

Livestock Sanitary Commissioner's Office, correspondence, 1926-1929

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This collection contains correspondence regarding indemnities for cattle killed by tuberculosis, concerns over the findings of veterinary inspection, discussion of an outbreak of rabies among Kansas dogs that affected cattle, complaints of veterinary treatments killing animals, and general discussion about livestock diseases. The correspondence is mostly between the Livestock Sanitary Commissioner and various livestock owners throughout Kansas.

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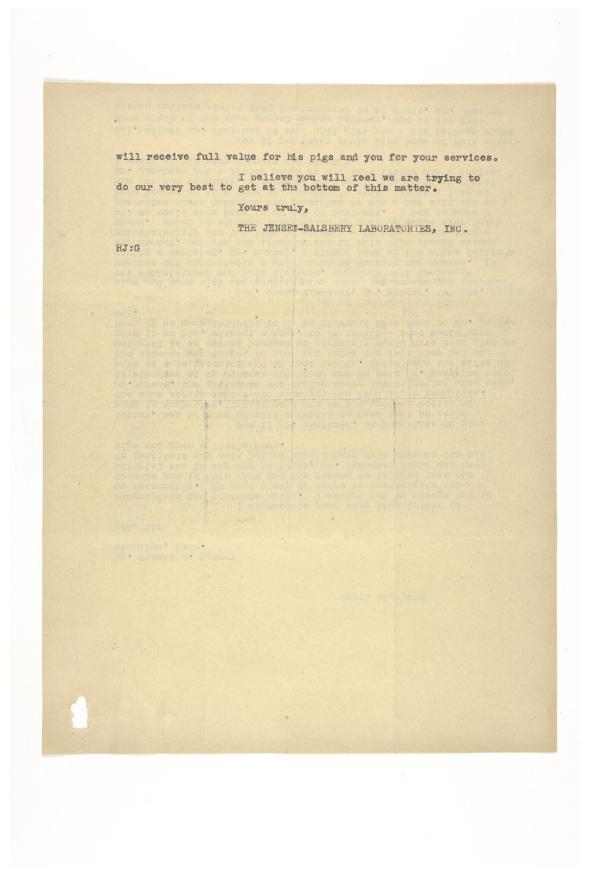
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Apr 26,1926

J. H. Mercer State Livestock Com. Topeka, Kans.

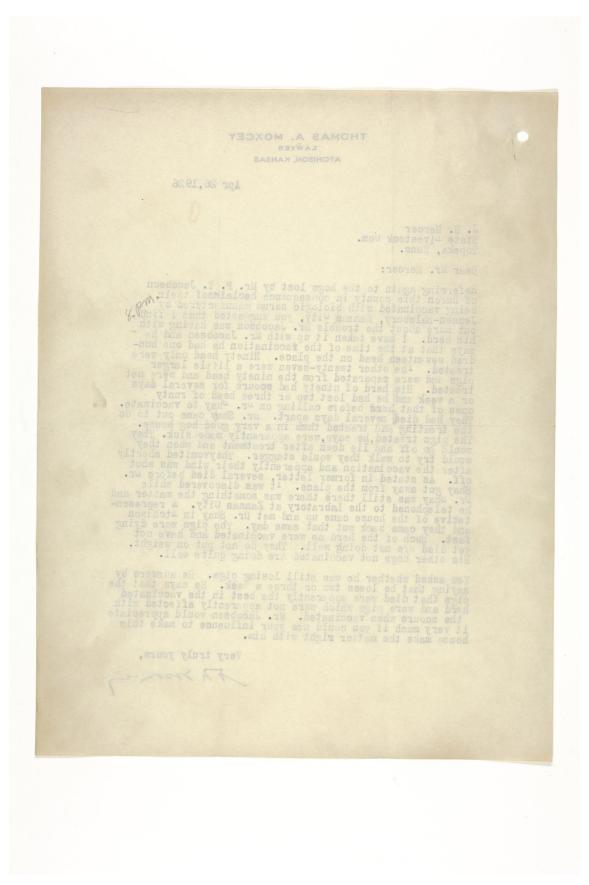
Dear Mr. Mercer:

Referring again to the hogs lost by Mr. P. T. Jacobson of Huron this county in consequence heclaimsof their being vaccinated with biologic serum manufactured by Jensen-Salsbury, Kansas Lity, you suggested that I find out more about the trouble Mr. Jacobson was having with his herd. I have taken it up with Mr. Jacobsen and he says that at the time of the vaccination he had one hundred seventeen head on the place. Ninety head only were treated. The other twenty-seven were a little larger pigs and were separated from the ninety head and were not treated. His herd of ninety had scours for several days or a week and he had lost two or three head of runty ones of that herd before calling on Dr. Thay to vaccinate. They had died several days apart. Dr. Shay came out to do the treating and treated them in a very good hog house. The pigs treated, he says, were apparently made sick. They would go off and lie down after treatment and when they would go off and lie down after treatment and when they would try to walk they would stagger. Theyvomited shortly after the vaccination and apparently their wind was shut off. As stated in former letter, several died before Dr. Shay got away from the place. It was discovered while Dr. Shay was still there there was something the matter and he telephoned to the Labratory at Kansas City. A representative of the house came up and met Dr. Shay in Atchison and they came back out that same day. The pigs were dying fast. Such of the herd as were vaccinated and have not yet died are not doing well. They do not put on weight. His other hogs not vaccinated are doing quite well.

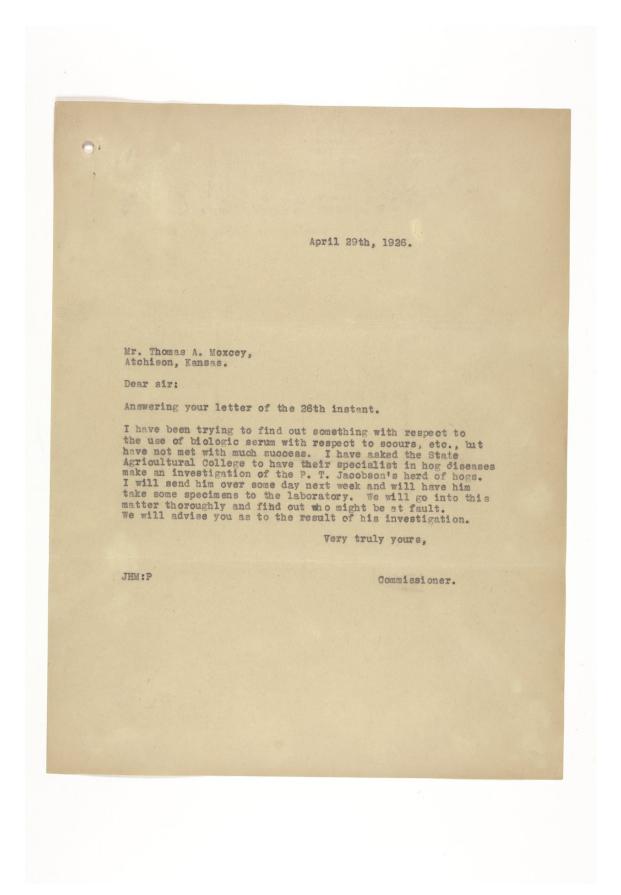
You asked whether he was still losing pigs. He answers by saying that he loses two or three a week. He says that the pigs that died were apparently the best in the vaccinated herd and were pigs which were not apparently affected with the scours when vaccinated. Mr. Jacobsen would appreciate it very much if you could use your influence to make this house make the matter right with him.

Very truly yours,

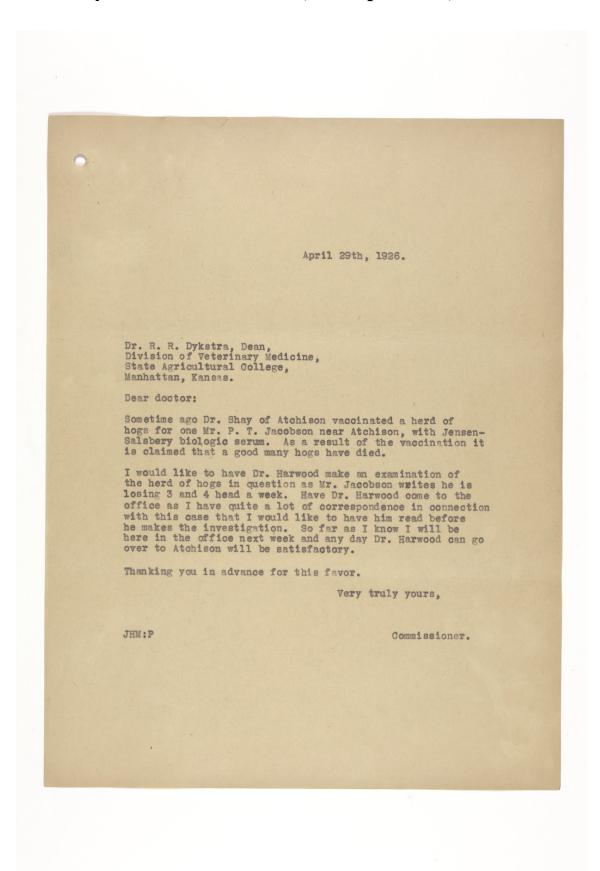














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KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
MANHATTAN, KANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF VACCINE LABORATORIES
April 30, 1926

Mr. J. H. Mercer, State Livestock Sanitary Commissioner, State House, Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Mercer:

Dr. Dykstra handed me your letter written to him April 29, regarding a trip to Atchison for the purpose of investigating some trouble in the hogs of Mr. Jacobsen.

Dr. Harwood tells me this morning that he stopped at your office yesterday and secured the information you desired him to have for that trip. He will not be able to make this trip for a day or two, owing to some important work in our department, but will go within the next few days. If this arrangement is satisfactory to you, please drop me a letter to that effect, so arrangements may be made for this trip.

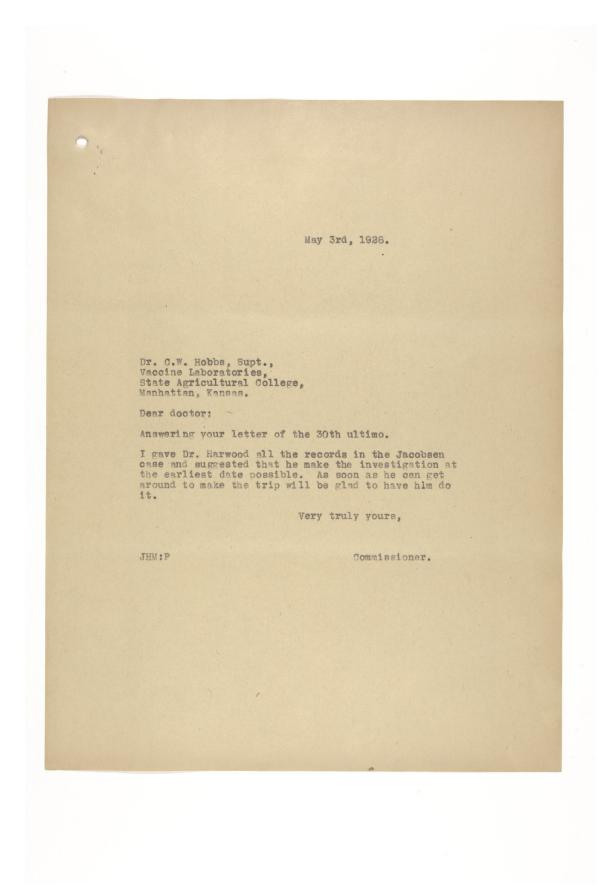
Very truly yours,

C. W. Hobbs, Superintendent of

Vaccine Laboratories.

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KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE MANHATTAN, KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF VACCINE LABORATORIES

May 7, 1926

Hon. J. H. Mercer State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Mercer:

I investigated the loss of hogs on the farm of Mr. P. T. Jacobsen of Huron, Kansas. Before going out to the farm, I talked to Doctor Shay and Mr. Moxcey at Atchison. I also secured an unopened bottle of the same material that was used on these animals from Doctor Shay.

This material will be tested out through the use of guinea pigs, rabbits, and swine for the purpose of determining if it has any toxic effects or will produce any abnormal conditions in these animals. A bacteriological examination will be made of this material. A full report will be made to you as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

NDH: GEC

N. D. Harwood Ass't Professor



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KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE MANHATTAN, KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF VACCINE LABORATORIES

May 12, 1926

Hon. J. H. Mercer State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Mercer:

On the 6th of May, I made an investigational trip to Huron, Kansas, to investigate the loss of pigs on the farm of Mr. Pete Jacobsen following vaccination with Scour Mixed Bacterin manufactured by The Jensen-Salsbery Laboratories, Kansas City, Missouri, and found one dead animal which on examination was found to have had pneumonia.

An unopened ten dose bottle of the bacterin was obtained from Doctor Shay. This material has been thoroughly tested bacteriologically in aerobic and anaerobic media and was found to be absolutely sterile. Two rabbits, two guinea pigs, and two suckling pigs were injected with 5 cubic centimeters of the material, one of each intraperitoneally and one subcutaneously. All animals were carefully observed for three days and have remained in perfect health.

From this examination, it is evident that the material contains no harmful substances for healthy animals. The product was, therefore, produced in accordance to the regulations setforth by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Yours very truly,

N. D. Harwood Ass't Professor

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KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
MANHATTAN, KANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF VACCINE LABORATORIES
May 17, 1926

Hon. J. H. Mercer State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Mercer:

In reply to your letter of May 14 relative to the use of Scour Mixed Bacterin on diseased swine, I wish to make the following comment in testing out this material:-

We wished to test the bacterin on suckling pigs with scours, but were unable to obtain such
pigs. Therefore, we are not in a position to state
definitely if this material is dangerous when administered to infected pigs. However, I am of the opinion
that losses due to its use are exceedingly uncommon.
As to its merit in the cure or prevention of this disease,
I am doubtful if it is of any great value. It seems to
me that the practice of using bacterins promiscuously
should be discouraged and when these products are used
they should be administered with great care.

I have written Mr. Jacobsen as to the present status of his hogs and will write you as soon as I hear from him.

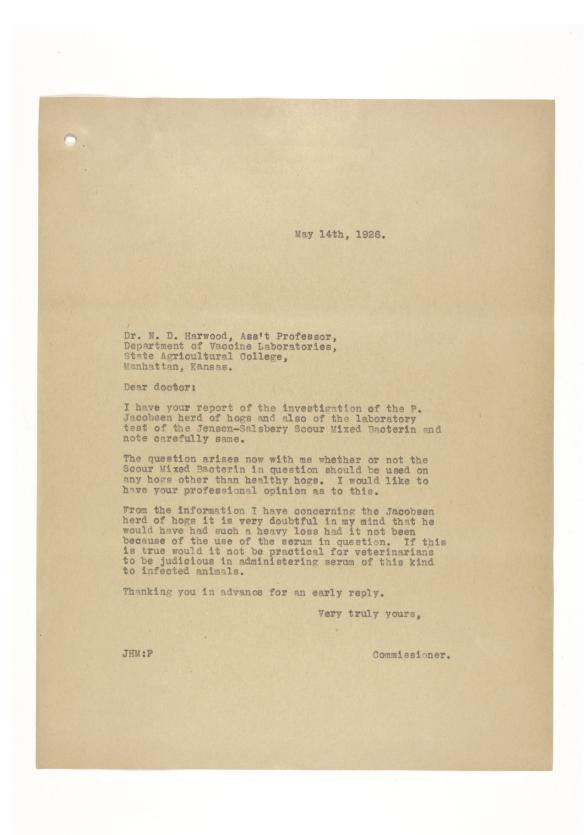
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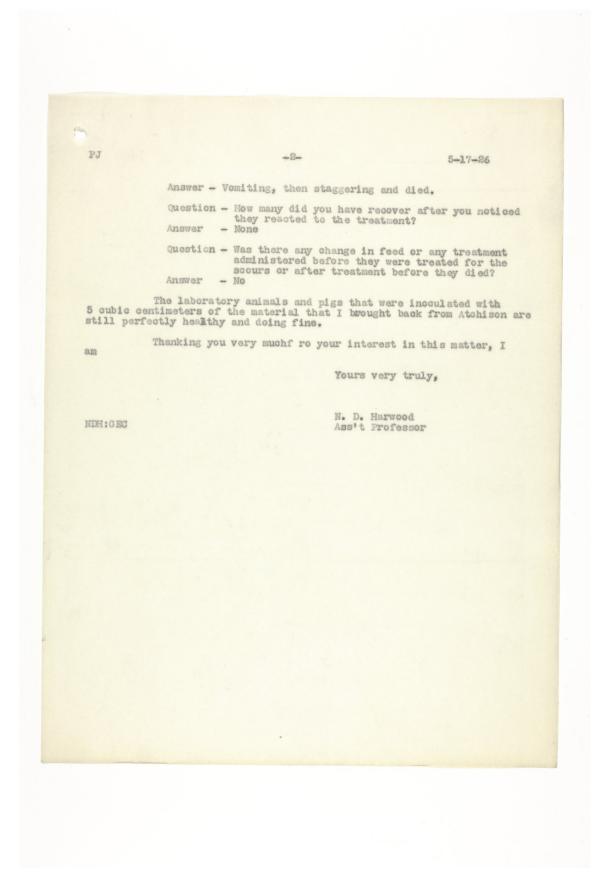




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KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE MANHATTAN, KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF VACCINE LABORATORIES May 17, 1986 Mr. Pete Jacobsen Huron, Kansas Dear Mr. Jacobsen: I am making out some questions that I would appreciate very much if you would answer to the best of your knowledge in regard to the loss you had in your hogs following the treatment with Scour Mixed Bacterin. Question - How many pigs did you have on your farm? Answer - 188 pigs Question - Now old were the pigs, approximately? Answer - 30 days. Cusstion - How many had you lost up until the time you vaccinated? Answer - Three or four. Question - How many did you have that were sick at the time you vaccinated? Answer - About 16. Question - How many were considered to be in perfect health and were not treated? Have they remained healthy since the others were treated? Answer - (a) 27. (b) Yes. Question - How many were considered too sick for the treatment to be of any value and were not treated? Answer - Five. Question - How many of these died? - One Angwer Question - How many were vaccinated with Scour Mixed Bacterin. Auestion - How many died immediately following treatment? How Many died the 1st hour? How many died the first 84 Answer - (a) Four. (b) Nine. (c) Twenty-one. Question - How many have you lost to date? Answer - 61. Question - Could you tell if it was the first ones treated that died first? Please numerate the symptoms you first noticed and as they developed until death.







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KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
MANHATTAN, KANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF VACCINE LABORATORIES
May 24, 1926

Hon. J. H. Mercer State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Mercer:

Please find enclosed the correspondence that you gave me relative to the Pete Jacobsen case near Huron, Kansas, Also I am enclosing some questions and answers that I received from Mr. Jacobsen in regard to the loss of his pigs.

You will notice in reading over these questions and answers that the pigs that were not treated, both the healthy ones and the sick ones that were supposed to be too sick for treatment to be of any value, remained healthy with the exception of one which died. This is a good check showing that if the animals had not been treated the loss would have been smaller. Personally, I have never seen a condition similar to this and I am at a loss to know the cause. To explain it on basis of anaphylactic would be exceedingly improbable, as pigs are exceedingly resistant to anaphylactic shock, but the death of the animals resembles anaphylaxis in other animals that are susceptible.

In summing up the probable causes of loss, it is either one of two things, that is, the diseased condition that the animals were in making them sensitive to the medicine given or, secondly, the manner of technique of administering the treatment.

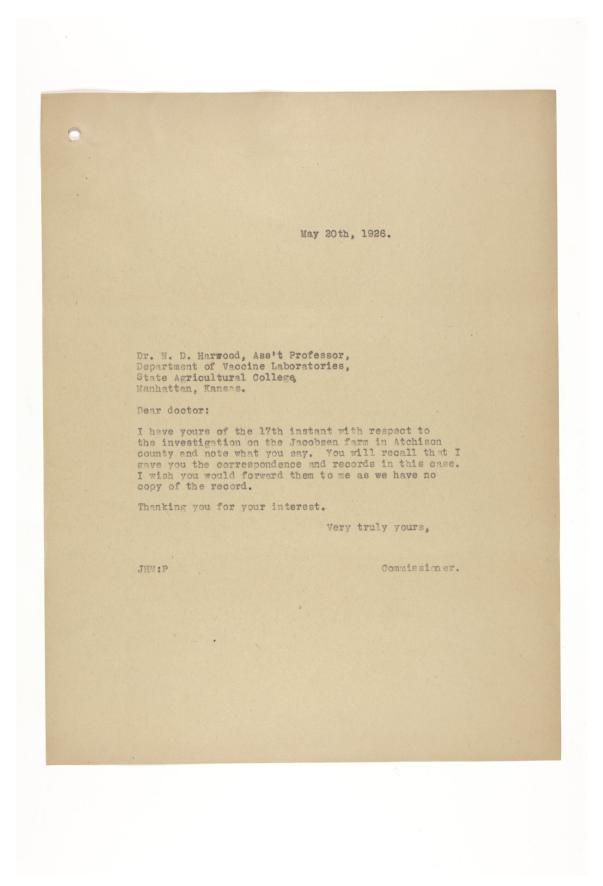
If I can be of any further assistance to you in this matter, I would be very glad to ${\tt do}$ so.

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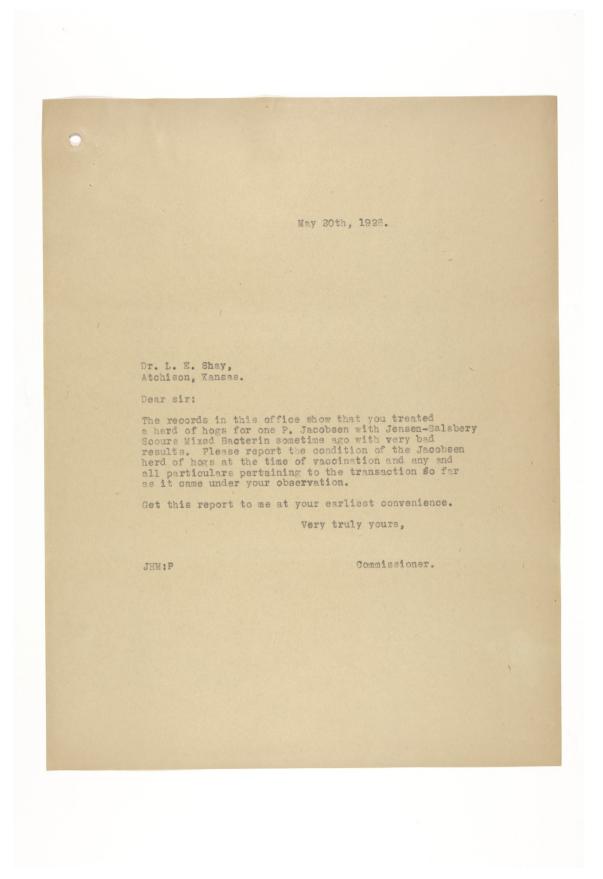
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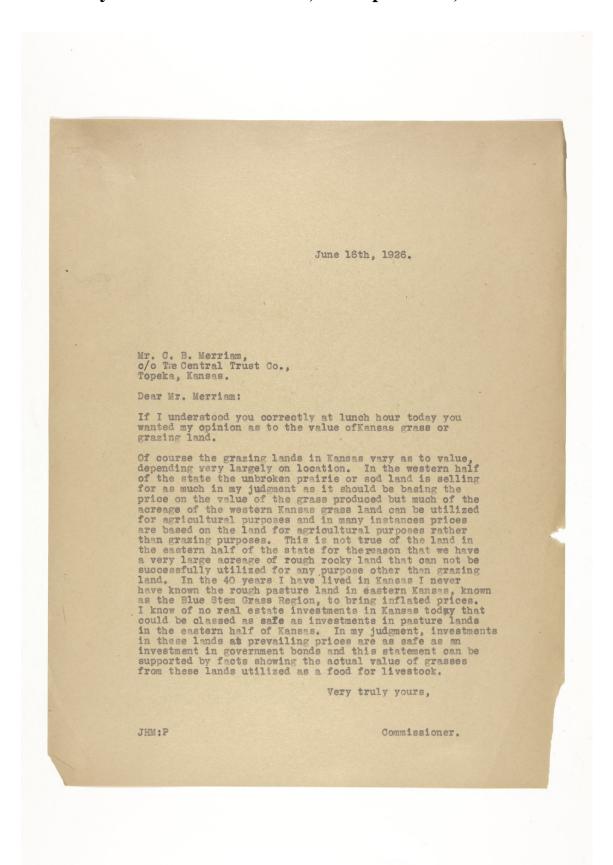


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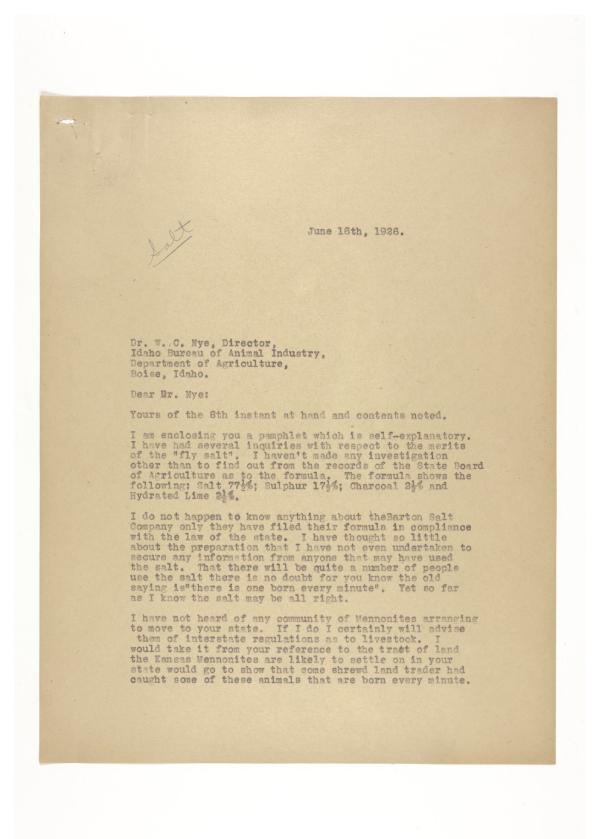


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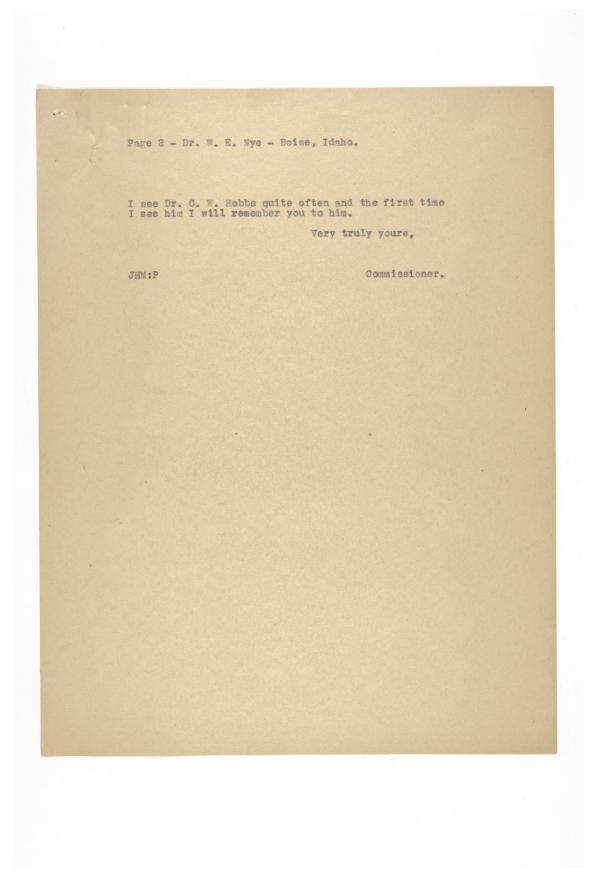




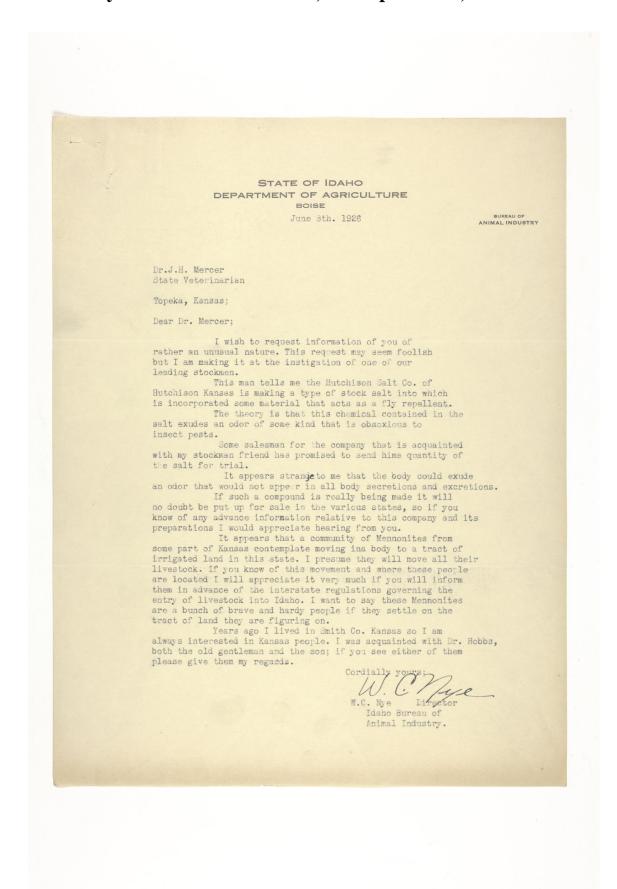




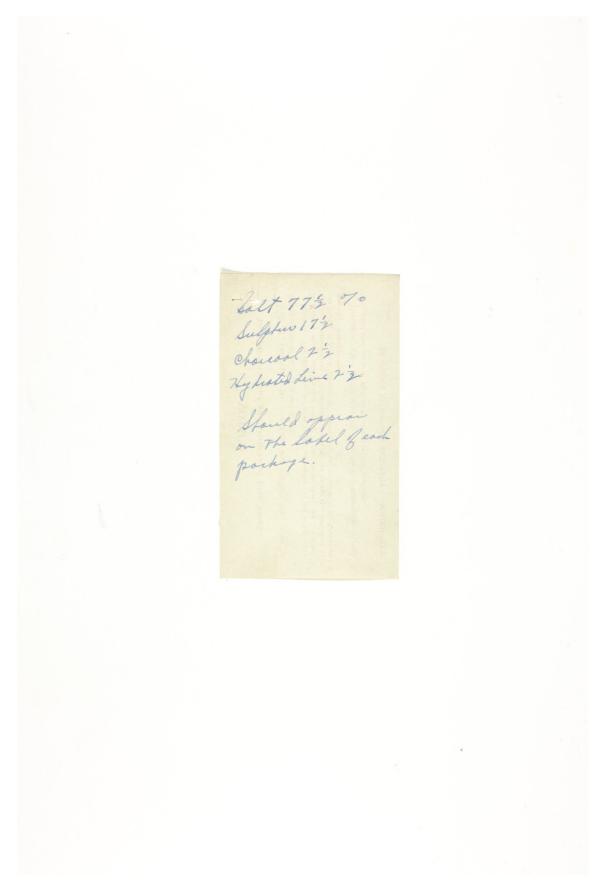














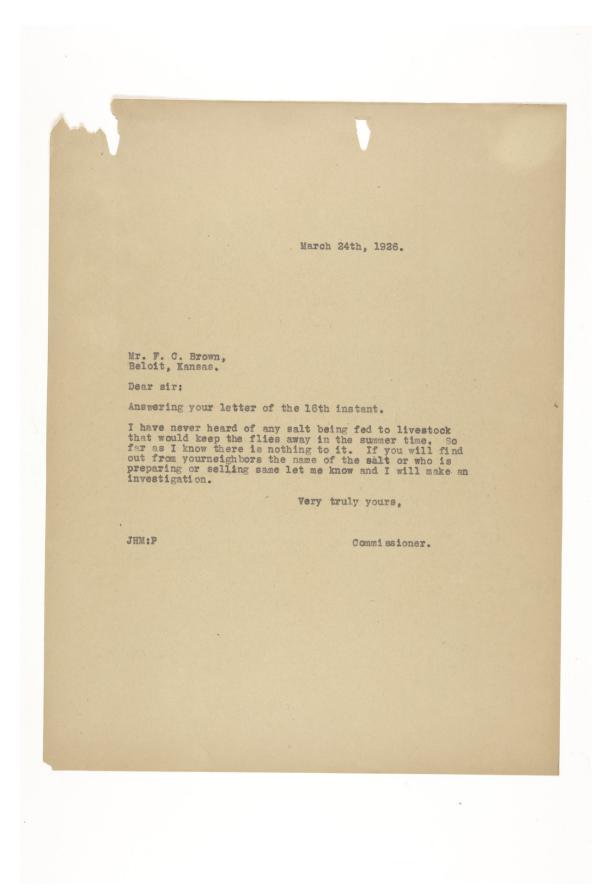




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April 3rd, 1926. Mr. F. C. Brown, Beloit, Kansas. Dear sir: Referring to your letter of a few days ago and also to the pamphlet you sent with respect to Barton(s Fly Salt. I have investigated this matter with the State Board of Agriculture and find that the Barton's Salt Company filed a formula with the Department of Agriculture showing the ingredients in the Barton's Fly Salt which are as follows: Salt 77%; Sulphur 17%; Charcoal 2% and Hydrated Lime 2%. This should appear on the label of each package. There is nothing wrong with the mixture so far as feeding same to livestock but so far as it having any affect on the extermination of flies we have no information. I wish you would let me know what this preparation is costing the farmers as there does not seem to be any on the market here. Very truly yours, JHM:P Commissioner.







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