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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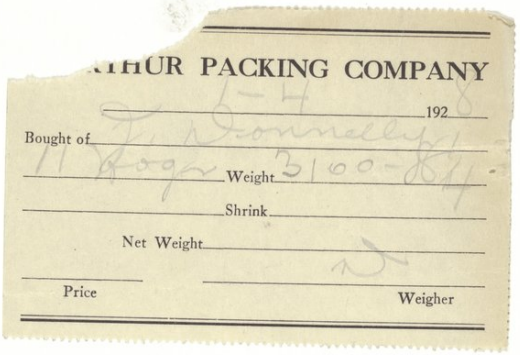
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STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER

T. B. Free Area Ten Cents per Hundred Premium Card
(To be presented to the Packer Buyer immediately after sale of hogs by owner or his agent)

Rice County, Kansas, was declared a modified tuberculosis-free area accredited county by the State of Kansas and the United States Department of Agriculture on MAY 24 1926, 192....

J. H. MERCER, *Commissioner.*

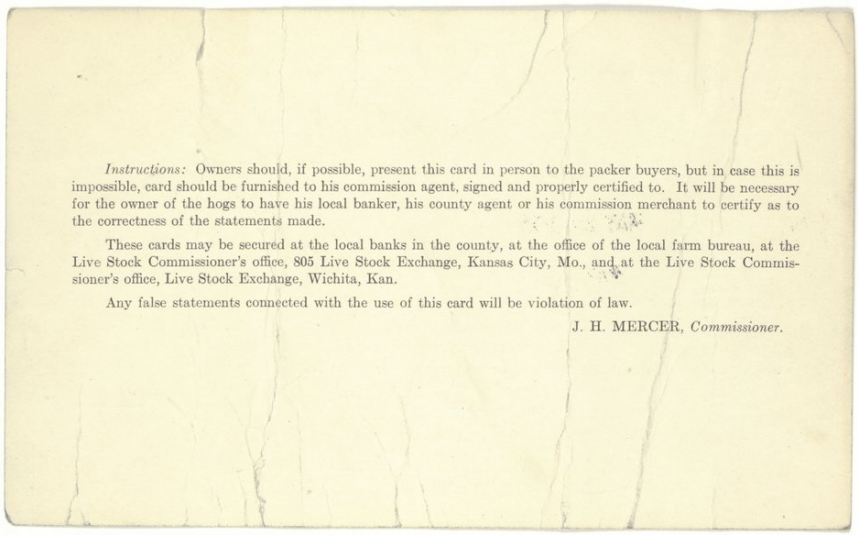
CERTIFICATE: I do hereby certify that this consignment of hogs 11 in number, of the Duroc & C. White breed, shipped by John Donnelly were bred and fed in Lincoln township Rice County, Kansas, and that to my knowledge these hogs have not been fed unpasteurized milk originating in a nonaccredited county, and have not been exposed to tuberculosis.

Signed: John Donnelly Lyttle Rice
Owner. P. O. address.

Certified by: E S Stafford Lyndon
Date: June 4-26
Local banker. County agent. Commission merchant. P. O. address.

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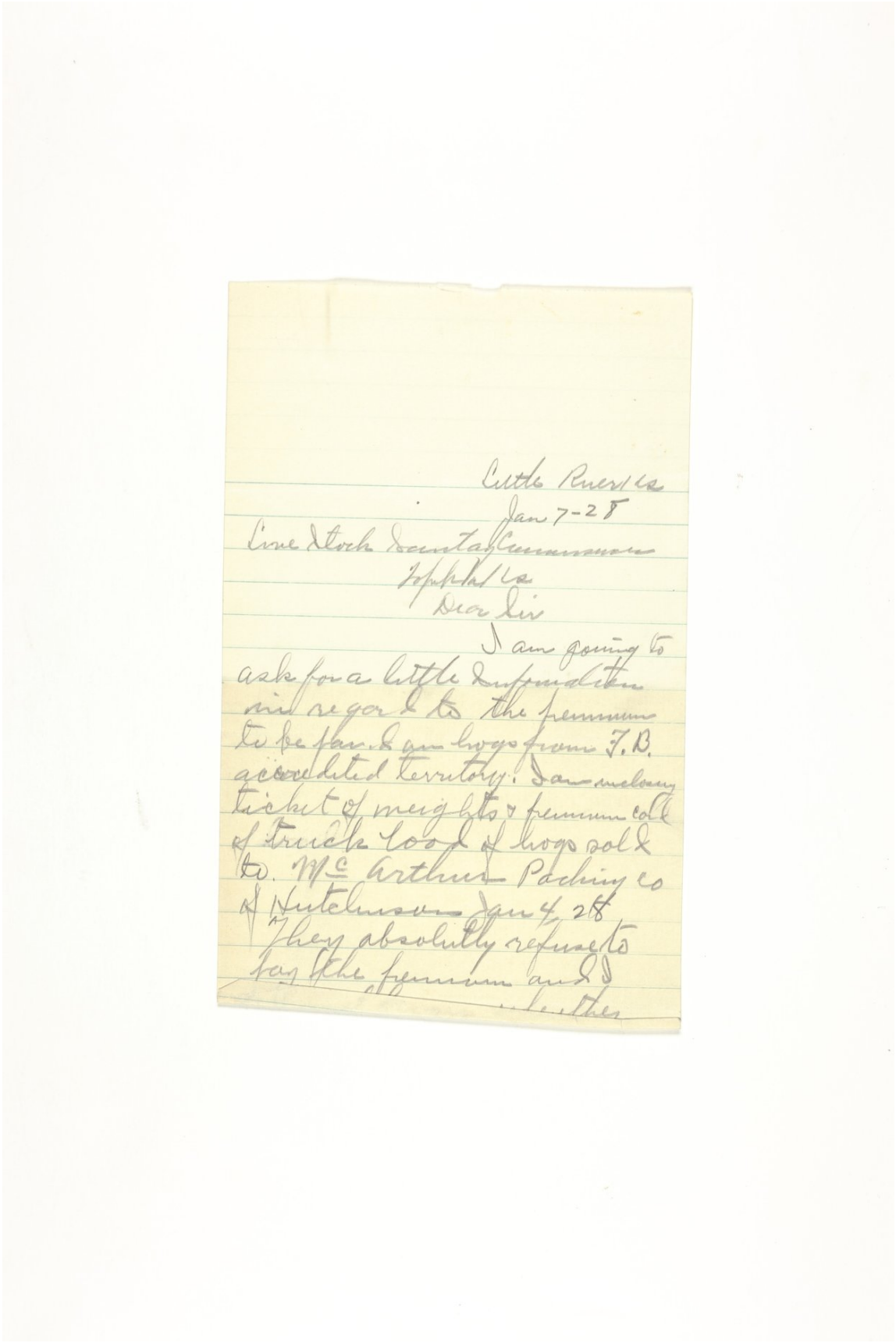
Instructions: Owners should, if possible, present this card in person to the packer buyers, but in case this is impossible, card should be furnished to his commission agent, signed and properly certified to. It will be necessary for the owner of the hogs to have his local banker, his county agent or his commission merchant to certify as to the correctness of the statements made.

These cards may be secured at the local banks in the county, at the office of the local farm bureau, at the Live Stock Commissioner's office, 805 Live Stock Exchange, Kansas City, Mo., and at the Live Stock Commissioner's office, Live Stock Exchange, Wichita, Kan.

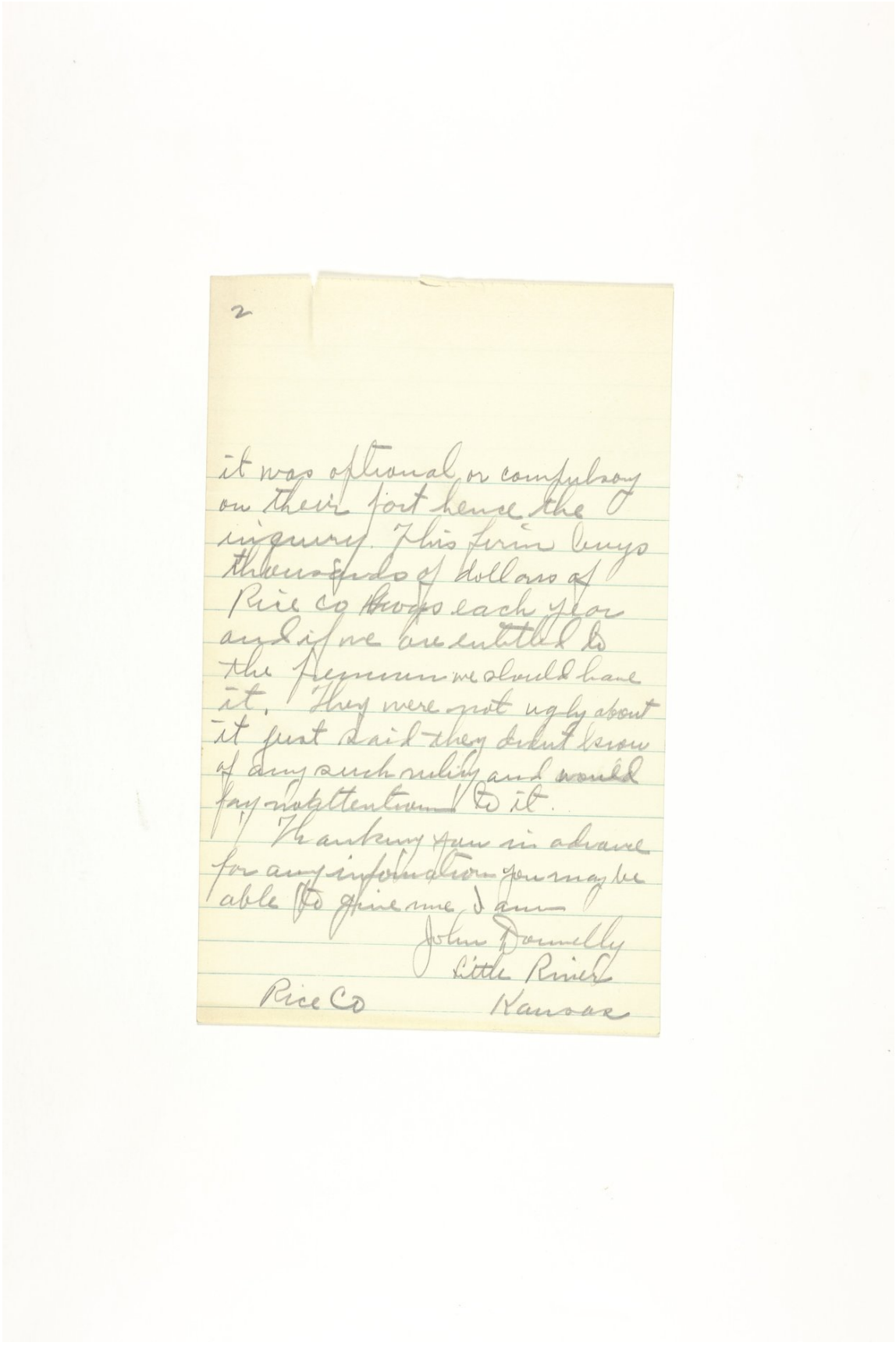
Any false statements connected with the use of this card will be violation of law.

J. H. MERCER, *Commissioner.*

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Cattle Quarantine
Jan 7-28
Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner
Topeka Ks
Dear Sir
I am going to
ask for a little information
in regard to the permanent
to be placed on hogs from T.B.
accredited territory. I am mailing
ticket of weights & permanent cards
of truck load of hogs sold
to W^m Arthur Packing Co
of Hutchinson Jan 4, 28
They absolutely refuse to
pay the premium and I
[illegible]



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it was optional or compulsory
on their part hence the
inquiry. This firm buys
thousands of dollars of
Rice Co hogs each year
and if we are entitled to
the premium we should have
it. They were not ugly about
it just said they didn't know
of any such ruling and would
pay attention to it.

Thanking you in advance
for any information you may be
able to give me I am

John Donnelly
Little River
Rice Co Kansas

Jan. 12, 1928

Mr. Nels Janssen,
R.F.D. #1,
Marysville, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to my attention that you refused to have your cattle tested for tuberculosis when a representantive of this department called at your place a few days ago for the purpose. I am quite sure that you are not familiar with the law that governs this matter or you would not object to having your cattle tested .

You perhaps know that more than 85% of the cattle owners of Marshall county signed a petition requesting this department to test the dairy and breeding cattle in the county. In line with that petition the federal and state government are doing the work. The law and requirements call for the testing of all dairy and breeding cattle and, of course, all the dairy and breeding cattle will be tested.

I am calling your attention to this matter believing that after you fully understand the situation that you will not offer any further objections to the testing of your cattle. This work is being done free of expense to you. However, under the law should you by objecting to having your herd tested entail any unnecessary expense in the testing of your cattle, you can be made to bear the expense of the work, which you would not want to do and which we would not want you to do. Therefore, all we want you to do is to co-operate with the parties doing the work in your county and have your cattle tested. After you have thought this over I trust that you will advise me that you are willing to have your cattle tested so that we can make arrangements accordingly.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation in this matter and for an early reply, I am

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

Jan. 13, 1928

Mr. W. O'Connell,
County Agent,
Marysville, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing you a copy of a letter that has gone out to the objectors you report.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHH/M

SECOND FLOOR COURT HOUSE

TELEPHONES: OFFICE, 159; RESIDENCE, 526R

CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK
IN
AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
STATE OF KANSAS

KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARSHALL COUNTY CO-OPERATING

DIVISION OF EXTENSION
COUNTY AGENT WORK

MARYSVILLE, KANSAS

January 10, 1927

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

Dear Sir:

I am sorry to report that the veterinarians working in Marshall County on the Tuberculosis Eradication work have met up with three objectors so far in the clean-up.

These objectors have not been antagonized by the local veterinarians, the state men or myself but are prejudiced through their ignorance as to the benefits to be derived or through their own bull-headedness. Mr. Nels Janssen, Route 1, Marysville; Mr. C. H. Ott, Marysville; Mr. Ernest Johnson, Marysville; these are the objectors.

Perhaps two hundred cattle owners have been reached so far and these have been the only objectors. When you write to these men it might be a good plan to write also to Mr. A. D. Keller, County Attorney, so that he can post himself on the law as regards compulsory testing.

We are getting under way with the clean-up and it is coming along in fine shape. Your State veterinarians are good, congenial men that are getting along well with the people.

Very truly yours
W. O'Connell - Co. Agt.

Jan. 13, 1928

Mr. Ernest Johnson,
Marysville, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

Jan. 14, 1928

Mr. Joe Maldoon,
Marysville, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to my attention that you refused to have your cattle tested for tuberculosis when a representative of this department called at your place a few days ago for the purpose. I am quite sure that you are not familiar with the law that governs this matter or you would not object to having your cattle tested.

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Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

Jan. 14, 1928

Mr. W. O'Connell,
Co. Agent,
Marysville, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In line with our telephone conversation a little while ago, I am sending you under separate cover a supply of notification cards. We do not have any pliers on hand. We have ordered pliers from Kansas City and no doubt they will be here the middle of next week and we will send a supply on to you.

We also have written Mr. Joe Maldoon. He will no doubt receive our letter the fore part of the week and as soon as I hear from him I will advise you as to what he has to say.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M Commissioner.

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DIVISION OF EXTENSION
COUNTY AGENT WORK

MARYSVILLE, KANSAS

January 11, 1928

Mr. J. H. Mercer

State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner

Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:

We have a very strenuous objector to report, a Mr. Joe Maldoon, Marysville. Two trips have been made to his farm by your State men and he flatly refused to let them touch his cattle. He says that he is posted enough to know that this work is not compulsory. If this man is passed up it will, we believe, leave a bad moral effect in Franklin Township where he lives.

We would urge that you write to him immediately as all cattle in his immediate community have been tested and we are desirous of having the township completed. He is the only objector in the entire township.

He may write you that he intends to ship this stock but, on account of several conflicting stories he has told, it is our honest belief that he does not intend to do so.

Very truly yours,

W. O'Connell

W. O'Connell
County Agent

WOC:FEB

Jan. 18, 1928

Mr. J. L. Maldoon,
Marysville, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 12th with enclosure and note carefully same. Of course, we had already written you with respect to your objecting to having your cattle tested. In this connection, if you intend to ship the cattle you have on your place, or rather the cow and the bull, within the next 30 or 60 days to market, it will not be necessary for them to be tested. However, we could not give you permission to hold them under any other circumstances. The regulations under which all the dairy and breeding cattle of Marshall county come in the county free area work make it compolsory for all such cattle to be tested for tuberculosis. Therefore, since the two animals you have are breeding cattle, it will be necessary for them to be tested unless as above stated you intend to send them to market.

Unless these cattle are fed, however, and especially the cow, she will be worth more to have her tested before you sell her than otherwise. I am very much surprised that there would be any difficulty with anyone having two head of cattle tested. It would not have taken 20 minutes of your time to have had this done by the veterinarian that called at your place the first time. So evidently your objecting to the test has made it rather burdonsome and, of course, quite expensive in the last analysis in the testing of these two head of cattle. I will find out what veterinarian used profanity while at your place. We do not permit representatives of this department to be abusive. And especially to use profanity in discussing matters of this kind.

After you receive this letter you can advise me as to whether or not you wish to have these cattle shipped to market or have them tested for tuberculosis in line with the regulations of the department. I would suggest that you have the cattle tested and if you desire to I will direct Dr. Pyle to make the test. Let me hear from you at your very earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

JMM/M

Commissioner.

Jan. 18, 1928

Mr. W O'Connell,
County Agent,
Marysville, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I received a long letter from Mr. Maldoon. He also send me a copy of your letter to him under date of January 11th. We had already written Mr. Maldoon the usual form letter to objectors. I am enclosing you a copy of the letter written him this date, that explains itself. Of course, if he wants to ship the bull and the cow and will do so soon, the test need not be made. Otherwise the test will be made.

I wish you would furnish me the name of the veterinarian if you can that he refers to as using profane language, at his place. More than likely the occasion was sufficient to warrant profanity but we do not want representatives of this department to be abusive or use undignified language in connection with the work of the department. Therefore, I would like to know who it was.

Trusting that you are getting along well with the work, I am,

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

Marysville, Kansas
Jan. 12, 1926.

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

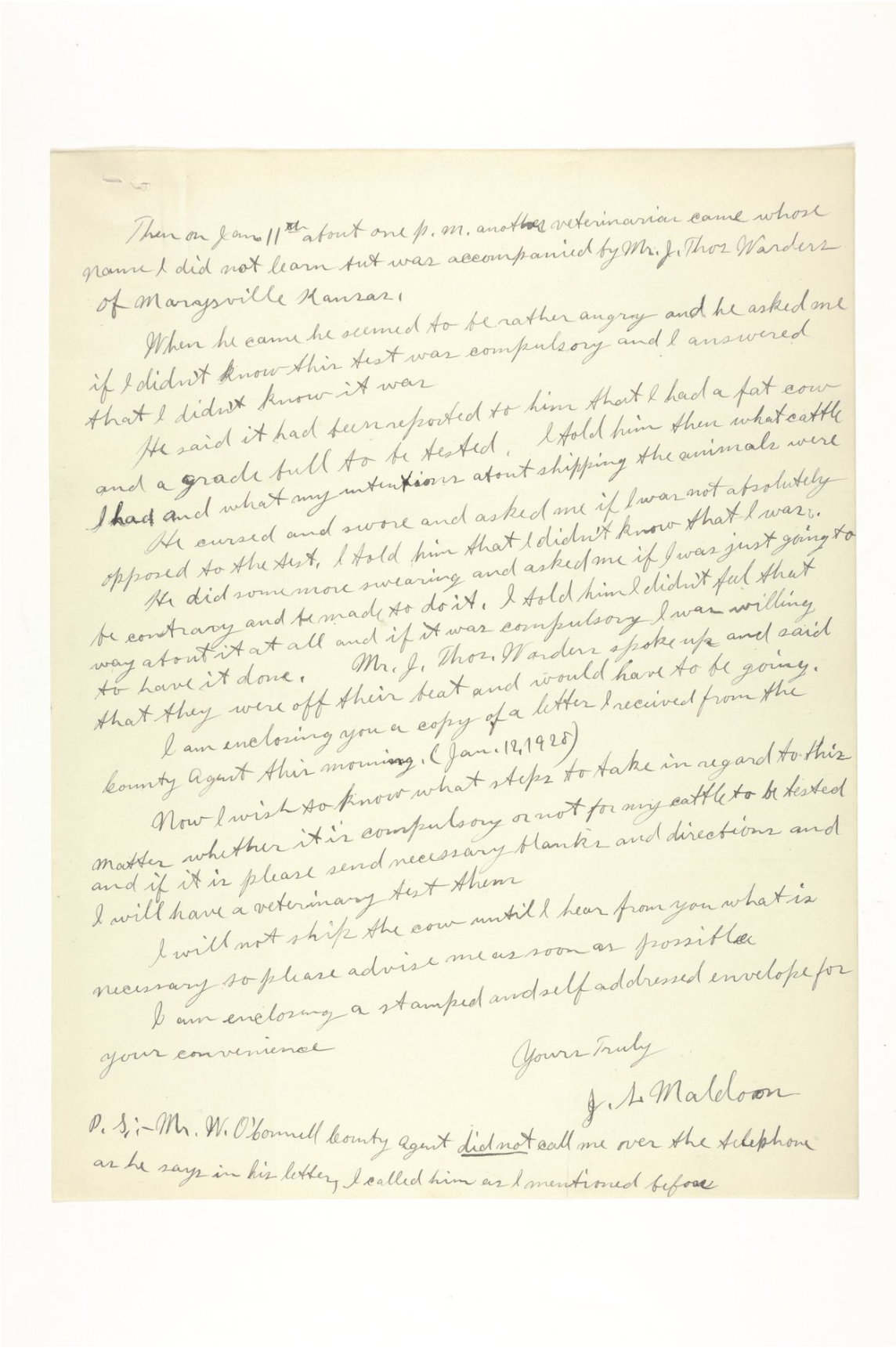
Dear Sir— I am writing you for information on the Tuberculosis free area plan of testing cattle and if it is compulsory in this case. I have one cow that has been dry for 6 months or more and is not with calf that I have been intending to ship but owing to sickness in my family I have not been able to deliver the cow to market.

I also have three head of young cattle, one two year old heifer, one heifer about sixteen months old, and one bull calf fourteen months old

I had the idea that only the milk cows were to be tested so I called our County Agent (W. O'Connell) Jan. 9th and told him that I didn't think I had anything to test and told him that I had three head of young stuff and a cow that I intended to ship as soon as I could because she was dry and that we have been buying milk for several months. I told W. O'Connell the reason I called him was to save the veterinaries the bother of stopping as I know they are anxious to get through.

He said allright and thanked me for calling him.

The next day Jan. 10th just after noon Dr. Pyle drove in and I told him what I had. Also told him if it wasn't necessary that I would rather not have them tested. I told Dr. Pyle what I intended to do with the cow and he didn't tell me it was necessary to have her tested but did tell me if I intended to keep the bull I realy aught to have the bull tested. I told Dr. Pyle I didn't know as I would keep the bull very long that I would ship him also in a month or two when he got a little larger and fatter and I didn't want to bother with testing him if I didn't have to



Then on Jan 11th about one p. m. another veterinarian came whose name I did not learn but was accompanied by Mr. J. Thos Warders of Marysville Kansas.

When he came he seemed to be rather angry and he asked me if I didn't know this test was compulsory and I answered that I didn't know it was

He said it had been reported to him that I had a fat cow and a grade bull to be tested. I told him then what cattle I had and what my intentions about shipping the animals were

He cursed and swore and asked me if I was not absolutely opposed to the test. I told him that I didn't know that I was.

He did some more swearing and asked me if I was just going to be contrary and be made to do it. I told him I didn't feel that way about it at all and if it was compulsory I was willing to have it done. Mr. J. Thos. Warders spoke up and said that they were off their beat and would have to be going.

I am enclosing you a copy of a letter I received from the County Agent this morning. (Jan. 12, 1928)

Now I wish to know what steps to take in regard to this matter whether it is compulsory or not for my cattle to be tested and if it is please send necessary blanks and directions and I will have a veterinary test them

I will not ship the cow until I hear from you what is necessary so please advise me as soon as possible

I am enclosing a stamped and self addressed envelope for your convenience

Yours Truly

J. L. Maledon

P. S.—Mr. W. O'bonnell County Agent did not call me over the telephone as he says in his letter, I called him as I mentioned before

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Second floor Court House Telephone: Office 159, Res. 52 or R

Co-operative Extension Work
in
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State of Kansas

Division of Extension
County Agent work

Kansas State Agricultural College
United States Department of Agriculture and Marshall county co-operating.

Marysville Kansas
January 11, 1928

Mr. Joe Maldoon
Marysville, Kan

Dear Sir;

When I called you on the phone the other day you reported to me that you had only young stuff, to young for testing for Tuberculosis. The report of the State veterinarian who visited your farm is that you have two mature animals, one cow and a grade bull.

I am enclosing a notification card which states that this work is compulsory and any one who has informed you differently is wrong. Since this work is being done with no cost to the stock owner we feel that it is unnecessary that the State men make three trips to your place. We have today reported you as an objector to the State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner at Topeka.

We are now relieved of any further communication with you -- the matter is in the hands of the State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner, and you can settle with him.

Yours, for a clean County
W. O'Connell

W. O'Connell
County Agent

WOC:KCB

Jan. 18, 1928

Dr. J. N. Matney,
% Pacific Hotel,
Marysville, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

As you know, Dr. Christenson met with a very serious accident some time ago and is still in the hospital. Dr. J. W. Smith has been connected with the department in county area work for the last two years the most of the time. He finished his work in Coffey county a week or so ago and I sent him to Marshall county. Since it is not possible for Dr. Christenson to take any part in the work for some time, and since it is very necessary to have some one in charge of the project in a county, I am placing Dr. Smith in charge of the work in Marshall county. So please keep in touch with him and advise him as to the progress of the work in your district and also follow out any instructions or suggestions he might make.

In looking over the weekly test records, I note that you have not been testing nearly so many cattle as heretofore. What is the difficulty? Of course, we do not expect any break-neck efforts to be made in this work, yet I do expect careful application in the work and an average result of cattle tested each week. A great many of the local veterinarians test from five to nine hundred cattle a week. Ordinarily I think the general average should be around four to six hundred for the regularly employed men. Your recent weekly record test shows that you have fallen considerably below this number. If there is any reason for this, le me know.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

Jan. 20, 1928

Dr. J. W. Smith,
Pacific Hotel,
Marysville, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have a letter from Mr. O'Connell, the county agent, suggesting that I send contracts either to you or to him for the local veterinarians now engaged in the county area work in Marshall county, - Roeder, Tice, Lipton, White and Folly.

We have contracts with each of these veterinarians and I would suggest that you advise each of them that as soon as they have completed the work in the township in which they are now engaged that they can take up the work in another township. You can then make up your report advising this department of the list of townships allotted.

I am leaving tonight for Chicago and will be back Saturday. Mr. O'Connell states the work is moving along very nicely. I am writing Mr. O'Connell advising him that I had directed you to allot extra work to the veterinarians in question as soon as they had completed the territory heretofore allotted them.

Very truly yours,

JHM/H

Commissioner.

Jan. 20, 1928

Mr. Albert Wittmuss,
Oketo, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to my attention that you refused to have your cattle tested for tuberculosis when a representative of this department called at your place a few days ago for the purpose. I am quite sure that you are not familiar with the law that governs this matter or you would not object to having your cattle tested.

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Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

Jan. 20, 1928

Mr. W. D. Bruensback,
Oketo, Kansas.

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Commissioner.

JHM/M

January 23, 1928.

Mr. Thomas Costello, Sr.,
Oketo, Kansas.

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Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and for an early reply, I am

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM.A

January 23, 1926.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ott,
Marysville, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM.A

Jan 24, 1928

Dr. Chas A. Pyle,
Marysville, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 19th and thank you very much for same.

More than likely the delay in the work in Marshall county can be attributed to the fact that Dr. Christenson was not able to get the county organized before the work was started. I might add that we have found that it was not a good policy to say much about the T.B. work in the county papers. If the county agent is in co-operation with the people we get better results by personal contact than through newspaper circulation. The county agetn advises me that he thinks everything is well organized now and that progress will be made. If you have any suggestions at any time as to improvements in the plan of our work do not hesitate to write us.

Thanking you again, I am

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

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Hotel Pacific

STEAM HEAT EUROPEAN — HOT AND COLD WATER

J. H. KRUG. PROP.

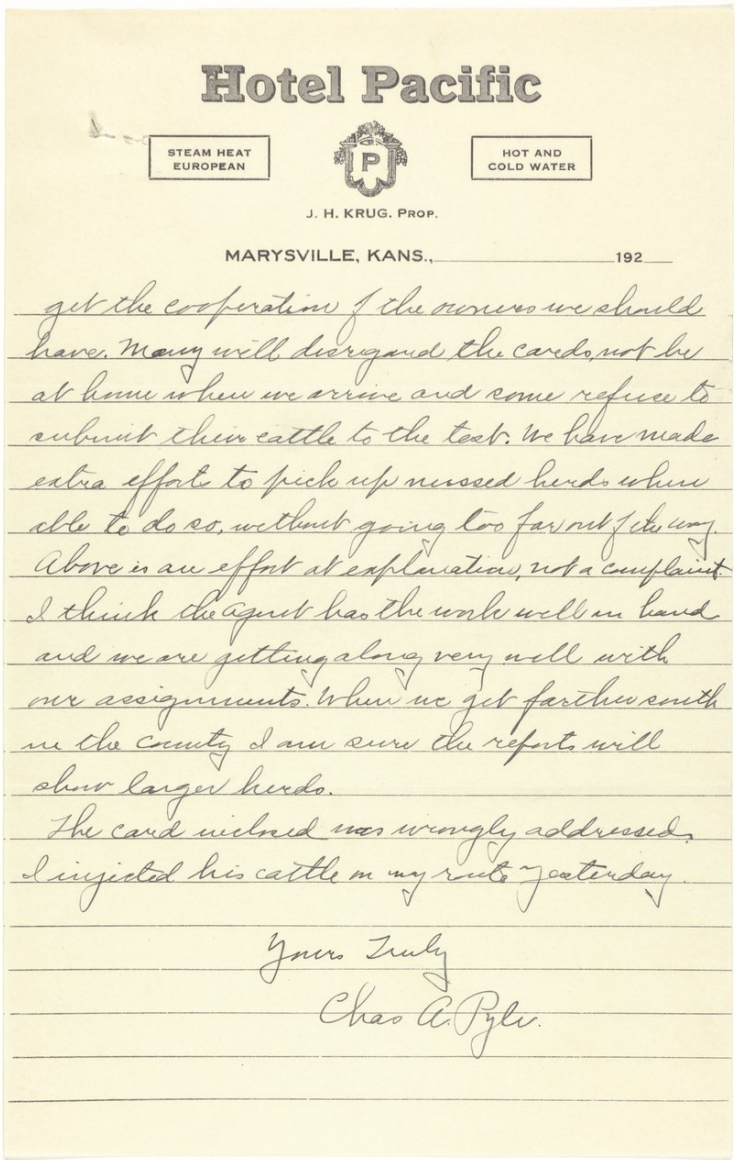
MARYSVILLE, KANS., Jan. 19 1928

Mr. J. H. Mercer.
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:- Replying to your letter of the 18th will state that I am closely in touch with Dr. Smith and doing my best to cooperate with him and the other men for the success of the work. I came down here Dec. 30 met Dr. Smith and the Co Agent and reported ready to work the following week. As you know, the offices were poorly prepared and the first week we worked Maryville Twp. and got few cattle. Since the second day injections, we have each covered our six sections each per day but in the good farming sections, the herds are small, but the assignments have been around eighteen to twenty or more stops or farms in each route.

Another factor seems to be prominent in the lack of publicity, in that we do not

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get the cooperation of the owners we should have. Many will disregard the cards, not be at home when we arrive and some refuse to submit their cattle to the test. We have made extra effort to pick up missed herds when able to do so, without going too far out of the way. Above is an effort at explanation, not a complaint. I think the agent has the work well in hand and we are getting along very well with our assignments. When we get farther south in the county I am sure the reports will show larger herds.

The card mislaid was wrongly addressed. I injected his cattle on my route yesterday.

Yours Truly

Chas A. Pyle.

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Jan. 24, 1928

Dr. T. P. Crispell,
Parsons, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

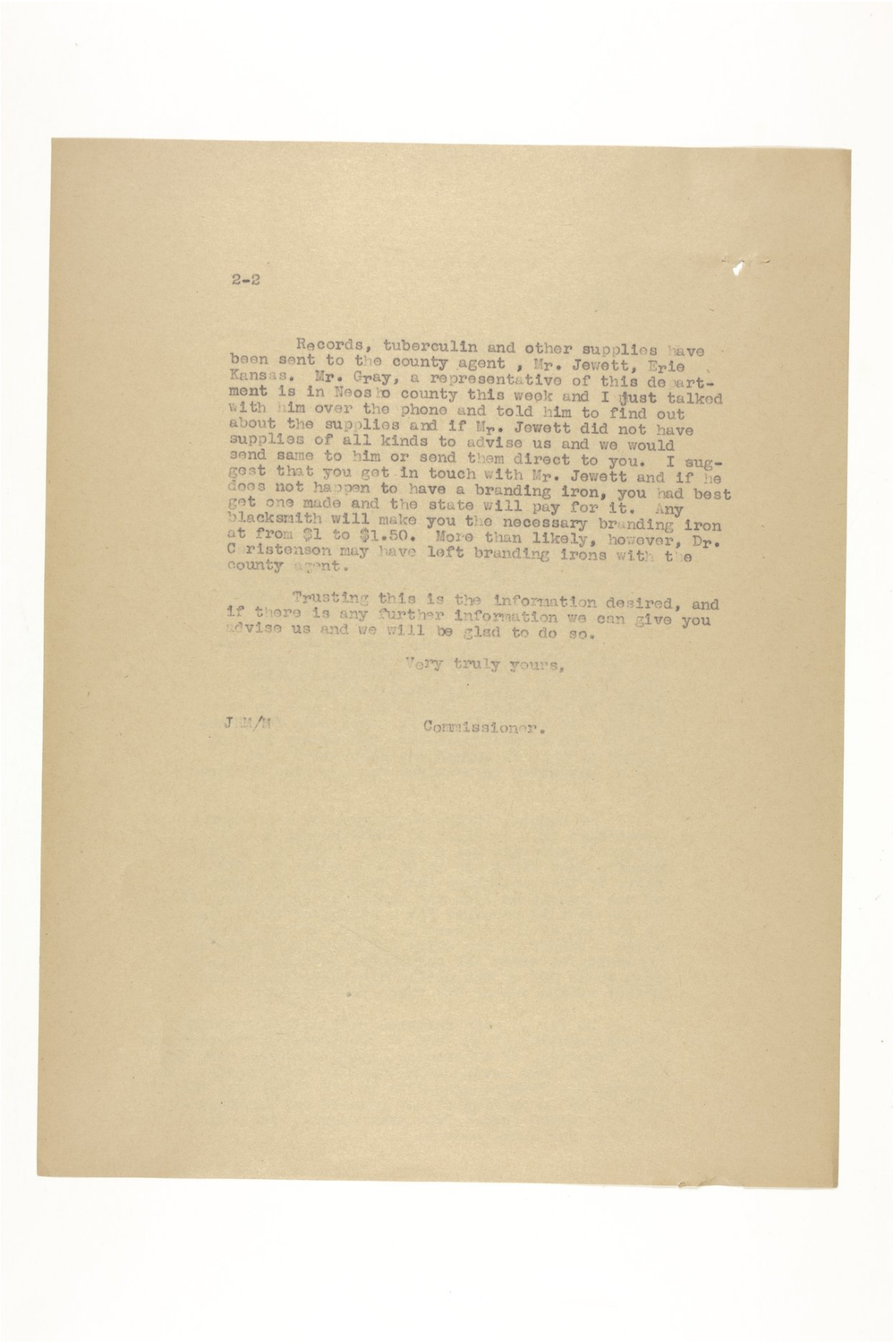
Answering yours of the 22nd instant.

In regards to testing cattle under the county free area plan, I am enclosing you a pamphlet containing the rules and regulations of the department and call your special attention to rule 10, 11, 14 and 15 on pages 3 & 5.

The county free area work is done in co-operation with the Bureau of Animal Industry U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. The co-operative regulations require all dairy and breeding cattle to be tested. Steers do not need to be tested. If the initial test shows less than one-half of one percent reactors, the county is then placed on what is turned the accredited list and no retesting is required for a period of three years.

Of course, if the reactors show a greater percentage than one-half of one percent, then the infected herds are all retested. This retest is usually done within 60 to 90 days after the first test. If the percentage then drops down to one-half of one percent or less the county is again accredited and no test is required for a period of three years. At the end of three years the state and government makes a retest of the dairy and breeding cattle in the county at state and government expense. Usually only about 20% of the cattle are tested under the retest at the end of the three year period.

So far we have retested cattle in three different counties at the end of the three year period and the percentage of tubercular cattle has been very low. only a few head having been found in each county. Of course, the foregoing applies to all clean area counties. Rule 11 is an outline of how reactor and breeding cattle can be shipped into a free area county, and rule 13 gives the rule for appraisement.



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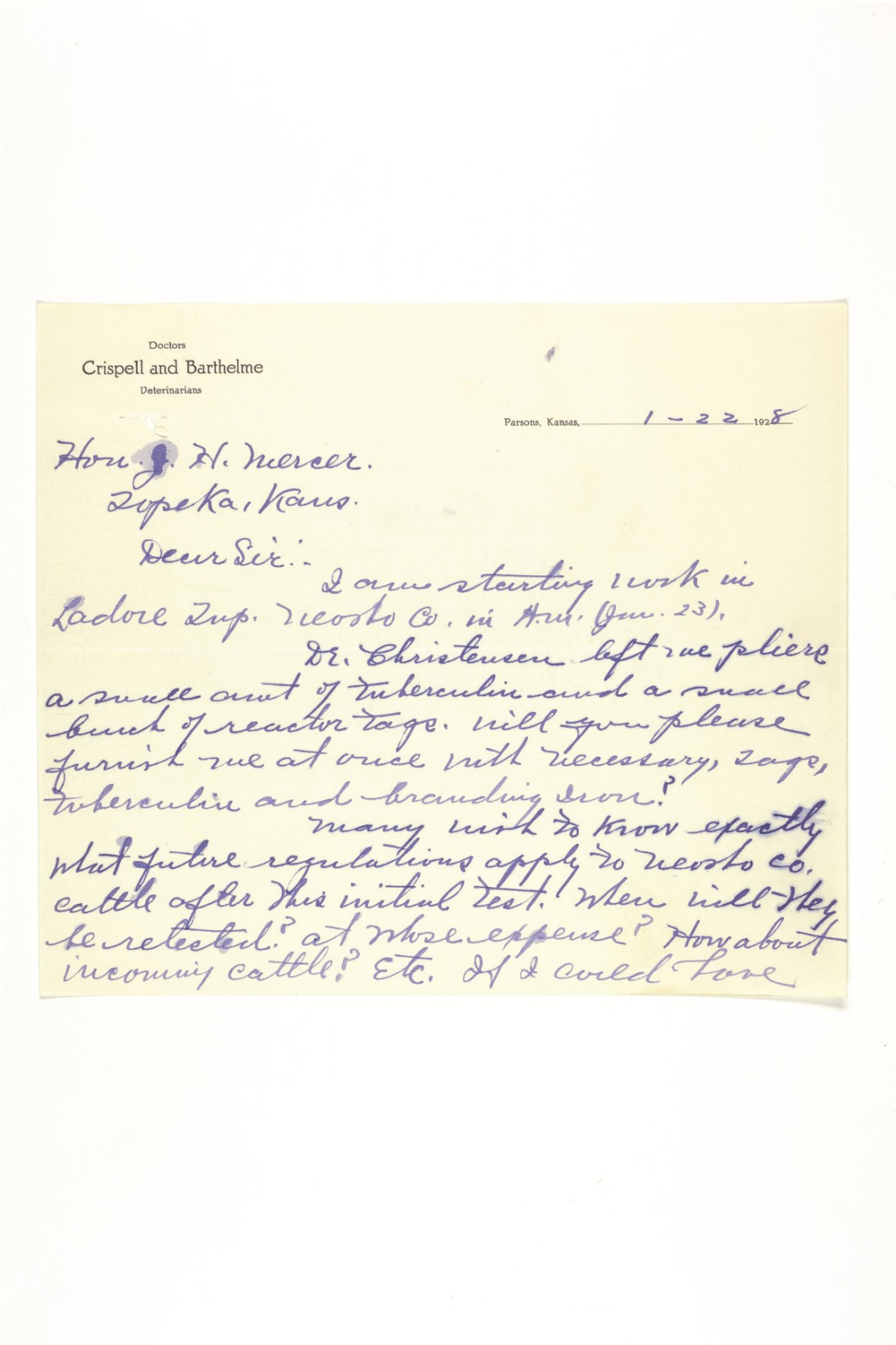
Records, tuberculin and other supplies have been sent to the county agent , Mr. Jewett, Erie Kansas. Mr. Gray, a representative of this department is in Neosho county this week and I just talked with him over the phone and told him to find out about the supplies and if Mr. Jewett did not have supplies of all kinds to advise us and we would send same to him or send them direct to you. I suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Jewett and if he does not happen to have a branding iron, you had best get one made and the state will pay for it. Any blacksmith will make you the necessary branding iron at from $1 to $1.50. More than likely, however, Dr. Christenson may have left branding irons with the county agent.

Trusting this is the information desired, and if there is any further information we can give you advise us and we will be glad to do so.

Very truly yours,

J.M/M Commissioner.

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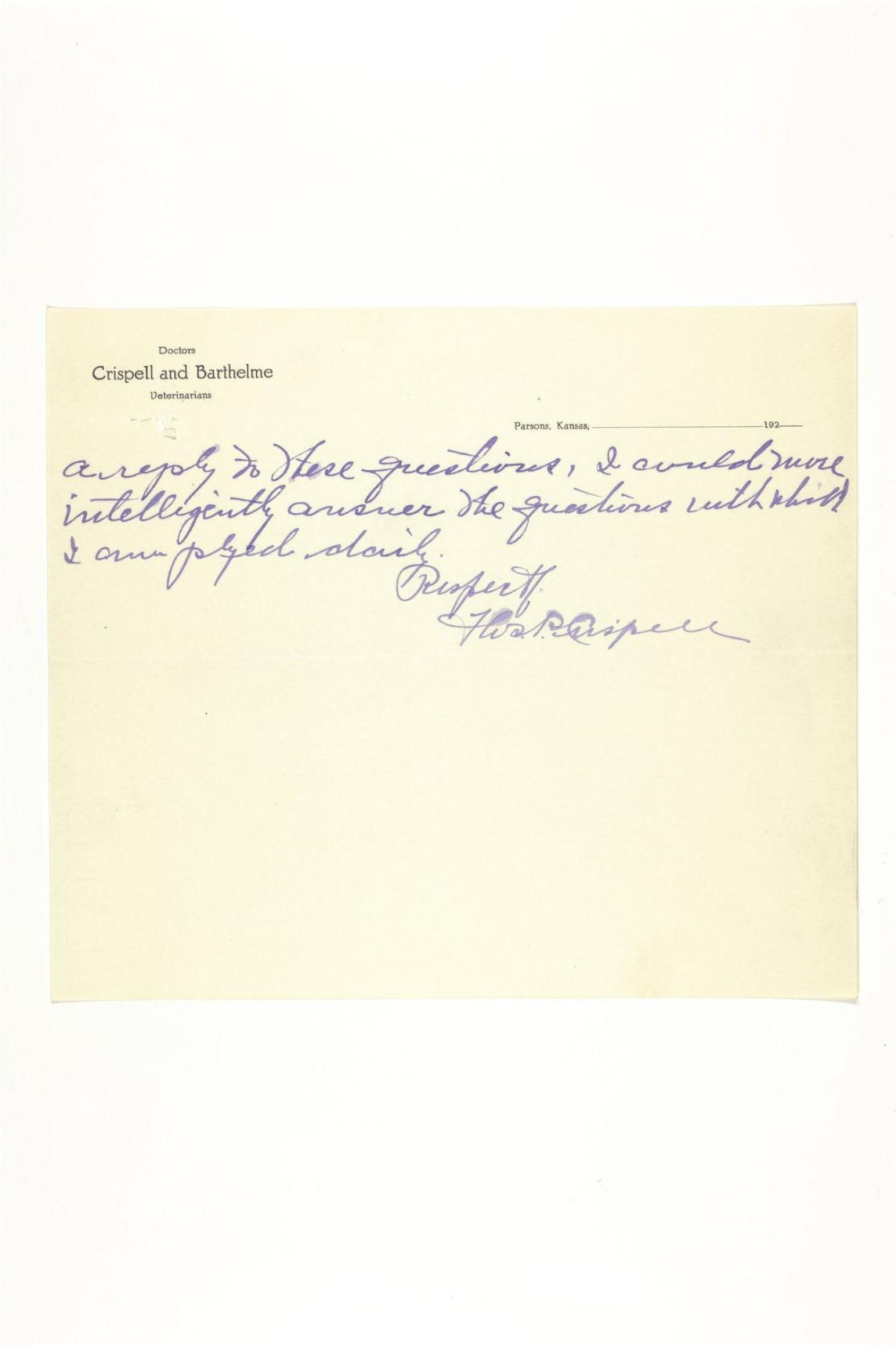
Hon. J. H. Mercer.
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir:- I am starting work in Ladore Twp. Neosho Co. in Hd. Dun. 231.

Dr. Christensen left me pliers a small amt of tuberculin and a small bunch of reactor tags. Will you please furnish me at once with necessary tags, tuberculin and branding iron?

Many wish to know exactly what future regulations apply to Neosho Co. cattle after this initial test. When will they be retested? at whose expense? How about incoming cattle? Etc. If I could have

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a reply to these questions, I could more intelligently answer the questions with which I am faced daily.

Respectfully,
Thos. Crispell