

December 24, 1931

Dr. W. C. McConnell  
746 N. H. Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. McConnell:

I am unable to look after the matter referred to in the enclosed letter, and on that date, January 15, will be in Concordia attending the annual meeting of Sunset Home.

I wish you would take this matter up with Mr. Thomas, and any of the rest of our men, and see what can be done. Also please write Mr. Randolph, what you propose to do.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:IML  
enc.



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NORTHERN BAPTIST MEN

152 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.



Mr. W. C. Simons  
c/o The Lawrence Daily Journal-World  
Lawrence, Kansas



Mortgage dated Oct 1, 1929 \$7000 due in five years at 7%

Signed by Elva L Lawrence widow  
S L Lawrence and wife, Los Angeles  
R L Lawrence and wife Stillwell Kas  
Dennis Lawrence Single  
Elva Belle Lawrence, Single, Chicago

to Morris Cohen  
N $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot 9 and S 23 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet of Lot 7, Massachusetts St

Taxes	for 1929	on S 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft of Lot 7	\$101 27	Assessed
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	1931	- - - - -	188 90	
	1929	N $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 9 - - - - -	104 63	\$5000
	1930	- - - - -	215 95	
	1931	- - - - -	187 20	
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Interest on 1929 Tax sum Sept 1 1930 @ 15%  
and on 1930 Tax sum Sept 1 1931 @ 15%  
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Building in 600 6 feet  
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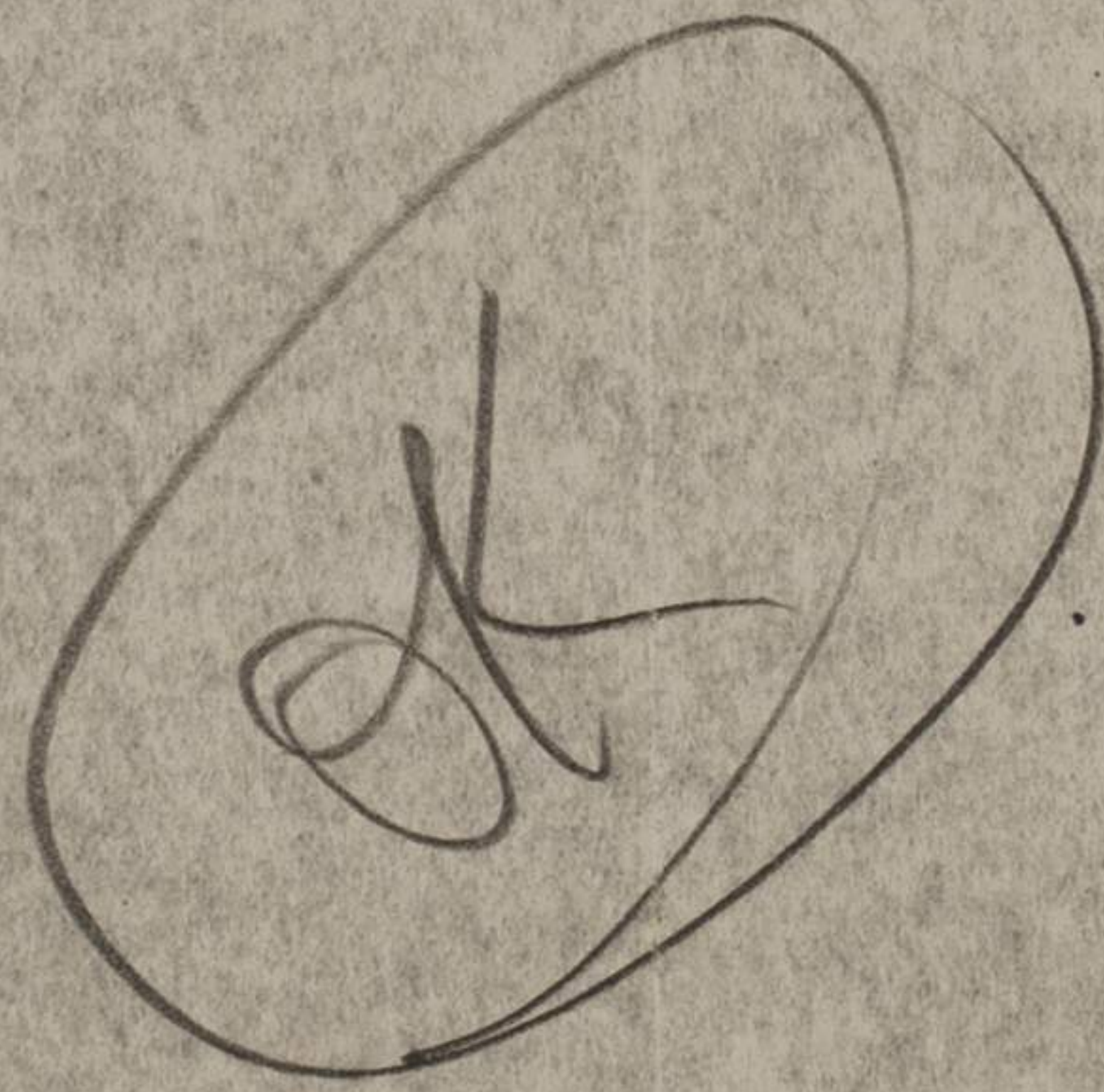
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Chicago Dec. 25th 1931

My dear Collie.

Please check baggage the suit case sent you,  
Mr. Burnett can handle it on my pass number 91360, and you can  
mail the check to me in enclosed envelope so I will get it Monday  
morning.

Bro Chas.





December 23, 1931

Mr. A. E. Koons  
318 Randolph St.  
Enid  
Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Koons:

A Merry Christmas and Best  
Wishes from Mr. W. C. Simons.



Ind. Okla 11-25. 81

318 E. Randolph St

Dear Mr. Lamons.

your Kind Letter Recd. some time ago. and sure glad to hear from you I would have answered sooner but I have not been able to write as my health is very poor. I am under the Dr's care all the time and <sup>not</sup> able to work and at my age will be 81, Apr 17. 32 no one will give me a job. Now Brother I have kept down every cent you ever gave me and also the Price of the suit you gave and if I cant before at my Death you will get the money with interest as I have \$1000 Insurance in M. W. A. and \$500 in the K. of S. Now S. B. A. I also have \$3000 Old Time 20 Pay Life all Paid out, I also belong to the



I O.R.M. so I will have \$150<sup>00</sup> Death  
Benefit, and L.O.L. Pays \$100<sup>00</sup> Death  
Benefit. Now I hope to repay you before  
Death if possible but anyway at my  
Passing you are sure to get your  
Money and oh Brother I do Thank our  
Lord for giving me such a Friend  
and Brother, I did not get my full  
Remittance 11-0<sup>0</sup> I only got \$11<sup>00</sup> and  
My Dr and Medicine with Room Rent  
took all but what I had to keep for  
Food and I live or rather exist on only  
10<sup>0</sup> a Day. Now I hope to get a  
Better Remittance 12-5<sup>0</sup> and then I  
will Pay up in Full for the Paper  
Please don't stop I will Pay sure  
they won't take me at the County Home  
I have not been here long enough  
only about 8 months, you was  
mistaken as to me living here  
5<sup>0</sup> years not lived at Ringwood  
25 miles West of here and that  
over



20 years ago I am a little better  
today but please excuse poor writing  
as my nerves are twofold. Pray for  
me, Brother I remain your true  
Loving Brother in Christ

A E Koons  
318 E. Randolph St  
Enid Okla

Please Answer soon  
A E K

318 East Randolph St  
Enid Okla



December 23, 1931

Mr. T. J. Sweeney  
Peoples State Bank  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Tom:

While I have thanked you face to face, I want to tell you again how much we appreciated the beautiful flowers which you sent, on the occasion of my 40th Anniversary.

We could hardly expect anyone to believe the number of hours that we have put in together, working for projects that promised to help the community, and how few hours we have ever spent in trying to put over purely selfish propositions.

I want to have your consent for a dinner party which I have had in mind.

I do not regret any of the public service I have given, and I feel sure that the remembrance of what you have done is probably one of the most pleasant things in your life.

Dolph had arranged everything splendidly, and it was a real surprise to me.

With very best wishes for Christmas and the year to come, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:IML



December 23, 1931

Mr. Chas. C. Eberhardt  
National Bank of America Building  
Salina, Kansas

Dear Charley:

I received your good letter of December 18, and was very glad to hear from you.

I have kept track of you in a general way through your diplomatic work, and it has been my pleasure to see Henry now and then. A short time ago, one of Johnny's boys was attending K.U.

You were one of a large and fine family, and I remember well, your good old father. The only trouble with you was, that you were just a little bit too big for me in boxing, but we used to have some interesting bouts just the same.

I had a pleasure trip through the Caribbean, with my wife, daughter, and brother, two years ago. We were on one of the Canadian-Pacific tours, and made some sixteen stops, which we found most interesting.

We have four children and six grandchildren, and lost our youngest child, a fine boy of thirteen, nearly four years ago.

Someone has said, that the bravest man who ever lived, was he who first ate a raw oyster. I sometimes think that Mrs. Simons was a very brave woman to take me for better or for worse, some thirty-seven years ago.

I question if any student has ever attended the Wesleyan who carried more studies, or worked harder, than I. At one time I was carrying nine studies, when the ordinary student was supposed to carry four. Unfortunately, I did not have an opportunity to complete my college course, but I have always been a student, and I am still picking up a little knowledge here and there, as I go along. I really feel that no one is hopeless in this world as long as he is fully aware of the fact, that he does not know it all. I shall be glad to hear from you again.

With best wishes for the holiday season, to you and the family, I remain,

Sincerely Yours,

IML:WCS



# HENRY H. EBERHARDT

NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA BUILDING

PHONE 418

SALINA, KANSAS

GENERAL INSURANCE

LOANS AND REAL ESTATE

DISTRICT AGENT FOR  
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.

December 18, 1931

Mr. W.C. Simons  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Simons:-

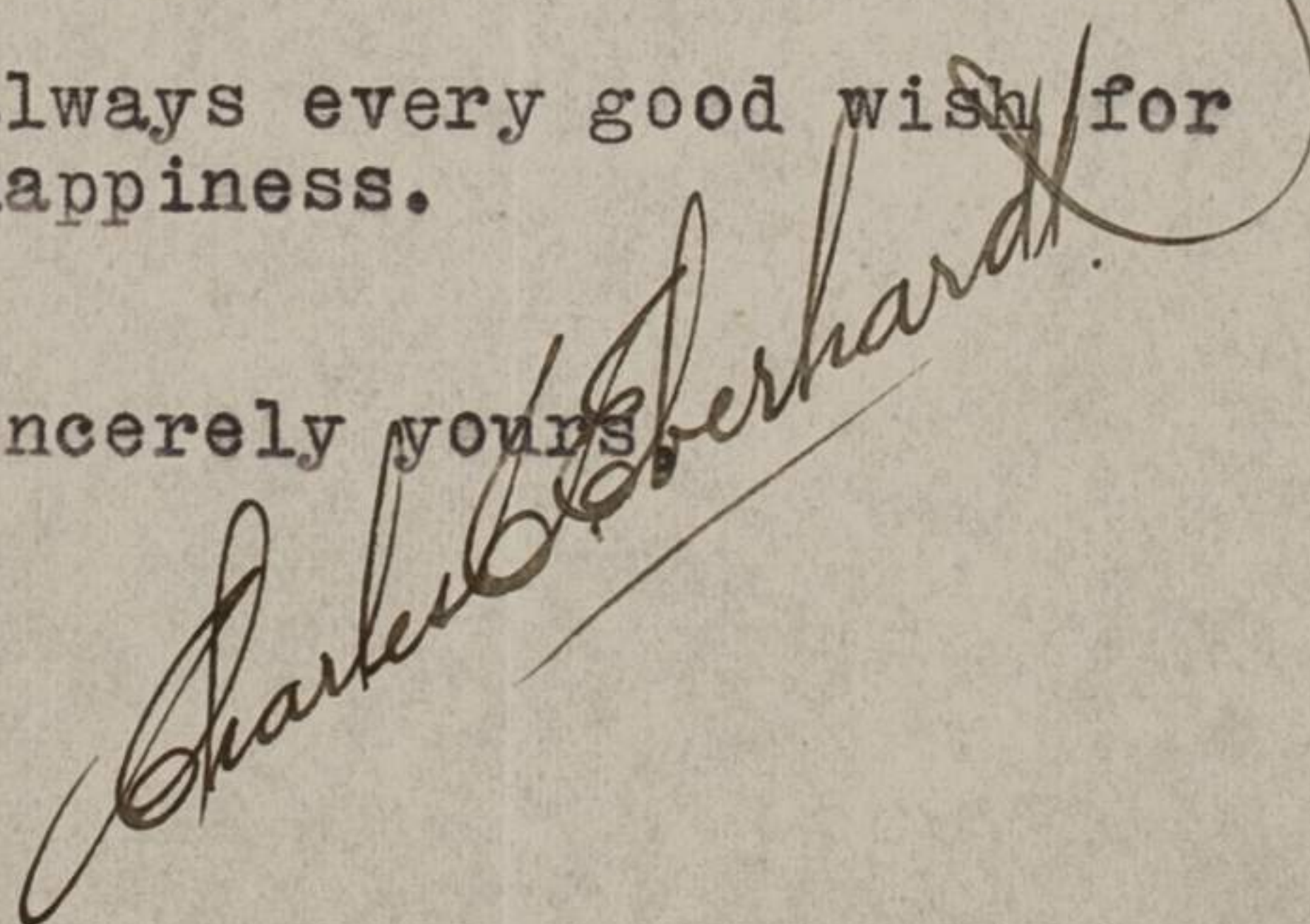
Just a few lines, to extend sincerest congratulations to you on your splendid record of achievement as outlined in recent Press reports. We are all proud of you, glad to have known you in your "cub" days when, to be frank, none of us suspected you of it. You will pardon my little horse play I am sure, since I have probably not kept properly apace with the years that have flown since we last met, more or less forty, no?

I am spending my vacation at the old home here in Salina, having come up from San Jose, Costa Rica a few weeks ago (in time for the world series and the duck shooting) and am just preparing to return.

If you are doing any traveling these days, why not come down and pay me a visit? I am still a poor old bachelor but have one of the largest and best Legation - residences in the Capitol, where I would be glad to entertain you and Mrs. Simons. I assume that you are one of the sensible fellows who long ago married and have enjoyed life.

Till we do meet again, and always every good wish for your continued success and happiness.

Sincerely yours



CCE/VW

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December 24, 1931

Mr. L. E. Randolph  
Recording Secretary  
152 Madison Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I have your letter of December 15, referring to the prospective visit of Mr. Boyle to our city, on January 15.

As I shall be out of town on that date, attending the annual meeting of Sunset Home, and Concordia Hospital, Baptist Institutions, I have asked Dr. W. C. McConnell, President of the Brotherhood class, and one of our active laymen, to give the matter his attention, and to write you.

I am leaving tomorrow to spend the weekend with my daughter in Minneapolis, Kansas.

With best wishes for Christmas, and the year to come, I remain

Respectfully yours,

WCS:TML



December 23, 1931

Mrs. C. C. Potts  
117 N. James St.  
Rome, New York

Dear Cousin:

I read your letter today with very great pleasure, and I wonder at your ability to write so well, without being able to see. I think you deserve a great deal of credit, for maintaining your cheerful viewpoint, and your general activity.

The children will be at our home for dinner in an hour, so I cannot answer your letter, but I wanted to wish you a Merry Christmas, and to send you a check for \$5.00.

I have been trying to find time to write you for the past week or ten days, and also to write Mrs. Droughh, but as usual, have been very busy.

If I ever have the opportunity, I shall be glad to visit in Rome, the birthplace of our grandfather, and in Constantia, where mamma was born.

With very best wishes, I remain

Your Loving Cousin,

WCS:IML  
enc. \$5.00



117 24 James St

Rome N. Y

Mrs C C Potts



December 23, 1931

Mrs. Don. A. Freeman  
395 2nd Avenue, South  
St. Cloud, Minnesota

Dear Grace:

I haven't a minute to write a letter,  
but here is just a little check, and  
a Merry Christmas.

Lovingly your Brother,

WCS:IML  
enc. \$5.00  
12/24/31



December 28, 1931

Miss Etoile B. Simons  
7539 Colfax Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Etoile:

Here is a little check, and a Merry  
Christmas.

I haven't a minute to write, as the  
folks are here for me.

If you return this check to me, I  
will "hant" you.

Lovingly your Brother,

WCS:IML  
enc. \$5.00  
12/24/31



December 23, 1931

Mrs. Eugene Droughth  
Box 552  
Rome, New York

Dear Cousin:

I am sorry that I do not have time to write a decent letter, but the folks are waiting for me, as the children are to take dinner with us in five minutes, so all I can say, is Merry Christmas, love, and best wishes.

Lovingly your cousin,

CS:IML  
enc. \$5.00  
12/24/31



CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

# COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

December 30, 1931

H. B. Ober  
c/o J. P. Culp  
321 $\frac{1}{2}$  North Stanley  
Los Angeles, Calif.

So sorry Mrs Ober could not have lived to enjoy  
her friends stop Only her wonderful will power kept  
her going stop Bear up for her sake and for your  
friends stop Whole city grieves with and for you

W. C. SIMONS

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39 words  
DAY LETTER  
PREPAID



~~All~~ Personal Replies to  
Christmas Greetings.





MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
BEST WISHES  
FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

GREEN BROTHERS



December 29, 1931

Green Brothers  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Friends:

I wish to thank you for the beautiful  
holiday card which I have in my hands.  
It represents a "Call of the Wild,"  
that really stirs one's blood, and I  
can imagine the keen joy you would take  
in stocking this magnificent animal.

Here is hoping that you will find 1932  
both pleasant and profitable.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:IML  
12/30/31





The Season's Greetings  
with the best of wishes for Christmas  
and the New Year  
Independent Laundry



December 29, 1931

The Independent Laundry  
Lawrence, Kansas

Gentlemen:

I wish to thank you for the beautiful  
Christmas card.

I hope that the year just past, had been  
satisfactory, and that the year to come  
will be still better.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:IML  
12/30/31





Dear Simons:

Christmas, the joyous season of the year, comes again. How the word thrills us, but even more it fills us with a profound spirit of joy. Seems so recent since my last greeting to you. As years advance, time runs faster but joys do not decrease. Memory's scroll unrolls and our thoughts go back to friendships, some broken by death, others so true that they form a protecting shield around us for life's battle. The season takes us back to those cherished days of toys and sweets and Christmas trees, and, farther, to the historic shepherds, the stable, the manger, and the Babe. His birth gave us a changed world. He lived, and died, and on leaving he said, "My joy I leave with you." It is ours if we accept Him and claim our share.

May you have enough happiness to keep you sweet; enough trials to keep you strong; enough sorrow to keep you human; enough hope to keep you happy; enough failure to keep you humble; enough success to keep you eager; enough friends to give you comfort; enough faith and courage in yourself and your country to banish depression; enough wealth to meet your needs; and enough of God to rule your life.

Sincerely, I wish you a joyous season.

*J. V. Matter*



December Twenty-Fifth,  
Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-One.



H. H. Motter



December 29, 1931

Mr. H. H. Motter  
Collector of Internal Revenue  
Wichita, Kansas

My dear Motter:

I have before me, your very beautiful Christmas greeting, and I am glad to have an occasion to drop you a line without having to enclose a check. I have no more expensive correspondence than that with you, but instead of scolding you, I shall have to repeat the old phrase expressing our opinion of the Kaiser. Someone had said, very brightly, that no matter how high the income tax check seems, he is mighty glad that he doesn't have to make out his report in German. And so we have lots to be thankful for in spite of some of the other things which enter our lives.

I wish you and Mrs. Motter a very happy New Year, and that our earnings will continue to be large enough to cause us to continue our contribution to your office.

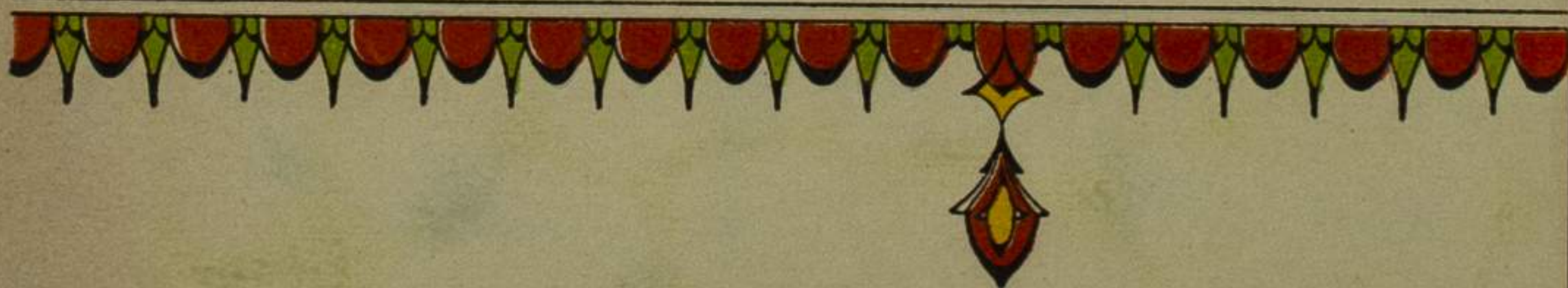
Sincerely yours,

WCS:IML  
12/30/31





*Season's Greetings*





To express my friendship and  
Good Will at this Christmas Time.

Cal. A. Ward



December 29, 1931

Mr. Cal A. Ward, President  
Farmers Union  
Salina, Kansas

Dear Cal:

I was glad to receive your Christmas greeting, and I wish for you and Mrs. Ward, a happy and prosperous New Year.

Things haven't broken as well with Kansas as they might have done, but we were fortunate in having an abundance of feed for live stock, and food for our people.

Things could have been much worse, and I expect to see them much better.

With very best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

WCS:IML  
12/30/31



December 29, 1931

Harlin H. Cecil  
Lincoln National Life Ins. Co.  
Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. Cecil:

I thank you very much for your beautiful Christmas card, giving the picture of Abraham Lincoln in colors. Lincoln means much to me, because my father answered the first call of volunteers, and served, not only through the four years of the Civil war, but for nearly a year afterwards, before being discharged.

I shall save the picture.

Wishing you a successful and prosperous year, I remain

Sincerely yours,

WCS:IML  
12/30/31



December 29, 1931

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Geis  
Rent-a-Ford Agency  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear friends:

I wish to thank you for your unusually  
beautiful Christmas greeting.

The picture is, indeed, suitable for  
framing.

I hope that you and yours had a Merry  
Christmas, and that 1932 will prove  
a happy year for you all.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:IML  
12/30/31





THE adage we a grin should wear has come down through the ages; that burdens we should blithely bear, e'en though they cut our wages; a kindly word for fellow man, and on our face a smile, and kind deeds do whene'er we can, and happy be the while. . . . If trouble comes don't show you care, don't think it is a curse; instead of wailing in despair, just say it could be worse. And so I say this world's immense, good fortune to us close is; though wheat brings but thirty cents, the smile on my map froze is. . . . We've not much cause for feeling sad, to the future look with fun, what matters it if things seemed bad, this ends old Thirty-one. If folks elsewhere sadly pined, at us cast poignant glances, the reason was not hard to find, 'twas cause we lived in Kansas. . . . We raised a crop of wheat and corn and loudly did we tell it, the price did not make us forlorn — we did not have to sell it. What mattered it if price went down and fortune seemed but dregs? Kansas folks did wear no frown — they still raised ham and eggs. . . . And so we smile with princely grace and cheer up every neighbor, though those same smiles may sprain our face, while at our daily labor. And now good times are headed back, with happy smiles we'll greet them — we need not moan, alas, alack, but be on hand to meet them. . . .

Much wealth, good health, and friends most dear,  
A toast I send to you — For you and yours,  
This coming year of Nineteen Thirty-two.

Great Bend, Kansas

Will Townsley



December 29, 1931

Mr. Will Townsley  
The Tribune  
Great Bend, Kansas

Dear Mr. Townsley:

I like what you said in your Christmas greeting, and also the particularly fortunate manner in which you have said it.

As a people, we have received much, and have been thankful for little. What we have considered hard times, would be considered by many countries of the earth, as being unusually good. Perhaps the period of depression will result in our having a greater appreciation for what we have received.

With very best wishes for you and yours,  
for the New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours,

WCS:IML  
12/30/31



December 29, 1931

Mr. George Docking  
First National Bank  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear George:

I received your Merry Christmas, and good wishes, and feel with you, that the spirit of Christmas can be carried through the year, when one gives conscientious service.

You are fortunate in being connected with a bank that has had a long and honorable existence, and we hope that the year to come will be both pleasant and prosperous.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:IML  
12/30/31





SEASON'S  
GREETINGS

# THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

December, 1931

MERRY CHRISTMAS and GOOD WISHES !

Ever since that historic pilgrimage of the Three Wise Men to the new-born Babe in the manger, the world has been made brighter and happier each year through the sharing of the glad Christmas Spirit in commemoration of that event.

It is fitting, therefore, that we should recall the pleasant and cordial relations with our many loyal customers and friends during the past year and express our appreciation of your friendship, good will and kind regard.

It will be our constant endeavor to make the Spirit of Christmas which is so beautifully expressed in the one word—SERVICE—ever present in our contacts with friends and patrons the year 'round.

And we join with you in looking to the future with optimism and confidence; with a conviction that the year to come can be better than the year passed; with a firm belief that the complex and obstinate problems of today can be met and overcome through faith, courage, fortitude and determination.

May the joys and happiness of the Christmas Season be yours in abundance, and to this we add our sincere hope that we may be privileged to be of genuine service to you in the year ahead.

GOOD WISHES and a HAPPY NEW YEAR !

The First National Bank

The National Cathedral, now in the process of construction at Washington, D. C., has inspired this richly beautiful etching by the well known etcher, A. F. Mettel.



December 29, 1931

Rev. & Mrs. L. P. Russell  
1792 Oxford St.  
Berkeley, California

Dear friends:

It seemed good to hear from you, and our only regret is that you are not both in the best of health. If Mr. Russell is having trouble with his heart, he might find a great deal of help in the use of the medicine which we sent you. We find that a great deal of heart trouble is occasioned by the condition of the stomach.

Dr. Watts, who was our pastor for a little over seven years, has returned to Massachusetts. I think he did a very creditable work here, but as is always the case, there were some who wanted a change. Christ was not able to please everyone, so it is not strange that his ministers, now on earth, have no better success than their master. However, we have no real cause for complaint. The total indebtedness of the church is about \$1,000, and it has a building fund of nearly \$7,000. Also a fund of \$4,000 left by Mr. Grovenor, the interest on which, is used every year to send the pastor to the Northern Baptist Convention. Any amount not used for that purpose may be used in other ways.

I presume you were aware of the death of Mrs. Prentice, oldest member of our church, both in years and in length of membership. Mr. Carpenter also passed away. We suffered a great loss, as a church, in the death of Mrs. Thomas, the wife of our student pastor. She died after a short illness, caused by infection through a little pimple on her forehead. She was a lovely woman, and very helpful to Mr. Thomas in his work.

Mrs. Simons and I spent Christmas with our second daughter, Janet, in her home in Minneapolis, Kansas. She has two beautiful children, a girl and a boy. We have a great deal of pleasure in our grandchildren, six in number.

I can see you now, as you used to be in the pulpit, and the force with which you preached. You may remember that I cautioned you about using your voice so strenuously.

There is probably not a great deal of difference in our ages. I had my 60th birthday last July, but fortunately, I do not feel old, nor on the shelf, and some way I feel that no one is really old



12/29/31--Rev. & Mrs. Russell, P. #2

as long as he continues to have an open mind.

With very best wishes to you both, in which Mrs. Simons joins me, I remain

Sincerely and cordially,

WCS:IML



December 29, 1931

*Merriam* Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Johnson  
Marion, Kansas

Dear friends:

Permit me to express appreciation for the beautiful greeting card just received. The card was very attractive, and I assure you that it was appreciated.

In regard to the card which you enclosed concerning your candidacy, we have told several other candidates that we appreciated the fact that you were a candidate last year, and that you had carried this county, and that we saw no good reason why we should not favor your candidacy this year. So perhaps next year, you can have your printing done in the state plant.

With very best wishes for the new year,  
I remain

Sincerely yours,

WCS:IML



December 29, 1931

Mr. John Redmond, Pres.  
Kansas Press Association  
Burlington, Kansas

Dear John:

I have just written a letter to W. A. Bailey, concerning our committee work, and send a carbon copy herewith, as it will explain why I cannot accept your invitation to speak before the association at Wichita.

I think you appreciate the fact that I would do almost anything within my power, that you asked me to do.

With very best wishes to you and Mrs. Redmond, I remain

Sincerely yours,

WCS:IML  
12/30/31



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Lawrence Journal-World  
Lawrence, Kansas

December the 28th  
1931

Dear Simons:

I want you to write a 300-word piece right now about "How Do You Justify Your Prices for Printing?" and send it to me at Wichita in care of the Allis Hotel. And then I want you to be at Wichita in person to read it at the annual meeting of the Kansas Press association, January 15 and 16. I realize that it is hard to stop at 300 words, but you can say a lot in 300 words. I'm counting on you. Please say yes p.d.q. so I can get your name on the printed program.

Sincerely yours,

*John Redmond*  
John Redmond  
President

*If you cant come, send Dolph or one of  
the other good men in your organization*



# The Miami Republican

Drew McLaughlin, Editor and Owner

PAOLA, KANSAS  
December 23, 1931.

Mr. W. C. Simons,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Simons:-

Tonight, after I got the paper on the press I started to write to a few of my good friends. So, I am writing a word to you, and it is to pass on to Dolph.

My wish is that you and yours--the entire Simons clan--have the happy, happy Christmas you so richly deserve, and I hope that 1932 will prove most kind to you all.

Sincerely,

*Drew McLaughlin*

*If you did not  
send card - why not  
answer?  
D.D.*



December 29, 1931

Drew-McLaughlin  
The Miami Republican  
Paola, Kansas

Dear Drew:

Dolph and I both, appreciate the personal greeting sent us under date of December 23. We thank you for your good wishes, and hope that 1932 will be a happy and prosperous year for you and yours.

Sincerely yours,

WCSEIML  
12/30/31





Christmas Greetings

1931- eavl-





Gen. A. F. Lorenzen





MAIL  
EARLY  
FOR  
CHRISTMAS



Mr. H. C. Simons,  
Journal - World,  
Lawrence,  
Kansas.



122 S. Michigan Ave.



December 29, 1931

Gen. A. F. Lorenzen  
122 S. Michigan Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Lorenzen:

I wish to thank you for the Christmas greeting received several days ago, and will take occasion at this time to express appreciation for the earnestness with which your organization has looked after our business.

The Journal-World will not make as much money in 1931 as it did in the previous year, but nevertheless, it has done a business for which many publishers would be extremely thankful. We have no cause whatever, for complaint, and instead, are gratified that we have done so well.

We hope that 1932 will see a market upturn in business of all kinds.

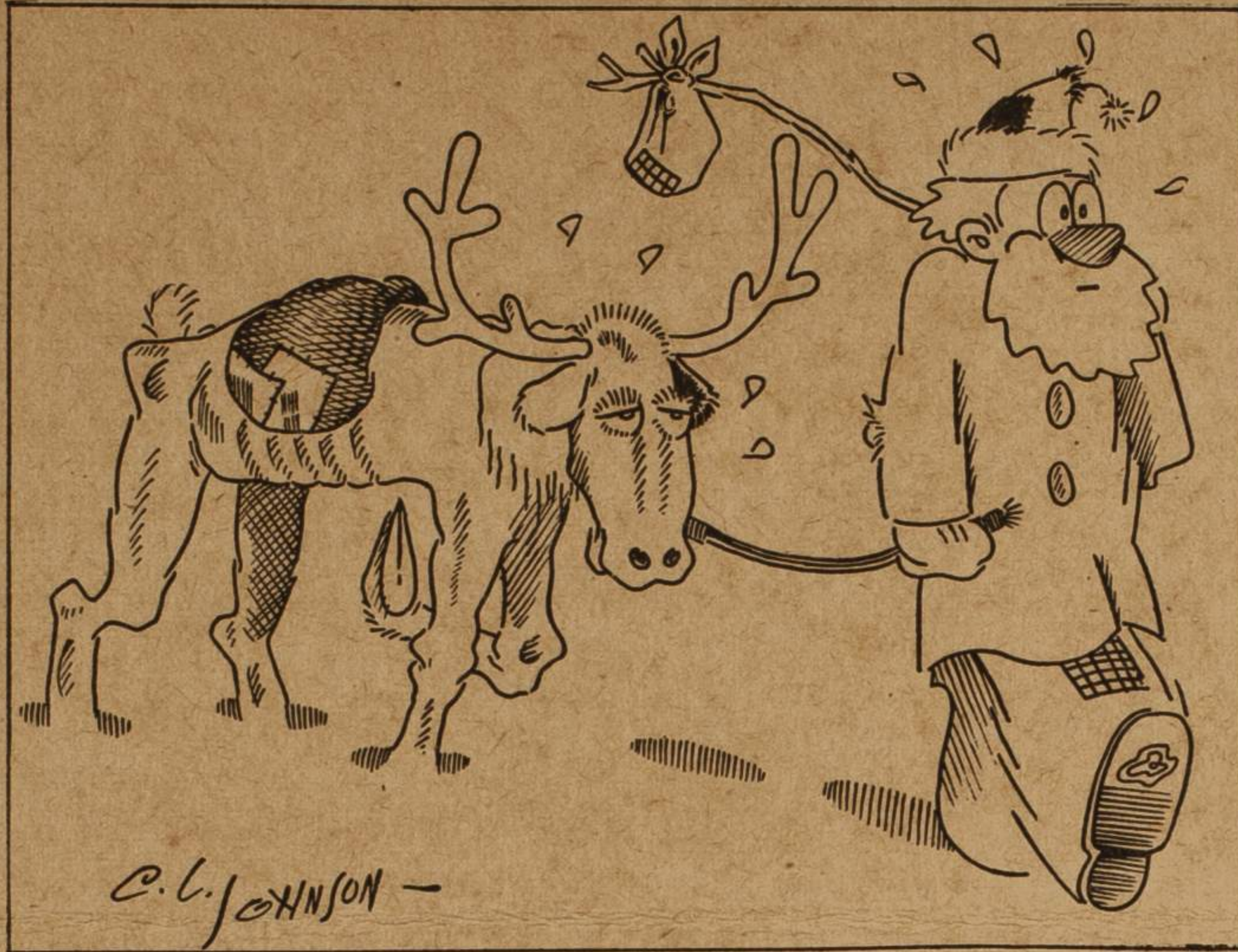
With very best wishes to you and your associates, I remain

Sincerely yours,

WCS:IML  
12/30/31



CHEER UP—SANTA CLAUS IS ON HIS WAY



Latest A. P. advices are to the effect that the Depression has hit the North Pole, but as yet the Unemployment situation has not been felt there. Santa is still on the job.

WE ARE ON THE JOB TOO

—and we are wishing, with all our hearts, for you and all of yours—

The Merriest Christmas

and the

Happiest of New Years

THE KEILMANN FAMILY

Uncle Dave, Ki, Lucy Jane and Mrs. Ki



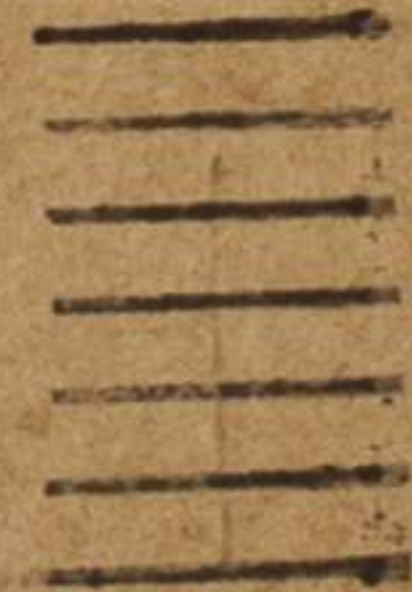
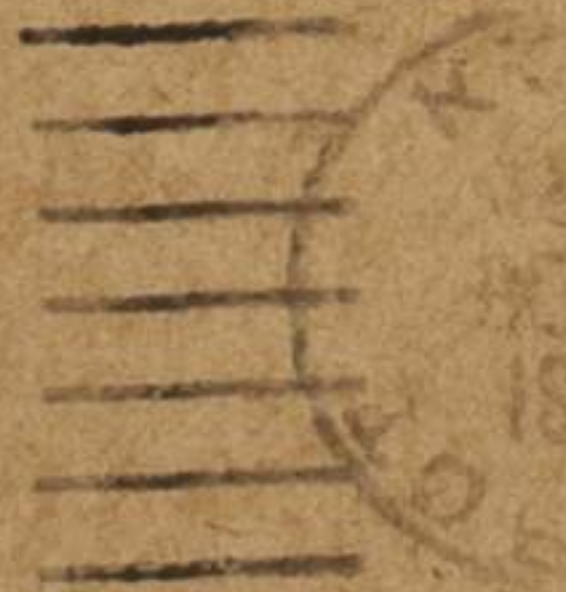


Mr and Mrs W. C. Simons,

Journal-World

Lawrence Kans

1930 sent





December 29, 1931

E. D. Keilmann & Family  
Topeka Capitol  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear friends:

If the purpose of sending Christmas greetings is to bring good cheer, your card measures about 200%. I don't know when I have had a heartier laugh than I did at your card.

Poor old Santa! He certainly looks as if he were pretty well fagged out through bearing the burdens of many Christmas seasons. The reindeer too, seems just a little tired.

It was a good card, and good clean fun.

Please remember me kindly to the family.

With very best wishes, I remain

Your friend,

WCS:IML  
12/30/31



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December 29, 1931

Capt. Herbert L. Kuhn  
Attorney at Law  
46 Morrison Avenue  
West Somerville, Mass.

My dear Captain:

Both Mrs. Simons and I enjoyed very much your Christmas letter, and I am sure that we both would have enjoyed making your last summer's trip through interesting portions of Massachusetts.

I think of you many times, and always with real appreciation for the kindness extended to me when I was in Boston.

I hope to take time enough to visit many places of interest in New England. As I have told you before, my forbears came over early, and had a part in all of the early struggles of the colonies.

Mrs. Simons joins me in wishing you and yours a happy and prosperous year.

Most sincerely,

WCS:IML  
12/30/31





On behalf of the Staff and Student Body  
of Haskell Indian Institute,  
founded to conserve and to enhance the  
contribution of our  
American Indians to the Nation's life,  
it is a pleasure to convey to you and yours  
sincere and hearty greetings of the  
Christmas Season

Cordially yours,

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*Lawrence*  
*Kansas*



December 29, 1931

Dr. Robt. D. Baldwin, Supt.  
Haskell Institute  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Baldwin:

We were glad to receive the card which brought good wishes from yourself, and from the student body of Haskell.

We have long been deeply interested in the work at Haskell, and in the development of Indian youth.

We hope that you will enjoy your stay at Haskell, and that the pleasant relations already established with the city of Lawrence may continue for many years.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:IML  
12/30/31





May your Christmas day dawn with joy,  
close with cheer, and be only the  
beginning of happy days to come



1804 Stevens Ave  
Parsons Kans.

1930 sent -

Ever & always the

same old friend —

J. P. Maves



December 29, 1931

Mr. J. P. Graves  
1804 Stevens Ave.  
Parsons, Kansas

Dear Joe:

I have received your pretty Christmas greeting, and wish you a full measure of joy and prosperity for the coming year.

Please conduct yourself less like a capitalist, so that the footpads will not hold you up. This business of looking like a millionaire is hard to live down.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:IML  
12/30/31



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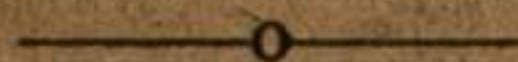


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# BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

## **PREFACE**

The facts and fancies found in this huge volume have been laboriously collected and compiled by Chester Klinefelter Shore, B. P. O. E., who was delegated by the Growler Society, Ltd., to clear up many things of a mythical and historical nature. After spending many hours on the seat of learning in Chick Sale's rural college, the material for this volume was collected. Many pleasant hours have been spent on the works. The author hopes that his idle moments were not in vain.

The Growler Society, under whose authority this volume is published, was organized soon after the stock market crash two years ago. Instead of running some fool for a public office it decided to impart knowledge. The Society is composed of underdogs who were at one time big squirts.



## BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

Christopher Columbus did not discover America.  
The installment man did.

—○—

Salome was the first person to cut down the  
overhead.

—○—

Lot's wife was one girl who didn't walk home.

—○—

Pharaoh's daughter was the first one in history  
who had a story and stuck to it.

—○—

Joan of Arc was the first girl to wear tin pants.

—○—

Paul Revere was really the "father of his coun-  
try." He raised a thousand men over night.

—○—

Noah was the first fruit shipper. He had a cargo  
of "pairs."

—○—

Mark Anthony caused Cleopatra to "seize" snakes.

—○—

Mars in olden times was the God of War. Today  
Mars is the God of Debt.

—○—

Robert Fulton was the first person to take the  
wind out of peoples' sails. Montgomery Ward was  
the first man to take the wind out of other peoples'  
sales.

—○—

Solomon was a man of 1000 alibis. He had 1000  
wives.

## BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

If George Washington had received a dog as a  
present, rather than a hatchet, perhaps the cherry  
tree would have lived.

—○—

Moses was the first physician. He prescribed a  
tablet to the people of the world which they have  
been trying to take ever since.

—○—

"Home Sweet Home" was composed by John  
Howard Payne over one hundred years ago. It is  
now an unpopular dance piece played as the con-  
cluding number of every dance.

—○—

A man by the name of Volstead wrote, "Paradise  
Lost."

—○—

The United States is the biggest building and  
loan association in history. During the World War  
they built arms and ships for the allies and then  
turned around and loaned them money with which  
to buy them.

—○—

Modern plumbing was installed in Windsor Castle  
in England in 1871. The first Royal flush was  
drawn that year.

—○—

Cain was the first man "put on the spot."

—○—

Cupid, the god of love, became the husband of  
Psyche. Pluto was his uncle. This was the first  
drug store romance.



## BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

Daniel put on the first lion act. It was a dud.

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The frigate "Constitution" is more respected today than the constitution of the United States.

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The third battle of Bull Run was held on Wall Street a few months ago.

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A man named Drake drilled the first oil well. He died in poverty. The drillers of the latest oil wells are doing better. They are living in poverty.

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The fellow who said "I would rather be right than president" is dead. His saying is worth twice as much now as it was 50 years ago.

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Solomon had the first bathing beauty parade when his wives went to their bath every day.

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Golf originated in Scotland where the Scots of several generations ago clubbed a ball over the moor in order that they would not waste any time sitting around on rainy days.

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King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table were the first racketeers. When they donned their armor they made more noise than a boiler factory.

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Horatius won the first bridge prize. He received a farm for defending a bridge against the attack of 90,000 Etruscans.

## BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

Adam had the first successful operation. A rib was taken from him which in turn became Eve. Eve's daughters have been talking about operations ever since.

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Samson won the first poker game. He used a part of a jack and beat a king.

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Benjamin Franklin invented the "put and take" game. He invented the heating stove which people have been putting up and taking down for almost two hundred years.

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The National Guardsmen of Oklahoma had steady employment in 1931.

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Joseph of Israel was the head of the first farm board. He is the only one who made a success of his job.

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Bad men and women were punished in the American colonies by being put in stocks. Men and women of America were punished the last two years for owning stocks.

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A football is made from the skin you love to touchdown.

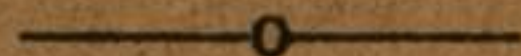
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George Washington whipped the British while in his short pants.

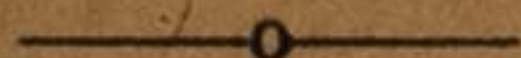


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Custer's last stand was not a filling station.



Noah was the first big game hunter.



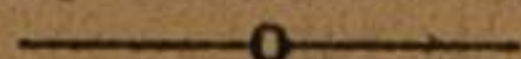
The first Kansas newspaper was printed under a tree where Leavenworth is now located. The editor aired his views.



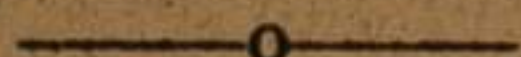
George Washington was the first insurance salesman who failed. He tried to sell his country on preparedness.



Birds and United States congressmen scatter seeds for nothing.



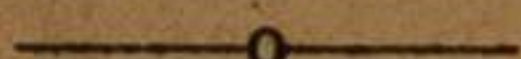
The Puritans held the first Thanksgiving because they were thankful that they crossed the Atlantic "first class."



Jonah was the first submarine captain.



The first talking machine was made from Adam's rib.

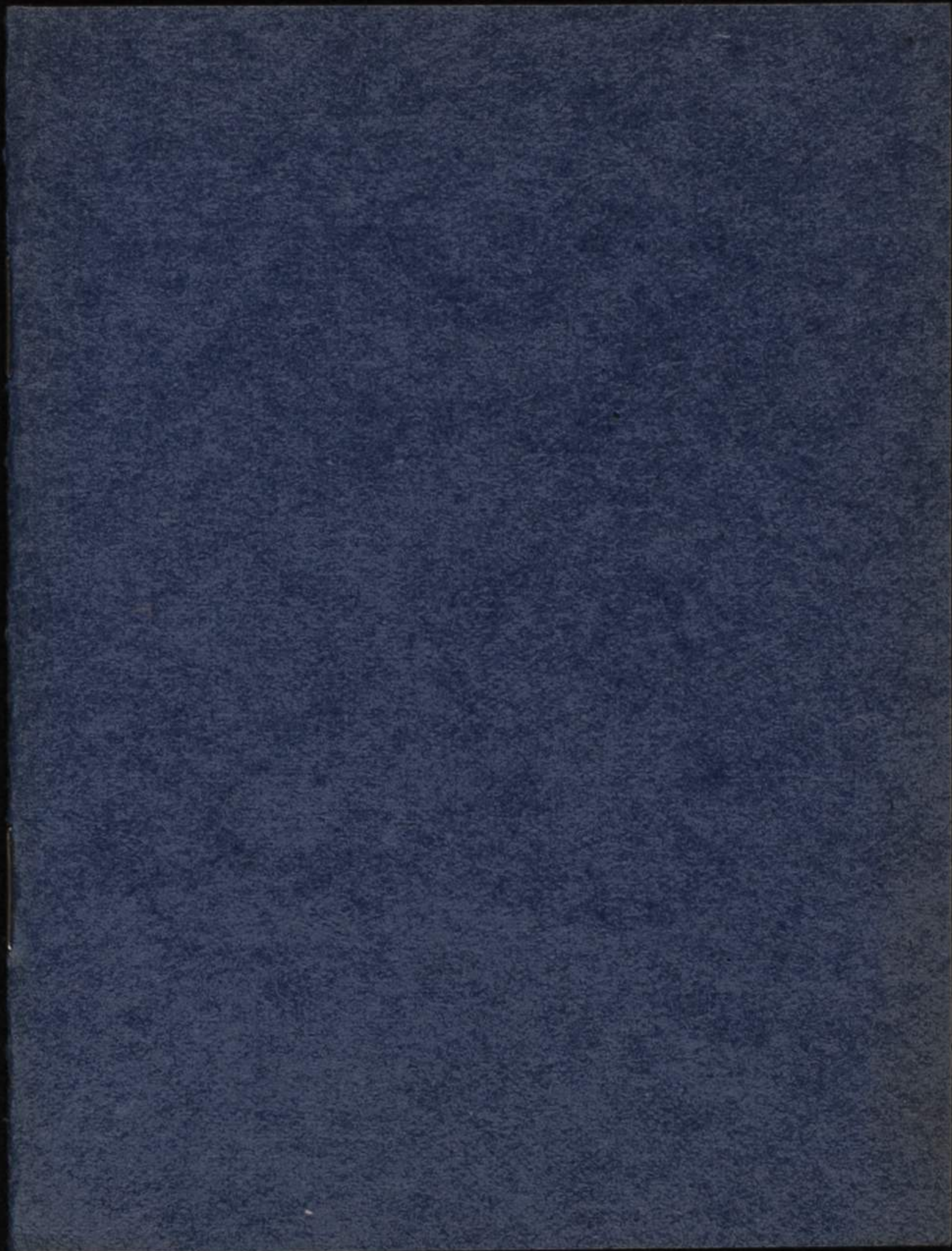


Abraham Lincoln made the United States "the land of the free." Three Star Hennessy made it "the land of the brave."



Reno, Nevada, has the greatest used husband and wife mart in the world.







## BITTERSWEET

YOU are a Gypsy Magdalene,  
A woman of the street;  
Dressed in flaming colors—  
Bittersweet!

You flaunt yourself so openly  
With utmost confidence;  
Yet seem to cling so helplessly—  
A mere pretense!

I find the lily boresome;  
And roses, much too sweet.  
So, open-eyed, I choose you—  
Wanton! Cheat!

Original poetry for Christmas. We can't think up anything new—so here is something old.

Bertha Shure  
Augusta Gazette



1930

Send —



December 29, 1931

Mr. Chester K. Shore  
Augusta Gazette  
Augusta, Kansas

Dear Chet:

I am going to write you as a father would a son,  
even at the risk of displeasing you.

I was very much chagrined to find in your greeting card, the inclusion of your wife's name on the title page, and then to find in several places in the letter booklet, suggestive matter.

I think it is a mighty good practice to think of suggestive matters as little as possible, to seldom receive them, and never print them.

Mrs. Shore is a sweet, winsome woman, and I am sure if you had given a second thought to the matter, you would either have cut out the things to which I refer, or else you would have removed her name from the title page.

There was a lot of good, clever matter in your book of knowledge, and the things I have referred to detracted from, rather than added to, my appreciation of your greeting.

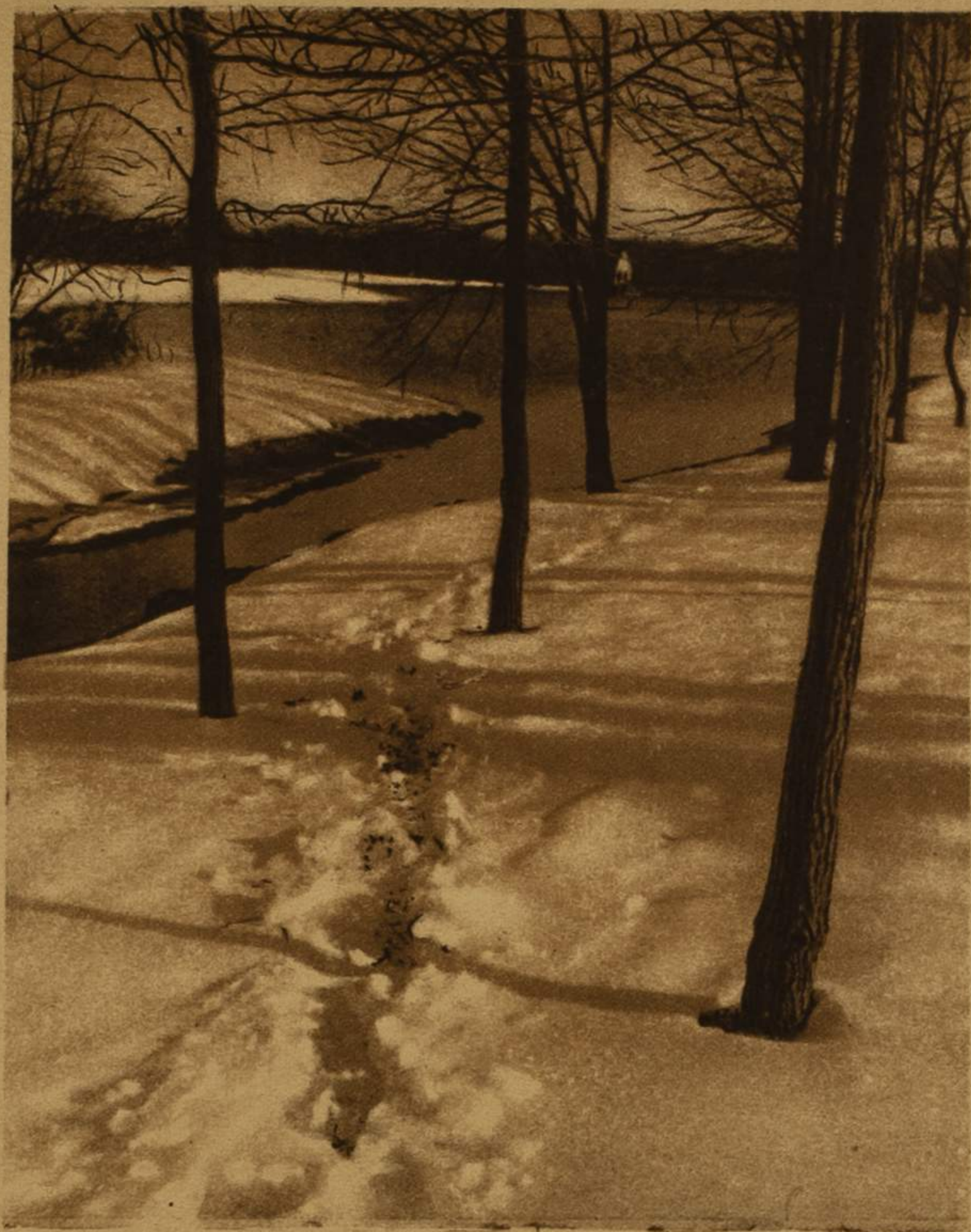
We also received a nice letter greeting card from your sister.

I have known you so well, and always think of you so kindly, that I feel justified in writing you as I have, but I hope you will not be offended.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:IMB  
12/30/31





Wishing you a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year





With best wishes  
for a Merry Christmas -  
and to you all  
a Happy New Year -

The Duplex Printing Press Co.  
Wm. K. Stone  
President

Christmas  
1931



GORDON R. WEST

SAINT LOUIS

20 December 1931.

Dear Mr. Simons:

This brings you and yours cordial greetings of the Christmas season and my wish that the coming year may hold much happiness and gratification for you.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon R. West

Mr. W. C. Simons,  
The Journal-World,  
Lawrence, Kansas.



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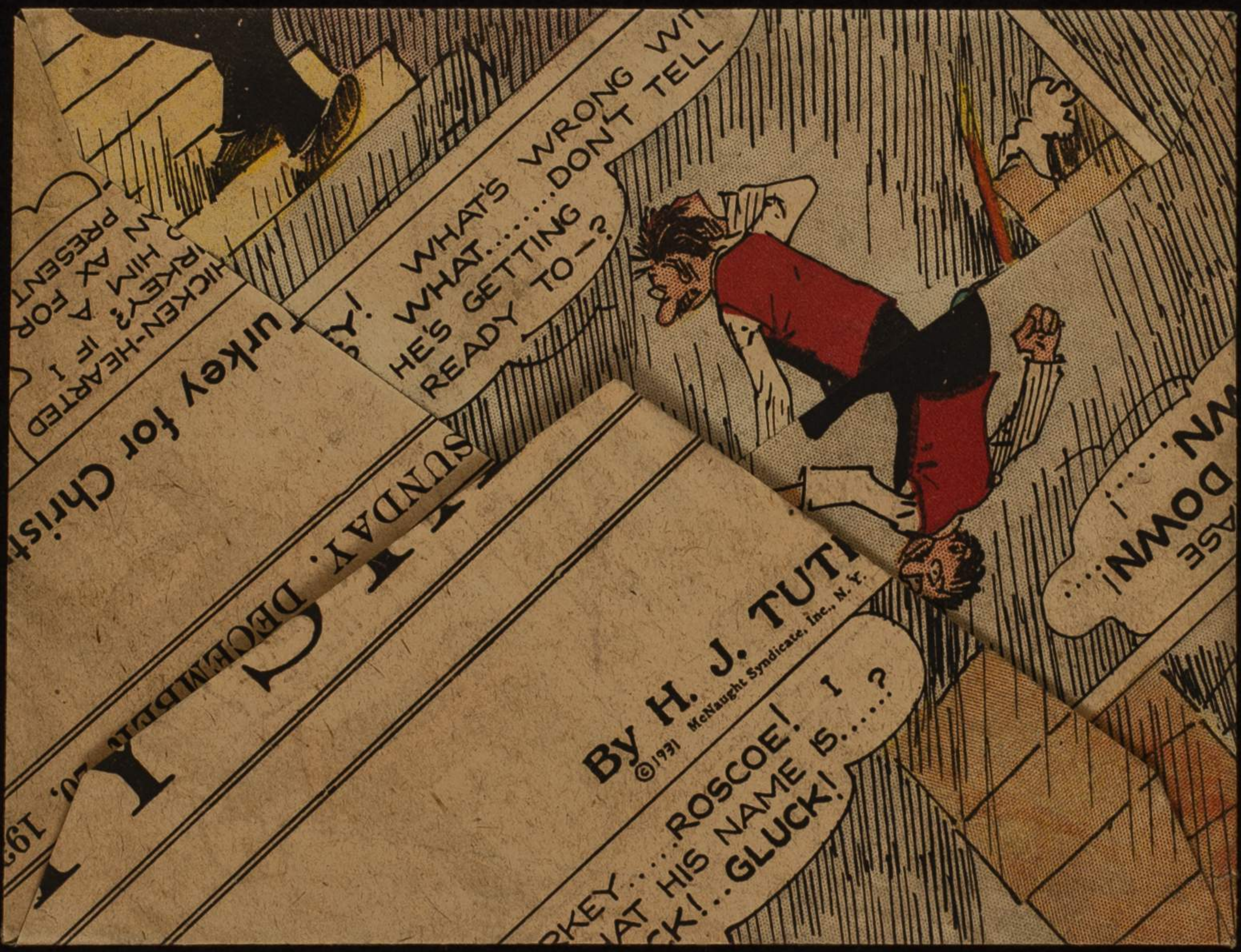
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER

By H. J. TUTT  
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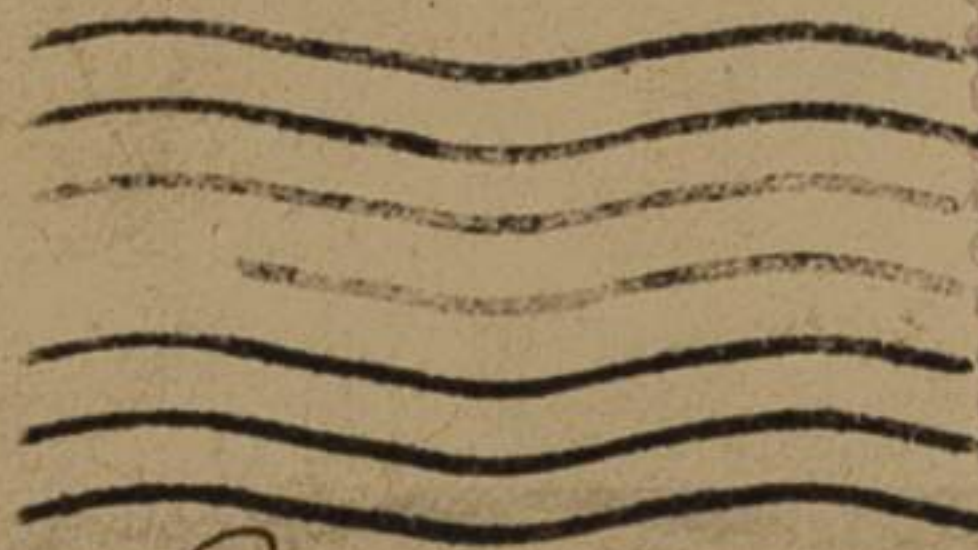
Emil Held





1930

sent



Mr C W Simons and family  
The Journal Family  
Lawrence  
Kansas



From Gust Alder  
320 Market Street  
San Francisco  
California



December 29, 1931

Mr. Emil Held  
320 Market St.  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Held:

It was mighty good of you to remember me in spite of the nineteen years that had intervened since you put over Lawrence "Today and Yesterday." That publication still holds its place as one of the finest souvenirs ever issued by a Kansas paper.

On the 14th of this month, I completed forty years of newspaper work in Lawrence, and very much to my surprise, my son, Dolph Simons, now Business Manager, had arranged a very happy dinner party for our entire force, with their husbands and wives, at which was read letters of congratulation from a number of my friends. It was a very happy occasion.

While 1931 will not prove as profitable to us as the previous year, still we have no occasion for complaint, and on the contrary perhaps, should congratulate ourselves that we have done so well. We hope that we have reached the low mark and that from now on things will be better instead of worse.

With good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

WCS:IML  
12/30/31



December 28, 1931

Mr. Robert Stone  
National Reserve Bldg.  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Stone:

Our employes of the World Company, have very generously raised a fund, for the purpose of having an oil painting of me.

This was done as their gift on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of my coming to Lawrence.

I should like to have you tell me what you think of Mr. A. L. Tice, as a portrait painter. I understand that he was associated for sometime with your brother.

As this will be my one and only experience, it is like a wedding in that I wish to secure the right party.

With best wishes for the coming year,  
I remain

Sincerely yours,

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Samuel S. Baty  
Lawrence, Kansas

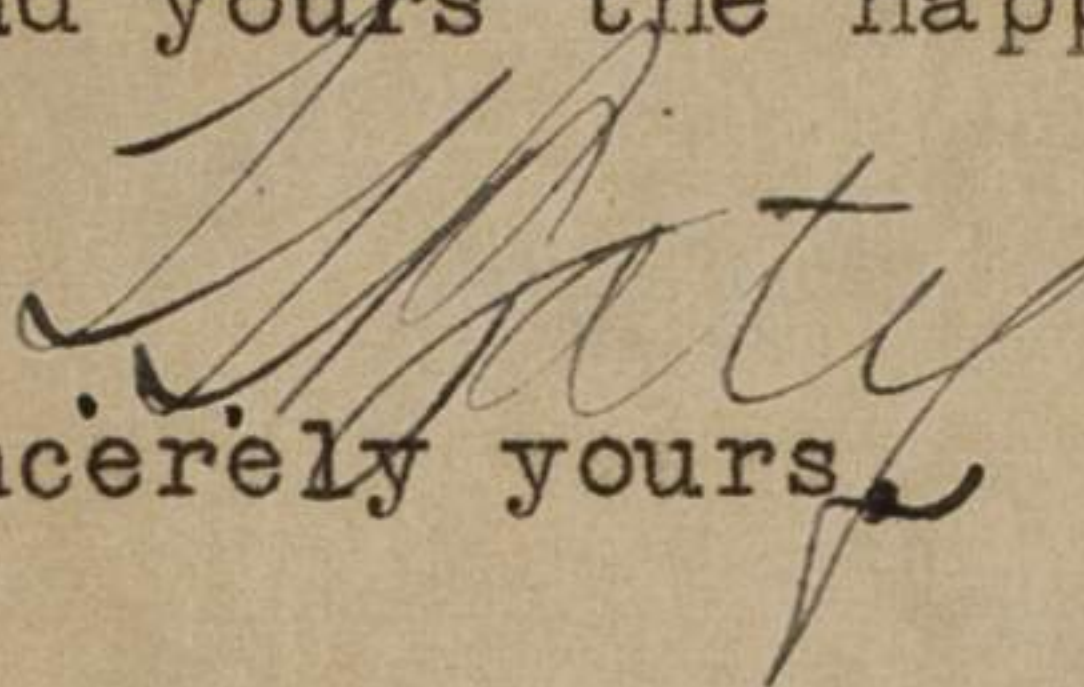
December 28, 1931.

Mr. W. C. Simons,  
722 Massachusetts St.,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Simons:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a very beautiful tie, bearing your card, and I want to say that I very much appreciate receiving it, and especially the kindly thought which prompted the sending.

May I wish for you and yours the happiest of New Years.

  
Sincerely yours,



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December 24, 1931

Mr. W. C. Simons  
Journal World  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Colie:

You certainly were entitled to your anniversary celebration, and I was glad to have a part in it. The Saturday before it was held Dolph was in the office with his brother-in-law and we got a kick out of anticipating how surprised you would be.

At the time I doubt whether you knew how much help you were giving me, for I talked with you frequently about newspaper problems and your advice always was substantial. Even after Mr. Brady came to Salina I used to talk matters over with you whenever we were together at newspaper conferences, and I always was grateful for the fact that you treated me just as cordially as you did before Mr. Brady became my competitor. Naturally, I did not ask for information that would have been injurious to him, but there were many problems about which I needed the experience which you had gained by years of work, and probably at considerable cost to yourself. After all business and life is made up of little things and it was your constant courtesy when I imposed upon you frequently that created the feeling that I always have had regarding you.

I hope you will live many more years to enjoy the advantages you have made possible for yourself and your family, and that I always shall be numbered among your friends.

Sincerely

*Roy F. Bailey*  
General Manager  
THE SALINA JOURNAL

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