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January 18, 1973

Mr. E. K. Gaylord, Editor
The Daily Oklahoman
P.O. Box 25125
Oklahoma City, OK 73125

Dear Mr. Gaylord:

I have just received a copy of the editorial in the January 8, 1973 Daily Oklahoman entitled "Beefing About Beef."

On behalf of the American National Cattlemen's Association, I offer our sincerest thanks and congratulations on bringing into proper perspective the true issues involving cattle and beef prices. It's very refreshing to read an editorial comment in a metropolitan paper which commends the beef cattle industry rather than "kick it in the teeth" as too often has happened.

Your editorial comment is more deeply appreciated than words can adequately express. Thank you.

Cordially,

C. W. McMillan

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CC: Ellis Freeny

MR. & MRS. E. A. WOODS, OWNERS

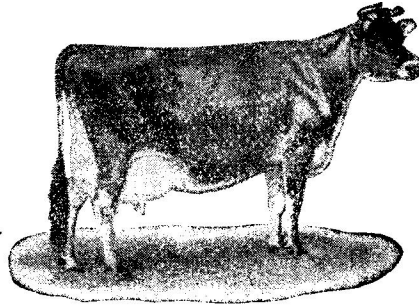
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1/27/74

Mr. Ferdie Neering
The Daily Oklahoman
Oklahoma City, Okla

Dear Mr. Neering:

This is to say thank you for writing the excellent article in yesterday's Daily Oklahoman. It was long overdue, but is factual, and should be beneficial to public relations for dairymen. A little more research will explain to you why it is necessary to keep the announced price supports in line with the economy, but other than that particular statement, I'd say your article is a real tribute to honest reporting. Thank again, & keep up the good work!

E. A. Woods
Western Division director S. Region AMPI
Treasurer, Investment Corporation, AMPI
Director, Southern Region, AMPI

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June 10, 1974

Mr. Ferdie Deering
The Oklahoma Publishing Company
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73125

Dear Mr. Deering:

Wilma and I appreciated very much your letter of May 20th. I keep thinking I'll drop by when in the city and drink a cup of coffee with you but time always runs out before I finish my errands.

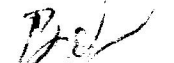
My painting and photography keeps us both busy. I'm painting about half the time now and sales are increasing which is gratifying.

The German show was a fiasco but I've had several others in my time so one more doesn't rock the boat much.

Whenever you are out this way be sure to drop by for a visit.

Enjoyed your article recently on busing. It was definitely one of the best that has been published on this difficult subject.

Sincerely,


Bob Taylor

Original Paintings of the Southwest

Woodward, Okla
Oct 7, 1974

Ferdie J. Deering
c/o Daily Oklahoman
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Mr Deering,

I want to congratulate
you on the editorial
entitled "Difficult Era Might
Help Many".

This is the most down
to earth, sensible bit of
truth I've heard concerning
the economic situation
we are in.

I just wish everyone
had access to reading
that editorial and I
also wish we had
more such sound
thinking people as

you in our government
offices and our news
media.

I thank you for this
great contribution and
I hope to see more
of your writings.

Gratefully yours,
Frances Hayter
(Mrs Merle)

MR. & MRS. E. A. WOODS, OWNERS

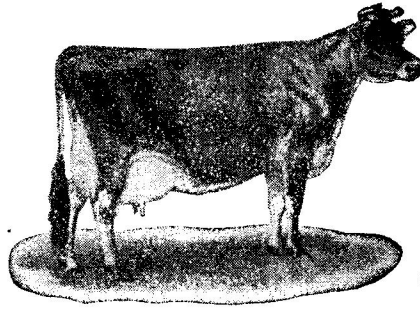
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10/17/74

*Jersey
Dairy*

Mr. Edward L. England
The Daily Oklahoman
Okla. City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

This letter is to compliment you and thank you for publishing the editorial in today's paper entitled "Supports are not Ceilings".

This type of factual information is sorely needed by the dairy industry, and the timing is very beneficial right now. We appreciate it.

E. A. Woods
Director Western Division
Southern Region A.M.P.I.



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October 21, 1974

Deering

Mr. Edward L. Gaglord
The Daily Oklahoman
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101

Dear Sir;

A copy of your editorial concerning support prices for Dairy and other Farm products printed on October 17th has come to my attention.

On behalf of all Dairy Farmers and especially those who are members of Associated Milk Producers, Inc., Western Division may I say thank you for understanding our problems and having the courage to speak out.

Dairy Farmer members of A. M. P. I. did become tired of only receiving three fourths of the fair value of their milk in 1972 and they became restless. They are desperate now while receiving even less as "parity" deteriorates further under an out moded government process.

Once again thank you for recognizing the problem.

Sincerely,

O. J. McAdams

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Western Division Manager

cc Western Division Directors
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JOHN ALDRICH, PASTOR

OCTOBER 30, 1974

MR. FERDIE J. DEERING
THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN
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DEAR MR. DEERING;

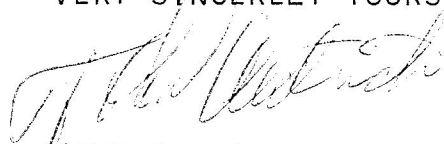
I AM WRITING TO SAY THAT I ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED THE CALIBRE OF ARTICLE THAT YOU WROTE IN THE WED. OCT. 30TH. DAILY OKLAHOMAN. I APPRECIATE FIRST OF ALL THE ADVANCE WARNING CONCERNING THE PROPOSALS OF CRIME AND OTHER MEANS OF DETERIATION IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

SECONDLY, I APPRECIATE YOUR APPARENT OPINION WITH PHRASES LIKE "THOSE WHO DO NOT WANT TO OPEN THE GATES TO MORE CRIME".

LET ME SAY THAT I, AND THIS CHURCH, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, EL RENO, ARE OPPOSED TO OPENING THE GATE TO MORE CRIME IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, AND WE ARE GOING TO DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO DEFEAT AGAIN THESE VERY UNNEEDED AND UNWANTED BILLS.

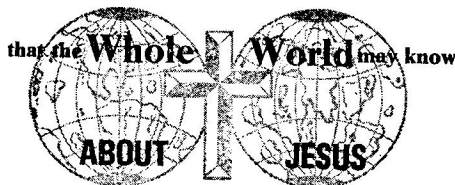
THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR ARTICLE. IF THERE IS EVER ANY WAY THAT WE CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE IN ANY WAY FEEL FREE TO CALL ON US.

VERY SINCERELY YOURS,



JOHN ALDRICH,
PASTOR

JA/LC



Go Ye Therefore and Teach all Nations ...
Matt. 28:19-20

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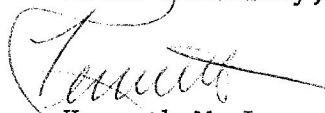
Mr. Ferdie J. Deering
The Sunday Oklahoman
P. O. Box 25125
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73125

Dear Ferdie:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your column from the February 23 issue of the Sunday Oklahoman, as well as your column from the issue of the previous week. You have done your usual excellent job of clearly communicating your message in such a way that even the non-farmer can understand your message.

I certainly enjoyed the opportunity to visit with you at the Oklahoma Livestock Marketing Association meeting. I hope that you will visit us at any time you have the opportunity.

Yours sincerely,


Kenneth M. Lyon
President

KML:ds





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April 2, 1975

Mr. Ferdie J. Deering
The Oklahoma Publishing Company
500 North Broadway
Oklahoma City, OK 73125

Dear Ferdie:

Thank you very much for the copy of the information that ran in some of the editions of the Daily Oklahoman on March 9. This was indeed a fine article. We are especially pleased with the article on the editorial page of the March 28 issue of the Daily Oklahoman. I am bringing this editorial column to the attention of the OSU officials and Board of Regents at their meeting on the evening of April 4.

Thank you for your assistance with the program. We will look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Frank H. Baker
Dean and Director

FHB:ms

Robert R. Russell
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August 8, 1975

Dear Mr. Deering:

I read Your articles in the Daily Oklahoman, and for the most part agree with what You write.

In Your August 6, article You wrote: "The federal Government receives from one-fifth, to nearly one-half of whatever profits a corporation makes before dividends are paid to stockholders." How would that statement fit into the fact that in 1974 Industry, all business made a net profit of 94 billion dollars, out of which They paid 70 billion dollars in taxes. Which figures out to about 75 percent in taxes.

Income taxes is a misnomer. It is misleading, because all taxes, regardless of what they are called are income taxes, for the very simple reason that all taxes, tax either past, present, or future income. A company, business, may pay an astronomical amount of taxes, even while operating at a dead loss, none of which would be designated as income tax, yet that is just exactly what it is.

The billion dollar lease which an oil company pays to the Government is in reality an income tax. The tremendous fees paid by the airlines for the privilege of landing a plane one time, is an income tax. A great many companies, corporations are being absolutely destroyed by the vast amount of the employer's portion of S.S. taxes, that is another income tax. The vast amount of money employers are forced to pay to fund un-employment compensation, another income tax. A business may pay a hundred different taxes, all of which taxes its income.

Business, corporations pay approximately 48 percent actual income taxes, or they may never pay any income taxes, depending on their profit. However a great many taxes are assessed business, regardless of whether it makes a profit, ^{or} goes bankrupt. These include, property taxes, S.S. taxes, UN-employment compensation taxes, fees, licenses, leases, permits, et cetra, et cetra, et cetra. Gertrude Stein wrote: A rose by any other name is still a rose. And an income tax by any other name is still an income tax.

Many leading economists say the the majority of the American People are economic illiterates. And considering the fact that the approximately 35 million business stock holders allow Their dividends to be taxed twice, that is easy to believe. Along with the fact that the American People cannot get it through Their head that only People pay taxes. Business taxes are just added to the price of whatever They buy, and They, the People pay it. If They did understand this, They would not keep begging Congress to raise the taxes on them dirty companys, especially them dirty utility companys.

Business spends about 25 billion dollars every year advertising Their products. And it would be more to Their advantage, and Ours too, if They would spend a big portion of that money for the purpose of educating the People about taxes, profit, and loss. I do not own any stock in any company. But I do have an interest in this country, and the real free enterprise system, not the controlled We have momentarily, but the real one which is hidden under all of those stifling Government controls, and red tape.

—Enclosed is a self addressed envelope, and I would appreciate an answer to this letter.

I did not write this letter as a letter to the editor, because I think Your editor is allergic to the truth. At least he never prints any letters of mine.

Sincerely yours,

Lennie Reasor, Atoka, Okla.

Atoka, Okla.
Aug. 15, 1975

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Editor
The Daily Oklahoman
Okla. City, Okla.

Attn: Mr. Ferdie Deering

Generally, your articles are accurate and sensible. But in your column "Competition Spurs Supply and Demand" (Aug. 13), you remind me of Stephen Leacock's excited prince who "jumped on his horse and rode off in all directions." When I compare prices on a given item in a dozen different stores, I wonder, "What competition is the man talking about."

You appear in that column to be humming the familiar tune that a short supply is what drives prices up -- and indeed that is the only condition that should logically bring them up. Trouble is, something has gone haywire with that song and I'm amazed that you still try to sing it.

Take three items -- food, automobile tires, and medical care. Recently I had occasion to enter several large stores in Denver. There is no shortage of anything from toothpaste to milk to meat to vegetables. If they tried to get more goods under their roof, they'd have to pile it in the floor. To quote a recent, reliable publication, "The wheat harvest is coming in at a record level, and the Agriculture Department estimates that less than half of it will be required for domestic consumption." I paid 75 cents for a very ordinary loaf of bread. I shudder at such scarcity.

If a consumer complains, someone (not you) always mentions two handy whipping boys: the farmer and the laborer. Let me quote again from the above source -- "The many middlemen between the farmer and the consumer grasp flimsy excuses to raise prices and increase their already disproportionate share of each consumer dollar."


There is no word cruddy enough to describe those who blame the laborer for inflation. I grant that the big unions are rotten to the core in their

administrations, but if you set the returns of a laborer alongside those of a lawyer or physician, you find the labor unions to be a little bitty core. Who among us has not been billed for \$20 for five minutes a doctor spent with us? If you allowed the doctor fifteen more minutes between patients for updating notes, etc., he still receives an unspeakably inequitable (and inflationary) income.

I do not argue that a laborer's effort merits the same pay as a physician's, but since both are entitled only to a reasonable compensation, I am trying to put the "inflation" gibberish in its true perspective. If, as you say, competition spurs supply and demand, how can these servants-of-humanity continue to extort those unreasonable fees? Here is a partial answer. A doctor who worked for 10 years in the Chicago office of the American Medical Association reports that the A.M.A. and drug companies contributed \$851,000 in 1970 to defeat legislation that was designed to provide patients with less expensive medical care. He adds, "The AHA is a monopoly that caters to vested interests rather than devoting itself to the betterment of health care."

I had to buy a tire in order to get back home. The store had at least 5,000 new tires. The one I bought listed at \$83. plus federal tax -- and if there was any flood of customers they were invisible. Oooooo, the awful shortage.

What do you mean, competition? Why don't you write another column, more accurately titled "Collusion and Greed Spur Inflated Prices" ??


(Mr.) Lennie Reasor
Atoka, Okla.

OKLAHOMA WHEAT COMMISSION

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September 24, 1975

Mr. Ferdie Deering
The Daily Oklahoman
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Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Mr. Deering,

The Oklahoma Wheat Commission and the Wheat Growers would like to express their appreciation for the fine support you have given agriculture over the years. Your editorials and features "Telling It Like It Is" out on the farm are the best contact the farmer has in getting his side of the story told to consumers.

We especially appreciate the editorial in the Daily Oklahoman entitled "Farmers Job - Educate Public." Your ideas and suggestions in this editorial are being put into action.

Thank you very much for all your help. Whenever we may be of assistance please advise.

Sincerely,

Elmore Bathurst
Elmore Bathurst, Pres.
Okla. Wheat Growers

Jack Hesser
Jack Hesser, Member
Okla. Wheat Comm.

R.A. Lotspeich
Lloyd L. Long, Chairman
Okla. Wheat Comm.

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Okla. Wheat Comm.

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Dr. Frank Baker, Ex-Off.
Okla. Wheat Comm.

Don Dudley
Don Dudley, Exec.Dir.
Okla. Wheat Comm.

ROBERT R. RUSSELL
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November 29, 1975-

Dear Editor:

Daily Oklahoman writer Ferdie J. Deering
sure writes a good column. His Column
November 28, entitled "We're in battle for our
Freedom, and losing it, and don't care,"
was a masterpiece.

If there were more such writers like
Mr. Deering maybe they could wake the
People up, reversing this don't care
syndrome.

With best regards,
Robert R. Russell