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C. E. RARICK, President
HAYS, KANSAS

March 30, 1937

Dr. C. E. Rarick:

Perhaps I should make this statement for your information.

Last winter shortly after I started in with the work here, I gathered three bids from local hardwaremen on an order for bolts for the farm shop. As I recall, the bid from Phillips was a little over \$22.00; Schlyer, \$16 and some cents, and Gamble Store, \$15.00. We bought the bolts from Gambles.

Since that time we have ^{purchased} a number of articles from Mr. Phillips, rope for the silos, concrete wire mesh etc. but during these transactions uncomplimentary remarks were made regarding the system we were using in making the purchases. It naturally developed that we have purchased considerable of ^{our} needs on State Contract which perhaps has not been done as extensively heretofore, and we have also discovered that Sears or Montgomery have saved us money in hardware without the sacrifice of quality when compared to the purchase of the same materials locally.

Now our purchases are divided between Gamble, Arnhold, Schlyer, and Phillip when the transaction is made locally.

By *L. Lehman*