

Tuesday April 23rd
1940

412 FOURTH STREET
MARIETTA, OHIO

Dear Mrs. Means -

I was sorry not to have got a note to you before our mail service was cut off by the flood. We got here ourselves just in the nick of time and our trunks came on the last train up for Parkersburg. We arrived in rain, as we had left last December and I think I never saw ground so soggy and soaked as our yard is. Yet the few pails and frogthins thrown on and make a bright spot. Our water

under water - you, no doubt are plumping
into all your usual things and in case you
miss any goods - forced well. A note from Edie
excited us and all seemed well with her. She
seems to like her Mrs. Porter outfit is nice, but
naturally binds like a little hand. The life to
her has here something not worth.
That - everything goes well with you and the first
news - you did a lot to help us get through the
winter - Service firm in love - set in her
for you.
Most Sincerely
Mary Stodd

has been falling all day, but slowly -
Sunday and yesterday were fine bright
days, but Louise and I are in wool
clothes again, as if it were mid-winter.

We are glad to be here, though and of
course we have not been interfered
with, by the water, but its a mess for those
in it, and the merchants especially -

We knew you were out of it and did
see no notice of Ashland.

We had a very comfortable trip up, as
railroad trips go - Mountain speed us to
the station - little Miss Beebe coming
on the same train - The hotel cler-

family seemed unhappy these last days - Wednesday
was new and dreary in New York, so some and I
retired all day in our room at The Dodge & spent
the evening with my relatives in his mess of apartment -
The only thing we found out was that the Com. Gen.
Merrill's shop had no butter - set of beer and had it
had for months.

We have been taking things easily here, as all
was in order when we arrived - yesterday, had to
pass around with a number adjusting rooms. It is
I hope you know - Elizabeth was not in,

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Mr. Ellison C. Means
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Dear Mr. Means:

The next Annual Dinner of the Institute will be at
the Commodore Hotel, New York, N. Y., on February nineteenth
-- Wednesday of Annual Meeting Week, 1941.

Once again it is my pleasure to invite you, as a
member of the Legion of Honor, to be a guest of the Institute
at the dinner, and to help welcome the Class of 1941.

I hope that you will be able to advise me of
your acceptance as soon as convenient. Enclosed is a card
that you may use for this purpose.

Sincerely yours,

A. B. PARSONS
Secretary

(Enc.)

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July 29, 1941.

Mr. E. Cooke Means,
Ashland, Kentucky.

My dear Cooke:

Will (Jack) Sibley died several years ago after an active and successful life as a newspaper man and columnist. His son Ellis found three tintypes, which had always been kept in his father's desk, and yesterday he brought me down the photograph enlargements of them which he had made.

I can identify, as I think you can, all of the boys but I do not recognize either one of the two young ladies who appear in the picture with Jack Sibley and Ed Welles.

I have numbered the photographs one, two and three. In number one appear Jack Sibley and Paul (Mole) Eaton; in Number 2, standing left to right, Jack Sibley and Beatty Warner, sitting Theodore (Benny) Butler and Walter (Scud) Woodruff; Number 3, Standing Ed Welles and an unidentified young lady, sitting Jack Sibley and an unidentified young lady.

I thought you would like to see these pictures and perhaps could identify the girls. I

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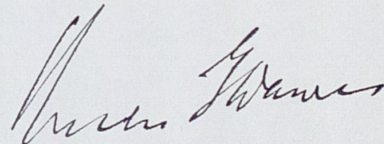
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Mr. E. Cooke Means - - #2

do not know where the boys obtained such good looking high hats. From their appearance they must have all been purchased at the same time, from which my conclusion is that the noble class of '81 probably purchased the hats for its graduation.

I trust you keep well and send you my affectionate regards.

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles G. Dawes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Your friend,".

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August 11, 1941

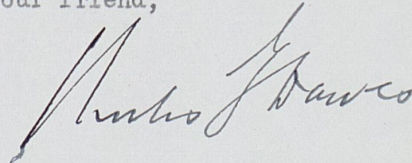
My dear Cooke:

I am sorry you cannot go on my fishing trip.

I would never know your age because of your appearance of being in vigorous health. This impression is carried out when you tell me that you regard nine holes of golf as a fairly full sign of old age. My own suggestion is to follow my example and go slow on golf. It's much better, really, to go on one of my fishing trips where everything is air-conditioned and cushioned, and In our party what Knudsen says about the American people is true "We want to go from A to B sitting down."

Affectionate regards,

Your friend,



Mr. E. C. Means
El-Jo-Sa Cottage
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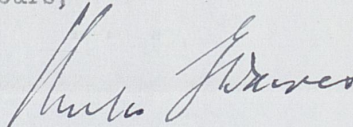
August 20, 1941

My dear Cooke:

Enclosed please find copies
of letters which passed between Mary
Woodruff Slack and myself regarding
the two mysterious strangers in the
photograph of Ed Wells and Will Sibley.

Best regards,

Yours,



Mr. E. Cooke Means
El-Jo-Sa Cottage
Pon-She-Wa-Ing
Alanson, Michigan



PON-SHE-WA-ING HOTEL

C. E. WOODRUFF, PROPRIETOR
ON CROOKED LAKE
P. O. Alanson, Michigan

PHONE 13
PETOSKEY EXCHANGE

Jan. 9th, 1948

Mr. E C Means,
1806 Lexington Ave.,
Ashland, Ky.

Dear Mr. Means;-

There is no doubt that I should have written you long ago. Somehow, I have found it mighty hard to write letters this winter. Can't be old age, is it? Going back to your letter I want to assure you that the lost bottle of ink is in your bedroom, on a shelf, in the tin can. If you have any question as to why the meter ran up you may accuse me of it. I went to the cottage and hunted and HUNTED. No ink. Then, I was going to Alanson and see if Mrs. Ramsby knew anything about it, but, went to the cottage again and there I found the ink, but, I forgot to throw the switch. It was on for two days, but I guess the light bill will scarcely be any larger for it.

Speaking of Mrs. Ramsby reminds me; she has been in the hospital for three weeks, a major operation. Mr. Ramsby told me she would be there two weeks, but it was three weeks yesterday and she was still there.

This morning I went into the Dick Robinson cottage to check the basement, as it had, on occasion, been wet. Whether there has been any water, I do not know, but, it is bone dry now and, in the basin where the sump pump is, water is standing and no sign of freezing. That (freezing) is the point I want to make. Thursday morning it was 24- and yesterday 18- here. I mean that is cold, in any country. Today it is 18 above and snowing a little. We have about fifteen inches on the ground, but we certainly could have many more days when it snowed, sometimes only a little and some days a lot of it. Winter set in, in earnest on Thanksgiving day. It started to snow about noon and had not missed more than four of five days since then. We had 27 consecutive days of snow-fall. Then, it missed a day. During this real cold two day period it missed again. The days have been gloomy, but, somehow that hasn't bothered me. But, Mrs. Woodruff can not stand too many cloudy days. She likes the sunshine. So do I, but, of the two, continuous sunshine gets me more. That reminds me of Texas. We just got a letter from Maurine, written Mon. She said "Sunday was hot- a sudden gust of wind and, an hour later, freezing". That's too sudden. I have written her that they can not blame the "Northers" on us, because we keep our cold up here.

We finished putting up ice yesterday, more than twelve inches of clear ice. We put in just about fifty tons. We had that severe cold during the period and, on one day the full crew did not get around until ten thirty. It was zero at noon. You should see one of those "RARE DAYS", so clear and bright, with not a stir of breeze, yet, when you turn a certain direction, this time south, the air "burns" your face.

Don't stand around when the weather is like that, but "cut ice". Men do not loaf at times like that, but, it is too cold for human comfort. We are very comfortable in our home. Right now Mrs. Woodruff has a cold, the first this winter. She hasn't felt well for three weeks, has been weak and, some days looks very bad, indeed. Other times, she looks fine. I think it is lack of blood circulation, due to heart condition.

Who would ever think that "Our Kids" would be together, at San Antonio. Well, they were and, you should hear the nice things our daughter said about them. I was so please with the things she said about both girls and, I must admit, it just doesn't seem possible that those two LITTLE girls are such fine young women. Time Marches On.

We are so glad the James' are all together, this winter. God only knows where they may be another winter and, we as millions, live from day to day, trying to get what we can out of life. Personally, I feel so helpless here. It seems to me that I should be doing something for the good of the cause, # as ##### well as for our own welfare. I am telling you that I can not see how summer resorts can continue to function. There are so many things against it, food, help, travel restrictions and, who knows how many more restrictions we may have before the summer rolls 'round. I have been asked why I wanted to put up ice. I scarcely know. I wish you could see the fine perch that have been caught here. Just go out ythere on the lake, cut a hole, drop the hook and minnow thru and, you should get a perch, right now. If you do not, cut another hole. Some prefer being comfortable and have houses, or fish-shanties. There are more than twenty on this end of the lake now. If the weather is not too cold it is more fun to fish thru a small hole, say eight inches in diameter, right out in the open spaces. Yank 'em out and leave them on the ice until you have 25. You will catch that many in an hour when they are biting good and, I mean they have been biting for the past two weeks. Prof. Jett needn't worry too much about violations. I have been out there three times, the first in many years and, all I have seen have been perch. One man said that all that comes into his house are bass and he is going to move. Another says he saw five pickerel and one walleye in one day and got none of them. He could legally ~~put~~ spear the picks. Others see suckers. I want no suckers, but, a lot of folks must like them. Two men stopped here Thursday to show their perch. They had the limit and nearly all large, as long as 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Where do they go in the summer? We have had four messes of perch during the week. Save other meat. O K, but I do not want too many fish.

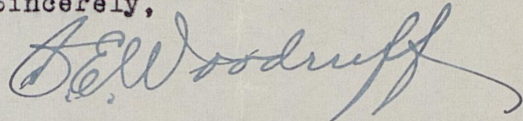
We have kept our minds on the floods of the Ohio and other rivers and wonder how you folks fared. Ashland was flooded in what I imagine would be the industrial area.

Are you going to Fla? Wherever you may be, we trust you are well. Oh yes, I must mention the Golden Wedding cards. That is a fine likeness of both of you. Now listen; I have a friend who recently told me this; "the first fifty years I was boss and seemed to do pretty well. at the end of fifty years me wife said, now, you think you have been boss during past fifty years and I am taking over. since then things havn't gone so well".

Mrs. McConnell has been boss for two years now, as Chas. sees it, but I am inclined to believe it is fiftytwo. I got a report from them Thursday and he is taking vitimen tablets and she can not keep him at home. He wants to go all the time, to a supper at the neighbors, or to a movie and, with gaso restrictions, she does not know what she is going to do with him. I hope they live another fifty, IF they can have health.

You must be tired by now and I am going to "sign off."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

107TH SEMI - ANNUAL STATEMENT
OF THE
HOME FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF ASHLAND
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY
DECEMBER 31ST, 1942

ASSETS	LIABILITIES
First Mortgage Loans.....	Members' Share Accounts.....
\$2,186,046.23	\$2,088,261.02
Loans on Passbooks and Certificates.....	Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank.....
2,133.45	299,375.00
Other Loans.....	Loans in Process.....
1.00	347.11
Properties Sold on Contract.....	Other Liabilities.....
51,056.51	17,449.45
Real Estate Owned.....	Dividends.....
190,559.26	41,541.62
Investments and Securities.....	Specific Reserves.....
43,800.00	8,127.38
Cash on Hand and in Banks.....	General Reserves.....
113,985.01	73,282.98
Office Building and Equipment.....	Undivided Profits.....
13,579.87	74,068.82
Other Assets.....	<u>\$2,602,453.38</u>
<u>1,292.00</u>	
<u>\$2,602,453.38</u>	

I, W. S. Carter, First Vice-President and Secretary, do solemnly swear that the above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. S. CARTER,

First Vice-President and Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 7th day of January, 1943.

My Commission expires March 28, 1946.

DOROTHY A. STORY, (SEAL)

Notary Public, Boyd County, Kentucky.



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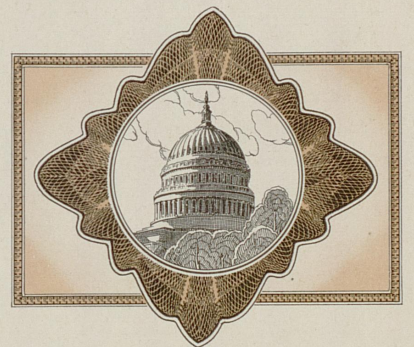
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PHILLIPS ISHAM
30 CHURCH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

January 11, 1943

Dear Means:

Thank you for your letter of the 8th just received, and giving me word about John's whereabouts and experience and quoting his letter. I have no doubt he does find it disagreeable and hard over there in North Africa, to us, a half-civilized district. Our expedition started off with a bang but it seems to me to have slowed down considerably while the Axis now has greatly strengthened its forces in North Africa and I expect a hard fight before they are thrown out. Their men have had a lot more experience in fighting than ours.

Also I received your letter of December 26th enclosing John's poetic production which the occasion well deserved. He turned out a most interesting poem and if you will allow me, to say so, I think you deserved it.

Glad to know that you are able to get off to Florida on schedule and I hope you have an enjoyable winter there. I should like to join you but have very little hope of doing so.

I am going to get this letter out early and mail it early, hoping you will receive it before you leave Ashland and wishing you and Mrs. Means bon voyage and good health all winter. Best regards to all the party including old friends at Lakeland.

Yours sincerely,

P. I.

PI;-sl



FRANK C. MALIN
MAYOR

CITY OF ASHLAND
KENTUCKY

January 23, 1943

Mr. E. C. Means
c/o The New Florida Hotel
Lakeland, Florida

Dear Mr. Means:

I received your letter with the clippings, which I appreciate very much.

I suspect some of the traffic lights in Ashland could be eliminated during the emergency with a fair degree of safety.

I hope that you and Mrs. Means are enjoying the winter, and with best wishes to both of you I am

Sincerely yours,

Frank C. Malin

FCM/GT

PHILLIPS ISHAM
30 CHURCH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

January 27, 1943

Dear Means:

Thank you very much for your kindness in sending me the copy of John's letter written on the transport; and also the copies of James Letton's letters; these I am returning but I am keeping John's letter, which you say I may do.

It is very interesting to see his account of his new life. I feel very complimented at his reference to the evening that I spent with him and Dorothy. I enjoyed it greatly and, naturally, am pleased that they did so; as well. I thought that, probably, they were having a rather sticky time and would rather bet in some gayerrcompany; I don't mean that they appeared bored at all but I thought naturally it might be the case. Any way, I enjoyed it very much.

As for James, I remember him very well and his escort through the grove. I asked a good many questions, all of which he answered fully and satisfactorily. And I remember Mrs. Letton and the group, and their home.

I see that you are settled into your regular stride for the winter and hope that nothing interrupts it. I see there is a new air field about six miles out of town but there were certainly plenty of them before. I don't think they needed another.

Things are going on here without change for me, - -As I eat at the club most of the time and otherwise in restaurants, - but householders are having a difficult time in getting butter, bacon, coffee and other things, whether covered by ration books or not. The storekeepers don't get the stock and often are out of one or more of the scarce foods. I do some shopping for my sister in Leonia from time to time, getting butter, and bacon, at the Washington market and taking it out to her at the end of the week; have done so for other friends as well, and the worst is yet to come, but, so far, in the Engineers Club, we have felt restrictions very little.

I am glad you are now comfortably situated and have your group of friends, to whom I should like to be remembered. Best regards to Mrs. Means and yourself and please both of you keep well.

Yours sincerely,

PI;-sl

P.T.

PHILLIPS ISHAM
30 CHURCH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

January 27, 1943

Dear Means:

Late yesterday afternoon, I dictated a letter to you to be written out this morning; then I left for the Royalton. On my arrival, there, what do you think? I found a letter from John, much to my surprise. I never expected to hear direct from him, in Africa, knowing the difficulties of writing and getting through the mails, but there it was and I was very happy to hear from him. You may be interested in seeing a copy of this letter, which I enclose. I feel it was very thoughtful in John to write me.

Your memorandum gives John's address and in it is :A.P.O. #528-1. The address given on his envelope to me was: A.P.O.#762,- letter postmarked January 2, U.S.A.Postal Service. In writing, I will use both, in order to be sure.

Yours sincerely,

P.T.

BI;-sl

HYMAN KROG

MERCHANDISE BROKER -- MANUFACTURERS' AGENT

ASHLAND, KENTUCKY

February 6, 1943.

Dear Mr. Means:

I am rather ashamed that I have not written you sooner - I have thought of you often and that I should write but that has been about as far as I have gotten.

I started at ARMC0 the Monday after you left and have spent five days each week so far. In trying to keep in touch with my accounts and being on new work (did not really do any work) it has been very tiresome. I get up at 5:00 AM and am ready for bed at an early hour - Thursday was the first day that I felt like anything when I got home - so maybe you can understand my laxness in writing.

You will be interested in what took place at the Mill when I went down there but first want to give you a report on what I have done so far as the warehouse etc. is concerned.

Lester Lynd used the warehouse until after the middle of January - getting away from the water - which did not get him after all. They took their time getting out and I billed them and have their check for \$30.00.

I then rented it to the Ashland Feed who I told you about - however had to give them until the end of January free and started the rent from February 1st at \$40.00 per month. I could have gotten him in at the high water but Lynd was in my way and then we dabbled along and as it is I lost about a fourth months rent - but am glad that it is rented now. He even has the old phone number and is keeping on the old place too up to now but imagine that he is satisfied and hope that he will stay. A month to month proposition.

I have been telling my accounts that I have retained control of the warehouse - just in case - so if you ever hear a report to this effect - you will know what it is all about.

I have told the man living in cottage to take the lumber from the warehouse which I used for the partition and which will not be needed now - and his father will repair the old shed in back of the cottage. I agreed to pay him \$12.00 labor. Will have to buy a few posts - nails - roofing etc - but do not think it will run out of reason. The shed is in bad shape and if allowed to fall can not be replaced except fire proof - so it really is high time I got after it. It may be that I will make arrangements for him to also paint the house if it can be done reasonably enough when it warms up. You may have changed your ideas about painting and if so tell me but if it is to be allowed to stand very long - it probably should be painted. I think everything is under control and in fair shape now.

Now about the job. The first plans were to start a new job in the Pitt at the Open Hearth. It evidently is organized more than I thought - is supposed to be the worst place in the mill.

HYMAN KROG

MERCHANDISE BROKER -- MANUFACTURERS' AGENT

ASHLAND, KENTUCKY

I am afraid that the men there do exactly as they please. There has been expensive delays and nothing being able to be done about it. So they started this recorder job - scheduling every movement - how long to pour the steel - how long until taking to Strip Shed - how long to strip and send to Blooming Mill etc. They put three of us out at the same time just feeling out the work. We finished the first week and were scheduled to start the following week on turns but at the very last minute - I was notified to work in the same manner as the first week. We naturally thought something was wrong. Finally Saturday I was put in the Open Hearth Office and have been there since. One man and old man with ARMCO is still piddling with the same thing and the other will relieve me part of the time. It seems that they come out and threatened a strike if they put us on regular and they are afraid they are strong enough to tear things up so what the future will hold I do not know. Probably ARMCO would not appreciate me talking this outside but I rather think you will get a laugh out of the entire proceedings.

I think there are possibilities at the mill. I would say at least 90% of the men do as little as they can get by with. I do not work this way - I want to do what I am supposed to do and I sincerely hope that I can get to a point where it will be recognized. The job I am on is one where you can learn something about the mill and maybe I can jump ahead.

I have always felt that the laboring man is the one that is responsible for good or bad business. But such a thing as I see down there certainly has turned my stomach. I have often thought that politics was played up too much in industry - and something should be done to offset this - however I have never recognized any right of anyone to destroy property and do what they generally do in strikes. I think that if one is not satisfied it is his right to object - and if not rectified it is his right to quit either in a body or alone - but no farther. I again see here the wonderful possibilities for religion and how sadly it has fallen down. A man stealing time is no different than one that steals cash but evidently they do not consider this petty theft every. If we could but teach our people Christian Principals not to just talk about but to put into practice - what a different world this would be. But maybe that is the Utopia they all talk about.

I have not yet written John - will get to it today or tomorrow at latest. From what I hear from another man over there - they eat their hearts out for news from home - anything at all just so they get mail. Homer is at West Palm Beach waiting on shipping - has all his foreign tests - was issued tropical clothing and then wrote that they had been given heavy clothing. Evidently is confined to quarters and has been for about three weeks - never has had a furlough.

Well Mr. Means I talked to John Anderson and he said you all had a nice trip down and I sincerely hope that you are all well. If there is anything at all that I can do - just let me know. I am rapidly getting acclimated and can do what I am supposed to do now.

Hyman Krog

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Dade City, Florida Feb. 8, 1943.

Dear Cooke:

We both enjoyed Mrs. Mean's bright newsy letter and am glad that you both are well. We are also much pleased to know that your son John is doing so well. Our youngest boy John is Lieut. in Signal Corps and is now at Drew Field near Tampa. He came over twice to see us and appears to like the life and the new lines of thought.

We were fortunate to find a cash buyer for the groves. I had sold nearly all the good land from time to time and sold the timber off at a good price and made leases for turpentine for the rest. A woman working in the County Clerk's office gave the gist of the sale away figuring from the revenue stamps sold. I also sold the personal property and the old equipment which required no revenue stamps. Maybe I could have gotten more than I did but with no labor to mend fences, nobody to watch out for forest fires or to fire the groves in event of freeze it was impossible to do any good. Then too the attitude of the Federal Government regarding taxes on any corporation made it advisable to let it go. Had the buyer slipped on payment I would have given up the charter anyway and operated as a partnership or as a cooperative. One of the most pleasant things about it was the yearly visits from you folks. It answered it's purpose now somebody else can get out in the night and roust out niggers, if they can get the niggers, when the thermometer drops.

For the past three months I have had arthritis, sciatica, or neuritis. Had two complete examinations and neith doctor could locate the cause. Am now visiting an osteopath and am somewhat better but as I am about wound up here am going over to St Petersburg where it is warmer. I wrote the Secty. of Chamber of Commerce for a list of names of small hotels and got a grist of replies. Having no car we cannot investigate them. Years ago one winter you stayed at a small hotel on a little lake right down town. Would you mind giving the name of the hotel., so I can write them?

Just heard from my next door neighbour on Signal Mtn. that Pendleton Dillon nephew of the Dillon boys who used to furnish us dolomite had left for Indian Rock as an uncle had been killed by a fall of rock in a quarry. That mast have been Frank, the youngest one as Ed, Lucius and John are all dead. You remember the Dollons had the big dolomite quarries near Indian Rock and on the N&W across the river. They were all fine fellows.

Remember us to Mrs. Means and best to yourself, I am,

Cordially,

W. W. Taylor

E.C.Means,
Lakeland.

McCUNE & COMPANY
INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE
PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

February 10, 1943

Mr. E. C. Means
New Florida Hotel
Lakeland, Michigan

Dear Mr. Means:

Our winter came almost a month sooner than usual this year so we are hoping that, since it apparently came to stay as early as late November, it will leave perhaps several weeks before its usual departure in the spring. December 25th, 1941 was a green Christmas--the first in many years--but this time the snow came to stay before Thanksgiving Day. Crooked Lake froze over in December and earlier than usual this year. The weather this winter has been very changeable; after several days of severe cold and blizzard days, the temperature starts to rise and we even have occasional rains--after such a spell last week, the snow was so heavy on the roof of the Bay View public garage that the whole building collapsed.

I am enclosing a snapshot showing men harvesting ice at Burt Lake and the other is of your cottage. I am glad to report that everything about your property seemed to be in good order, with no signs of any trespassing. Oden and Alanson are pretty quiet this winter with the restrictions on gasoline and with so many of our nearby residents having left to find work in the large cities. There are many of the County Roads that are not as well plowed as in former years though the Road Commission is keeping Highway U. S. 31 cleared as usual and they have a good deal of work keeping it so this winter.

On January 25th, a serious fire destroyed three stores and part of the dock at Mackinac Island and I presume it will be hard to rebuild them until the war is over. Our Winter Carnival is being abbreviated this year in keeping with war times but Petoskey is going to have a short program. Our 1943 Winter Sports Queen was to be crowned last Friday but, because the weather was too warm and the ice soft, this had to be postponed to this week. We sold the old established Henika china and glassware store this month to the Petoskey Housefurnishing Company.

Virginia and I hear about you through her mother quite often and we are glad that you are all well this winter. We are sorry that so many restrictions are made on transportation and food, etc. so that your stay in Lakeland is not as comfortable as in other years but I presume you are thankful to be there and escape the Northern storms. I hope nothing will prevent your returning to Ponsheawaig this summer and we look forward to seeing you all at that time.

With kindest regards to you and to Mrs. Means and Mrs. Gill,

Sincerely,

Alan

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DR. BARTH'S SANATORIUM

HOTEL

AND

BATHS

SAFETY HARBOR
FLORIDA

Safety Harbor 2/13/43

Dear Cooke.

Thanks for your letter. I have written Morgan Hotel.

Somebody told me about this place and said that they knew a lot of cures, so I took a train 'S.A.L.' and came here and in three days time I am very much better.

The hotel is very clean and meals simple but good. The main feature is hot soaks in tub and sweat baths and turkish baths - all following a complete, thorough enema with special equipment.



..CHURCH.. NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AS FLORIDA'S FOREMOST SPA ..CHURCH..

DR. BARTH'S SANATORIUM

HOTEL
AND
BATHS
SAFETY HARBOR
FLORIDA

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They've knocked a
damp seated cold out of
me and now I can
walk a mile without
tiring, whereas when I
came here, it hurt me
to walk 200 yds. It's
well worth knowing
that there is such a
place in the state,
run like Hot Springs
Arkansas or Mt. Clemens
Mich.. The charges are
nominal \$35 a week
American in the hotel
baths \$2.50 each. It
is steam heated. They
meet trains with a
station wagon.

I am planning to



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return to D.C. on
Monday and finish up
my business, then we
go to St Petersburg. I
can run up here anytime
for a check up and
spend the day and take
a treatment as a lot of
people do.

Keep this in mind
and if either of you
get full of cold and
rheumatic try this
place.

Best regards,

Yours
W.W. Tupper



NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AS FLORIDA'S FOREMOST SPA



S. G. CARGILL
1573 QUARRIER STREET
CHARLESTON, W. VA.

February 21, 1943

Dear Cooke:

All during our recent cold spell we thought of how nice and comfortable it must be with you, and ~~then~~ the other day I ran across a trucker who makes weekly trips for fruits, and he surprised me by telling how very cold you have been having it; the papers had not mentioned anything about it.

This whole valley is getting more and more people all the time, and I wonder when it will stop. All sorts and conditions of people, and most of them seem to be the wrong kind; I do not like for ~~Mary~~ Mary and Isabella to go out at night even to the Red Cross work rooms. The police are not efficient, and some are possibly in with the gang elements. One good thing I note is that the legislature is in session, and what they are doing to Neely is quite pleasing, even to me.

Sam has been gone two weeks; first to Columbus, that in a few hours on ~~tax~~ to Nashville, for the sifting process, and he does not know when or where his next move will be. It seems he is in the Army Aviation training center.

Hope you are all well,

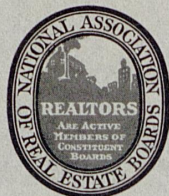
Sincerely,

Sam

SEATON REALTY COMPANY

"ANYWHERE IN ASHLAND OR VICINITY"

ASHLAND, KY.



February 26th, 1943.

Mr. E. C. Means
c/o The New Florida Hotel
Lakeland, Florida

Dear Uncle Cooke:

I hasten to enclose copy of a letter just received from John by "V" Mail. It was censored by Major John R. Means himself. I called Clem Howard and he had gotten a similar letter too. I know how mixed up mail must be there. I know what a mix up it was forwarding mail at Old Point with so many troops changing addresses, in the last war. I imagine as these troops get more settled down to a fixed headquarters it will straighten out considerably. John will surely have a lot of reading to do, when his batch of letters catch up with him.

I will write John giving him all the news he might be interested in - possibly he will read it in a month. I imagine the present address he gave will serve far better, than his many former changing places. I imagine he has had many interesting experiences in that new country to him.

There is nothing much new to report about Ashland or any of your friends here, that has not been in our Daily Independent. Isabel and I still have colored Viola as our cook, and thats the most important news at home. Aunt Dora stayed with us until a couple of weeks ago. My job on the Rationing Board is a "Wow", and getting worse. This week we have been putting out the Point Food Ration Books and renewals of supplementary gasoline for the next three months period, also came in. Since Monday I worked there every night from 7:30 to 11:00 P.M. and lots of time during the day, while this Rush was on. Next week, it should or "Might" quiet down.

With about 22 others from here, I went down to Louisville for the Lincoln Day Banquet. It was the opening of Sim Willis and Judge Jones, from Harlan County's, race for the Republican Governors Nomination. The attendance from all over the State surprized everyone, about 1,000 in all and about 400 more than had been expected. They were pretty enthusiastic about their chances this year. I believe Sim has a little of the "Edge" to start with, but his opponent is a real campaigner of the Ed Monrow type. The main Democrats are pretty much divided right now and it seems pretty hard for them to agree on a candidate to oppose Rhodes Meyers. So far all three candidates have come out for a repeal of the State Income Tax.

SEATON REALTY COMPANY

"ANYWHERE IN ASHLAND OR VICINITY"

ASHLAND, KY.



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2/26/43

Our Real Estate Business has been pretty quiet. For Victory Gardens we have been able to sell quite a few pieces of ground and some lots.

It has been awful dark this afternoon and we just had a real snow storm. I have never seen it get darker, but it was soon over.

With best personal regards to you and Aunt Ruby, I am

Your nephew,

JOHN M. SEATON

By John M. Seaton

jms/h

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MERCHANDISE BROKER -- MANUFACTURERS' AGENT

ASHLAND, KENTUCKY

February 26, 1943.

Dear Mr. Means:

Since hearing from you I again wrote John using the new APO number and hope that he gets it this time. From what I understand - they all want letters - just letters and I suppose this is little enough to expect from us that stay behind.

Homer after being held to camp for so long at West Palm Beach - now has been sent to Maine and is evidently waiting on shipment. Hear from him often so we can tell when he sets sail.

Down ARMC0 way I understand the CIO will get their election about the middle of March. I think that there is considerable mystery about this entire business - there is a state of uneasiness among too many of the men - I think the officials think that enough will give cool thought before voting for CIO as it is easy to see a great many ills that will grow very much worse should they win out - but on the other hand a good many are afraid of unseen things and might vote anyway. Well it probably is a good thing to get out of the way - there is a forced patience on the part of ARMC0 officials toward some of the employees which should be cleared up.

Understand that you have had a cold snap down there since hearing from you - we have a little cold spell right now but have had spring weather for the past several days. I now have a cold myself.

Tell Mrs. Means that I found some sorgum that is real. Evans Grocery at 29th Carter have it. Mr. Evans is from Lawrence County and every year goes up there and buys it and has some left. If Mrs. Means likes good sorgum - she might like for me to get her a gallon while it is available. Not cheap - as I remember \$1.20 per gallon - but is real. John Anderson could possibly pick it up for her but if she has him do this tell him to ask for Mr. Evans and see that he gets the real sorgum. He has two batches - one quite better than the other and while Mr. Evans says there was no real sorgum made this year - what we got from him is the best that I have ever tasted. I will be glad to get it for her if she wants any.

I am enclosing an annual report from our young minister which I thought you might enjoy reading. You know of our past trouble but I think reading this would show you what we have now. However the church is still not as progressive as it should be but is very much more promising.

Well I hope this finds you all well - I imagine that you will not be so quick to leave there this season as no one knows about the next but again you still might be ready for the old Kentucky sights.

Best,
Hyman Krog

J. M. SALMON, M. D.
940 DYSARD HILL
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY

March 3, '43

Mr. E. C. Meany
Lancaster Pa.

Dear Cook: I thank you for the generous gift to our Red Cross War Fund. There are many disappointments in this work as you know and it is refreshing to one's spirit and strengthening to one's faith when gifts like yours and Mrs. Meany's come unsolicited.

I made a Rotary talk at Culltlesburg yesterday and stressed the point that soldiers on the Home Front should be ready and willing to serve without being coerced.

I believe we shall make our quota. We are conducting the Campaign entirely by "home talent." No paid directors and no Campaign expenses.

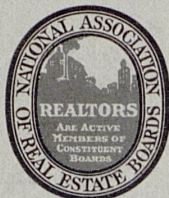
Winter is here again - snow and ice - temperatures as low as 10°+ but the sun shines this afternoon and the sky is clear.

We all send love and best wishes to you and
yours
Sincerely,
J. M. Salmon

SEATON REALTY COMPANY

"ANYWHERE IN ASHLAND OR VICINITY"

ASHLAND, KY.



March 3rd, 1943.

Mr. E. C. Means
c/o The New Florida Hotel
Lakeland, Florida

Dear Uncle Cook:

I am enclosing Deed to Lot No. 15 in Block 3, in the Nicholl's Place Subdivision sold by Mr. Bradley to W. F. Perdue. I am sure that the price is as much as this lot would ever possibly sell for. As you will remember, it adjoins W. F. Perdue's house and any house built on this lot would have to look into his garage.

We ran into this sale originally in trying to sell the two top acres of Tom Adam's land adjoining, to another party. We worked with Harry McIntosh and he agreed to take 30 feet of the Lot adjoining him and the parties were figuring on taking another 20 feet just for a right-of-way to get into the Adam's land behind. We would probably have netted \$650.00 for this. Through our negotiations with this party, Frank also got interested in it. I believe it is better for your Company that the sale turned out this way, as I don't believe that adjoining lot could have ever been sold or at least not very readily, to anyone for a building site, while the other one is a very excellent building site and Harry McIntosh is still interested in all or part of it.

There is nothing very new to report here since my last letter. We had a very heavy snow yesterday and it has turned awful cold.

At your earliest convenience I would appreciate if you would execute this Deed as President, and have it notarized down there and we will then add another acknowledgement for my signature.

With kindest personal wishes for you and Aunt Ruby, I am
Yours very truly,

JOHN M. SEATON

By

jms/h

17 WALL STREET
NEW YORK

March 4, 1943

Mr. E. C. Means
C/o The New Florida Hotel
Lakeland, Florida

Dear Cook:-

I was very glad to have a line from you which was received a week or so ago and to know that you were down in Florida.

You are very fortunate to be there this winter. Last week I had some friends in from Peterborough, New Hampshire where we go in the summer and the thermometer in Peterborough at that time was ~~50~~ degrees below zero and several days before was 30 and 40 below so you can see what kind of weather we are having in this part of the country. !

A year ago Mrs. Spalding and I were in Florida stopping at the Hillsborough Club, Pompano, Florida. It is located 35 miles north of Miami and 35 miles south of West Palm Beach. It is a most delightful place and run by Mr. Malcolm and a number of other yankees who were in the hotel business in New Hampshire in the summer time.

I had a call from Kendall Seaton a few days ago and he told me about his daughter's wedding, etc.

Hoping you are having a fine winter and with my best regards,

Very truly yours,

Sam Seaton Spalding.

SSS:AW

BERTRAND R. T. COLLINS
39 WIGGINS STREET
PRINCETON, N. J.

Mar. 4, 1943.

Dear Meaur;

I havent heard from you since the flood that covered some of your property several years ago.

I wonder how things are going with you and how the war has affected you so far? any of your family in the armed services? Have you met any '88 or M.I.T. men recently?

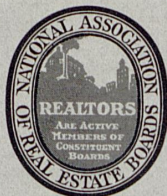
I have a son-in-law a Lt. Comdr. in the Navy from Cincinnati, who was at Pearl Harbor Dec. 7th. He was shocked and in the Naval Hospital till a few months ago and is no better up for 3 mos at Pan-a-Grille

Florida. He'll never be able to go on active
duty again but hopes to be able to teach
young Naval College students or R.O.T.C. in
New Mexico or Idaho. My other son-in-law
has a 4 year old girl but expects to be
called within a few months. My third
daughter is still here at the Princeton library
in charge of a special library of economic &
finance. Mr. C. + I go back to our 10 acre
farm on Chebeague Island, Passco Bay Maine,
about Apr. 15th for the summer & run a
big Victory Garden with 20 or more kinds
of vegetables. Char. S. Menell of Cincinnati
has a home near St. Pete Fla and bowls
on the green every day he says. Please drop
me a line telling how things are going with you
& your family. Your devoted friend,
F. A. V. Dean.

SEATON REALTY COMPANY

"ANYWHERE IN ASHLAND OR VICINITY"

ASHLAND, KY.



March 13th, 1943.

Mr. E. C. Means
c/o The New Florida Hotel
Lakeland, Florida

Dear Uncle Cooke:

We received the Deed back for Frank Perdue with your letter and have already deposited the money in the Bank for the Means Realty Company.

I talked to Kendall about the Kentucky Income Tax Return and he is inclined to feel like you do about it. Any way he has always made his returns that way and gotten by with it. He is also making the Return for Mother's Estate that way too this year.

With kindest personal regards to you and Aunt Ruby,
I am

Yours very truly,

JOHN M. SEATON

By John M. Seaton

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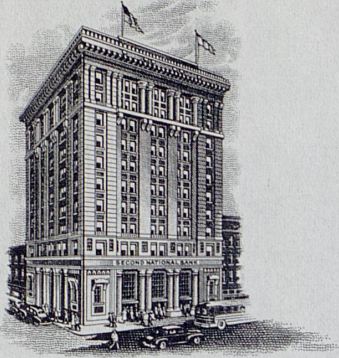
STATEMENT

NAME Mrs. E. G. Gilm ROOM 403-57
411

ADDRESS _____

DATE	ITEMS	AMOUNT	
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	TOTAL	<u>350</u>	<u>06</u>
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NEW FLORIDA HOTEL
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Second National Bank

Ashland, Kentucky.

K. G. SEATON, PRESIDENT
CHAS. V. KITCHEN, VICE PRESIDENT
P. C. SNYDER, CASHIER & TRUST OFFICER
L. M. CAMPBELL, ASST. CASHIER & TRUST OFFICER

March 16, 1943

Dear Uncle Cooke,

Received your letter about the tax status of the Means Realty Co. dividends. I am just reporting that paid from surplus as taxable. In other words the same as the Federal return. John asked me about it Saturday, so supposed he had written you. The law, ^{or rather regulation} reads that that part of a dividend paid from earnings subsequent to Jan 1st 1936 is taxable. I reported in my previous returns only that part that was paid from current earnings. So if I were you I would do as I have done.

Have been very busy since you left. Have had labor pains for the past couple of months, so can better understand the distaff side of that question. Our janitors organized and we won the NLRB decision as to having the election, and Monday night they all quit. So our janitor service is now a little sketchy.

Am glad you had a good winter. Ours has been a little rough in spots. Dr. Watson is still with us. Mizzy is in Norfolk with Dick who is still stationed there.

Love to Aunt Ruby

Theresa

CLASS OF '88 M. I. T.
B. R. T. COLLINS, SECY-TREAS.
CHEBEAGUE ISLAND
MAINE

Mar. 19, 1943.

Dear Means: -

I was delighted with your letter the 11th from Lakeland, Fla. You gave me a lot of interesting news about yourself (only one Golden Wedding I've heard of beside yours), congratulations to you and Mrs. Means. Tom now in No. Africa; granddaughter in Texas! (I had a daughter born in Dallas in '09.) You are doing your part to help Uncle Sam.

So you know Pamela Grille. I'll be going down there for a few weeks very soon & from there to Maine by May 1st to see the plants done right. I've had gardens on

challenges stand the last ten seasons,
so know what to plant & how it should be
planted. We expect a big surplus for
canning to last a family all next winter.

Your letter will appear in the "88 Class
Notes" in the May issue of Technology Review.

Thanking you and hoping to see you
up north some year soon.

Your classmate

P. P. Collins.

Falls Church, Va.

March 24-1943

Dear Pa means:

Am hoping you will give me some good advice.

Our house is quite badly in need of paint, being a little over two years old and not having had a good paint job in the first place.

I understand that good paint is scarce and labor, of course, scarcer. However, I suppose that white lead is available.

Would appreciate it if you would tell me just what would be most practical - to have it painted this spring, if both paint and labor can be procured, or take a chance on the present paint-job holding up until after the war.

John has written me about this several times - but it is difficult for him to advise me what to do when he is so far away.

Had a letter from him this morning, in which he mentions having received letters that day (March 2.) from you and Cousin Ruby. He seems quite hopeful of finishing the Germans this year. Would like to think him correct. I certainly do miss him even more than I thought possible.

Have had plenty of fuel oil this winter - however, the gasoline situation is much tighter.

Much love to all -
Derechty

TELEPHONE: WABASH 2161

FILE NO. 1473

OFFICE LOCATION:
420 WEST JEFFERSON STREET

A. M. ANDERSON, RECEIVER

National Bank of Kentucky of Louisville
Louisville 2, Ky.

June 5, 1944

Mr. Ellisen C. Means
1500 Winchester Ave.
Ashland, Ky.

Re: Stock Assessment Liability
No. 3512 & 3513

Dear Sir:

The Supreme Court of the United States, on March 6, 1944, rendered an opinion, favorable to this Receivership, which caused our Stock Assessment Liability Suit to be remanded to the United States District Court, Western District of Kentucky. That opinion is reported in Volume 64, page 531, Supreme Court Reporter, or Advance Sheets, March 15, 1944. Judgments were issued as of May 12, 1944. The BancoKentucky shareholders were adjudicated to be the true and beneficial owners of the National Bank of Kentucky stock and consequently, proratably liable for the unpaid 100% stock assessment liability, computed to be \$2.8588695 per share as of April 27, 1944 by the United States District Court. The total accrued amount will draw interest at 6% beginning July 1, 1944. Court costs and Marshal's fees were also taxed against the defendants. This main suit embodied 2993 defendants in the Western District of Kentucky.

In a final effort to exclude interest liability, certain defendants, through attorneys, made a motion for leave to file a petition for writ of mandamus. The Supreme Court on May 29, 1944 denied the same.

Based on the aforestated adjudication, your liability would be as follows:

2832 shares at \$2.8588695 per share liability (4-27-44) \$ 8096.31

Marshal's fees \$ 2.40

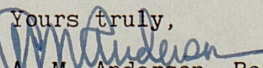
Total - (*) \$ 8098.71

(*) Add \$0.0002991995 per share, per day, interest from April 27, 1944 to the date payment will be received at this office.

PAYMENT AT THIS TIME WILL SAVE YOU COURT COSTS AND ACCRUING INTEREST.

I suggest that you promptly consider your best interests which, I believe, will cause you to make prompt payment. This will terminate the pending litigation involving you in the same issues, the general principles of which were settled by the referred-to Supreme Court decision.

Yours truly,


A. M. Anderson, Receiver

OFFICE

420 W. Jefferson St.,
Louisville 2, Ky.

AMA:LMG

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SECOND NATIONAL BANK
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY

June 24, 1944

Mr. A. M. Anderson, Receiver
National Bank of Kentucky
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. Ellison C. Means,
we are enclosing our draft on the First National
Bank of Louisville for \$8,149.55 in payment of
his stock assessment liability on Banco Kentucky
stock with interest figured to June 26, 1944.

Mr. Mean's file number is 1473 and his
stock assessment liability numbers are 3512 and
3513.

Kindly acknowledge receipt both to Mr.
Means and to us.

Yours very truly,

P. C. Snyder
Vice President

ENC:
PCS:MR
CC:
Mr. Ellison C. Means
1806 Lexington Avenue
Ashland, Kentucky

0.000299 1995

Income

2832

5983990

8975985

23935960

5983990

Int. per day 0.8473329840

Days 64

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fund amount 8098.71

Total ~~8152.94~~ 64 days

check 8149.55 60 days

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Mar 27 - '36 - Government

6527.49

Interest

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Additional Int.

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Transfer fee

2.40

Original Government

6527.49

June 24 - 24 check for

8149.55

~~June 23 bal on acct 9606.56~~

~~Transfer Spring 2000.~~

~~Payroll 2500.~~

~~9106.56~~

~~Check to Recruit 8150.53~~

~~1556.03~~

devise one-third (1/3) thereof to each of my grandchild

2 May 18, 1946]

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Ellison Cooke Means wife of John R. Means, Texas,

OF

Sally Prescott wife of Sam Antonio, Texas,

Johnston Hill RUBY RINGO MEANS Columbus, Ohio.

I make this distribution of my estate because I have heretofore

made certain provisions for my children, Harriet Evelyn Means

I, RUBY RINGO MEANS, Now a resident of Ashland,

Boyd County, Kentucky, revoke all wills and codicils thereto

heretofore made by me, and declare as my last will and testa-

ment the following:

IV.

I appoint my husband, Ellison Cooke Means, as my

I.

executor, and direct that he be allowed to qualify as such

I direct that all my just debts, funeral expenses

and administrative expenses be paid.

II.

I have and shall deliver certain tangible personal

property, including but not confined to jewelry, furniture,
books and similar matters, to my husband, Ellison Cooke Means,

and to others as gifts for various persons. Some of these

may have been deposited with my consent in my bank deposit

box or in some other place normally under my custody. I

declare such items of property to be the property of the per-

sons named without regard to how they may be designated.

scribed our names as witnesses
thereto. This the 18 day of
May, 1946.

III.

All other property which I may have, I bequeath and

WILL WITH WID JURISDICTION

Handwritten mark

devise one-third (1/3) thereof to each of my grandchildren:

- Ellison Means Witt of San Antonio, Texas,
- Sally Prescott Witt of San Antonio, Texas,
- Johnston Hildreth Means of Columbus, Ohio.

I make this distribution of my estate because I have heretofore made certain provisions for my children, Harriet Evelyn Means Witt, of San Antonio, Texas and John Ringo Means, of Falls Church, Virginia.

IV.

I appoint my husband, Ellison Cooke Means, as my executor, and direct that he be allowed to qualify as such without bond and without appraisal or inventory of my estate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto subscribed my name, this 18 day of May, 1946.

Ruby Ringo Means

The above instrument was by Ruby Ringo Means signed and acknowledged to be her last will and testament in our presence, sight, and hearing, and we at her request, in her presence, and in the presence of each other have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. This the 18 day of May, 1946.

Snyder

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
OF
RUBY RINGO MEANS

May 15 1946

LAW OFFICES
DYSARD AND DYSARD
SECOND NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY