.

I am scheduled to broadcast an address on this subject before the Rotary Club of Topeka, during my noonday broadcasting period, 12:20 to 12:50 P. M., which I hope you will tune in upon and that it will convey to you something of the manner in which these funds will be distributed to the various communities. The address also will be given to the press.

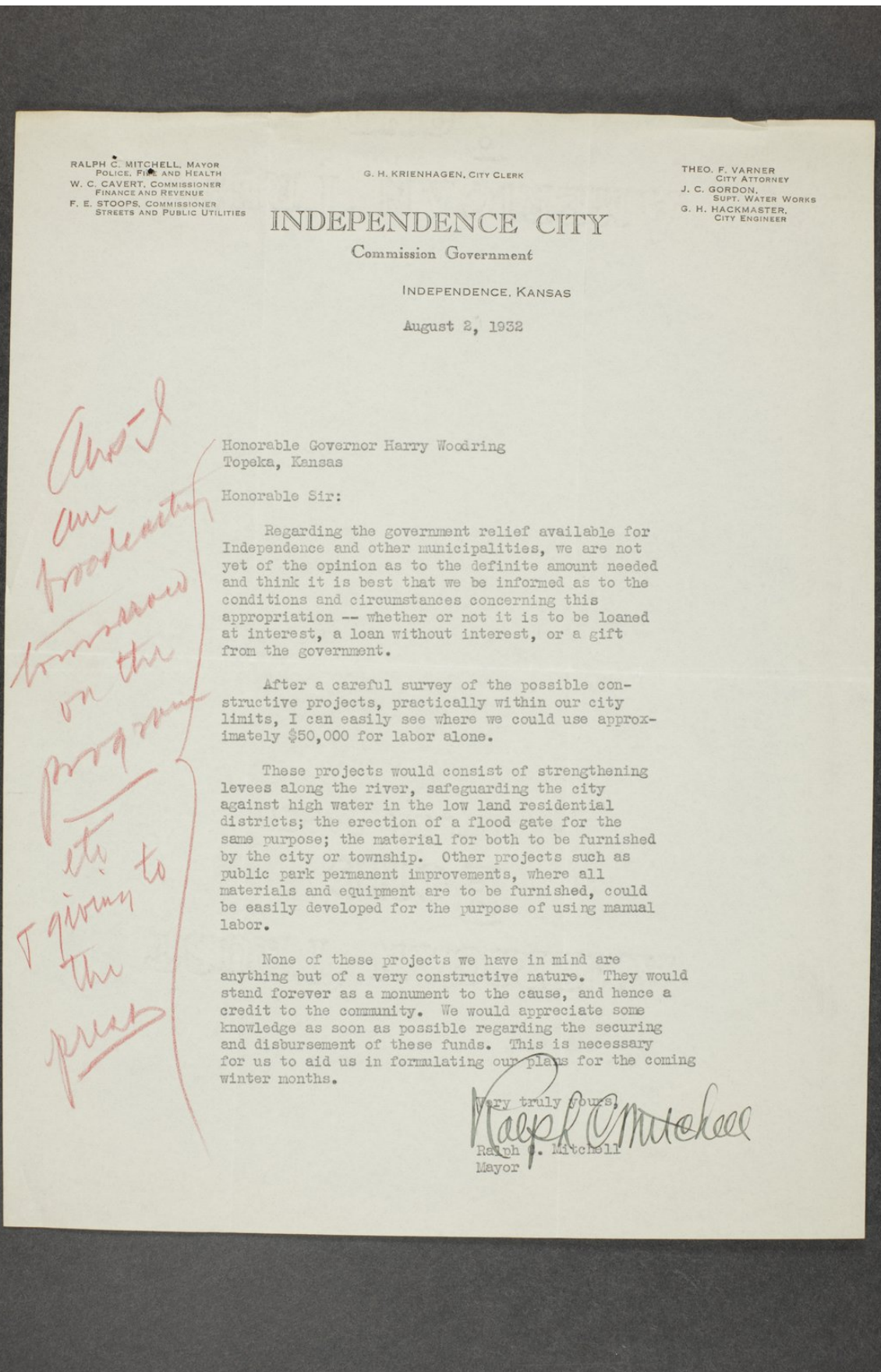
With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

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Governor

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August 4, 1932

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

My dear Governor Woodring:

If you have appointed, or expect to appoint, a committee to consult with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation as to the conditions under which funds will be available for the municipalities and counties of your State under the new Emergency Relief and Construction Act, you will find some suggestions of interest, we believe, in the August number of The American City, mailed to you today.

On page 5 of this issue is presented a list of projects which, under conditions there indicated, might come within the "self-liquidating" restrictions of the law. The Act itself (aside from its agricultural and military post features) is published, substantially in full, on pages 80 - 81 of this issue; and on pages 82 - 83 you will find a carefully prepared outline of principles which ought to be included in a State Housing Law.

The latter is especially important because of the stimulus to slum clearance and large-scale low-cost housing projects in the cities of your State which ought to result from the availability of Federal funds for loans to limited-dividend housing corporations.

Yours very truly

*Harold S. Battenheim*

Editor  
THE AMERICAN CITY

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STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
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August 4, 1932

Mr. Charles F. Frank  
Copeland, Kansas

Dear Mr. Frank:

In response to your letter of July 21, I have only read the bill providing for \$2,750,000 for federal relief two or three times and it is my understanding that none of this fund will be available for agricultural relief direct. However, I find a provision whereby I believe agriculture may get aid through another fund by applying to the reconstruction Finance Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri.

I regret that I am unable to write you more fully at this time.

With very best regards, I am

Sincerely yours

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*Ans*

STATE OF KANSAS  
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Memorandum

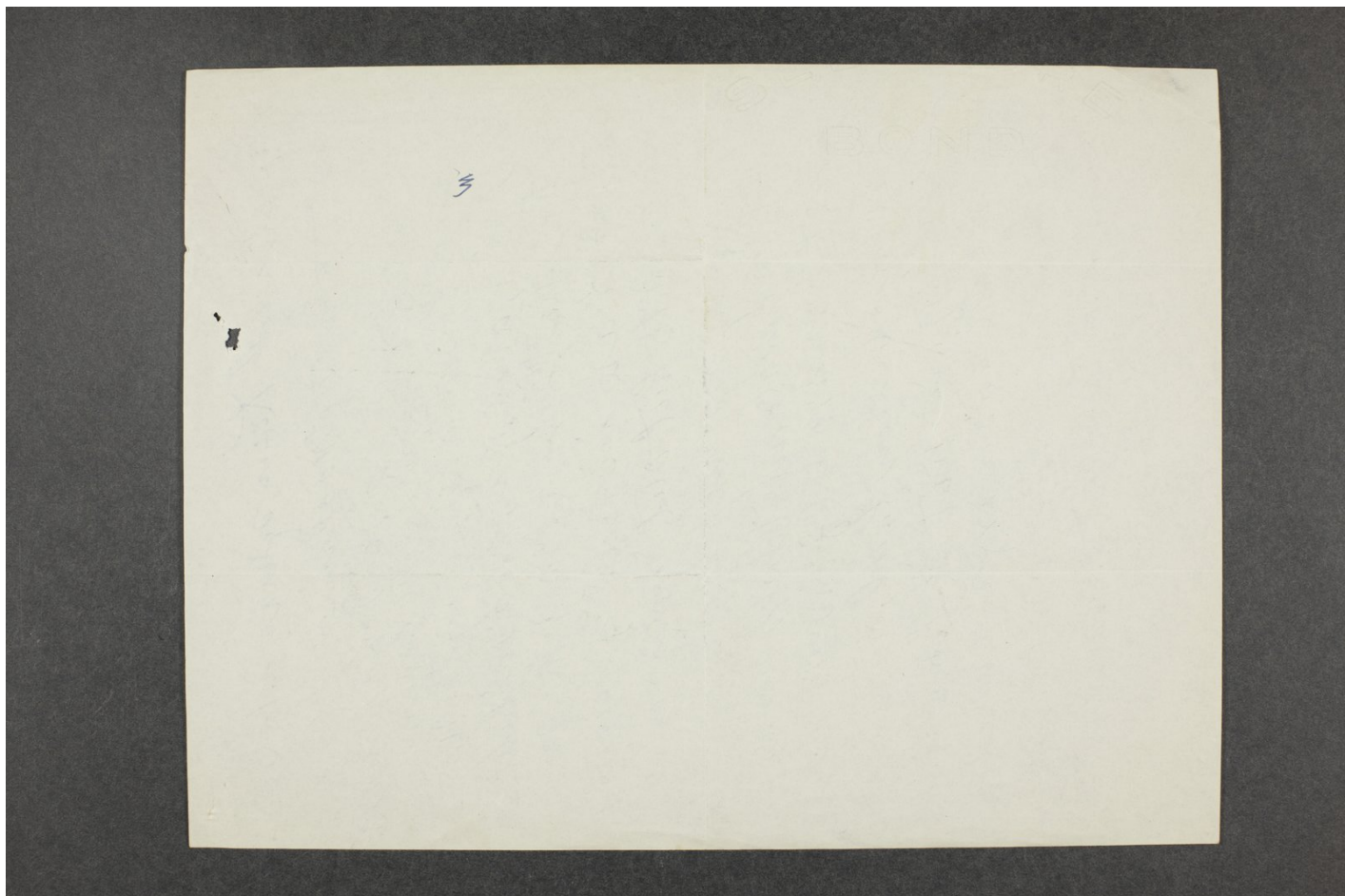
I have only read *will*  
2 or 3 times but understood  
none of the 2,750,000 relief  
funds will be available for  
federal direct relief.  
However, I find a provision  
whereby I believe ~~that~~  
aid gets aid ~~there~~  
another fund by applying  
to the R.F.C. at KCMo  
*DM*

13-6461

Ans.  
Copeland Kans. July 21-32.  
Gov. Harry H. Woodring.  
Dear Governor.  
Would like to know if the Government  
money allowed to Kans by the U. S.  
loan, will, any of it, be available  
for the wheat growers of the south  
west who are in need of funds  
and seed to put out the coming  
crop. Many are helpless to get out  
a crop. Banks cannot help and money  
cannot be borrowed from any source,  
not even on clear land, or the best  
of security. If not it looks like  
class legislation or favoritism.  
I ask because the word is going  
round that the wheat farmer is not  
in the deal. Respects  
Chas. H. Frank.



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August 4, 1932

Mr. Fidelis J. Goetz, Cashier  
The Nekoma State Bank  
Nekoma, Kansas

Dear Mr. Goetz:

Thank you for your generous offer of  
July 19 to assist in the administration of the fed-  
eral relief fund for Kansas. I shall be glad to  
refer your letter to the Kansas Federal Relief Com-  
mittee for its information and consideration.

With very best regards, I am

Sincerely yours

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M. T. MORAN, PRESIDENT

G. M. RYAN, VICE PRESIDENT

FIDELIS J. GOETZ, CASHIER

### The Nekoma State Bank

CAPITAL \$100,000.00  
SURPLUS \$20,000.00

NEKOMA, KANSAS

July 19, 1932

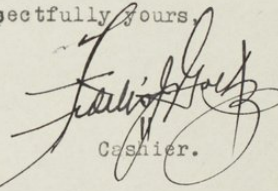
Hon. Gov. Harry H. Woodring,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor:

If it will not interfere with my daily routine too much I will be glad to serve the state and the government as one, in the handling of the unemployment relief situation for Rush County. I was chairman of the Farmers Seed Loan Committee of this county last spring.

If you have already drafted your committee of three for the county disregard this letter.

Respectfully yours,

  
Cashier.

*Ans  
Hanks - will  
turn over to  
St Com -  
HIV*

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Max Dolan,  
Mayor  
Dr. Wm. Dan Scoyoc,  
Treasurer  
Joe Haynes,  
Clerk

### City of Clifton, Kansas

Member League of Kansas Municipalities

CLIFTON, KANSAS

August 4th. 1932

Councilmen:  
Dr. C. W. Adams  
J. A. Gifford  
Chas. Harbaugh  
E. T. Howard  
John F. Pfeiffer

Mr. Ross Bird,  
Washington, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Bird:-

Some time ago we sent in a name to fill the place of Justice of the Peace for Clifton Township to Governor Woodring. He immediately sent the papers to you for your recommend. At that time the party found he could not serve so I am recommending another. This man is Thos. Bullimore of Clifton. I believe he will make a good man to fill the unexpired term. After this term we will have a full ticket to vote on.

This office is vacant and has been all term as the parties votes in last election would not qualify.

If this is enough to endorse this man I wish you would take care of this for me.

Thank you,

*Max Dolan.*  
Mayor.

*Washington Kansas aug 5-1932*  
*I hereby recommend the appointment*  
*of Thos Bullimore for Justice of the Peace*  
*for Clifton Township Washington County*  
*Kansas*  
*Ross Bird*  
*Chairman of Democrat Co central*  
*Committee*



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STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
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August 5, 1932

Mr. E. H. Duncan  
Linwood, Kansas

Dear Mr. Duncan:

I have your letter of August 3 which I have read with much interest; also the petition which you inclose signed by members of your organization.

I am and have been working day and night on this and many other problems which come before me as Governor. If you care to be so unfair as to take the stand that if I am not at your meeting at Linwood on August 9, it will be accepted as proving that I am not interested in your movement for the relief of the destitute jobless, then I say frankly that I do not care about your opinion or what you think. I shall stand on my sincere efforts toward the solution of this problem. It is a matter which interests the entire state, not one community alone, and we must work it out on that basis. Also, we must give attention to the manner in which the emergency relief bill provides for the distribution of that portion of the fund coming to each state. This fund will be apportioned to the various counties in the state and all will be handled through a local county relief board. As I explained in my radio address yesterday, the men on the state and local committees are giving their time and money and collecting nothing from the fund in the way of remuneration.

This money is intended for labor and we intend to see that is where it shall go. There is no politics in this movement. The men who form the state committee are not politicians. I do not know what ticket many of them vote, and the same will apply to the selection of the local county boards. All of this was gone into in my radio talk of yesterday, a copy of which I will

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2- E.H. Duncan

mail to you as soon as we have had an opportunity to have it mimeographed or printed.

Our work now is all preliminary. We can go little further until the federal government agency which has to do with the distribution of the funds to the various states has arranged its program. It is our desire to cooperate with local agencies that sincerely are interested in relieving the situation and in solving this problem, but that will be hard to do if those agencies assume an attitude of dictatorship.

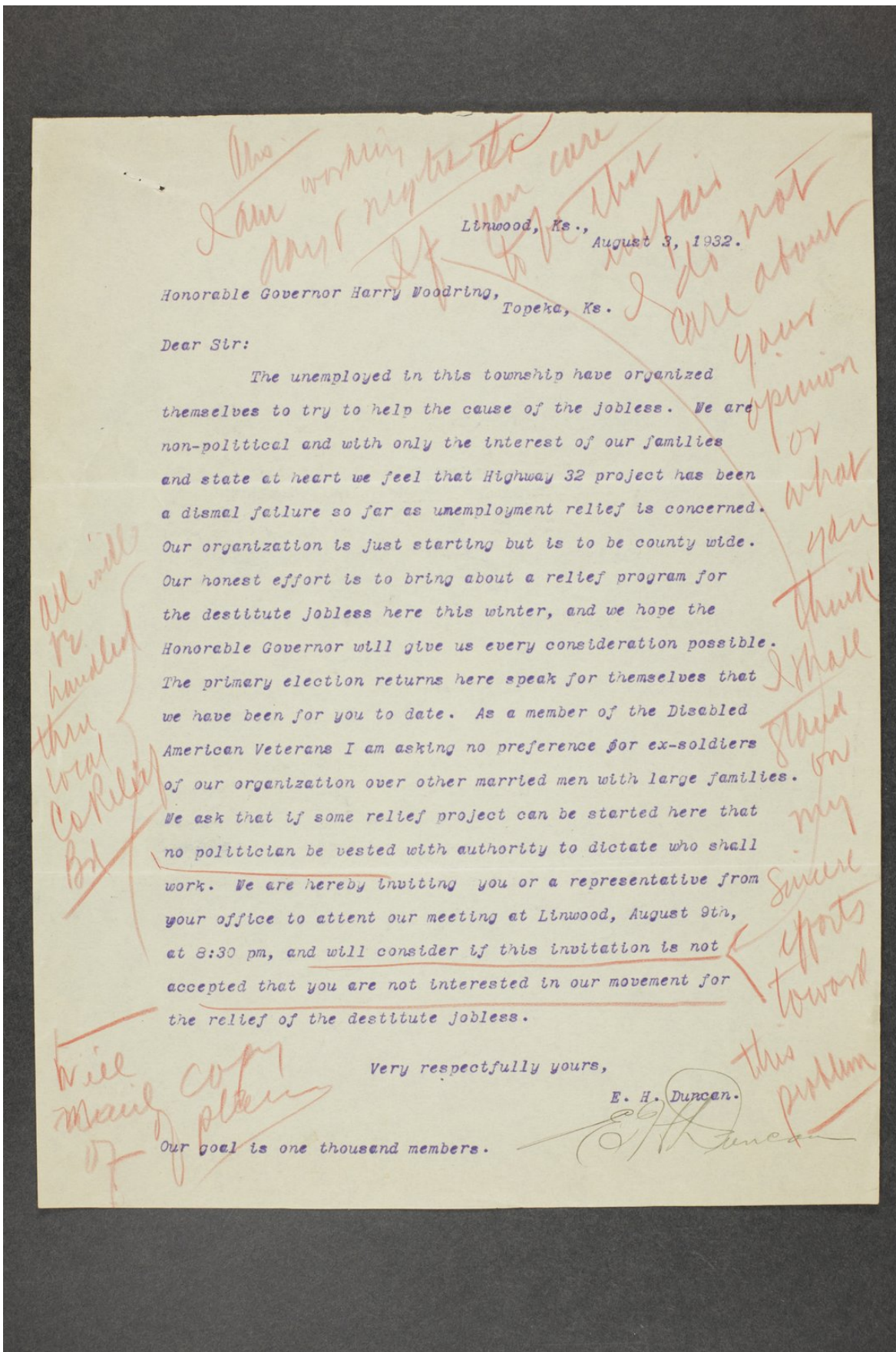
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The undersigned unemployed of Sherman Township in Leavenworth County petition the Honorable Governor of Kansas and the State Highway Commissioner to start a relief project free from directorship of politics, either state or local, where the undersigned unemployed may be employed part time with preference for married men with families. The undersigned unemployed will hold a meeting August 9, 1932, at 8 pm in Linwood, and will welcome the Honorable Governor or a representative of his office.

*Handwritten signatures and names:*

E. H. Euncan.  
 Albert Holladay  
 Virgil Allen  
 H. R. Mason.  
 John York  
 E. R. Barnett  
 Caleb Holladay  
 J. F. Godfrey  
 J. A. Gaspner  
 H. J. Montgomery  
 J. T. Montgomery  
 Lloyd Bedson  
 John Ward  
 J. L. Wiers  
 J. A. Wilson  
 J. H. Pennington  
 W. H. Bedson  
 Thomas J. Godfrey  
 J. E. Zinger  
 Ross Godfrey  
 Clint Chance

J. H. Haring  
 J. A. Borchers  
 Robert Cline  
 Carl Sikke  
 Tom L. Lague  
 Hay Moffit  
 Lester Lewis  
 Frank Douglas  
 E. T. Douglas  
 Roy Sledd  
 C. R. Harsawant  
 Roy Baird  
 Shely R. Baird  
 Howard Sprague  
 John Ahern  
 K. Allison  
 Bub Curtis  
 W. M. Sanders  
 Louis Allison  
 Chester Bowen  
 Harry Engle  
 Earl Allison

A. L. Trudnick  
 Harry Trudnick  
 Frank Rogers  
 M. H. Schuler  
 Fred Mahon  
 M. J. Fatty  
 Thomas Blute  
 Carroll Hicks  
 A. E. Jordan  
 C. R. Jordan  
 Victor Kellingsworth  
 Bus Hedrick  
 W. G. McBroon  
 A. H. Stewart  
 E. E. Bennett  
 W. R. McDorman  
 Warren Brazier  
 R. J. Hedrick  
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 George Chamberlain  
 Paul Chamberlain  
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 Chas. Coleman



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STATE OF KANSAS

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August 5, 1932

Mr. Leonard Boyd, President  
The League of Kansas Municipalities  
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Boyd:

Please accept my thanks for your letter of July 20 in which you express appreciation for the recognition given the League of Kansas Municipalities with the appointment of its executive secretary, John G. Stutz, as a member of the Kansas Federal Relief Committee.

I feel this recognition was due him and assure you he is proving, as I anticipated, he would, a very valuable member. Recognizing his ability the committee in perfecting its organization very promptly selected him as its secretary.

Assuring you of my high esteem, I am

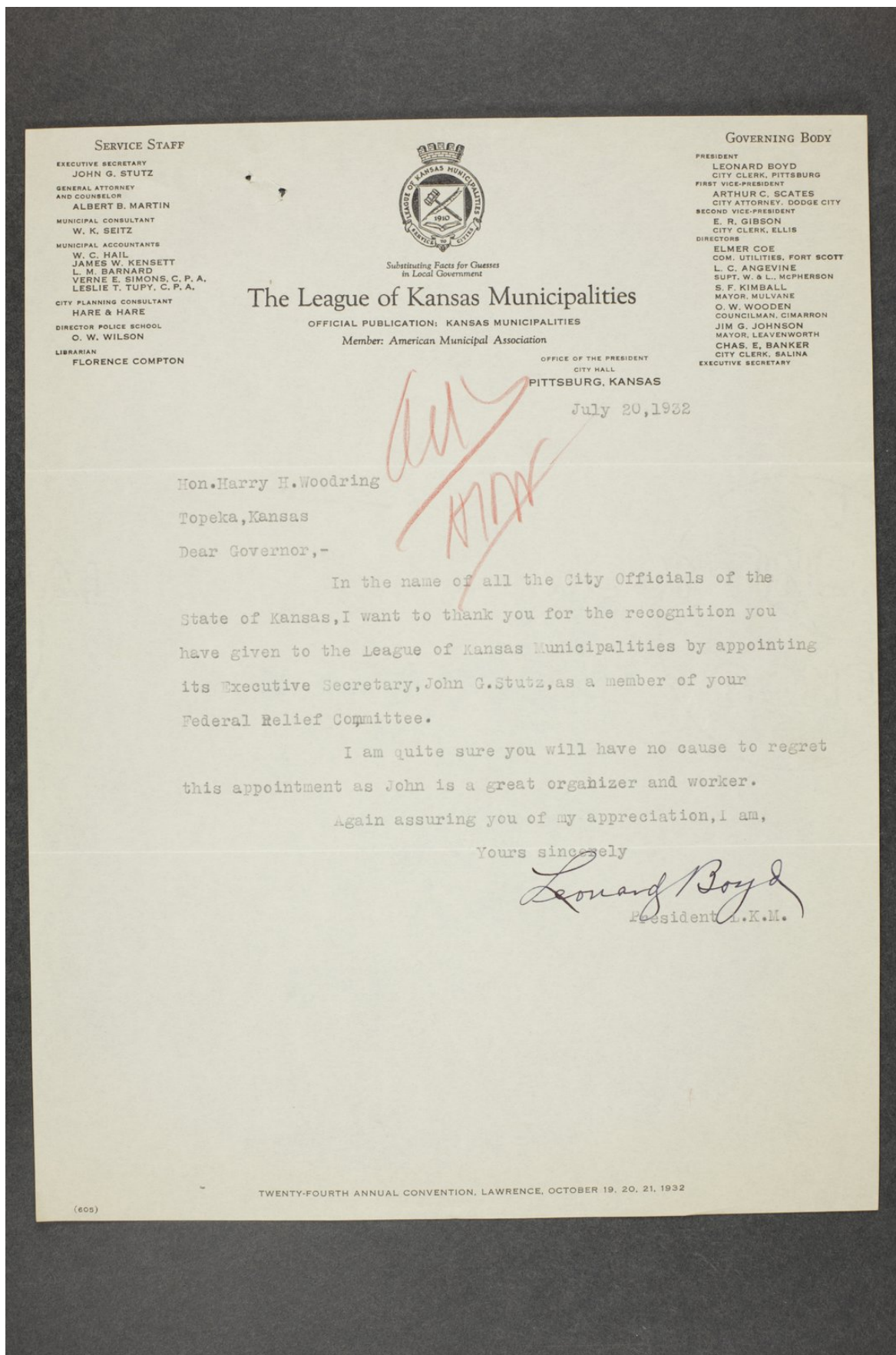
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August 5, 1932

Mr. Asa Messenger  
Box 603  
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Asa:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 21 in regard to relief for the unemployed in Crawford County and I regret the delay in answering it.

Plans are being worked out by the Kansas Federal Relief Committee for the distribution of federal relief funds in all sections of the state. The unemployment situation in your county will be handled by a local committee known as "The County Federal Relief Committee". The survey which we requested from cities of the first and second class were for the information of the state committee and it is not the intention to overlook cities of the third class and communities which need assistance.

As soon as the county organization is formed for Crawford County, Mr. McAlester and Mr. Bell should confer with the chairman of that committee in regard to the conditions existing in the small mining camps.

In regard to the use of highway trucks for the delivery of Red Cross flour to the miners, I would suggest that you take this matter up with Mr. Carl V. Rice, Highway Commissioner, 4th District, Parsons, Kansas. I have no objections to the use of these trucks for the delivery of this flour.

Thanking you for the information which your letter contains and with very best regards, I am

Sincerely yours

Harry H. Woodring  
Governor



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Governor Harry H. Woodring,  
State House,  
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Governor:

I see where you are doing what you can toward the relief of the unemployed in Crawford County, which we appreciate very much, and we feel that you will do what you can toward getting our portion of this fund that you are working on.

A committee has just been to see me regarding the survey that you want made and as they understand it, you have asked for a report on the unemployed in the first and second class cities. We feel that through some oversight you have overlooked the small mining camps in our territory, which in my opinion need more consideration than some of the towns.

Mr. McAlester and Mr. Bell have had charge of the work around Ringo, which includes twenty-eight square miles in the coal mining district that are not included in your questionnaire. O believe if you would communicate with either of these men, they could give you some valuable information. I know they are doing good work in their territory.

In some of the red cross work where it has been necessary to hire trucks to get this red cross flour delivered to the proper place for distribution, I don't see why we could not use some of the Highway department equipment for that purpose. Of course I understand that the equipment used in the Highway department is purchased for that purpose, but there are times when we have to overstep just a little bit, so it seems that we could save a few dollars by having them load up as they leave their Headquarters enroute for work along the highway and deliver the red cross flour instead of some of the workers having to take money from their own pockets for this purpose.

I am informed that there is not one deep mine in operation in this territory. The Western Coal and Mining Company having ceased operation has put about eleven hundred more men out of work. I do not know whether there were any

*Handwritten notes in red ink:*  
- *Just Com - survey being made in all sections - all towns of area - but the unemployed in your Co will be handled by a Local Co Com of 3*  
- *17 Mo*

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grivances between the operators and miners, but as you know the steam shovels have completely put the deep mines out of business, and with about twenty five men in one of these steam shofel pits, they can produce as much coal as about seven hundred men will in the deep mines, so you see it is almost impossible for the deep mines to operate.

I feel that something serious will happen in this territory this winter. Please make what investigation you can regarding the territories outside of the first and second class cities in this county, and give us a letter along your ideas, just as quickly as possible, and oblige.

Yours truly,

AM:MO

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