

January 9, 1951

Mr. H. F. Johnson
Wymore, Nebraska

Dear Harry:

Yesterday I called on Mr. Andrews and find that he feels that he will be able to carry on the business himself. He is older than I thought, being forty-one years of age, and a nice appearing man. I told him that you and your associates had six lumber yards and that in case he wanted to sell you would be interested in taking the matter up with him and would want him to continue as manager. This left a pleasant feeling but no probability of there being an opening.

I don't know of any other lumber yard in Lawrence that might be interested. You undoubtedly have the names of them, the Logan-Moore, Burgner-Bowman-Matthews Lumber Co., Paul H. Friend Lumber Co., McConnell Lumber Co., Pete Reedy Lumber Co. That makes six lumber yards in Lawrence. The Logan-Moore and Burgner-Bowman-Matthews lumber companies being parts of chains might possibly be for sale by the parent companies. That is something you could find out much more readily than I could. The McConnell Lumber Company is located on the Southern Kansas Railroad at the corner of 13th Street. It is a little out of the way and I don't know as to the volume of business it may do. If I personally were going into the business I should not want to be sidetracked in that way but would rather be somewhere nearer the main drag of the town.

I want to thank you for that fine portrait of yourself which now sits on the table in the front of our livingroom, but with some younger associates. Next to you is Wayne Olander, one year old, and next to him is your young son Dolph, so you are at least in good company--three fine young men.

I enjoyed very much my visit with you over Christmas and the return visit of Dorothea and the boys. I presume they are now back in school. With love to you and yours,

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