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August 5, 1932

Mr. G. A. Tuttle
811 Rhode Island Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Tuttle:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 20 in which you ask if it would be possible to secure a loan from the funds allotted to Kansas by the Federal Government for relief purposes.

The Kansas Federal Relief Committee is making plans for the distribution of this money and it is intended to use it for day labor only, which is the intent of the law. As soon as the committees for federal relief in the counties are organized, additional information will be available.

With very best regards, I am

Sincerely yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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*Ans for day labor
Lawrence, Kans.
(local) 811 R. I. St
2-20-32*

Gov. Woodring
Topeka Kans.

Dear Sir

I see in tonight's paper,
where the states were to get
help from the Government
I would like to know, who
we were to write to to find
out information
We ^{don't} want to depend on aid
from the city but would like
to go into business for our
selves. we have a good opportu-
nity, to buy a restaurant
and butcher shop combined
in a town of 2500 people it
would take about \$1.000 to
handle it I have one boy

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12 years old and one 18. And
it is so hard to get work
for him or my self. I lost
my farm that I bought in
1918. had paid \$6,000 on it
and had to let it go back.
I have been with the Cities
Service Gas Life Line Co
for two years. walking line
and about 4 weeks ago
got laid off.

If you can give me any
information on this I would
sure appreciate it
with kind regards.

Mr G. A. Thullen

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August 6, 1932

Mr. L. W. Wallace
312 Lincoln Street
Winfield, Kansas

Dear Mr. Wallace:

I have read your letter of August 4 with a great deal of interest. I appreciate your writing me in this connection and particularly your expression of confidence in me.

My state-wide committee, a non-political organization selected from men of all walks of life and from all sections of the State, is going to help us in the solution of this unemployment problem. We are working daily on plans and a program to handle the Federal aid funds coming to Kansas. It is our desire to administer this fund in such a way that it will give work and relief to the greatest number possible. These men are giving their time and money freely and will receive no remuneration whatever.

The State committee will work in conjunction with local County committees to be named by the State committee. The local committee will handle the funds under the supervision of the State committee which also will approve the projects on which the workmen will be employed. It is the intention to see to it that labor receives all of this money except the very small portion, less than one per cent, which will take care of necessary expenses.

There are so many communities in the State, even many in each county, that this method was deemed not only the best way to handle it but also the least expensive. The Federal funds will be turned over monthly to the local county boards which are to be used in conjunction with relief funds to be raised locally.

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Just when the funds will be available will depend upon when the Federal government agency can turn it over to us. In the meantime my committee is holding weekly meetings in my office for the purpose of completing its organization and program so it will be ready to function immediately.

Sincerely yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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Governor Harry H. Woodring, Correspondence Files, Box 25

Winfield, Kansas,
Aug. 4, 1932.

Gov. Harry H. Woodring,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir-

I am writing to you to know if you, in your official capacity, can help us with our problem here in Winfield, Kas. We are under a City Manager system. A city of ten thousand with a \$ 75,000 city flood prevention project under way, with one of the City Commissioners in charge of the work. (At a nominal wage as per the voice of the Administration, as stated in our daily paper.) We the unemployed know that we cannot get adequate relief as things are operating, and it is the only work of consequence here. The workers are getting desperate and are sorely in need of co-operation with higher authority. There are over two hundred organized unemployed here and over one hundred un-organized workers here on a working list. About ten to fourteen workers are not being rotated. Some of these we know are essential, but others can be replaced by just as competent workers from among the unemployed. We are using a giant power shovel displacing many men. Teams are being rotated partially. The list of workers is so great that three days work around only comes about every two months. Those who are getting work on this job are at once cut off from County aid, and things are fast coming to a beautiful mess here. This appeal is our last known means of getting things righted in a sane sensible way, and we hope it meets with your consideration, and comes within the range of your activities.

WE petitioned the City Attorney, Mr. Bloss and the City Manager to apply for the Federal Relief for the unemployed but met with evasions and nothing definite as to planned relief, yet finally taking the matter under advisement.

There is much work planned for the future here, if it could be opened up immediately and in the proper way, there need be no unemployed problem here.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I beg to remain,

Yours Truly,

L. W. Wallace

President of Unemployed,
312 Lincoln, Street,
Winfield, Kas.

Ans
Yes - my state-wide
Com' is going to
help - we are working
daily on the plans & program
to handle the full aid
communities - but so many
in each County - so
we are going to
turn money
over

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monthly to a local Co. Red Bd
in each co to use the
money supplement & in
conjunction with the
funds raised locally
etc

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August 8, 1932

Mr. John Redmond
Burlington, Kansas

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of July 19 with which you enclosed a letter from the mayor of your city in answer to my telegram requesting information in regard to unemployment. The mayor's letter has been referred to the Kansas Federal Relief Committee.

Your thoughtfulness in sending me the clipping from your paper is also appreciated. I read it with much interest.

If at all possible, I should like to speak at your fair but will talk to you later.

With very best regards and continued good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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Coffey County Clears \$2,995 Graveling Road

The graveling of about 20 miles of state highway on K57 thru Coffey county by the county resulted in getting the work done at less expense to the state highway department, resulted in a profit of nearly \$3,000 to the county, and gave employment last fall and winter to 75 teams, 38 trucks, and considerable single handed labor.

The final check of the work recently, gave the following very interesting figures:

Miles graveled	20
Yards of gravel	24,584.5
Received for the work	\$16,232.73
Paid out for labor	\$11,609.64
Paid for gravel	\$ 1,176.40
Paid oil and gas	\$ 442.00
Repairs, etc.	\$ 100.00
Profit to county	\$ 2,995.69

The money received for this work has not been distributed to the several funds as there has been some delay in receiving the money due from Woodson county in this project, and the county commissioners and county clerk wanted to get all the money in before distributing any of it. The last of the money was received from Woodson county last week.

The county commissioners have not decided exactly how to distribute the money, but it is their idea that inasmuch as the profit came from graveling roads it should be spent with the truckmen and team owners for additional graveling on county roads, and they expect to put into the fund known as the Auto and Gasoline tax fund all of this \$2,995.69 profit except sufficient to reimburse the general fund for money expended from it in doing the graveling, and money to cover depreciation and wear and tear on county equipment used in the work.

The commissioners figured that the money spent last fall and winter for wages on this project saved the county considerable money in aid as it made it possible for those having this work to get thru the winter without calling for help, and it also made it possible for a number of men to pay their taxes who otherwise would not have had the money with which to pay taxes. And in addition it gave the state 20 miles of splendid graveled road which have stood up under the stress of a severe flood and frequent rains and the state paid less than any contractor offered to the work for. The work did not cost the county any additional salaries. The engineer and commissioners did not draw any extra pay for looking after this graveling.

County officials and others interested in the welfare of Coffey county are hoping the state highway department will find a way to let the county build the mile of road on K57 extending from the new US75 to the Thompson corner

on the old route. They believe that it would save money for the state and that it would be of great help to the people of Coffey county in furnishing work at a time when work is scarce.

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July 20. Home made ice cream 5c a dish and cake will be served. Every one welcome.—Adv.

Stag Tuesday Evening

The regular stag supper will be served at the Country club Tuesday evening.

The Farm Bureau unit and others met at the Christian church basement Wednesday afternoon and canned vegetables for those whose gardens were destroyed by the recent flood. Among those present were Mesdames Emma Klock, Lizzie Hutchinson, Kizzie Pieratt, Mellie Baxter, Mattie Mayer, Maggie Mauck, Nell Applegate, Ermin Hughes, Laura Prewitt, Grace Leighty, Alice Fitch, Minnie Martin, Nora Traw and Mildred Mark; Misses Pearl Kimble, Birdine Pieratt, Laverne Hamman and Edith Martin.

M. G. Atherly of Gridley and his daughter Mrs. Waldo Varvel of Bartlesville, Okla., called on Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Atherly and Miss Clara Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. G. G. Kesner of Burlington and Miss Catherine Eisle took Miss Alma Eisle to Newman hospital Tuesday night where she was operated on for appendicitis immediately. Miss Eisle came through the operation all right.

Mrs. Ella Carston, who lives near Enterprise, arrived here Tuesday and Sammie Hutchinson took her to Emporia to be with her daughter Miss Alma Eisle who is in the hospital. Miss Katherine Eisle returned home with Mr. Hutchinson.

Ebbie Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anderson, fell from an express wagon Wednesday morning and broke his left arm in the elbow. Mrs. S. T. Anderson took him to Burlington where a physician reduced the fracture.

J. J. Baxter and others drove to Emporia Wednesday to see Mrs. J. J. Baxter who is in a hospital.

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Farm Day Wednesday.

Fraternal Day Thursday.

Premiums to Coffey county exhibitors only.

The Coffey County Agricultural Fair Association

Burlington, Kansas

OFFICE OF
JOHN REDMOND, Secretary

July the 19th,
1932

Governor Harry H. Woodring,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor:

Mayor Wingett brought your telegram to me yesterday and I took the matter up with those familiar with conditions. The enclosed letter from the Mayor is the result.

It has been so long since you sent the telegram, we figured an answer by mail would do just as well as by wire now.

The clipping from Monday's daily enclosed may be of interest, as it applies to the situation here.

I might add incidentally, that the Fair yesterday used 30 men, about half of whom would be on the list of unemployed but for the Fair work.

We intend to find a way by which you can speak at our fair September 21, 22 or 23 without getting yourself in bad with the rest of the fairs, so please count on it!

Sincerely,

John Redmond

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August 8, 1932

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Hon. H. F. Higgins, Mayor
St. Marys, Kansas

Dear Mr. Higgins:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 19 in which you tell me of the needs of your city for relief of the unemployed situation.

The survey which was made of the 88 cities of the first and second class was to obtain a prompt picture of the unemployed situation. However, all cities and communities of the state will participate in the federal relief. Funds for this purpose will be obtained through county federal relief committees as soon as such organizations are perfected and funds available.

With very best regards and continued good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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H. F. Higgins, ^{Mayor}
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City Manager/Clerk

D. L. McEnroe
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G.C. URBANSKY
Commissioner of Streets

CITY OF ST. MARYS, KANSAS

JULY 19 1932

HON. GOV. Harry H. Woodring
State Capitol
Topeka Kansas

Dear Governor, We see in the current news, that you have issued an invitation to the mayors of First and Second Class Cities to make known their needs in order to participate in relief measures that are to be under taken in Kansas .

St Marys ranks only as a third Class city, however we have a problem of un-employment, owing to the Closing of St Marys College last year, a number of families that were more or less dependent on it for employment, are out of work , some thing like 44 families and individuals recieved aid from the County last winter, in this community nearly all of these families contain able bodied people that are willing to work,

We wish to ~~wish to~~ make connections with your Relief Organization, to the extent that we can reccommend some of these workers with the view of having them placed in work they can handle, when and as available, most of them are willing to go to any part of the state.

PLEASED

We will be very glad to have any advice your Committee will be in position to give us,

Very Resp. Yours

The survey was made only to 88-1st & 2nd class to get a hurried picture - all cities will participate according to need

H. F. Higgins

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Hon. Edgar Bennett, Mayor
Washington, Kansas

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Please accept my thanks for your letter of appreciation of July 22. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and assure you it was a pleasure to do what I did to aid your city in the late disaster.

With very best regards and continued good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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EDGAR BENNETT

A. C. BOKELMAN

BENNETT & BOKELMAN
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
WASHINGTON, KANSAS

July 22, 1932.

WLB

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

My dear Governor:

At this time I desire to express to you the full appreciation of the city of Washington and each and every one of the citizens for your kindness and interest in our little city because of our late disaster.

It is little things like this that cause people to believe humanity still exists, and that we have a brotherly feeling one for the other. I assure you that your willingness to respond in any way possible is fully appreciated by all our people, with personal regards of friendliness, I remain

Yours respectfully,

Edgar Bennett

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August 9, 1932

Mr. Benjamin C. Marsh
63 Bliss Building
35 Constitution Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Marsh:

I have your letter of July 18 and am pleased to answer your question with regard to the attitude of Kansas toward federal relief funds made available through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. In the bill last passed by the Congress, we plan to make application for the state's share of the relief fund for unemployment relief purposes.

There is no State Board of Housing now operating in Kansas under which we could take advantage of the credit provided in this bill for limited dividend housing corporations.

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor



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July 18, 1932.

Gov. Harry H. Woodring,
Topeka, Kan.

Dear Governor Woodring:

As you know, the relief construction bill passed by the Congress Saturday, which the President has stated he will sign, appropriates \$300,000,000 for relief to be expended by states on application of the Governors in proportion to the population, but no state to receive over fifteen per cent of the total amount. The bill also makes available through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation \$1,500,000,000 for enterprises of a self-liquidating character, including loans for non-commercial, i. e. limited dividend housing corporations.

As the People's Lobby worked for such a measure during the past session, we are very interested to know:--

1. Whether you plan to make application shortly for your State's share of the relief fund, *Yes - for Relief*
2. Whether there is any State Board of Housing now operating in your State, under which you could take advantage of the credit provided in this bill for limited dividend housing corporations. *No ?*

Yours sincerely,

Benjamin C. Marsh
Executive Secretary.

BCM:EPB

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August 9, 1932

Mr. E. O. Norrell
60 South 18th Street
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Norrell:

I trust you will pardon my delay in answering your letter of July 20 and am sure you would if you could see the mass of mail that comes to us every day. and a great deal of it gives much the same story as yours. It is needless to say every letter of that kind makes me wish I could put every unemployed man in Kansas to work. However, that is a physical impossibility.

We are working now on the set-up to distribute the federal unemployment relief fund which will come to us within the next thirty days. This will furnish relief for thousands of men out of work and unable to find employment with which to maintain themselves and their families.

I am inclosing copies of an address I made before the Topeka Rotary Club last week which was broadcast over stations WIBW and KPBI, explaining how this fund will be handled. However, I doubt if this would relieve you to the extent of saving your home, as these funds necessarily must be spread over as much territory as possible.

Just at the present time I do not know of a single job that I could offer you, much as I would enjoy writing you more encouragingly. I am sure you can see it is

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utterly impossible for us to find places for all who are needy. I shall be happy to keep you in mind and hope that out of the unemployment relief funds and the emergency federal aid coming to the highway department, we may be able to help you and many others who are victims of the times.

Assuring you of my interest, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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Ans
Relief
Tell about
unemployment plans
H.H.W.

Kansas City, Kansas
July 20, 1932

Governor Woodring
State House
Topeka, Kansas

Your Excellency Sir:

I being a little over the compensation law age limit, I have been unable to secure employment for over a year, consequently I am about to loose my home, in which I have over Three Thousand dollars (\$3,000) invested and a balance of aproximately Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000) of which I am unable to meet payments. I was an asset to your campaign, and am asking as Govenor of our state to devise some way whereby I and other citizens and voters of Kansas may have an oportunity of earning a livelihood in order to pay our Taxes and maintain our Homes. (I am looking to ~~as~~ Hoover to relieve the Kansas Citizens, I am looking to you) and it appears to me upon your excellence and recomendation the state could greatly relieve the unemployment condition in Kansas and many are looking to our (our chief executive) to render assistance and relief to the citizens and unemployed voters of our state.

If you can assist me in securing a job so I will not loose my home and the Three Thousand dollars (\$3,000) inverted therein I shall still be greatful to you.

May I hear from you personally.

Respectfully and very kindly,

E.O. Norrell
60-50-18
Kansas City
Kansas

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THE KANSAS POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

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D. E. ACKERS
VICE PRESIDENT
AND
GENERAL MANAGER



August 10, 1932.

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

Dear Governor Woodring:

I believe that you will be interested in reading copies of the latest bulletins which we have received from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Mr. Lee Goodrich has been obtaining these bulletins from Mr. Bryant at Parsons and sending them to me.

I am attempting to make arrangements so that we will be on their mailing list in the future. This may be impossible inasmuch as they may only send their bulletins to members of the respective boards.

Very truly yours,



General Chairman.

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RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON

August 3, 1932.

The Board of Directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation today made available, at the request of the Governor of Ohio, under Title I of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932, the amount of \$852,662 for certain counties in Ohio.

These funds are for the purpose of furnishing relief and work relief in Lorain, Mahoning, Stark and Summit counties and will meet the emergency needs for periods of varying lengths falling within the remainder of the calendar year of 1932.

The amount is provided under appropriate agreements to be reimbursed to the Corporation with interest at the rate of three per cent per annum. Of the total amount made available to Ohio, \$131,245 will be expended for emergency needs in Lorain county; \$336,440 in Mahoning county; \$334,977 in Stark county; and \$50,000 in Summit county.

The application of the Governor of Ohio and supporting data filed with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation outlined the emergency need in these four Ohio counties and showed that local and State funds immediately available are inadequate. Information was supplied concerning the administrative methods of the Ohio Relief Commission and measures adopted by that body under State relief statutes to make funds available to the counties and cities of the State.

The Ohio Relief Commission was created by legislation passed by

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special session of the State legislature in April of this year. The Commission succeeded an Emergency Relief Committee organized in February, 1931, to promote work relief and coordinate existing relief agencies.

Other relief measures passed by the legislature at the special session, according to the data supplied, authorized boards of education to furnish relief to needy school children; to permit counties and cities to divert to relief purposes all or any part of their share of the gasoline and motor vehicle tax funds up to March 1, 1933; and to levy a special tax for five years on certain public utilities, permitting counties and cities to issue bonds in anticipation of the collection of the tax, and also permitting counties and cities to issue further bonds to a limited extent without a vote of the people.

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RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON

August 4, 1932.

The Board of Directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation today heard Governor Pinchot, other officials of the State Government of Pennsylvania, and leaders of the Pennsylvania State Legislature, in connection with the application of the Governor for funds, under the provisions of Title I of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932, for purposes of relief and work relief in Pennsylvania. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Pomerene, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, made the following statement to the delegation:

"It is our belief that, on proper showing, we should extend some relief to the State of Pennsylvania, but it must be borne in mind that we have funds entrusted to our Board which are to be expended, not in lieu of state or local relief, but to be supplemental thereto, if, when, and as necessary.

"After a full hearing, we feel persuaded that the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, and its several political sub-divisions, have not done their full duty with respect to the furnishing of funds for relief purposes. We shall defer action with regard to relief for Pennsylvania until we know what the legislature will do for the relief of its own people."

The following officials of the State Government and leaders of the State Legislature were present:

Gifford Pinchot, Governor;
E. C. Shannon, Lieutenant Governor;
W. A. Schwader, Attorney General;
Clyde L. King, Secretary of Revenue;
Alice F. Liveright, Secretary of Welfare;
C. J. Goodnough, Speaker of the House of Representatives;
Harry F. Scott, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations;
Frank E. Baldwin, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee;
Philip Sterling, Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means;
Joseph G. Steedle, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations.

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RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON

August 4, 1932.

The Board of Directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation today made available, upon application and request of the Governor of Michigan, under Sub-Section (e), Section 1, Title I of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932, the amount of \$1,800,000 for emergency relief needs for the City of Detroit subject to compliance with all legal requirements. These funds are for the purpose of furnishing the current relief essential for a period of approximately two months.

In certifying to the Corporation the relief needs of Detroit, the Governor of Michigan stated that "the above-named amount represents sums that are needed at once over and beyond any amounts that are now available or can be made available to the City of Detroit through private contributions, taxation, the sale of its obligations to private purchasers, or from any other legal source".

The amount is made available to the City of Detroit at this time to enable the City to meet the immediate emergency and to give time for the development of further state and municipal relief plans.

The supporting data accompanying the application of the Governor indicated that the City of Detroit was unable to dispose of the remaining \$1,800,000 of a \$10,000,000 duly authorized bond issue for welfare purposes, and that it would be impossible for the State to take further action in time to meet the emergency in that City. The Public Welfare Department has been operating on credit since March, 1932, with current bills unpaid totaling \$2,650,000.



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The State of Michigan, according to the supporting data, through its Unemployment and Relief Commission, which was organized in October, 1931, has carried on a work relief program. A State highway building program of \$11,000,000 was inaugurated.

The Governor also advised the Reconstruction Finance Corporation that Michigan, limited by statute so far as State funds are concerned at this time, placed the responsibility upon its political sub-divisions, both in raising and administering relief and work relief funds, and as a result political sub-divisions have been bonded heavily.

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STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

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August 10, 1932

Mr. John C. King
Liberal, Kansas

Dear Mr. King:

I regret very much the delay in acknowledging receipt of your letter of July 26, owing to the mass of correspondence which has been pouring into this office for the past month.

I note your inquiry about the federal unemployment aid and am inclosing a copy of one of my radio talks which, I think will answer your questions, as far as possible at the present time.

Sincerely yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

(Until further notice, Governor Woodring will broadcast from the executive offices over Stations WIBW and KFBI each day from 12:20 to 12:50, P.M.)



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COUNTY ATTORNEY

OFFICE IN COURT HOUSE

JOHN C. KING
ATTORNEY AT LAW
LIBERAL, KANSAS

July 26, 1932.

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Hon. H.H. Woodring,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor:

I am writing this letter at the request of our County Commissioners, as we are not informed as to just what department of the Government should be addressed.

Our information is that a considerable amount of money for the relief of unemployment is to be distributed in this state, and while we do not have a copy of the law, we understand that it will largely be used for road work. Our situation is this: Our county has about fifty-six miles of state roads, forty-eight miles of which are oiled or graveled, and are practically complete. If the money is expended on state roads it will be of little assistance in so far as relieved unemployment is concerned. It is our desire to use the money on other roads if possible, and to give the work, so far as practicable to men who are in need and would probably be supported out of our poor fund unless they can get work.

We would like to know if such a plan can be worked out, and to co-operate with the authorities in using the money for the employment of needy persons so far as practical. We believe this can be done to great advantage through the active co-operation of the county authorities.

Yours very truly,

John C. King

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County Attorney.

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August 10, 1932

Mrs. Kathryn Wall Wilson
Brown Building
Abilene, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

I am sorry not to have answered your letter of July 25 more promptly, but because of the mass of mail we have been receiving daily, this is the first opportunity I have had to reply.

I appreciate your suggestion and would suggest that you write or get in touch with Mr. Ralph Snyder of Manhattan, who is chairman for district four and a member of the State Federal Unemployment Relief Committee. He will have in his charge the naming of the Dickinson County chairman and other members of the committee for that county.

Thanking you for your interest, I
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Sincerely yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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FREE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU
UNITED BUILDING
ABILENE, KANSAS

July 25, 1932.

Governor Harry Woodring,
State House,
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Governor Woodring:

Having noticed in the morning paper several of the names of your appointees for the Kansas Federal Relief Committee, I am hoping it will not be out of order for me to ask who your appointee is for Abilene.

During the past winter we made monthly reports to the Topeka offices of the work done through this office under the able directorship of Mr. C. L. Brown of this city, who was on your Employment Committee at that time.

We had an emergency plan of employment here financed then by a 30th of each salaried person's monthly wage.

I attended the Employment Committee meeting at the Jawhawk Hotel during Mr. Brown's absence last winter and am keenly interested.

Looking forward to the winter program and the work to be done has prompted my writing you. Believe me

Very sincerely,

FREE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

Kathryn Wall Wilson

Kathryn Wall Wilson,
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