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J.B.HARRIS' HOTELS



HOTEL SEVERS
MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA




HOTEL EL DORADO
EL DORADO, KANSAS


WRITTEN FROM

in the Spring of 1920, Came to Cauley Co 7-miles East of Winfield trying to save Expenses and helping on the Farms what I could and look after my wife, and get out on the road what I could. Have had 3 different Doctors out of Winfield but my line has been a living dead the past number of years. I have used Every Effort I know, how to use, and my End has come, have lost a Dollar to my name, only one Hundred goods and 1923 Ford, borrow 1000 Dollars on that, and unless I pay it by Aug 3-will lose that I am not a young man but plenty of heart yet, can do as much as men 20 year younger

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HOTEL SEVERS
MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA

FAMOUS
FOR
GOOD FOOD
AND
HOSPITALITY


HOTEL EL DORADO
ELDORADO, KANSAS

WRITTEN FROM


if I had the chance, but will
 not hire one of my age even if
 there was any work to do. must make
 a business of my own. left home
 early this am came up here to see
 if I could get some help my funds
 that I know one having a hard
 time and the older one those
 post away. little help I hope
 ever ask only in a business
 way, always paid my bill on
 time. I owe some now I expect
 \$300.00 dollar but my ex will give
 me a chance. Mr G.E. Johnson
 619 So Washington St Wichita can
 tell you and I will or my self
 one not afraid of work living
 her home for years. paid
 my rent on the first every month

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EL DORADO, KANSAS

*Mr. Foster worries from the time
she wakes in the morning until
sleep gets her at night over an
condition. Doctor tell me that is
her worst trouble now, stop her
worry and she will get
well. we never had thing good
but good enough to high leap
or finey. it is a time I must
set will not do any thing
wrong, but need some help. I
can not and will not take my
wife to the Poor Farm, I know
can make it, but need a little
help. I could start a fruit stand
also have a small ostele I can
sell. if had the money to do
to*

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HOTEL EL DORADO
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WRITTEN FROM

Could tide us over I know well
 and good will not allow be this
 way. and the Post will be gone
 I would like to borrow \$50.00 or
 \$100.00 Dollars if you feel like
 giving me a check, and I will
 pay it back \$5.00 or 10.00 per month
 with interest in other words I will
 pay and if every a man I will
 I will if I live and lose my health
 I think where I borrow money in
 time Post will not loan unless the
 best of security to anyone as well
 as my reg. I have always been
 able to borrow small amounts on
 my own note before. one can not
 blame them same time they had
 my money for years without
 interest

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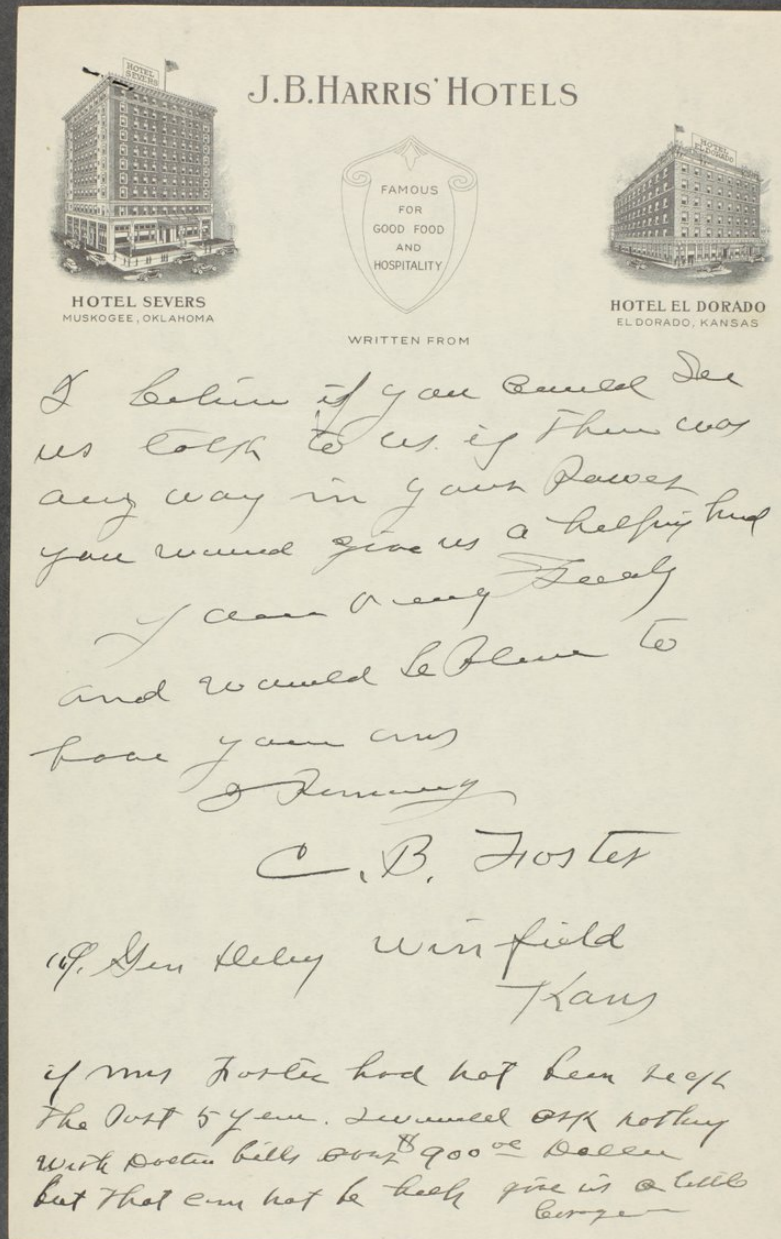
HOTEL EL DORADO
ELDORADO, KANSAS

WRITTEN FROM

Maui Hoon

I am sincere will make my word
to you as good as a government bond
that is I will pay it. I should you
feel like I am your trust in me
I fully understand your position
and leave it to you. I am not begging
myself and wife are not. Looking
for someone to give us something
all we ask is a chance. I will
go back home and say nothing to
my wife in regard to this letter, unless
I hear from you. I told her this
morning thought could make a
deal here but failed. We both
have some pride left yet. and
would like to see a little sunshine

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August 13, 1931

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Mr. Robert Johnson
Oswego, Kansas

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I have your letter of August 7, requesting a loan of \$10.00.

Much as I sympathize with you and your family I cannot grant your request. I have had so many calls of this nature and others involving small sums in themselves, but literally running into thousands of dollars in the aggregate, that I have been obliged to adopt the policy of refusing all. I think you can realize what my position would be if I should do otherwise.

Nevertheless, I assure you that you have my sincere sympathy and I am trusting that the time is not far distant when you will again have steady employment and you and yours once again will be happy and prosperous.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours

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Aug 7 1931
 my friend
 H. H. W.
 @Mingo/Kans
 Aug 7. 1931
 Dear Sir I am here writing
 you for aid & a Sisting if you
 please I have a large family
 and no job and no work
 and no money and nothing
 to eat I have eight children
 and a wife and nothing
 to do asking you to please
 lend me \$10.00 are donate it
 and when I get a job and
 the Lord will I will send
 it back to you Worke is
 scare and times is hard
 I will admit from yours
 truly Robert Johnson
 please help

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August 14, 1931

Mr. Albert Fikes
Arma, Kansas

Dear Mr. Fikes:

I have your letter of August 8, and assure you that you have my sincere sympathy.

None knows better than I how serious the condition is, but it is not so in Kansas alone but is nation wide. I receive many letters similar to yours every week, as do all other public officials. All of us regret that we have no authority to relieve the situation, if that were possible.

Your particular complaint it appears to me is a local matter and should be taken up with the local authorities.

With kindest personal regards, and thanking you for writing me, I am

Very truly yours

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*Ans. -
 Sympathize with him -
 Tell him a local matter -
 5-8-31
 H. W. Woodring*

Governor Woodring Dear Sir
 I am taking the liberty to write
 you in regard to our county
 commission now I think and
 have been told that there is
 something wrong somewhere
 they have been helping the poor
 a little every month until
 last month and this month
 and our commission refused
 to give us every thing at all
 I was getting 7 dollars per month
 and now we are facing starv-
 ation his name is Benny Morgan
 I think they ought to be
 investigated now want you
 please look in to this matter
 it is pretty stuff (over)

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to go hungry i am past
70 years old and all crippled
up cant work at all and
i dont want to leave here
hav a small home of my
one here the red cross run
out of funds here and then
the county quits what will
become of us poor fellows
do you think well i wont
take up any more of your
time i could tell you a lot
more but will ring off
thank you from
to Albert. Sikes
Governor Woodring

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August 28, 1931

Miss Lillian McCord
905 North Polk Street
Topeka, Kansas

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Dear Miss McCord:

I have your letter of August 26 written in the interest of St. Mark's A. M. E. Church and requesting a donation for your annual Conference.

While I appreciate the good cause for which this request is made, I regret that it will be impossible for me to do this. Because of the many requests of this character that come to my office daily, I have been obliged to adopt the policy of refusing all. I know you will appreciate the position in which I am placed, and I am indeed sorry that I cannot write you more encouragingly.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours

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*Ans
My
etc
JHON*

Topeka, Kansas
Aug 26, 1901

My dear Governor.

I take pleasure in writing you as a young citizen of Topeka. I am writing in behalf of St Marks A.M.E. Church.

We are struggling to raise our Annual Conference claims. I am trying to raise the educational money for our part of Western University.

And am asking you for a donation what ever you can send me will be greatly appreciated.

Our Conf. convenes ~~Sept~~ Sept 23rd - 27 at St John A.M.E. Church 74a Topeka Blvd.

I take pleasure in inviting you to attend our sessions of which

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Bishop John A. Gregg is our
presiding Bishop.
May the Lord Bless
you in your work.
Sincerely yours.

Lillian McCord
905 N. Polk St
Topeka, Kas.

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September 15, 1931

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Mrs. G. K. Wilson
Quenemo
Kansas

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

I have your letter of August 2 telling me of the desire of the Sunshine Girls to have a room of their own for Sunday School and requesting the favor of a small contribution for that purpose.

My financial condition is such that I am unable to comply with the numerous requests for cash contributions which I receive, and I hope you and your little class will appreciate my situation. However, it made me very happy to mail to you a picture for your Sunday School Room, which I selected today. If it pleases you and your girls I shall be delighted.

Please do not think your letter was overlooked because of my dereliction in answering; but the rush of work in this office has been so great that we seldom have any time to visit stores to make purchases.

Assuring you that I greatly appreciate your friendly offer of assistance, and with best wishes for the success of the class of Sunshine Girls, I am

Sincerely yours

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Governor

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Invenmo Ks
Aug 3 - 1931

Hon. Harry H. Woodring
Topeka Ks

Dear Sir:

We are a little class of Sunday School
girls, nine yrs old at Invenmo. And
we are remodeling our church. We
want a little room finished all for our own.
We would consider it a great favor
and a great honor if the Governor of
our state would contribute just a little
bit toward it.

We are all your friends and we
will see to it that our daddies
and mothers are too. We will
gladly work for you in every way possible
and you know 15 little girls can sometimes
do many things.

Hoping that you or some of your friends
can help us. We are yours

The Sunshine Girls

Our Names

Mrs G K Wilson (Teacher)

Ethel Wilson

Jama Shirk

Lois Humphreys

Ola May Humphreys

Velma Turner

Wynona Cowden

Mary Canmy

Bereline Patterson

Northy Craig

Katharine Smith

Louise Cole

Florine Leonard

Mary J West

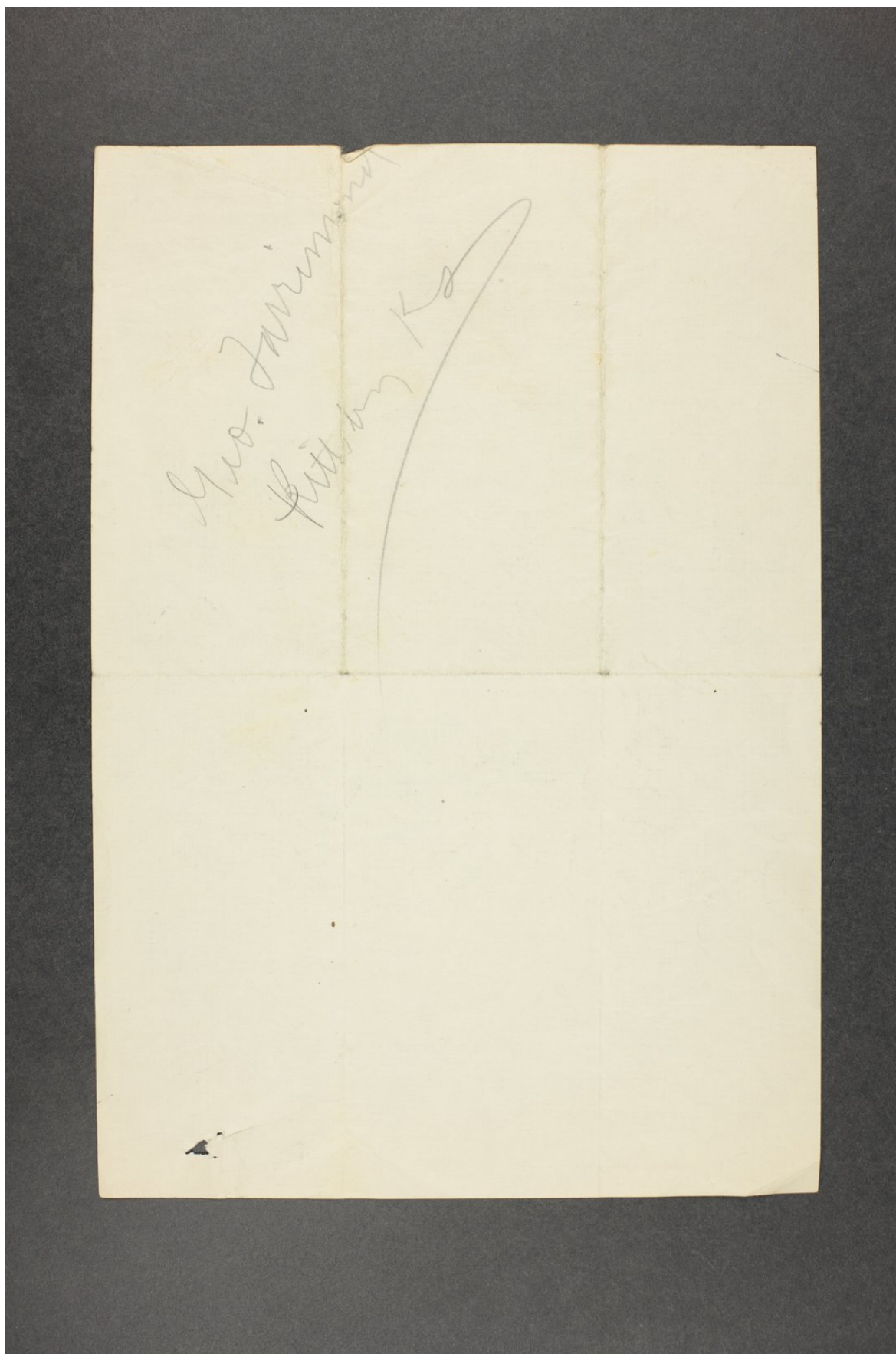
Ruby Service

Mary Frances Meyer

Look for Sacred
picture

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September 15, 1931

Rev. J. W. Williams
St. Paul A.M.E. Church
419 So. Oak Street
Ottawa, Kansas

Dear Mr. Williams:

I have your letter of September 7
requesting that I forward you a donation of
Five Dollars.

I know of nothing that would give me
more pleasure than to comply with your request
but the fact of the matter is that it has become
absolutely necessary for me to make an ironclad
rule with regard to such contributions. I regret
exceedingly that we were compelled to take such
action, but because of the financial burden involved
it was necessary.

Trusting that you appreciate my situation
with regard to a contribution, and with continued
good wishes, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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Dis. giving
 my contributions
 No gifts to
 while
 417 S. Oak St.
 Ottawa Kansas.
 Sept. 7, 1931.
 Hon. Harry H. Woodring Governor.
 My dear Sir St Paul A.M.E. Church
 Has a Rally on the 20th inst. And you
 are a member of my Club of which
 I am leader. We have 18 members all
 the men are giving \$5.00 on that day.
 Please send me a check for \$5.00
 and oblige yours truly
 Rev. J. W. Williams
 Pastor
 St Paul A.M.E.
 Church.
 Please don't fail me
 Governor.

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THE FEDERAL LAND BANK
OF WICHITA

September 23, 1931.

Mr. John Johnson,
402 Washington Street,
Galena, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Answering your letter of September 22, there does not appear to be any way in which The Federal Land Bank or Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Wichita could be of service to you.

The enclosed booklet outlines the requirements which must be met to obtain a loan from The Federal Land Bank.

The Intermediate Credit Bank discounts for banks and agricultural credit corporations well secured notes of borrowers, but cannot accept unsecured notes or make loans direct to farmers.

I regret that there appears to be no way by which we can serve you.

Truly yours,



President.

Enc.
John Fields-ACS

cc-Governor Harry Woodring.

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October 3, 1931

Mrs. C. E. Lockwood
Box 355
Baldwin, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Lockwood:

I hope you will pardon my delay in answering your very interesting letter of August 20 because of your exceptional appeal for a most worthy cause.

I am inclosing check for one dollar because I wish to be represented in the "Mile of Pennies". I am sorry it could not be more, but there are so many demands upon me for donations that I have found it necessary to make a rule to refuse all. In this instance this is the exception which proves the rule.

With kindest personal regards and assuring you that it is a pleasure to me to contribute this small amount, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor



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Baldwin Kansas
Aug 20th 1931

Send 1st check & some more - demand \$50 large etc HNW

Gov. Woodring -
Kind Friend -

Last fall, in Nov. our only Church in Baldwin burned to the ground & since then we have no Church home, no place to have anything or to do anything. The only thing we could do was to rebuild & that is what we are doing.

As you know the Ladies of every Church is expected to help with everything so the Ladies of the South East Section of Ladies Aid Society decided we would get a Mile of Pennies for our donation & if we succeed we will have over \$800 for the New Church. It is a long Mile & we are far from our goal but I feel sure with the help of our good friends we will make it.

We have some Cards made & we are sending them out to our relatives & friends, these Cards are marked in squares & each square is one Foot of our Mile or 16 & when the squares are all marked with an X we have \$5.00. I am sending

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you and your sister a Card. And I feel sure you
will be glad to travel a little way on our Mile.
Everyone has been so lovely to help us and I just
wanted a Card from you kind friends too.
We laid the Corner Stone Sunday and the work is being
pushed as fast as possible. I am a stranger to
you but I have some very fine friends in Topeka.
One of them is Chas. F. Hobbs Com. of Insurance. And
he and his family helped us and he has known me
for 25 years. So I know he will be glad to tell
you anything you might care to know about me.
I sure will be proud to be able to have a Card from
our Gov. and his sister to hand over to the Committee.
Please sign your name on front of Card and the
amount on the other. Any amount you send will be
greatly appreciated by all and Many Many Thanks.
You may make your check to Ladies Aid - South
East Section and then please send Card and check
to me and I turn check and Card over to Com.
Thanking you again and wishing the best of everything
for you. Please answer very soon.

Your friend

Mrs C. E. Lockwood

Baldwin Kans.

"Box 355"

Home of Baker U.

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October 6, 1931

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Miss Lucile Shirley
327 East Sixth St.
Concordia, Kansas

Dear Miss Shirley:

Your letter of October 2nd written to Governor Woodring in behalf of Mrs. Adelia Racette has been referred to me for answer.

I am very sorry indeed to have to inform you that no money can be drawn out of the state treasury except for the purpose for which it was appropriated by the legislature. The legislature gave the Governor no fund out of which he can assist the needy. He is therefore unable to do anything, and no one connected with the state would be able to get any money for any charitable purpose except as appropriated for the charitable institutions of the state. This woman will have to get assistance from the Board of County Commissioners of the county in which she lives.

Yours very truly,

Parole Attorney

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Oct 31 1931
 CONCORDIA, KANSAS
*Refer to
Judge J. for
ans
HWM*
 Governor Woodring
 State Capital
 Topeka Kansas
 Dear Governor:
 I am writing to you
 in interest of my friend.
 Mrs. Adelia Raette in appeal
 for help.
 Mrs. Raette's husband
 Mr. L. A. Raette is now serv-
 ing a sentence of two years
 in the state penitentiary at

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Lansing Kansas, on an
act of wife and child dis-
eases.

Mrs. Paetle is left
alone to support her four
small children. The child-
ren are all under the age
of thirteen. She is a very
worthy and deserving woman
of excellent character, but
is not physically able to
work to support herself and
the children as should be done.

However, she works every day
that she possibly can for work.
She is employed at the
Concordia Creamery, but work
at the present time is very
slack and her earnings are
scant.

I feel that something
must be done at once, and
that the state should give
her some aid until her hus-
band is freed.

Five dollars a week
would get her by.

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We thank you and hope
you will give this immediate
attention.
Kindly let us know
soon what can be done.
Yours Very Truly
Lucile Shultz
327 E. 6th St.
Candiana
Kansas.

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October 3, 1931

Mrs. H. H. Meier
Geneseo, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Meier:

I have your letter of September 25 asking for a donation to your church. It would give me great pleasure to comply with your request, but the fact of the matter is that it has become absolutely necessary for me to make an ironclad rule with regard to such contributions. I regret exceedingly that we are compelled to take such action with regard to donations and contribtitions but because of the financial burden involved, it was necessary.

Trusting that you appreciate my situation and with best wishes for the furtherance of your most worthy work, I am

Very truly yours

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

My dear Mrs. Woodring:

Dear Governor: I write to represent a world-wide organization which is establishing industrial schools, hospitals, dispensaries, treatment rooms, and publishing houses in 139 countries, representing 400 languages and dialects. The magazine which I send to you has a brief report which is published once a year for the purpose of keeping our friends informed of the progress of the work we are doing. In the magazine you will notice the medical work on pages 3, 6 & 7, the welfare work on page 16; uplift work in the home field on back page; and Preaching, Teaching and Healing in all the world on center page. These large enterprises are supported largely by weekly gifts from thousands of the members of this organization, but once a year we appeal to our friends, especially those whom we believe can appreciate and sympathize with us in this noble work, to co-operate with us in the form of a liberal gift. Some give \$50.00 others \$25.00, \$10.00, \$5.00 or still others \$2.00, \$1.00. Your gift will be appreciated.

I have had my back broken and am unable to work or get around as other healthy people. Have been unable to care of myself for over 4 years. I like to have part in the church work so write to a few to help me. Please do all you can. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver, and we thank you for your donations. We need help.

Sincerely,
 Mrs. H. H. Woodring

Meadel Kane
Oct. 8 1931

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Dear Governor

To all concerned,

I the undersigned, am asking for justice and fair play. I am a mother of six children ranging from four to 12 years of age. Five are going to school doing well in their grades. In fact my children have brought home many a first prize from school. My husband is an invalid, some time ago he was in the hospital operated for cancer at Liberal Kans. By Dr. Mayo who is ~~an~~ excellent Dr. and a very good man. Who sent him home to die saying he has no chance and as I by the Grace of God tried my best to prolong his life for we all knew that we would miss him badly. And as I in time of War trained for a nurse under Gov. instruction.