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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN,  
BUSINESS MANAGER  
FLOYD I. SHOAF,  
ASST. BUSINESS MANAGER

STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF  
STATE BUSINESS MANAGER  
STATE HOUSE  
TOPEKA

ALF M. LONDON,  
GOVERNOR

October 1, 1936

Mr. C. E. Rarick,  
Fort Hays State College,  
Hays, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Rarick:

Glad to have your note saying that you are willing to cooperate with the Sunflower Testing Association. I am giving this information to Mr. Atkeson and Mr. Arndt at Manhattan, and Mr. Arndt will start visiting you on his next trip around. There is no action for you to take until he comes, and until the bill is sent to you from Manhattan, then it should be paid in the regular way.

In this connection, I hope that you will give Mr. Arndt wholehearted cooperation. Of course, there would be no value in having him visit and inspect the herd unless his suggestions are carried out, and we have had some cases in the past where cooperation was so bad that the money spent was more or less wasted.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Ben Franklin*  
Benj. Franklin.

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*No Ans*

*Mr Arndt not notified  
of this arrangement  
until Dec. 6-1936.  
Came to the college  
on Dec 7-  
1936*

September 30, 1936

Mr. Benjamin Franklin,  
State Business Manager,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Franklin:

Mr. Schmitz and Mr. Wilson were in  
today. They have reluctantly agreed that we shall  
join the Sunflower Testing Association. We are  
willing to try it out for one year. We need to know  
how to proceed. Please inform us.

Sincerely yours,

President.

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September 24, 1936

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President C. E. Rarick  
Fort Hays Kansas State College  
Hays, Kansas

My dear President:

The matter of handling the dairy herd at Hays has been brought to my attention by the State Business Manager. As I understand it you feel that it is not necessary to have the State Agricultural College Dairy Department inspect your herd, and claim that you have thoroughly qualified inspectors for that job, but Section 76-412 to 415, of the Revised Statutes of 1923, makes it mandatory that the Kansas State College shall have the inspection of dairy herds at all institutions. Because of this regardless of what qualifications you may consider your local staff has, I think it is obligatory upon the College to carry out the provisions of the statutes, and to cooperate in every way possible with the Kansas State College in the matter. I know this will involve an expenditure of \$185.00, but it is a matter of law and not of our personal judgment.

Yours truly,

  
C. M. Harger,  
Chairman

CMH:RP

STATE OF KANSAS

ALF M. LANDON,  
GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF  
STATE BUSINESS MANAGER  
STATE HOUSE  
TOPEKA

September 28, 1936

Mr. C. E. Rarick,  
Fort Hays State College,  
Hays, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Rarick:

I have your letter of the 24th in regard to the inspection of the herd by the State College.

I do not see in what respect Fort Hays College is different from the fifteen or sixteen other institutions which have for a good many years been paying for the travelling inspector who does the inspecting of the state herds. You are correct in saying that <sup>the</sup> State College to do the inspecting and does not ~~require~~ <sup>require</sup> Hays to pay for it. Unhappily, in this case as in many others, the law has to be interpreted by administrative officials. It is obviously impossible for the professor of dairying at Manhattan to spend thirty days out of each three months inspecting the dairy herds, but the intent of the law is clear that this work is to be supervised by the State College at Manhattan. Consequently, it has been the custom in the past for the institutions to pay the salary and travelling expenses of the man who made the inspections, and it seems to me that this is a reasonable method of handling it, since the benefit accrues to the institution owning the herd.

In any case, there is certainly no prohibition against Fort Hays spending their funds for inspection services, and I am sure that the herd there will be very much better handled through receiving the information each month as to what other herds are doing, having advice on feeding problems, disease problems, milk production and the many other suggestions that can and are made by Mr. Arndt who travels for the College. I trust that with this explanation, you will indicate your approval of this expenditure. Otherwise, I do not care to carry the matter on longer. It has been under discussion for over a year, and it seems to me should have been settled in thirty minutes. I must admit, too, that such long drawn out discussions tend to disgust both the Board and myself with the way in which farming operations are handled at Hays. We don't

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want to have to argue a matter in order to get the College to accept a suggestion which seems to be working in other places. It took us two or three years to get the bind weed land transferred to the Experiment Station. It is taking four or five years to get the tenants moved off the state land, and now we are running into the same thing on the handling of the dairy herd, which is too much argument for the value received. If we cannot have some reasonable degree of prompt compliance with suggestions made, I am going to suggest to the Board that the land at Hays all be separated from the other activities of the school. I don't mean by this that we don't have discrepancies pointed out, but once they are pointed out and the matter has been decided in the business office and with the knowledge and approval of the Board of Regents, it seems to be that it ought to end the matter.

Sincerely yours,

  
Benj. Franklin.

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(Excerpt from the statutes of Kansas, revised edition , 1923)

76-415 Expenses of inspection. The professor of dairying, or his assistants, shall be paid their actual expenses for these inspections, and shall be paid in the same manner as they are now paid for such work, the same coming from the funds so appropriated for that purpose to the state agricultural college.

September 24, 1936

Mr. Benjamin Franklin,  
State Business Manager,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Franklin:

Continuing our discussion of the dairy situation at our college, and referring to your letter of September 22, I have not interpreted these statutes as you evidently have.

I agree that the State Agricultural College is required by law to inspect the dairy herds of all state institutions, and we are entirely willing that this shall be done, and have always been in this position. As to the expenses for doing this, however, Section 76-415 of the revised statutes of 1923, to which you refer in your letter, seems very clearly, to me, to place the cost of that inspection elsewhere than upon this college. In fact, I cannot find any statute that would permit us to use our funds in the way you seem to require. Now if I am wrong in this please correct me.

We are anxious to cooperate with you, you have been of help to us on many occasions, and as I have said to you before there are responsibilities which we must share jointly, and I am hoping we may find some way by which these joint responsibilities may be carried without misunderstanding.

I appreciated very much the May, 1936, dairy report which you sent me. I will appreciate hearing from you further in respect to the questions I have raised.

Sincerely yours,

President.



STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF  
STATE BUSINESS MANAGER  
STATE HOUSE  
TOPEKA

September 22, 1936

Mr. C. E. Rarick,  
Fort Hays State College,  
Hays, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Rarick:

I regret that I am unable to accept your statement that you do not care to have Manhattan supervision over your dairy herd, thru joining the Sunflower Testing Association.

Apparently, you have overlooked a provision of the Statutes, Section 76-412-413-414-415, Revised Statutes of 1923 which makes it mandatory, not optional, that the Agricultural College shall "inspect the herds of all state institutions having dairy herds or that may hereafter have dairy herds." It further provides that the inspection shall be made not less frequently than once in three months and that the expenses shall be paid by the institutions concerned.

It is manifestly impossible under present conditions for the professor of dairying to visit these herds, so the arrangement of the Sunflower Testing Association was worked out in order that an assistant might do the work and might do it more comprehensively than the professor of dairying would be able to do. As a matter of fact, I think it will be worth a good deal more than \$185.00 a year to have the advice of the Manhattan dairy department on the herd at Hays. They are in constant touch with the seventeen other state herds, and consequently are able to get a very much broader picture of successful methods than Mr. Schmutz would be able to do at Hays, no matter how efficient a man he might be. Moreover, unless we can have the kind of reports or the information in tabulated and detailed form, such as we receive monthly on the institutional dairy herd reports to see whether the Fort Hays herd is making money or losing money, I would not care to approve the continuation of the herd.

Regardless of my opinion and yours, the legislature has elected to place the department at Manhattan in charge of all state herds, and it is clearly our duty to carry out the law until the law is changed. Consequently, unless you advise me promptly that you have reconsidered this matter and are willing to accept

September 15, 1936

Mr. Benjamin Franklin,  
State Business Manager,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Franklin:

The matter of membership in the Sunflower Testing Association has been under advisement here with Mr. Schautz and Mr. Wilson. They report adversely. They are conducting a testing service on our dairy cows, and are doing this in a thoroughly scientific manner, which they are capable of doing. They are also keeping feed records, and will make use of all of these.

In view of these facts they cannot see any particular value in joining this association at this time and spending the annual fee of \$185.00, in fact, our budget will hardly stand this. You know our situation here, and in view of the foregoing I am wondering if you do not agree with me that this decision should be respected. Our budget is very close, as you know, and we are going to have a hard year in view of these financial conditions. I therefore feel the recommendation in this matter should be approved. Do you not concur with me in this matter?

Sincerely yours,

President.

KANSAS STATE COLLEGE  
OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DAIRY HUSBANDRY  
MANHATTAN, KANSAS

September 1, 1936

Mr. L. J. Schmutz  
Farm Superintendent  
Fort Hays Kansas State College  
Hays, Kansas

Dear Mr. Schmutz:

Mr. Linn has called my attention to your letter regarding the advisability of enrolling your herd in the Sunflower Testing Association. Your other letter must have been mislaid while I was on my vacation.

There is no better argument in favor of the Sunflower Testing Association than the improvement that has been made in the various state herds since they joined this state association. The state herds were originally put under the supervision of this department in 1918 and the Sunflower Association started about two years later. If we were to attempt to produce the milk that we are now getting from the state herds with the same quality of cows that were in the state herds during 1920, we would need at least 500 more cows or about 50 per cent more than we are using. With the increased production the economy of production has likewise improved. Just such problems as you present are the ones that are solved from month to month through the association with the supervisor. Mr. Arndt, the supervisor, is a high class man and is doing fine work assisting in both the feeding and breeding work of these institutional herds.

I do not know what conditions the finances of your institution are in but they would need to be in very bad shape before it would not be worthwhile for you to participate in this service. There is no question about the advisability of joining, the only question is whether you would want to do it now or a little later. You will find your herd continually improving after you have joined this association. Please advise me your decision in this matter.

Yours very truly,



F. W. Atkeson, Head  
Dept. of Dairy Husbandry

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

KANSAS STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE  
AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CO-OPERATING

EXTENSION SERVICE  
COUNTY AGENT WORK

MANHATTAN

August 29, 1936

Mr. L. J. Schmutz  
Farm Superintendent  
Fort Hays Kansas State College  
Hays, Kansas

Dear Mr. Schmutz:

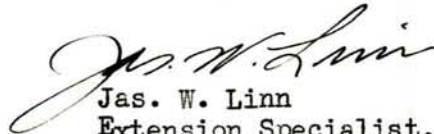
Your letter to Mr. Atkeson must have come in while he was on vacation, as that is the only reason I can imagine for your not getting an answer from him. Inasmuch as he has supervision of the Sunflower Association, I am referring this letter to him.

In regard to your question on feeding, in spite of the high cost of feed, it practically always pays to feed a reasonable amount of the cheapest possible balanced grain ration available. For instance, wheat may be cheaper than corn, soybean meal or gluten meal cheaper than cottonseed meal, and in some sections in Kansas this year they are going to feed molasses in place of corn. It is equal pound for pound with corn and in carload lots today is selling for just about half as much.

In regard to your silage, if it does not mature it is always desirable to let it freeze before you make it into silage.

You ask whether or not you should be members of the Sunflower Association. My answer would be that if it is at all possible for the supervisor of this association to handle your herd, that you would profit materially by it.

Very truly yours,

  
Jas. W. Linn  
Extension Specialist,  
Dairy Husbandry

JWL:FB

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ALF M. LANDON,  
GOVERNOR

July 16, 1936

Mr. C. E. Rarick,  
Fort Hays State College,  
Hays, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Rarick:

We first began to talk about the Sunflower Testing Association over a year ago and it seems to me there has been sufficient time for the matter to be settled.

I am thoroughly convinced that we ought to take advantage of the advice and assistance that is available from Manhattan on the dairy herds. Please consult Mr. Schmutz and give me a definite answer within the next couple of weeks.

Sincerely yours,

  
Benj. Franklin.

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July 15, 1936

Mr. Benjamin Franklin,  
State Business Manager,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Franklin:

I have had a conference with Mr. Schmutz regarding the Sunflower Testing Association. He seems to know very little about the matter as yet, so we will not join in with it until he has had time to investigate and decide what his position will be.

Mr. Schmutz is doing a fine job for us. He is very conservative and careful, and I want him to be fully satisfied before we enter into any proposal.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

President.

STATE OF KANSAS

ALF M. LANDON,  
GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF  
STATE BUSINESS MANAGER  
STATE HOUSE  
TOPEKA

July 11, 1936.

MANAGER  
CHOF,  
ASST. BUSINESS MANAGER

President C. E. Rarick,  
Fort Hays State College,  
Hays, Kansas.

Dear President Rarick:

Manhattan still has heard nothing about your herd going in the Sunflower Testing Association. I feel that this is highly important. It ought to be starting in July. Will you kindly contact Mr. Schmutz, and let me know? The charge will not exceed fifteen or twenty dollars.

Sincerely yours,

*Benj. Franklin*  
Benj. Franklin.

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