

Governor Harry H. Woodring, Correspondence Files, Box 19

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was using the best that was in me
to aid ^{and} help my husband and God
answered my prayer and I still
have my husband and the child
run their father. We had a very
good home Dr.

Now to the point. We have a base-
ment not finished build by our
friends on one lot. Another friend
of ours furnished the money for
a couple of pigs and as we live at
the edge of town we have raised
those pigs and they have ~~increased~~
increased. To date there are 7 hogs
and 25 pigs. My boys are collect-
ing garbage to feed the same.
The agreement was ^{as} ~~as~~ those hogs
would support us in income the
title would go to the children but
not before. The chances are they'll
do it in less than 9 months from date

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Excuse us for writing every thing
so much in detail, but the following
will explain why. This is all the
property we can lay hands on + con-
trol, or in other words our property
in terms. And as we are not self
supporting + receive aid. Now we were
challenged by at the Co. Comm. meeting
that the \$5.00 per month we asked for
aid would not supply and they wanted
to take the children away and dispose
of them. We asked for a chance to
prove that we could so they finally
gave us the \$5.00 allowance and
we got along fine. But Oh horror
since July we have been allowed
only \$5.00 a week. To figure that up
amounts to less than 9¢ a person per
day. We have appealed again + again
for \$36.00 a month but nothing doing. In
the enclosed circular you will see

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that 3 families all with 4 to the family
or less, all with able bodied husbands
who are not here, are receiving more
than we do with 8 members in our
family and one an invalid & patient
Remember that those other
3 families are all well, the children
larger than ours. And in fact every
family has children working
out all summer. Just to mention the
Whan family who has had income
enuff, which tonight practically a
rent care enuff said.

I cannot ^{be} without this partiality. We have
tried to live decent lives. The fact is
that I never had a husband run
away from me yet like some
but why go on. With
I am asking for fair play and appeal
ing for justice to higher up.

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my husband's youngest brother lies
buried in Flanders fields. He lived
fought and died for his country
as a volunteer for special service.
Why cannot his and our country
give us a living so I can raise my
children as useful citizens to serve
their country in time of need.

We receive \$5.75 a month by the war
dept. from brother's insurance and
that's our only income besides the
aid from the Co. We finally scraped the
school books for the children with
the aid of others. But they go in rags
no winter clothing. and I cannot see
how I can send them to school even
next week hoping their body covered
how much less warm. Please do some
thing and help us. & their mother is
begging for aid for my children.

Respectfully Yours. Mrs. C. F. Wiebe

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Oct 19, '31

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As we received the impression after we wrote first letter that everything would be made alright, but, here are the facts, they added to our allowance \$1.00 per week and cut out our milk allowance which was over a dollar a week. And bought the children each a pair of shoes total less than \$10.00. The fact is the three oldest received summer shoes and the rest well we let it go at that. Well these were the great expectations, for that is all. We asked for \$9.00 cash aid this summer per wk. And as you see since July we received less than \$9.00 per wk. \$36.50 per month we liked to get the amount missing in clothes to make it straight \$9.00 per wk ever since Mar. 12, 1931.

You will see that is approximately the same as the Modar family of 4 members is receiving and we are 8 members



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The inclosed circular I am sending along is taken out of the co. com. Report as dated and always covers previous month and I am not asking the impossible I am just asking to receive a whole lot less than third strain widows whose husbands are healthy and on french leave are receiving per person and my husband is an invalid. I am asking for justice and fair play. Will it pay for Kansas as well the Good Old U. S. A. to take the means of existence away from its future citizens. my children their Uncle's Patriotism [Who died for his country] I their Ideal; Why not keep it pure & holy in their hearts? Will a measly treatment do it? I have always been taught at home and in school that mean and partial action creates hell ragers anarchists and bolshievs as in Russia today

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are not the jails and insane asylum full
enuff today? Why not help me say in
time to come, Boys you're useful Citizens
by the Grace of God and the training of
your parents the wholesome treat-
ments of your Country.

Do your Duty, to yourself. Walk Honest
and upright, God bless you. This is
My wish and prayer.

Respectfully in Aged
Mrs C. J. Wierbe
J Meade
Kans

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Dates given	White	Whana	Modar	Nustum
are dates as	Family of 8	Family of 4	Family of 4	Family of 3-4
put in Co paper	oldest child 12 yrs	oldest child over 16 years	oldest child over 16 years	oldest child 14 years
and cover	child 12 yrs	14 yrs if not		
the month		16 years old		
before				
Dec 18, 1930	50.00	31.32	40.00	38.69
Jan 15, 1931	50.00	61.33	40.00	22.54
Feb 12, 1931	40.00	36.90	35.00	36.93
Mar 12, "	36.00	29.55	35.00	26.49
April 16 "	36.00	42.44	35.00	29.55
May 14 "	36.00	39.09	35.00	27.08
June 10 "	36.00	66.90	35.00	48.59
July 6 "	28.00	39.91	35.00	21.60
Aug 13 "	20.00	36.30	35.00	22.41
Sept 17 "	25.85	31.16	35.00	21.20
Oct 10 "	22.80	29.40	35.00	27.26
Nov	33.42		35.00	

report will be in now paper no charge reported.

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October 6, 1931

Mr. Walter Hoffman, Secretary
Wirt County Democratic Executive Committee
Elizabeth, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

I am very grateful to you for writing me under date of October 3 relative to Mrs. Ida Woodring of Elizabeth, West Virginia. I also am exceedingly sorry to learn of her straightened circumstances. However, while of the same name I have no direct relatives in West Virginia, even cousins.

Much as I sympathize with Mrs. Woodring I am not a man of sufficient means that I could undertake to make a monthly contribution to one of the same family name. There are so many similar calls coming to me, as I presume there are to everyone in a similar position, that I have found it necessary to make a hard and fast rule in the matter.

Thanking you for your letter and also for your kindly reference to what you have heard concerning me, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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card



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J. H. SMITH, CHAIRMAN
ADDIE L. ADAMS, CHAIRWOMAN

WALTER HOFFMAN, SECRETARY
C. H. SNODGRASS, TREASURER

HEADQUARTERS

WIRT COUNTY DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ELIZABETH, WEST VIRGINIA

Oct. 3", 1931.

Hon. Harry Woodring,
State House,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor Woodring:

I hope you will not consider it presumptuous on my part in addressing this letter to you after I have briefly told its mission.

I have very frequently heard of you and your splendid worth to your party and your State.

Mrs. Ida Woodring of Elizabeth, West Virginia, who says she is a cousin of yours, and a very good neighbor of ours (I speak of the Hoffman family in this sense) has asked me if I would not write you, and lay her financial condition before you, which I have agreed to do.

Mrs. Woodring is well along in years, quite frail and has very little of this world's goods with which to support herself. She has a large family (mostly grown) but tells me that she does not receive from them the care and attention, as a mother, she should, which we all regret.

She has asked me to say to you, if you can, in only a small way, assist her by sending her a small sum each month in cash, how grateful she would be to you for it.

She is industrious and a very deserving woman, and I feel quite sure if you knew her circumstances as the writer has tried to describe them to you, you would agree with me that she should be helped, and I am satisfied that you would lend her your support, which I believe you will.

If you will acknowledge the receipt of this letter to Mrs. Woodring, I am sure she will appreciate it very much.

Most cordially yours,

Walter Hoffman,

Walter Hoffman

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October 13, 1931

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aid*
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Mrs. Mary Downing
Bonner Springs, Kansas

Dear Madam:

I am very sorry to have to inform you that there is nothing the Governor can do to assist you. No funds have been appropriated by the legislature to assist needy persons, and no money can be drawn out of the state treasury, except as appropriated by the legislature. You will have to depend upon the county commissioners to help you.

Yours very truly,

Parole Attorney and
Executive Secretary

ASF-J

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Refer to
June 7
for hand
advice
JPH

Banner Springs, Kans
Oct. 8, 1932

Governor Woodring I am writing
you for some advice My husband
is blind and is there any way I
can get help to care for him for
35 years he has been blind in his
left eye and 2 years ago he forthly
put right eye out and Friday
nit he was getting Wood and he
put his right eye char out soek
the county for help this summer
they could not help him last
winter they help me for several
month but quit he is 68 and
all bent over from rheumatism
he is paritien and good to care
for the doctor want to take him
to the poor farm I said no
I want him where I can care
for him he want last long
and I want him home I
have a boy 16 in his last
year of school he will quit over

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if he can get work But no work
can be got I have a boy 12 in
junior high please write me
and let me know if I can get
any help or not we all
work but our place is mortgaged
on pay on it keep takes interest
if I only make 4 a week
working I have keep the family
20 years with the children
help if all are married and
gone but those 2 boys and if
I can get the oldest one through
School he will care for us the
rest of the time he is a good
boy and is a good worker
yours friend

Mrs Mary Downing

Banner Springs
Kansas

I am sorry but there is no way the govern can help you

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

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October 15, 1931 77

Mr. Frank C. Cunningham
318 Rialto Building
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

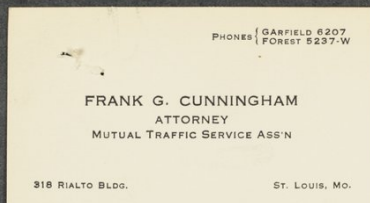
I have your letter of October 6 and note your difficulty in regard to the insurance policies. While I should like very much to be of assistance to you in your most worthy cause, I have been forced, because of the number of demands for aid, to refuse all such requests. I am sure you will understand that I am not financially able to comply with all these requests and must necessarily maintain this policy.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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my rule its
Sorry
HWW*

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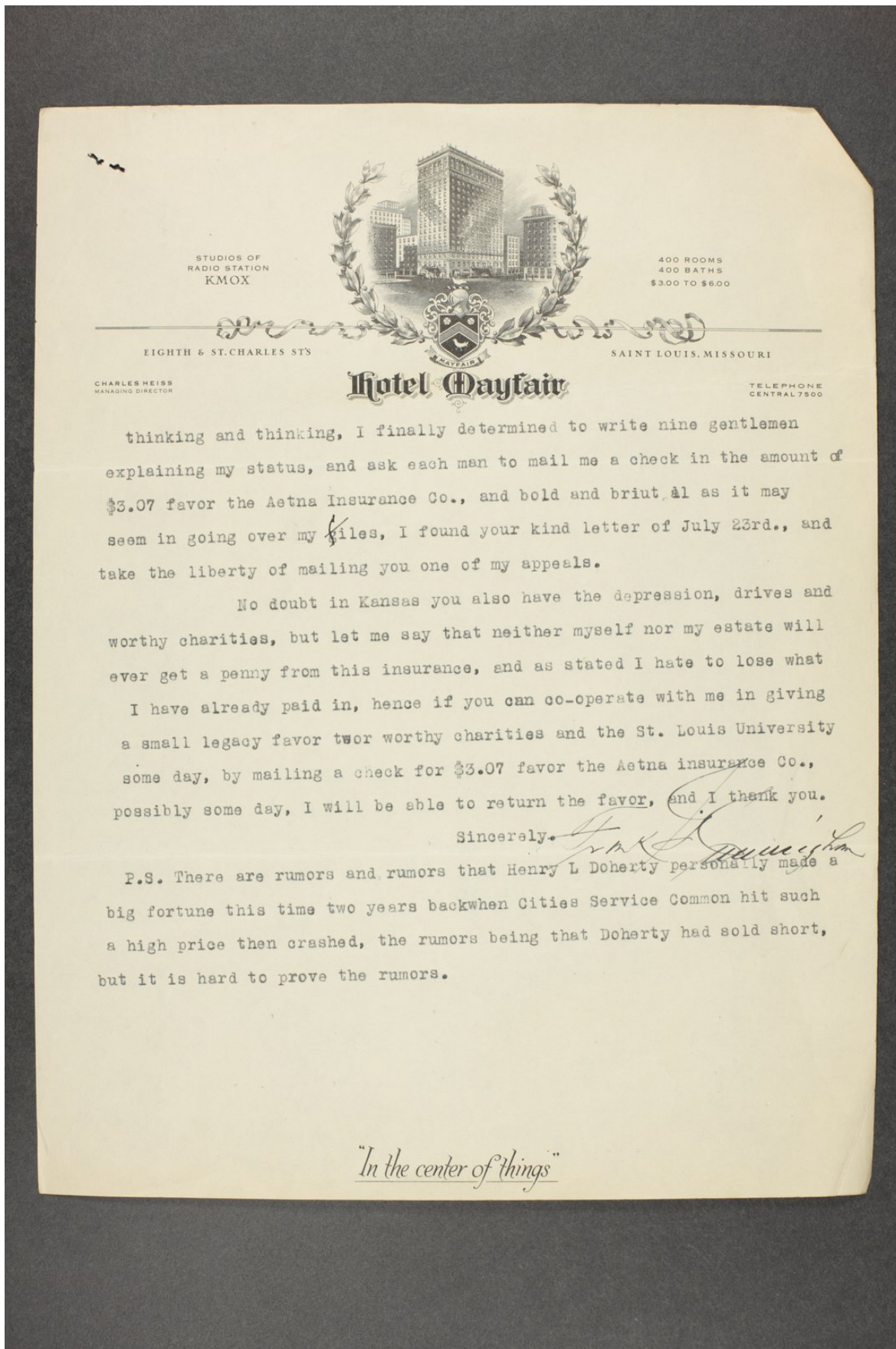
Hon Harry H Woodring,
Governor of Kansas, Topeka Kansas,

My dear Governor:- Pardon this letter head, this time two years back, just before the stock crash which carried Henry L Doherty's Cities Service from around 68 to 19, I could afford to lunch at the Mayfair, and have some of their stationery.

The crash referred to is also responsible for this letter no doubt you will think me unreasonable, but when a fellow has his back to the wall in trying to do something altruistic he will feel better, if he makes some effort to save himself, than sitting idly by doing nothing. This time two years back, when I felt myself the owner of the nest egg of something worth while financially, to show my gratitude I took three small policies of insurance, one favor the De Paul Hospital this city, another favor St Francis Hospital Washington Mo., and the third favor the St. Louis University. In other words if tonight the Lord should call me, the three institutions named would receive \$500.00. However with my loss on Cities Service, the depression, I find if I carry the policies one more year they will have a nominal value of around \$50.00 without me paying another penny. However, it seems impossible to collect money, the Banks wont loan a penny, and I hate to lose what I have already paid in. The premium on the policies is \$9.21 or a total of \$27.63, and after

In the center of things

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October 21, 1931

Mrs. J. E. Cox
Route 3
Lebanon, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Cox:

Enclosed herewith I am handing you a check for \$1.00 in compliance with your request under date of October 17. In doing this I am breaking a hard and fast rule which I have found necessary to make since my inauguration. The demands upon me for donations, contributions and loans are such as to make it necessary for me to refuse all, regardless of merit. Were I to contribute even such a small amount to each of the many agencies writing me, I would not be able to meet the payments out of the salary the State pays me, to say nothing of taking care of my own personal expenses.

In this instance I am only sorry that I can not contribute more.

With continued good wishes, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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*Ans for 102 -
mentioned -
mention -
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JHN*

October 17, 1881
Lebanon
Kan

Gov. Woodring
Dear Sir

You will probably think it strange that I am writing to you, but I felt free to do so. I am asking a little help for our bazaar I never did this before but I felt you got a good salary and I thought of my one that would be more interested in the Church work than our Gov. of our State we have such a nice good young minister he has such a nice wife and 3 little children his name is Wonder and he shure is a wonder he has come down all he can on his salary I never have ben president of the ladies aid of the M. E. Church before I have worked in Church work before for 25 years but not such a responsible job we havent raised much around here for several years and times is so tight money is so scarce among the poor folks we do not have a car and I walk half a mile to town

and Church if we could only get
through this year I think we could
make it all right Lebanon is a town
of 800 in Smith County we do not
have many Democrats in this part
but nearly all of my people is
I vote the Dem. and my husband
the Rep. I voted for you and worked
for you now don't think you are under
any obligations not at all but I
thought you would help us a little
and you would not miss it and
mean so much to us I believe if
you could see this letter you would
if you could help us a little we would
keep it a secret if you wish it if you
don't want to send it to me send it
to J. R. Brandon our Minister and he
will put it in when we have the
bazaar we take anything old (things)
what we don't sell we will give to the
poor Thank you so much if you
can help us.

A friend

Mrs J. E. Lot
R. 3 Lebanon Kan

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October 27, 1931

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Mr. A. E. Leek,
Glenn Elder, Kansas

Dear Mr. Leek:

I have your letter of October 14 and assure you that you have my sincere sympathy. However, there is nothing I can do, much as I might desire to help you. It would be impossible for me to answer all of the calls for assistance which come to me. The situation is most unfortunate, but it is one which must be handled by local authorities.

With kindest personal regards, I
am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

Nothing I can do. October the 14
 Meister woodring
 i wood drop you a few I
 lines to ask you fore somthin
 eat we amnt got nothing to eat
 only what the naborers bring in
 and that ant much i am 65-
 years old in fuery and i was
 opated for pender and that
 like to got me down and
 last fall i hadent the
 paiserit few and that a bout
 down me up and my wife
 cant get no work & ever body
 ses that i am to old to
 work but we hafto live we
 one or proptly they want old
 people for they can get all
 the young one they want there
 is I say work for no one
 I pleze help us out
 A C Leck and
 Mrs Minnie Leck.
 Glenn Eldon Mitchell 66 Kans

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Notes
77 Paola Kan.
Oct 29th 1931
Mr Harry Woodring
Governor Topeka Kan.

Dear Sir,
Your letter of June 30th 1931 was rec, you suggest me to go to the county commissioners, for help. Well they give us \$2.50 a week for 3 of us, which we can hardly get along with, but we try to do the best we can, and we need clothes for winter, I didn't have no work for over a year. And the 12 of nov, we have to move for they sold our place for mortgage, and no money to rent a place. I asked the county commissioners to help me pay rent for a house, but they said no, they wouldn't do it. So tell me what shall I do, as I told you my wife is sick, with diabetes and had her left leg amputated above the knee. She has had trouble with her right leg all summer. She had a sore toe, and her foot & limb was swollen and causes her lots of pain.
Over

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At present she is sick and down
with her back and she cant stand
on her right leg hardly at all and
haint able to be moved do I have
to move this winter, in case of my
wifes sickness, and is not able.
And do I have to notify the Partie
who has the mortgage, for the county
Attorney wont tell me, nothing
I read in the Kansas City Star that
they are doing something for the
unemployment people why dont they
help here This is nearly driving
me crazy, please let me no as soon
as possibly, for I dont no what to
do, I am just about down myself.
as I dont no what to do, so please see
and try that we get help, before its
to late, Once we lost everything in
a tornado and 3 floods as I told you
in my other letter, now I am old and
nothing to eat for my family, its
awful, and cant get no work, I can
do. We can get a house for \$15,00 ^{a month} in
Paola. Please let me hear from you right
away, yours Truly
Fred M. Hayen & family
Route 6 Paola Kansas

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P.S.

We asked the red cross
for cloths but they say
they cant do it, also
ask them to help me
with the rent and
they wont do it, so
what you going to do,

F. M. Hays

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October 30, 1931

Mr. W. C. Sutton
1411 Wyandotte Street
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Sutton:

I am exceedingly sorry that I must return the tickets to your annual ball which were sent me under date of October 26. I especially would like to help your League and your Detachment, but there have been so many demands upon me since I became Governor that I have found it necessary to make an iron clad rule against all contributions of whatever nature. The demands upon one in my position make it an utter financial impossibility to take care of the every day requests for contributions, running as they do to probably an average of fifty dollars a day. You readily can see what that would do to a man of limited means.

With kindest personal regards and assuring you of my interest even though it is impossible for me to help out on this occasion, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor



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R. K. RYLAND, *Commandant*

WALTER PATTERSON, *Vice-Commandant*

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
SIMPSON - HOGGATT DETACHMENT
of GREATER KANSAS CITY

Address All Correspondence to
W. C. SUTTON, *Adj't.*,
1411 Wyandotte St.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Kansas City, Mo.
October 26th, 1931.

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

Dear Sir:

I am taking the liberty of sending you some tickets to our annual ball, the proceeds of which are used for relief and organization work.

The Marine League, as you know, is a National Organization, with local Detachments in all large cities and in many small ones. Our Detachment takes in Clay, Jackson and Cass Counties in Missouri and Wyandotte and Johnson Counties in Kansas. (I live in Johnson County at Overland Park.)

I am National Vice-Commandant and organizer of this, the Southwestern District. We are making plans to form Detachments at Topeka and Wichita in the near future. I am a member of the Overland Park Legion Post also a member of the V.F. W.

You can verify my personal honesty and staunch democracy by writing to Frank Hodges at Olathe, or other Johnson County officials. Should you be so kind as to send us a check we, as an organization, will thank you and feel indebted to you.

Sincerely,

W. C. SUTTON.

W. C. SUTTON.

FOR MARINES AND EX-MARINES AND THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED WITH THE U. S. MARINE CORPS

CORPS LEAGUE
GATT DETACHMENT
OF KANSAS CITY

Address All Correspondence to
W. C. SUTTON, Adm.,
1411 Wyandotte St.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Kansas City, Mo.
October 26th, 1931.

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District. We are making plans
peka and Wichita in the near
the Overland Park Legion Port
y.

my personal honesty and staunch
ank Hodges at Olathe, or other
Should you be so kind as to
organization, will thank you and

Sincerely,
W. C. SUTTON.

help
you League
its
Sorry - its
your policy
other financial
impossibilities
to make
the
any day
appeals for
Constitution
Many as
that do
perhaps
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a
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November 13, 1931

Miss Hattie Thompson
Fredonia, Kansas

Dear Miss Thompson:

I have your letter of November 5 in regard to a loan which you desire. You may be sure that you have my most sincere sympathy, but I know of no place where you could borrow this money. I have had so many requests of this nature that I have been forced to make it a rule to refuse them all. I am sure you will understand that it would take a much wealthier man than I to aid in all such cases, however much I might desire to do so.

Trusting that you will find some solution to your perplexing problem and with best wishes, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring
Governor

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*Ans -
I know I
no place
to H H W*
 Chidonia
 Kansas
 Nov 5 1931
 Mr Woodring Governor
 Kansas Dear Sir I
 am again writing you as
 I surely need help and
 need it badly now this
 is the situation the Co
 that holds the loan will
 get a deed from the
 Sheriff the 10 of this
 month and the Co
 is offering to take 300.00
 cash I carry a 350.00 on
 the land for the balance
 and if we could get the
 350.00 in cash we could pay

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we have and be able
to make it - if we could
only raise that much and
I am asking you could
or would you loan us
the 5000 for 12 months
we could raise it - by
then I pay you every
cent of it - and please
let me have a favorable
answer by return mail
and surely you can sur-
mise that for you will
get a note signed by
us both you could send
the money to Mr. Frank
Thiele - he would see
that you rec'd your
note from us and please
do this for us thanking you
now I will be happy to hear
at once yours S. J. H. Simpson