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ST. PAUL, MINN.

March 5, 1918.

Mrs. C. B. Hickey,  
Brandenburg, Tex.

My Wife:

This letter is taken by one of the finest little women in the world and her name is Grace. I believe that if you and her could come together here you would both agree to bawl out the two husbands. We are both, I mean George and I, enjoying life after a hard session on the road. It was mostly hard for him and it was very easy for me.

I will give you full details tomorrow. This is simply my daily letter.

Tom



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Oct 20 x This is how it happened x I stayed on  
with Korman in Cisco x Simpson started for  
San Antonio with me the next day x He  
suggested that by paying an extra  
dollar I could go by Fern with; see  
the federal defense attorney and have my  
case dropped from the docket x on arriving  
at Fern with we registered and then went  
to a restaurant and eat breakfast x on  
coming out a policeman grabbed me violently  
and told me I was under arrest x I pulled  
loose from him and asked what for x He  
grabbed me again I again pulled loose just  
as he turned a call for the police wagon x  
Simpson asked what was he trying to do x He  
said nothing I've got him; then I was pushed  
into the wagon and taken to jail, searched  
and put in with 37 drunks ex convicts  
and dope fiends x I was called at midnight  
and taken to the chiefs office and there was  
the woman I came from Adelaide x Then I knew  
what the whole thing meant x I had to lie on  
a concrete floor all night x The chief  
came to the bars next morning and told  
me I was held for U S investigation x In  
the mean time Simpson talked like a  
Trojan with the Federal authorities x



At 11<sup>30</sup> AM he<sup>(3)</sup> had me cleared but  
the trouble was that I could have the  
policemen find out his forsworn  
deal for the outrages & having a lawyer  
with me saved them so they filed a  
fake charge drunk at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour &  
I refused to plead guilty and they held  
me on a \$10<sup>00</sup> bond until the following  
Monday & then realizing that I had to  
keep my appointment with Li Leung  
I went to my hotel and talked the matter  
over with Simpson & he said "Tom  
if you will plead guilty to whiffing  
that policeman you will be fined  
a couple of dollars and go off on  
your train & he I agreed so he went  
to the city attorney and they all laughed  
over the case and I was fined \$3.00  
for beating up a very heavily armed  
policeman & what a joke and a  
fraud & I then came to prison and had  
to wait from Saturday to Friday for



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Lesson x So that's all to the case x

I went to a Vanderpool show with  
E R last night x I did not enjoy it  
because I could not be merry and your  
stret face in front of me all the time x I  
was thinking the Mittershen & the Barry Louise  
and Bella & Alma Hoffman and Fred and Rod  
and Alfred & the Kunder x I feel more cheerful  
now that I am "on my way"

I will write you all from Kansas City and  
hope to be able to send you a substantial  
check on Feb 1 x Fred our butler  
is now working and working in a good  
cause and for the best women on earth

Write me ~~at the address below~~ Care of  
Box 65  
St. Paul, Minn

Give countless love to all  
your faithful one to the death

Tom

P.S. I sent you that book you wanted x It is a  
classic and must be read or such x There  
is a good deal of history interwoven between  
the Romantic lines

Tom x x x x x



NATIONAL NONPARTISAN LEAGUE  
TEXAS BRANCH

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STATE SECRETARY AND MANAGER

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J. P. CRAIG  
GENERAL ORGANIZER

Waco, Texas, Apr. 5th, 1918.

Mrs. T. A. Hickey,  
Brandenburg, Texas.  
Stonewall County.

Dear wife:

Everything is moving along splendidly here. I leave tomorrow, in a car, for Wharton county, where I will meet the "black man" and a number of kinfolks as well as Doubrava, Smith and others.

I enclose you my receipt from the Red Cross and a picture of the Red Cross to place in your window.

I regret to say the reactionaries in the Senate is attacking President Wilson, it looks as if the people like myself and yourself who are radicals are now becoming conservatives. 37 unions in Waco was on the eve of a general strike in support of the streetcar men. The Kansas City general strike is not ended, but 16 wholesale buildings were burned down last night, the fire is still raging and over \$6,000,000 damage has been done. So far as you are concerned, there is not the slightest necessity for uneasiness on your part about me. "All is quiet on the Potomac."

I received my coat and handkerchiefs, for which many thanks. I will drop you another letter tomorrow before I leave Waco.

With abounding love to all.

Your husband,

Tom

P.S. Just received letter ~~xxxxxx~~ & am writing  
to Simpson & He does not know  
what has happened & Tom



W. I. HUNT  
DISTRICT AND COUNTY CLERK  
STEPHENS COUNTY

BRECKENRIDGE, TEXAS

April 16 - 1919

My darling: I have done fairly well here x  
I am going to Dallas Monday to get the  
paper out x I will try to make a  
flying trip with four comrades who  
are oil men next Saturday to Brandenburg  
or Sagert x I may make a few runs thro  
Stein with their help x If we come we  
will stay one night (Saturday) Love &  
you a thousand times x Kiss the mullerchen  
for me x

Your own Hubby  
Fam



Dallas, Texas.

April 22, 1919.

My Darling Girl:

I arrived here on schedule time yesterday. I at once went to work and arranged for Clark's bond to the best of my ability. There is bad complications about it, because he is living in a differant Judicial district, and the Texas Bonds may not be recognized there. More rotten red tape. I was fortunate in securing a ready compitente young lady stenographer who will help me in getting the paper out. I may have it up before Saturday. Keep the list of names and I will forward you the bundle of papers and you can mail them from Brandenburg. I will send you the money for postage. Expect a letter from me from day to day until my News Paper Baby is born. I am taking great care of the file. I am in splendid health and spirits, and I know you are the same. Kiss Mother and the girls for me.

Your loving hubby®



#209 Lane Street,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dallas, Texas.

April 23, 1919

My dear Wife:

Mr. Wilkinson who is in with Mr. Ball and myself on the one hundred and sixty acres carr lease wishes to dispose of his one third interest, because he has invested very heavily in Ranger oil. He wants to get all his stuff together in one field, so as to have his investments not scattered as much as they are now.

Mr. Herskowitz who has bought in twenty acres on the lease also desires to sell for the same reason.

Mr. Wilkinson will sell for one hundred dollars his fifty-three and one third acres, and Mr. Herskowitz will give a quit claim for fifty dollars. Take this matter up with Carl and after discussing it go to Stein, and offer to sell the Seventy-three and one third acres at \$10.00 an acre, or \$9.00 or \$8.00 or \$7.00 or \$6.00 or \$5.00 or, what ever sum you can receive in cash for this seventy-three and one third acres over and above the One hundred and Fifty dollars that the gentleman wished for the property. Don't have any small town dilly-dalling about this; if anybody wants to talk business let them put the money up in the band and the two deeds for fifty-three and one third acres and twenty acres will be promptly placed there. Act on this matter at once, and write me so that I will get a letter before Monday at this office.

Your loving husband,

*Don't show this letter to  
any one except family, Jim*

*Tom*

*X X X X X X*



Sallis. Tex

April 29-'19

Dear Clara:

Letter received x Harrah for  
the rain x ~~you~~ you ought to get  
\$500 <sup>00</sup> for the 53 acres x you can  
send a check for \$100 <sup>00</sup> to I.A.

Wilkerson and I will guarantee you the  
deed or put in the bank and the deed  
will be forwarded x you should see for  
\$130 <sup>33</sup> or \$10 <sup>00</sup> an acre x Remember  
every cent over \$100 <sup>00</sup> is your own x make  
the best bargain you can and do it  
quick even if you have to see for \$5 <sup>00</sup>  
an acre for he may change his mind x  
the delay is too long x



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If the other upper 20 acres for \$50 <sup>or</sup>  
you ought to see for \$200 <sup>or</sup>  
\$150 <sup>or</sup> 9 <sup>30</sup> - the money and

Hurry Hurry Hurry

If you are in trouble x After the  
Whittichen Suss you gives for her 70  
acres [Daughter] the Herby ~~and~~  
breaks the case because my lawyer  
tells me that just as a man can not  
sell his homestead <sup>or lease</sup> without his wife's  
consent so a married woman can not



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lease <sup>her</sup> property without her  
beautiful baby's consent so myself  
and the motherless will double up on you  
so what can the poor little wife  
do but say that her lease is  
broken x so do not take any money  
in money from Rosenfield x Tell him  
he will have to talk to me - SARV

It might be a good gamble to  
by the 7  $3\frac{1}{3}$  acres for \$150 or  
Janssens and take chances of selling  
it for \$10 or thro the Voice x Will  
publish Saturday so if you want to  
do that wire telegraph me to Ball  
209 Lane se-selles, Ave 6000 Tm



Jan 8 - '18  
Jock Smiley, Tex

My dear Sweetheart wife: This will be a letter  
it will be a news article & the first chapter  
will be entitled: - Cisco Hope Cops x

In Cisco I met little Ben & he took me to his house  
where I met his wife, little daughter and "big  
Ben" & we talked until the new year bells rang the  
new year away and then Big Ben and I slept together.  
Big Ben has become hopelessly pessimistic of  
any improvement anywhere while little Ben is  
as optimistic as ever and believes my organization  
will win & Tom Webb and family has gone to Arizona  
to pick cotton and Will Simpson has gone to  
Arizona to visit them for Xmas & the office  
(See above) was closed and no election for  
State Sen has been held so the S.P. is dead in  
Tex I could have gotten any money I wanted  
in season from the Landersdales but of course  
I did not ask for any & the oil advice of  
both Landersdales was to keep out of  
any big leasing such as the case the that  
Jan was in & remember that x  
The next chapter will be —



Temple, Tex

Nov 27-1920

My darling wife:

I drove Hueda from Cisco to Temple

I have been very busy here since I came here.

I am getting the farmers lined up & I am

confident that I will be able to get this

thing over & I am writing this in Governor

Ferguson's newspaper of the 14th when I am

writing a special article on the League

for the next issue & this will give me the

publicity that I want. Believe me that I

am striving every nerve to run one and thus

get you the Bungalow your heart is set on.

I will succeed believe me!



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The game is on & Europe is hopelessly  
bankrupt - & I must not be surprised to  
see the Social Revolution take place there next  
year & there will be 5,000,000 unemployed in  
America before next year & there will be millions  
homeless before next summer & terrible  
times are ahead and ~~the~~ those with a shelter are  
indeed lucky & Capitalism has collapsed or is  
collapsing and God knows what the poor  
will do this winter &

I'm in good health, thinking hard and longing for your  
sweet presence & Tell me how the Mother is  
I think of her every day & kiss all the  
foes for me and let her feel mine unto him or  
length very soon & Consider yourself kissed  
a thousand times and look for a big Xmas present  
your loving hubby  
Tom x



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JAMES E. FERGUSON

Temple, Texas

P. S. Barker tells me that the notes of  
Marilyn are good for 4 years so you  
are in no danger of that scare. In Spring  
hard times you will have your bungalow by  
Spring. Keep this letter and watch my  
production come true. & Let the Sun Shine;  
be optimistic; and all will be well  
True



C/o. Ball Co Dallas. April 23  
209 Lane St.

My Love: I want to see how much of a  
business man you are in the letter I  
mailed you today you must understand  
that Mr Wilkerson ~~has~~ does not want  
one cent more than \$100<sup>00</sup> for his investment.  
If you get \$5<sup>00</sup> an acre or 266 33  
Which is 5 times 5  $3\frac{1}{3}$  you send him a  
check for \$100<sup>00</sup> and put 166 33 in your  
pocket and so on proportionately if you  
sell for 6-7-8-9- or 10<sup>00</sup> an acre x  
Or you can take \$100<sup>00</sup> and buy the  
stuff of our selves which would not



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aduse because of your own large  
overage x it will go to it and  
"get the man" x

As to the other man's 20 cars x He wants  
a check for \$50 <sup>00</sup> x If you see for \$200 <sup>00</sup>  
pay \$150 <sup>00</sup> in your pocket, if you see  
20 cars for \$100 <sup>00</sup> pay \$50 <sup>00</sup> in your  
pocket. Sorry - I see the Hall.

your own  
Tom  
P.S. - Tell Fitz you want \$5 <sup>00</sup> in cars  
or more and you will pay him 10% for  
selling it x See Stein



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P.S. I sent you a typewritten  
letter today to Brandenburg and  
forgot to mail it to Rule Route 3x

This letter explains everything  
go after it instantly. The people here  
want quick action.

Your Hubby who knows

John in Spine

10772



San Antonio Express Office  
Sunday Aug 3 - 1924 -

My darling wife: If I have been tinny  
about writing to you please do not  
blame me x

The killing of joy in cold blood  
has demoralized me temporarily x

There is no hope for Cullham now  
altho your lot is O K x

The town is hopelessly split  
into K K K and anti camps x The  
Sunday School of 110 scholars and  
the churches are broken up and all  
social life has ceased

The Collar is suspended and  
I believe for ever x

I am going to work on a  
Daily Newspaper either here



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or maybe Houston  
Mrs Ferguson will be the next  
Governor & How did Stennace  
go K K x

Sam Reelobey informed that  
this election will finish the  
murders x  
Human life is still very cheap  
in Texas x

Sam delighted that you did not  
come down this way & you were in  
at one shooting and Sam glad  
you missed the killing of our good  
friend x

Sam will now and will keep on  
the battle for the Bangor  
your own truly

Sam



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TRENA MILLER, CASHIER

# HAMILTON HOTEL

L. C. AND M. A. MILLER  
PROPS. AND MGRS.

ROTAN, TEXAS.

August 24 1920

My own sweetheart: I went to Stamford last  
Saturday evening and was so disappointed  
but knew you could not keep it & I stayed  
until Monday at 7:30 AM and then came back  
here & now I am going to Stamford on  
Saturday evening and have a room reserved  
for you the best room in the Cottage & I am  
fair if you love me to come down on the  
evening train and go direct to the Cottage  
I will be there at 8:30 PM & if you should  
not do that take the cream to Stamford



RATES \$3.50 PER DAY

TRENA MILLER, CASHIER

# HAMILTON HOTEL

L. C. AND M. A. MILLER  
PROPS. AND MGRS.

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ROTAN, TEXAS,

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Saturday morning if possible x I have a  
present to make to you and a whole mess  
of news for you x I am doing well in spite  
of the ungodly weather and I Lueda is  
behaving herself fine altho' she had to swim  
some x Give my love to the folks x Kiss the  
Mütterchen for me and tell her that I am trying  
to bring the Sun shine out - x send love to  
Come to Stamford and meet the Hubby who  
adores you every hour of the day  
Your aunt Ann x x x x x



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Waco 10<sup>th</sup> Cops

Rec'd here new years night & met  
John P. Craig, also Lee Griffiths; had  
a long talk with them & Griffiths is the  
brother of the national manager & I told them  
I was going to Dallas to start a paper & left  
the next day for Dallas & ~~the~~

Dallas 10<sup>th</sup> Cops

In Dallas I went to an old time printer friend  
of mine that I used to know in Phoenix; he  
is a great friend of Billy Wherry & he is well  
established in the printing business in Dallas  
I gave him my work & I sent you a sample,  
and you think he did a beautiful job &  
I stayed until Saturday for Hall & he  
came in Saturday evening & told me  
that he had just left El Paso in Mass  
who had just arrived from the north &

He told me that Griffiths was in Mass for  
the purpose of winding up the affairs of the  
N. F. League that it was dead through  
mismanagement in Texas and that the Texas  
League was also closed and from now



Oklahoma Reader

Box 777

Oklahoma City Okla

Dear Sir:- I went to the circulation  
dept today and ordered Readers sent  
the Stanford Sargent and Rule x

Sen Hagan is back full of  
enthusiasm; his crowd cleaned up  
the whole the Shamrock Convention in the  
darkest hour he needed the convention  
together with a speech jammed full  
of Irish sequences x He assures me that  
there is a real job but asks me to be  
patient for a few days x It is hard for  
a hustler, broke man to be patient but  
I will wait and see something that will  
be good and permanent x



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He will get down on the post-office  
argument - This week and I suppose  
we will have action from Washington  
one way or another by Xmas X Send off  
that letter to Flowers at once regardless  
of whether you go to Breckinridge  
or not X

Let me know how Alma, Fitz and  
the Mutteroken is X I am glad I came  
here X I have written to around for the  
Rebel mailing list - X It will keep  
the Leader in TEXAS X We will be  
centered together at Xmas either by oil  
the post-office Rebel claim or my  
earnings here X Consider journey  
kissed 1000 times Good Love husband  
Tom X



Oklahoma Leader  
Oklahoma City, Okla  
Box 777

My Sweetheart:-

I received your letter this  
morning & I was shocked to learn about  
Alma's accident & what a terrible tragedy  
it would be if any thing should happen  
her or the mother & such souls are  
priceless it is hell to even think that  
that or you should ever die

My nature's optimism has as usual  
reacted and I am sure that nothing will  
permanently harm Alma, her blood is so  
pure and she is so strong & write me by  
return saying how she and the  
mother is getting on &

also tell me how Fay is improving &  
as for yourself you must be alright



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Waken every morning with a smile  
no matter what happens x

Have you written to Flemons?

I have not broken in on the pay scale  
here as yet - but I am confident that  
a good place will be gotten for me x  
Every thing has been topsy turvy on  
account of the big farmers and  
Laborers Convention at Shannock x I was  
with Dan Hogan in his home for a while  
but they are all packed up and gone to  
the Convention that will last some  
days so I am paying 1<sup>00</sup> a day for a  
cheap room and then the restaurant  
prices are frightful so you can  
imagine how I am fixed until I get  
to work x Dan asked me not to



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Worry about the advertising end as  
there will be some thing bigger and  
better in the near future x Show me  
that \$10<sup>00</sup> - I ~~will~~ <sup>write</sup> have always  
provided that you have it to spare  
If you have not done better I will  
go along somehow x I expect  
in another week I will be writing  
and all will be well x

Now you little beauty write me by return  
mail and remember to that 10 spot  
~~embarrassing~~ embarrasses you don't bother  
but write any how and write at once  
Look for a long letter tomorrow

Your lover

P.S. Love to Bertie, Fred, <sup>Tom</sup> Wapnet, Anna and  
all including Kate & Louise  
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Oklahoma Reader Box 777  
Oklahoma City Oklahoma Sept 30,  
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My darling wife:

I am still marking  
time but am sure to go out speaking  
next week maybe Sunday x  
I have been thinking about Alma every day  
and the thought struck me that maybe  
there would be danger if you all should  
allow her to overdo the fast x you know  
there is a difference between fasting and  
starvation and now that her blood has been  
poisoned by the snake it may be that the  
danger line can be reached far sooner  
on that account x it may be (if she is still  
fasting) time to break the fast and give her strong  
Chicken broth x so with this suggestion what you will

What is the use of having a highly intelligent  
editorial on a great metropolitan paper if he can  
not keep his household wife posted on virtue



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fact that she is deeply interested in - Cotton  
for instance & I have just learned that  
the railroad men have voted for a strike  
(98% in favor) to take place about  
Nov 30 & all markets will tumble if it  
comes off & of course they may patch up the  
thing but there is a danger &

On the other hand I enclose you a private  
letter from Mr. S. that our market editor  
has secured in which it is predicted that  
cotton will go still higher & you know in  
all the years I have known you I never gave  
you anything advice but now I would  
suggest that Fred see at least how the  
cotton at 20¢ or better &

I had a great talk at the fair with a Christian  
Science lady & they had a booth there & I did not  
agree with all she said but one thing I do agree



I have just found that the  
Market Editor has just left  
so I can not send you the paper  
letter until tomorrow  
Tom



with and that's comparisons x she said

"A <sup>broken</sup> old man of 70 doubled up with rheumatism  
is ~~much~~ infinitely better off than a (25)  
year old millionaire with cancer and so on down  
the line x think of the good things you have and play  
down the bad ones

So you see I am in a ~~much~~ moved to give  
advice today

Looking at the bright side I feel that I am  
in with the bright ground here x I will make money  
and I am reasonably sure the P O affair  
will turn out well x write me what Hugu  
says about the oil situation  
We are going into a discussion of the good  
standard and credits and debits that will be  
written in. I just want to clear up  
the new york case on the subject

Don't think too hard my lovely wife x kids  
the mullock for me first chance you get  
Love to all the rest - and remember I am  
thinking and planning every hour for you  
Love  
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in all the energy of the League would be  
concentrated in the northern States. That was  
good news for me as it cut out all fiction.  
You see your hubby has some brains for the  
work goes on without a moment's stoppage.  
I went in to the question of the cost of the  
"Voice" We can get the paper set up, printed  
and 1,000 copies placed in the post office for  
\$40 <sup>or</sup> a week with 6% off on a yearly contract  
or \$2,000 <sup>or</sup> a year plus editor's salary.  
The first issue will be about Feb 15.  
Now for a very important matter. The head  
for this is ~~the~~ O I L 18¢ Cops

I found Dallas old man. They have opened  
up an oil exchange where 500 oil stocks  
are listed. I talked over to Bale (my printer).  
He became very much interested along with  
Mr Wilkinson who owns a bookbinding (I got  
my binding done by him). I entered into an  
agreement with him subject to Karl.  
Wanted our girls approval to lease the



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## HOLDINGS:

22,000 ACRES OF  
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DESDEMONA, TEXAS

April 1, 1920

My Dear Wife:

It looks as if you are a wonderful prophet, when you guessed April 3rd. as the day the Friday well would come in. We are, on this morning of April 1st., within 60 feet of the sand, and in a formation so hard that the drillers are only making a foot an hour. I expect that it will be in late Saturday night. The moment it comes in I shall telegraph you.

Mr. Flowers is here, and all the rest of the trustees, and we have been in executive session continuously for the last three days. Yesterday we got a motor truck, a dodge car, and two strings of tools. There is absolutely nothing doing in Stonewall County until the Friday well goes over the top. The trustees have decided that we shall then make a drive on Stonewall County. We shall cut the railroad out, and transport the string of tools and all accessories by a fleet of motor trucks. By rail we shall send a field superintendent, and four drillers and tool dressers. Then we will go down 24 hours a day on the Baldwin. We will have so many extra tools, and such skilled men in charge that we will strive for a new record in Wild Cat territory. I think that it is safe to say that even if we have bad luck we will have the Baldwin tested before Labor day.

You may look for me sometime before Saturday week, and then I will talk to you for 16 consecutive hours on developments. I suppose you have all gotten your stock by this time. That wise Postmaster, in Sagerton has returned one of the Schroeder Bros. letters with certificate enclosed. I have turned it over to Mr. Flowers, who will send it over to the Tyler office and have a duplicate made for him. With best love to yourself and kindest regards and kisses for the mother, and the whole family, I am

Your Loving Husband,  
T.A.Hickey.

P.S. Since finishing the above our field superintendent brought me in some black lime that is found just before the oil sand is struck. They say that it is the best that has yet been found in this field. It was gotten at a depth of 3075. If you know any oil experts in Stonewall County, including Stine and Fitzpatrick, show it to them.



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Okla Leader, Box 777  
Okla City, Okla

Sept 21-1919

My own Sweetheart:

Your letter with enclosure  
received this morning with mingled feelings.  
Delight in knowing the Mutterchen was well  
- Sorrow in hearing about poor Fitz  
and the slow recovery of Anna x What a  
wonderful adventure is life, Sorrow and  
Joy so closely intermingled x I can only say  
that I have unbounded joy in the knowledge  
that I have absolutely for my own the best  
women that breathe x

Don't work too hard; look out for your  
health as I am looking out for mine x  
Now to your Hubby: There are about 50  
people working here in this \$300.000<sup>00</sup>  
institution x 40 of them are in the composing  
room, the press room and the business  
office x Two are in the advertising dept and



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8 are on the Editorial end x one of these is a  
Union - Society reporter - one is Managing  
Editor - one Editorial Inter. Staff's Don  
Hogon - one telegraph operator, one  
City Editor, one farm & stock page editor  
one copy reader, a man who takes 75  
papers every morning. clips them and  
bores down or writes up good stories x  
and one news reporter who hunts news on  
the street - x I can fill any one of the above  
jobs except - telegrapher - but you see  
they are limited and are all filled with good  
men so ~~there~~ I am ~~the~~ simply on the writing  
list without - pay x no body is to blame for  
that, they can not find a good man for one good  
man who has just come here x On the advertising  
end I must stress to death because the merchants



of Oklahoma City <sup>(3)</sup> One boy calling the leader  
So I must have no commission x  
If it ever the less the bunch here are all my  
friends and are pulling for me so I will  
soon be employed in other work until the  
day comes when I have a real position  
open for me x So here is what will be  
done x The farmers & trades unionists  
met in shawnee and consolidated x they  
are pulling over an Oklahoma non  
partisan League under the name of the  
Reconstruction League x In other words  
they are realizing that Taunley has  
too many irons in the fire x They have  
no friction with the League any  
more than I had in Texas x They  
realize that the thing can not be  
run successfully from the north x



(4)

The Hickey plan is accepted by  
Oklahoma that is - each  
Southern state muse-organizer  
is self and to deal with the executive  
committee on top in the north that  
does not and can not function x It  
for close all my autonomies ~~also~~  
ideas are accepted one by one x  
So I will be an organizer with salary  
Salary not Commission that is  
Hagans plan and I will get it x  
So there is a big long letter for my  
Sweetheart x Love to home and  
the kids and all

Love  
x x x x x



Okla Reader Box 777

Okla City x

Sepe 26 - 21

My Sweetheart: I have not written day by  
day because I was waiting to give you definite  
news about my new work x  
or as first as to Flowers: This letter did  
not surprise me x Flowers wants to get  
that stock for a song x if he tells you that  
the stock is near worthless and the price  
no good he expects you will sell at 5¢ or  
some such price x come over & until you  
have time to run down to Brockmeyer  
and see Candace in the distance  
Clarks office he will go out to the mill  
with you or at least get word for  
you as to what it is doing x Better  
still there is a proper gentleman who  
is now owner of the ~~Brockmeyer~~  
American Named Horja it is pronounced



Hoaryay, he is a young Finn from  
Alaska and he worked for me in the  
the ore news in Sessadumun he will tell  
you what the mine is doing x If the  
well is doing no good the stock is now  
worth more than 5 Cents a share; if it  
is a big producer it is worth from 40  
Cents a share up x I will write you more  
in this subject tomorrow

I am to go out on a speaking tour  
this day week x There is a new suit  
Hoe etc ~~the same as the one I had~~

I was at the State Fair Saturday and  
saw a wonderful milking machine  
I told them to send you one because  
laborers and they will do so also  
a washing machine don't need to send you x  
tell me in your next letter what you  
is well again and also that the milkers



is fine x I was dreadfully sorry to  
hear about poor Fitz x I hope  
he will be able to pull through x It is  
certainly tough on him & family x  
Hogan has about completed the  
argument in the passage case x It  
seems under way well x The next time  
you are home look up that telegram  
that was sent from Washington to  
Paulus and mail it to Hogan x  
Write me a long letter and don't over  
work yourself x I am in poor spirits  
but am in glorious health otherwise x  
Every thing is healed up and those damned  
sneakers should be ~~tried~~ x

xx xx xx  
xx xx xx  
The above are kisses for my lovely  
little wife Love to all  
T M

P.S. I am writing to Hilda for you x



Okech City Okech  
Sept 27

My lovely wife: I am killing  
time until Sunday when we will  
have a conference of organizers  
that we go and state will to  
speak for the Reconstruction League  
I went to the State fair today and  
earned two dollars working an  
advt. x Hargan is helping me  
all I need x of this thing goes over  
right - they say I can make 200  
to \$300 a month x I hope they are  
right - x I did not write to Hargan  
until now so I send you a copy  
of the letter x Another common  
see love

Love  
L. J. J. J. J.



O'Kea Leaver

Mr Hughes

Box 777

editor (Poreclmndye)

Sept-27-'21

Daily American

Dear Hughes: I will let my hat throw  
I have spread your fine name

Wing x I want a little information  
from you about the National Workers  
Well on the 9 andy tract x W H Rivers  
in reply to a letter from my wife said:  
"The Well is a great disappointment" Then  
he went on to say he had bought three

stock for 2½ and 5¢ some time ago

~~Will you~~ May I trouble you to write  
my wife saying what the Well is  
doing so far as you have learned so a



(4)

Went over and Home farm at 5<sup>00</sup> am  
Gave ~~less 33%~~ and 1/2 oil less 33%  
for putting the deal through. Later they  
kicked out 5<sup>00</sup> am were but I pointed out  
that with 33% commission it was not  
too much & my friend Bull said he would go  
and see you all and bring Walker & son  
along & they are clean reliable men with money  
and I can vouch for them & however is strictly  
business with them. If they want the lease  
cheaper cut down their commission & anyhow  
they seem to me to be very anxious so  
now all for as much as you can & I don't  
say a word about Florey or any body else  
so steer them away from Sagerin or  
Brandenburg & I told them to write several  
days before they come and tell them Karl would  
meet them with the car ~~with~~ at Stamford &  
So here's hoping you make a lease for 3 or  
4 hundred dollars cash & feed the huts  
on free chicken and country sausage

x x x x x



(2)  
News for man x Her address is:  
Mrs TA Hickey, Stamford, Conn  
Box 144, Texas

I am working on the Allen Leader  
on Middle End

Thank you in anticipation

Very friend  
Tom Hickey x



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in the  
Southwest

Second Year

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Price Three Cents

--advertising  
department

Sunday  
Sweetheart - : your delightful letter  
received x Am glad to hear Alma is getting  
better and hope she will soon be OK in a short  
time x my health is good x I'mo terribly lonesome  
here in the big office all day x I'mo porcessing  
on the typewriter most of the time x I'mo here to  
learn the machine's nobody gets any where in a  
big city office unless he can make the machine  
run x just got the appeal x no Flowers out  
yet x wrote him and at the first of payment  
go to Mackinac & Cisco x you have earned  
2 days of take care or Louie with you x  
Hogon will be on the Hayes (10 office) job  
in a few days after he gets over the amputation  
Send in the gunnion names to Stronger



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(2)  
Arrive about 8 I hope the matter can  
thoroughly discuss x Bertha & Fred  
must have had their heads full x I am  
simply mad to get to work here and  
suppose they will not delay much longer  
until they put my name on the pay roll x  
so looks as if the curtain ought to be shed  
at 20 x Things are pretty tight here  
in a business sense x The Reader however  
is going to win x I would not be surprised  
to see Kere get dividends on his stock  
ultimately x The Milwaukee Leader is making  
thousands of dollars profit monthly so is the  
Seattle Labor Herald, the Minneapolis Star in fact  
and the Farmer Labor Societies are  
down into x more to mention. Look at all - Tom - ~~xxxxxx~~



✓ Okla Leader  
Oklahoma City, Okla

My darling wife: I am in touch with some  
big politicians here thanks to the members  
of the Leaders staff & just think there are  
(48) employees on this paper and the pay  
roll is \$3,000<sup>00</sup> a week & while Hogan  
has been preparing my case I have helped  
him out on the editorial desk & I have written  
two editorials that will be published later in  
the week and I will see that you get them &  
the first was on proportionate representation  
and the second on the sale of white men on  
Boston Common & I have an appointment  
for next Monday to meet United States  
Senator Harrell and interest <sup>him</sup> in the Rebel  
Case & I am the opinion of the wise ones  
here that I should go to Washington & this  
is one of the questions at present because



<sup>2</sup>  
The R R fare without a sleeper is  
\$1.50<sup>00</sup> for the round trip from here x  
Altogether it would be about \$2.50<sup>00</sup> x  
Should go and have a personal interview  
with Will Stoyes the post-master  
general, Bob La Follette, Codd. Others x  
I might go if I could see a thousand  
~~dollars worth of~~ <sup>3</sup> shares of oil  
stock x

I enclose you the letter that you can  
copy and send to Flowers with for word  
as I have written it x

I was looking for a letter from you today  
and was disappointed x There is a  
Chiropractic College here and ~~you~~ you  
is a great believer in it x Nervousness  
can be thoroughly cured he says by that  
method x

Give love to all and consider yourself  
kissed one thousand times

Your own  
Tom x



Daily Leader Editorial Rooms  
Oklahoma City  
Sept- 10<sup>th</sup> 1921

My Sweetheart:

Drooped here yesterday at  
3<sup>45</sup> pm x (10) minutes later I was in the  
arms of Sam Hogan x He almost kissed me x  
I got a wonderful reception from the other  
boys x The leader has had a terrible fight  
but has won x Now and Repress Stock is  
safe x I am a guest in Sam's home x  
He is crowded because there are two  
other guests there and he is going to take a  
week before he can have my case in shape  
So I may go to a hotel and my funds are  
very low but I will make out some  
how and I will not be long until



(2)  
We are on easy st-x Sam has to work  
in the office all day so I can only  
handle my business with him at  
night - so I will go to work Monday  
morning as advertising solicitor on  
a commission basis x There are other  
men on the same job so I just file  
in after they have the pick of the big  
and of course that is only night because  
they were here first x

Sam says I will be in Washington, he  
believes x I do not have a chance  
to talk oil yet but will do so  
to night x To morrow I will be  
given a reception by the Okla



(3)

Said, Leader force ~~when~~ I will  
speak to them on proportional  
occupational Representation

I am sending you under separate  
cover and by same mail a few copies  
of the leader and will put you in the morning  
list - regular x

son is at the next desk and has  
interrupted me to say that he will advertise  
our oil proposition in the leader x We  
talked over for an hour since I  
started this letter x Coming to Okla  
City is the most move I made in  
months or years x I did not know I  
had so many friends x



(4)

Frida Hagan laughed when I told  
her about the (3) trunks & she said  
"I expected to be slender about  
every thing but trunks and clothes & I  
never even owned a trunk until I came  
to Milwaukee in 1917" So it looks as  
if slender runs in the family & forgive  
it, I should not have said anything  
to Frida - I am guilty x

To morrow I will write you a longer  
letter with more facts about Berleson  
and I'll remember I am just  
getting acquainted x Don't fear for  
an instant that I will draw on you for a  
cent I mean start first but I can not



U  
till how tight I will be up against it -  
for a week to come so if you have a (10)  
dollar bill handy when you read this mail it  
to me care of Son Hogan, Daily Leader,  
Okeechobee City x

I have just <sup>toed</sup> ~~to~~ Amersingers Printer to mail you  
and Carl several of the Mutterchen Sample Copies  
of the Leader at least 6 in each bundle x

Sore throat - It has taken me 4 hours to  
write this letter x They are coming up in  
Squadrons, platoons and Regiments to  
take me I hope my popularity last x

Son can't stop talking about the  
Mutterchen; I can hardly tell you how  
wonderfully he praises her x more to  
morrow from the who adores thee x Love  
to Cousse and the kids and all

Your hubby  
Tom x x x



(5)  
Athens.

I came here Monday to see Mr. Allen and  
from there to here & tomorrow I go to  
Dresden at Mr. Seema then to Reese and  
then to Alto then I go back for a meeting  
in Allen's house next Sunday and Monday  
I go out to put in members. Well I am  
doing now is pulling in organizers

Write me a good long letter to let me  
know how Athens & Tracy and Miss The  
Muller cheer for me and all the girls & Regents  
to the men and unbounded love for you  
are true Hubby

T M  
\_\_\_\_\_



Oklahoma Reader  
Okla City  
Sept-15-1921

My dearest:

I have not gotten a line  
from you yet - x write me to the  
Oklahoma Reader Box 777 x I enclose  
you my first two editions also one  
by Sam x He is working hard on my  
brief and it will be finished by  
Sunday or Monday and I will at once  
send you a copy of it - x I have not  
gone out on the advertising end yet  
but may start in a couple of days

Write me at once and consider  
yourself kissed a thousand times  
With love & etc

Tom

X X X X X  
X X X X X



R

The Rule

Unaps

Blender

Centridge Base

Two H grounds

Machine gla

Kelmer

R of Books

Mess Kit

Iron Rotor

8 Mark

1 - Under

R - Cent



Stamford, Texas  
Sept 16, 1921

Mr W. H. Flowers

President - W W S Ap Co

328 ~~So~~ Broadway

Tyler, Texas

Dear Mr. Flowers: my husband, Mr

Whitney transferred to me some time  
ago ~~some~~ seven thousand shares  
of stock in your company & my husband  
is away on a lengthy business trip to  
Oklahoma and he advised me to sell them  
before he left & I was glad to hear of your  
success in the Breckinridge field &  
please let me know what these shares  
are worth & I would like to see two or three  
thousand shares now.

Truly yours

[Redacted signature]



Flowers  
Letter



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April 5-24

My Love: Received your  
splendid letter yesterday & the  
battle of fleas is on from  
April 2 to 24 inclusive

Can you not come so as to  
be in S A on Saturday April  
26 + I would rather be there the  
day after (Sunday) Monday Tuesday  
and Wednesday are my busy days  
in the cellar & come to see yoursey

So long as you are here by May 1st  
Jay says he sends the cellar himself to you &  
I will forget the matter when he calls  
What a lucky girl you are with such



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a mother x I will write her and  
Send her a present x  
I am sending the one and only  
Clara the best pair of silk  
stockings in town and the finest  
imported lace do doak or what  
ever you see it x wear them and  
think of me x  
When you come here come by Hallettsville  
and Glen up on Arnold x you can  
cut across by Cuero and Kennedy  
and Beeville to Leno x it is 140  
miles exactly from the new era door  
to the caller door x if you wish you  
can come here direct and run over the 140 miles to  
Arnold any day you like x Study your auto road  
maps intensively and hurry down the shortest way  
Longing for you Your Hubby  
T cm - over-



PS - A thousand congratulations on  
your birthday & what a glorious  
time we will have 41 years from  
now when you are a surr-faced  
old lady like the immortal  
Mutterchen

Tom x



San Antonio, Tex  
April 20 - 1924

My Darling Wife: I received your delightful  
letter and flower box - ~~was~~ x I delayed  
writing until I could be certain when I would  
be in Collaliam to receive you as I had to come  
up here on a business trip of maybe a  
weeks duration and I did not know when I  
could start x I am now here and will be  
all through and back in Collaliam by Friday  
April 25 x I will then write you when I come on x  
If I can arrange for rooms it will be  
right away x Longing to see you and with  
all kinds of love  
Kiss mother for me  
Your own Hubby


TAM  
X x x x



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Night Letter	N L

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PRESS PUBLISHING CO 907 THROCKMORTON ST FTWORTH TEX

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April 26-1924

My dear Sir: you can step on it as quick as you like and get down Perex

I got in Friday from San Antonio where I was very busy on the big advt on the case page of the Caller. I would indicate x This town is growing fast at least so far as business buildings go but there is very poor rooming accommodation but I will be able to fix you up O K x

I would suggest that you come by way of Stallettsville and you may collect as Arnold is making money now x Jay says he would pay 100 cents on the dollar for Arnolds note if he had it x He may



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Be right but it took years for  
Fredda to collect her money and I know  
that a young lady named Clara has had  
her troubles too; he must be down in  
the women x

I now own a beautiful residence  
lot on the main cross street of this  
town. It is no 8 in block 10 on  
4th Street and is 50 by 180 x

you can take the Kelly to Morgan thence  
to Mullis and up to Hillville or you  
can take the Oneida to Sisco water and  
then the Santa Fe <sup>Coleman</sup> cut off to San  
Antonio x

Any how what ever you do I am writing  
and longing for you  
Your ever stubby

Kiss Mullerchman and give my  
love to the folks x

Tom

x x x x x x x x over





# CONTINENTAL HOTEL

N. C. JOHNSON, PROP.

RESTAURANT AND SAMPLE ROOM  
IN CONNECTION.

287-289 SIBLEY STREET  
OPP. UNION DEPOT.

194-196 EAST THIRD STREET  
COR. THIRD AND SIBLEY.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

*Jan 8* 1918

*my wife,*

*I must write you daily, so*

*here goes x Iron x 12 volunteers*

*tomorrow x*

*Love to all*

*Tom x*



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P.S. From the Standpoint of  
physical beauty this town  
is the finest - all town in the  
world so far as I know x

The new oil town and  
located in the eastern edge  
of McNulten County, is  
located east of Tillamook  
County, West town, and  
has first general meeting  
this spring. The town  
contains hotel, machine shop  
office in filling station  
and a general store.  
The school is a good school  
and arrangements are being  
made for a \$20,000.00  
building to be ready for  
the next term. Come to  
California.

MCNULTEN COUNTY

The California field has  
25 oil companies, 20 per  
cent of the natural gas  
during winter natural gas  
line to San Antonio, pipe  
line to Texas River, 250-  
60000 bbls. tank for this  
river bridge and road to  
Whitman. Two railroads  
connect.

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has "Cattle" sheep and  
goats winter without any  
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Very respectfully,  
Tom  
x x x x x  
x x x x x



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Dear Hubby! Letters and postals all recd.  
but the best is yet to come when I get the big  
promised letter? — It is certainly a wonder  
how you stood that zero weather —

What is nearest our hearts now is the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.  
Has Frank Walsh attended to things in Texas  
satisfactorily for you? If not I know you will  
be here in time with some to spare for  
possible accidents, — We are all glad that  
this bitter cold inhuman winter is past and that  
the Sun shines at least occasionally even if  
it is not sufficient to brighten our hearts  
saddened by the state of the New Russian Republic.  
The "Mutterchins" health is not as good as usual.  
she will be 74 years old in April, the 12 is  
her Birthday, all else are as always excepting  
I see she is down with "Rascala" — not serious —  
Well! Dear I am going after the big letter now —  
Travelling yours Clara



Waco - Sunday Jan 6/8

My own sorting: I leave here in two hours  
for Kansas City to see Frank Walsh and  
have the whole mess cleaned up x

From K C I leave tomorrow evening  
over the Rock Island for headquarters;  
after two days discussion I go to work x

"Lesser" did not get in until Friday  
evening Jan 4; it was a long weary  
wait.

I'm tired to death of being able to get  
work at last and is able to send you  
real money that you so honestly deserve

and fear for my health for a  
moment - I am in splendid trim x

There has been hell popping  
down this way x every organizer  
with one exception has been arrested  
on the flimsiest excuses but that  
overall stringency and now by  
"Lesser" x

My arrest in Fort Worth was as big  
a crime as when the hog and cattle buyers