October 25, 1940

Mrs. Charles H. Hoinville
7539 Colfax Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Julia and Charles:

I enjoyed very much my few hours in your home and your fine dinner.

The ride home was uneventful but was interesting in one particular. When the train pulled into Kansas City, the porter took my grip to the platform, so I had to leave the coach with the idea of going forward to a car that would come to Lawrence, but, to my surprise, I found that the train which left Chicago at 8:15 was just about ready to go out so I stepped aboard and arrived in Lawrence an hour or more earlier than otherwise would have been the case. You see I gained two hours and ten minutes on those who took the 8:15 train.

I took Charlie home last night from the office and find that all are well, and I think it will not be long until they move.

Today, it is quite warm, being 84 in the front part of our office and it, undoubtedly, has been warmer than that outside. No killing frosts yet at our home, although many trees have taken on their autumnal colorings.

Gertie and I went out for a short while last evening to attend the Fiftieth Anniversary of Scott Holloway as a merchant at Nineteenth Street. The nearer I approach the fiftieth anniversary of my coming to Lawrence, the less sure I am in regard to what I may do. I do not particularly like the idea of a Fiftieth Anniversary in business because of its indication that you are about through.

I had a letter today from Kathryne Drought stating that she is improving and hopes to be able to leave the hospital soon.

We shall be glad to see you here soon and trust that you and Charles will have a little more time at your disposal.

Lovingly Your Brother

Simons Personal

October 15, 1940

Dear Etoile:

I am mighty glad that the situation at the bank is so much more satisfactory than we feared for a short while. I am glad to see your cheerful outlook and I think that is fine. It is so much better to be hopeful than sorrowful. I often recall Mamma's expression that it did no good "to cry over spilt milk".

Just as we try to settle down for a moment of repose some cussed organization reminds us of the frightful increases that are to be made this year in taxation of our incomes. Think what a lucky girl you are that you don't have to make out an income tax statement and then pay the bill. An income tax in many ways is a fair tax in that a person does not pay a tax unless he has received something. On the otherhand it has a tendency to stifle initiative and energy as many persons think, "What's the use of trying to do anything for the government will take it away from us anyhow".

I am expecting to go to Chicago Sunday afternoon, as a member of a committee which will call upon vice president Hastings of the Santa Fe. I think I shall come back Monday night and in that case will probably see Charlie in his office but possibly will not go out to the house. I understand that they expect to be here the last of the month for Vera Stough's birthday.

Dolph had made arrangements with Rardin to put the boat in our garage and to have it chained to the foundation of the garage with the chain and lock which is now at Don's. I bought quite a long chain a year ago last summer of a very highly tempered steel which could not be cut with a file. The garbage can should be placed in the attic over the room where our maids stayed. There is where we have put things of that sort.

Dolph and Marie had a very fine party Saturday night honoring Frances Nordlund and her husband to be, and members of our several families. Saturday of this week they are to be married and we are planning to attend, in which case Gertie and I will return to Lawrence Sunday morning and I will leave about one o'clock for Chicago.

I don't know to whom you refer as the dear little lady from District 55 unless it was Lena Miller Owen, a sister of Vanroy Miller, and she is a mighty fine and capable woman.

In your first paragraph you spoke of ten-year government bonds. These are the United States Savings Bonds and bear interest at approximately three per cent. For instance, seventy-five dollars put into a bond today is presumed to mature $100 in ten years and this rate of interest would not be enhanced even by the election of Willkie because the gonds are cashable but not transferable.

Let this letter be a letter to Grayce also. Much love from all of us.

Your brother,

W. C. Simons
Personal

October 15, 1940

Miss Lillian Cowdy
3751 Aldrich Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Lillian:

On Tuesday, the 8th of October, I gave the dedicatory address for a roadside marker commemorating the Battle of Black Jack. I thot you might be interested in reading my talk, so I send a clipping here ith and also a clipping from the Kansas City Times of the 11th.

I hope you are feeling much better. I can well imagine that with arthritis one needs to keep physically warm.

Love and best wishes,

Your brother cousin,

Lansing Personal

October 15, 1940

Mrs. Kathryne Drought
Tubercular Hospital
Lansing Avenue
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Kathryne:

I hope that you have already shown marked improvement. I have had nothing further from you and hope that no news is good news.

I thought you would be interested in the enclosed picture. I gave the dedicatory address and I enclose herewith a copy of same.

Love and best wishes,

Your cousin,

Simons Personal

October 9, 1940

Miss Etoile B. Simons
Tree Tops, Route 3
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Etoile:

I will make this largely a business letter. If you will recall, you had signed your agreement limiting the number of payments you should receive from Louis' estate before I had time to communicate with you.

I had presumed and I think you had presumed that at the time you made the adjustment that the $4150 set aside for the completement of Louis' request was an additional amount to be paid you following the date of this agreement. That amount would cover the payment of $50 a month for nearly seven years, to say nothing of accretion. If the bank is correct that the total amount still to your credit is $230, the contract you signed must have been on the basis of $4150 total, less accretions, as your share of Louis' estate and that all amounts you had previously received to the date of signing the contract were deductible from the amount due you. I hope that that is not the case.

I think if I were you I should write John Lathrop sending him a copy of the notice you have received from the bank and ask him to investigate the matter and report to you. Even should it cost you something, it is the thing that you should do and it may not cost you anything to get his report. I certainly hope that the amount of $230 refers to something else and not to the final balance due you.

We are all well. We had our annual party for our co-workers last evening at our home and had a very fine time.

Please let me hear from you as soon as you get a report from Lathrop.

Love from all of you.

Your loving brother,

Here bonds increase at about 3% a year only.

Tree Tops, Gull Lake , Brainerd, Minnesota.

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Income Personal

My dear Collie:

Inclosed you will see the answer to the Trust Dept., letter I wrote recently and then told you. Thank you for reading my letter and answering it. I am glad that the report is no worse.

If Willkie is elected U. S. Bonds should rise in value. Maybe I shall be in better shape finaicially before the ten year bonds expire. Maybe too the stock C. H. H. bought for me will be worth more.

Anyway you see I am hopeful. I am well and still have faith. I caught a fish last evening or late afternoon, which is some thing. I tried to follow my nephews method of putting in my line ge gently. I have not weighed it but know it is heavier than the fish I caught in the Pawnee after Grayce and I walked to the Pawnee when she was fiveand I a few years older, but still lacking in wisdom.

I once rode in a boat in Lake Hoinville when some one of the boys fished. That was when the lake had many, judging by the many fish caught in a few moments.

Julia wrote a happy letter to me recently, from the "Hills". She had worked too hard but had enjoyed herself anyway. I think she will be in Chicago Monday. They have been staining the house I understand.

Judging by the weather report we shall have nearly a week of mild weather. Today , however, there is a strong north wind.

Has Dolph made arrangements with any man to bring in his boat? With the house boarded up a sneak might be tempted to take it away. I noticed that the garbage can is out too. Grayce and I visited the property recently. Raleigh tried to catch a chipmuck which was interested in the place. It ran under the house. Raleigh did too, but it escaped under some wood I think. Plants are pretty

should go in also

about both houses but have been chilled some.

Love and best wishes to all. Grayce entertained four ladies from St Cloud the other day. They enjoyed themselves and we did. The postman brought in the mail to dayowing to a registered letter he delivered.

I enjoyed your Blac k Jack address. I think Grayce and Don did too. It was good.

Kindly return my bank mail if you please. Thank you

I noticed my dear little lady from District 55 was in attendance at the ceremony. I wonder if any ancestor or ancestors of hers were in the ~~batt~~ battle or were very early settlers.

I refer to Nancy's letter.

Affectionately,

Etoile Van Ord,

or

Etoile B. Simons

October 3, 1940

Dear Etoile:

I have your good letter of recent date and will not attempt to answer it at this time but I wanted to pass on to you the word I received this morning of the death of Charles Ruff on September 4th. I think in many ways he was one of the finest Christian gentlemen I have ever known and I feel sure that Pawnee and Hodgeman counties are better because of the years he lived and served in that community.

Gertie will be home either Friday or Saturday from Dawson where she has spent a week with Dorothea. Dolph will return Friday from a six days' absence on a hunting trip to South Dakota. All are well and happy.

It does me good to receive your good letters and I really cannot convey to you how much it means to me to know that you are happy and are enjoy ng life.

I heard recently from Betty Drought, the wife of Willard Drought, that Mrs. Eugene Drought had been taken to the Tuberculosis ward of the local hospital, evidently with another flare-up of her old trouble. I have written them but have not had a reply. I hope that she will respond quickly to treatment as she is a noble and courageous soul. She undoubtedly would be glad to hear from you.

Give my love to Don and Grayce.

Lovingly your brother,

October 3, 1940

Dear Julia:

Gertie is in Dawson and expects to return Friday or Saturday. Dolph is hunting in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and expects to return Friday night. We spent the week end with Dorothea and family and had a very delightful visit.

I think you have reason to be proud of the record of your live stock and undoubtedly you have a good man in Mr. Bright.

Today I received from Charles one of his little communications containing a picture and I got quite a kick out of it. Tell him that I, too, have met the type De Graco speaks about. All I can say is "dog gone 'em".

I received today a letter from a daughter of Charlie Ruff stating that her father had passed away on the 4th of September. He was a good man and I think lived a very full life considering the limitations in which he was placed.

I know you have had a fine time at the Hills and am very glad that you and Charlie are having the opportunity to be together. Gertie and I are finding our present years very delightful in our companionship and I feel that you and Charles can have much more time together now you are not taking the responsibility for so many others.

I shall not write more today. Our advertising department appreciated your compliment regarding our September 1st issue.

Lovingly your brother,

Placed in brown safe in Envelope properly marked -

October 4, 1940

Captain H. L. Kuhn
24 Brewster Street
Plymouth, Mass.

My dear Captain:

I don't know who owes the other a letter now, but I am again looking at your letter of March 11th in which you sent me a Patent issued to George Wilson for property in Coffey County. This is an interesting paper, but the signature of Abraham Lincoln, as you say, was probably written by someone appointed to attend to such matters.

While you are now on the Reserve Officer list, should our country be involved in war you doubtless would be called upon for service. I sincerely hope that we can keep out of the war into which we may be forced in order to protect our property, form of government, freedom of thought and religion and the home life that is so dear to Americans.

I think that Hell would have few torments worse than you or I would find in living under a Hitler controlled government. I feel quite sure that you are standing with me at this time in the support of Willkie as one who heads the movement to rescue our government from as ruthless a band of financial cut throats as has ever despoiled a nation.

I have just read Flynn's book "A Country Squire in the White House". He says that he does not believe Roosevelt is made of dictatorship stuff nor that he desires to be a Hitler, but he does feel certain that whether he realizes it or not, Roosevelt is paving the way toward a dictatorship in the United States. I think you would be interested in reading the book and also in reading "The Smoke Screen" by Samuel Pettengill, a former Democratic congressman.

I should like to make a return visit to New England sometime and, if I do, you may be sure that I will take the time to look you up and have a renewal of our interesting acquaintance.

Sincerely yours,

24 Brewster Street,
Plymouth, Mass.
March 11, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Simons:

Your letter just received and this time I will be prompt in my reply as I wish to mention a few things that interest us both.

I am very glad that the old instrument reached the right hands that will undoubtedly appreciate more than I did. As previously stated I have been a collector of numerous things since my teens although some have become a past fancy when I see anything of past interest I get it and give it to some one who makes a specialty in that line.

I have of late purchased confederate currency, stocks, bonds

and other Civil War papers at these mail auctions and learned many things of interest and to my liking but on some occasions I have to buy the whole lot to get what I do want and the other instruments are of secondary interest to me as were these Kansas deeds although I have kept them until now, and am enclosing another deed of the time of the Civil War which has a very good historical background, At first I thought it was President Lincoln's signature but have come to the same conclusion as I did with the other instrument that of his secretary, whose data I looked up and wrote in pencil on the back of the instrument.

I have however signatures and instruments of some of the presidents that are genuine.

Upon the party I spoke of
her name was Daisy Howard
DeWitt, she married a Howard
~~##~~ Wood, and had several sons,
one of which is a doctor in
Columbus Ohio to-day. Her
folks moved just before the
war to Salina Kansas where
they are to-day. Later the girl
I loved her husband, who died
soon after, and married one
named Norman, I think that
was the name. She was born in 1896,
and once when she wrote me
I mentioned how I had met
some one from Kansas, naming
you, and her reply was she
worked for you at one time,
I should judge in the office.
I haven't heard from them for
some time.

Speaking of collecting, when I
was in Ohio in West Virginia
and Ohio were books along the
shore I frequently hunted and

found Indian Relics, and
recently Mrs. Kuhn and I
both are attending meetings of
an Archaeology Society who
live in Plymouth make a
special study of Indian
excavations of pre historic
days as well as that of the
modern Indian, many interesting
specimens are found along the
Cape Cod Canal and I too have
found some things, not of little
value here in Plymouth.
One of the Plymouth folks who
is President of the local society
a few years ago found the
pieces of a large vessel and
had it put together and has
it in his home, its about 2 ft
high and the same distance
in diameter. I understood
that Harvard College put it
together for him and after
they made their study, took
pictures and so forth, gave it

back to the finish.

There are but 6 of its kind in existance.

I am when I was in Boston I was a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society and also the Boston Numismatic Society, and when I was a boy I used to collect postage stamps and to-day do so to give away to those that have more of an interest in them than I do.

In the War the boys used to call me Sovereign King, and used to go out on the battlefield associate and barter with German and Austrian prisoners and collect and send home by parcel post the fruits of my collection, most of the things I got home, except the ball that went into my wrist when I got wounded.

Often have I visited public schools and lectured at Memorial

day and now & mistrio day
last take alery a box of
souvenirs, gas masks, helmets,
bombs and things that the eye
is of interest:
I have never passed up
anything that has an
interesting value or story,
born to old furniture
I once had a hobby of buying
that, kitchen nuts, beds, chairs
tables etc of a couple of hundred
years old, take off the old
paint, have repairs made and
refinished, except the replacement
of parts I often did the work
myself and my house is full
of it, some might call them
antiques, each piece has its
story of how I got it and the
trip I made when I got it
often it would be a profitable
trip and with a few moments
to spare I would troze
around get my chair, table,

or what not and sent it
home by express. Often on
military duty I would have
an afternoon off and come
back with a spinning wheel or
grandfather's clock. This
is no exaggeration. If I
see a chair in someone's
home that I much had rather
have the money than the chair
I come off with that chair and
they had their couple
dollars a what ever their
price was. Never, ~~with~~ well
if a thing is not worth asking
for it is not worth having
the party can but say no Ok.

Once on a professional trip
I had a client that used to
go over to Harvard College
and collect the cast off
clothes of the students to
distribute them among the
needy that came to his

attention, there were dozens of suits, overcoats, dress suits, etc., well I never have been over blessed with clothes, so I asked him if I couldn't have some, and he at first seemed surprised but gave me everything I picked out, that was fit for me to wear or could be made over, and even to-day I have a few things of that trip to Howard some eight years ago. I think I got as many as two dozen shirts and four suits and Prince Alberts, cut aways and evening tuxedoes.

However I didn't intend to go so much in detail, only to say I think I was rightfully named King of Dovenies, as I once had the bad habit of taking over old houses from the banks and making them liveable for tenants & myself.

I shall be very pleased
to send you from time to time
instruments of a historical
value which are only worth
to me, ~~the~~ my present Confederate
currency as a little over
$30,000 in face value with
bills averaging from a few
cents to $1.50 each according
to Scott's value, his total value
being over $250.00, with a market
value about one half. This is
many of the C.S.A.
the bills of
the Southern States I have not
gone so much in for, and when
I get these bills I often give them
away to those interested in them.
The Confederate States of America
bonds, with and without coupons
I have $21,850 in its face
values, with a market value
of around $20 ~~00~~, bonds are
harder to get than the bills
(currency).

I coincide on your opinions
on how to safe guard against
war, but I believe that in anothe
couple of years you will see
a large mobilization of troops
in United States regardless
of who is president.

My commission as Captain
ran out (~~seven~~ five years) & period
last month but re commissioned
in same grade for another
five years, so I may be called
again back into the Service,
even now I could have gone to
Service Schools and in training
if I hadn't been so old, forty
years of age being the dead line,
and now I am doing extension
tactics and techniques problems
prepared at Fort Leavenworth,
all map problems, and they are
not easy.

With best wishes of the season
and I hope the enclosed will be of
equal interest Respectfully, W. L. Kuhn

October 5, 1940

Mr. J. B. Eakin
Box 278
Santa Rosa, New Mexico

My dear Jess:

I am addressing you at Santa Rosa, altho I feel you may have been forced to leave ere this. Your letter reached me while I was in Minnesota and I don't believe I have answered it.

I appreciate the article you sent me about Mrs. W. S. Kenyon. She was unmarried when mamma and Julia first knew her. I am inclined to think that her name was Sweet.

I note in your letter of July 11th that you spoke of John Bowman near Riverside and Mrs. Jimmie Cunningham of near Gray Station having passed away. A letter received yesterday told me of the death of Charlie Ruff, which occurred September 4th. It is a long while since our families settled in Western Kansas, more than sixty-two years ago and I presume the number I used to know who are still living are very small. Now that Charlie has gone you are the only one from that county with whom I have any correspondence. Lauren Gowdy the last I knew was living in Sabetha, Kansas.

You may be a Democrat but I hope you will vote for Willkie this year as I am fearful for the future should Roosevelt be successful in securing a third term. I am confident that if Willkie is elected in November that improvements will be under way within ninety days that will furnish employment to several million men.

Every man who has a dollar in his pocket is a capitalist to that extent and you cannot blame people with little, or a great deal of money, for hesitating in investing it when our federal government is in the hands of men who are rapidly destroying our nation, whether they intend in so doing or not. I sincerely trust that New Mexico will come into the Republican fold this year.

Incidentally I expect that you have heard that Mrs. Simons had a fall at our home on April 22nd in which she broke her leg. She is getting around now pretty well but has not been able to cast aside at least one crutch.

Julia was here for two nights recently to see us and her granddaughter Mrs. Stough.

With best wishes for you and Mrs. Eakin, I remain,

Cordially your friend,

SANTA ROSA NEW MEXICO

July 11th 1940

Box 278

Mr W.C. Simons
Lawrence Kansas

Dear Collie:- Enclosed is a little more historical data relativ to early day life in Hodgeman Countay Kansas. I maybe driving an over zeal ratio in thinking you appreciate this hope not anyway. Hope you are all well. We are as well as usual. Oh boy is it hot and is it dry here. No wind to speak of and from ten o'clock until about four it is nearly suffocating the heat is nearly unbearable sometimes unusual here at least since 1934 while pastures are fair still it is on account of not being pastured heavily and an abundance of early moistures. Things are all dode here and we expect to move away have a prospect of a job at or near Santa Rosa if & if it vanishes we will otherwise move to Las Vegas I guess from what we hear western Kansas has had a plentiful supply of moisture. By the way John Bowman of near Riverside Kansas and Mrs Jinnie Cunningham of near Gray Station Capl both passed away quite recently you last both came to western Kansas as ever your Friend Jess

P.S. I had forgotten to mention that we are still having showers here and there the grasshoppers could stand a few showers

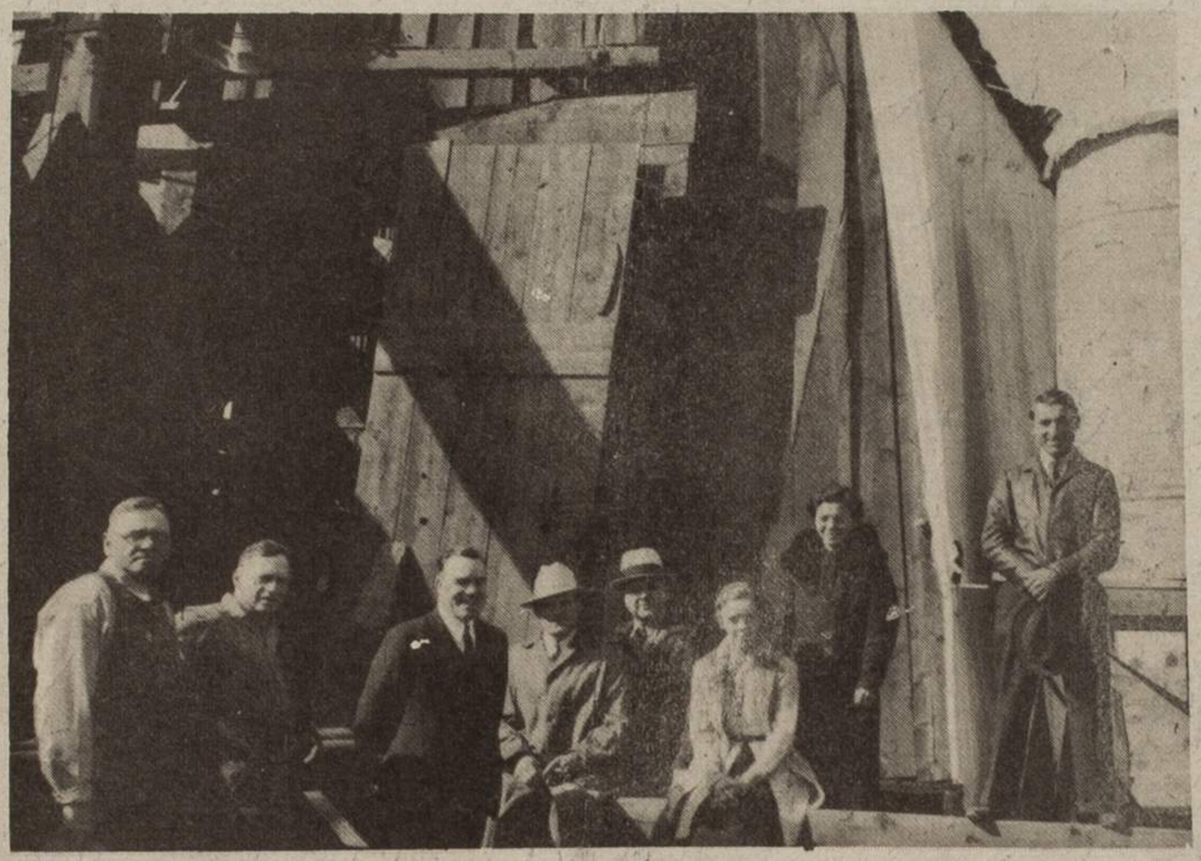


WE SHOW THIS GUSHER FOUND AT OKLA. CITY. JUST TO SHOW WHAT WE EXPECT TO HAPPEN IN OUR DEEP WELL. REMEMBER, EVERY GREAT OIL FIELD EVER DISCOVERED STATED FROM A WELL SUCH AS WE ARE STRIVING SO HARD TO COMPLETE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.



PINO SPRING.
FROM THIS SPRING WE PUMP WATER THROUGH A TWO INCH PIPE LINE FOUR MILES LONG TO OUR DEEP WELL. WATER FOR DRILLING AND THE STEAM BOILER.

DEEP WELL ON PINO MESA DOME NOW OVER 4200 FEET DEEP, AND DRILLING DEEPER TOWARD THE BIG OIL PAY WE HOPE TO FIND ANY TIME, PROVIDING WE CAN CONTINUE DRILLING.



GROUP AT DEEP WELL Nov. 7th, 1937



OIL SATURATION.
SAND STONE SATURATED WITH OIL, EVIDENCE THAT OIL EXISTS IN THIS VICINITY. WE THINK IT IS IN THE PINO MESA DOME. HELP FIND IT.

BRAVE MOTHERS HELPED TO BUILD SOUTHWEST

Mrs. W.S. Kenyon of Jetmore Pays Eloquent Tribute to the Pioneer Women at the Duncan Crossing Ceremonies

This moving tribute to the pioneer women of Hodgeman County was paid Sunday at the Duncan Crossing Ceremonies by Mrs. W.S. Kenyon of Jetmore:

There is an old Methodist hymn which begins: "Who are these arrayed in white?" and the answer is given in the second stanza, "There are they that bore the Cross."

This it seems to me aptly applies to our pioneer women. They bore the cross of privation and hardship all the stony way that transformed a bare and treeless plain into a paradise. The land that once vibrated to the tread of thundering herds of wild buffalo is now covered by thriving cities and happy homes. Men and women toiled painfully and ceaselessly to achieve this, and to women no less than to men, is due the praise and the honor. Not only in sponsoring the finer and sweeter things---the spiritual, educational and social side of life, but in the actual tilling of soil and building of homes, woman's hand was manifest.

In paying this tribute to pioneer women, one's mind turns naturally toward the aged, those who have endured the march. But looking back, one sees a dim and shadowy host of those who fell by the wayside; the girl bride, the young mother, these whose mortal eyes caught no gleam of the glory of today. Theirs are the early graves in our cemeteries, yet some sleep in unknown and forgotten places. As a poem in the old McGuffey's reader has it, "Many a nursing mother then, and new-born baby died."

What a pity that no record has been kept of all these brave souls, that their names might by preserved in some county archives as an inspiration to future generations. While knowledge of them is incomplete, this memorial seems incomplete without some personal mention.

In the western part of Hodgeman County, ther are remembered Mother Sinclair, whose pat of butter was never too small to divide with a sick neighbor; Mrs. Myers, Mrs, Charles Jackson, the first teacher at Jetmore, Mrs. Faulkner, all of whom have passed on, and Mrs. Ghent and Mrs. Hamm who still remain.

The Jetmore vicinity gives us Mrs. Eliza Owens, whose cheerful philosophy bore her through the loss of husband and son in the smallpox rage, and remains a beneficient legacy to her friends; Mrs. Frusher, Grandma Barker, who said when we had more faith we would raise better crops; Mrs. Herbert Barker, Mrs. Raser, Mrs. W.G. Haun, Mrs. Roughton whose children in various walks of life call them blessed; Mrs. Cain; Mrs. Pratt; Margaret Best, who blessed every place she lived by planting a tree; Joanna Hunter, still attending to business at ninety; and one who sits among us, but does not hear these words of praise, Elizabeth Haun, whose light in her homestead window, beckoned every traveler to shelter and food without money or price.

Moving to the eastern part of the county, come the names of Grandma Hull, Mrs. Welsh, Mrs. McDermott, Mrs. Himer, Mrs. Shook; and nearer of today's activities, Mrs. Bowie, Mrs. Simons, Mrs. Charles Ruff, Mrs. Button, Mrs. Choate, Mrs. Matteson, and our own Julia Eakin---how many times her spirit passed under the rod when the family circle was shortened by the hand of death, and yet she kept her faith in God and humanity and with life's western sun shining in her face, she could say, "I am happy."

It is not meant to slight others whose names are not mentioned, but time forbids. But could there not be organized some means of procuring and preserving such precious bits of our county history, before time has so dimmed the record that it ~~xx~~ cannot be read?

In closing, we must ~~xxxxxxx~~ commend these present day women of Hodgeman whose patriotic and civic pride has led them to establish this marker and carry out this splendid celebration. May they carry on!

Sept. 26, 1940
Jackson, Mich.

Dear Colin.

I'll have to begin this letter by telling you that I am Bill's (Willard) wife so you'll know who and what this is about.

I'm writing to let you know that Bill's mother is ill. She has been bothered with her stomach all summer and when she became ill we thought that's what it was. However it turned out to be her lungs.

We had to call the Dr. Monday morning and he was pretty certain it was her lungs. Then Tuesday morning about 5:00 she had a slight hemorrhage. We called the doctor and he sent

September 30, 1940

Mrs. Kathryne Drought
Tuberculosis Hospital
Lansing Avenue
Jackson, Michigan

My dear Kathryne:

I received a letter today from your daughter Betty telling me of your illness. I am sorry to know of it and I would suggest once more that you have an X-ray taken of your mouth to see if infected teeth might have brought on an active attack of your old trouble. I hope you will get along nicely and rapidly and will be glad to have you keep in touch with me. I have wondered if the rather rigorous climate of Michigan is good for one in your condition.

All are well in our family. Mrs. Simons is spending a few days with our daughter Dorothea at Dawson, Nebraska.

Had a nice letter yesterday from Lillian Gowdy whose arthritis has been so bad that it has been difficult for her to write. She did not make the visit to her cousins this summer that she had expected.

With love and best wishes, I remain,

Your cousin,

Simons
Miss
Etoile B.

Tree Tops, Gull Lake, Brainerd, Minnesota.
September 20, I940.Still Am.

My dear Collie and Gertie:

Grayce and I enjoyed your letters very much. Don left about nine this morning to attend a republican state convention. He will have his eyes examined for new glasses and an acquaintance who went with him may also. Y sterday Grayce and I accompanied to Don Brainerd, where we shopped and Grayce and I went to a matinee where we witnessed "Our Town". It was well given. I have shed few tears at theatres as a rule but I really wept over a part of the play.

~~Grayce and I visited the vegetable-and I~~ We three went to see Grace and Willard Freeman recently. They have a new home on a lake and like it very much Of course we complimented the interesting place, but knew our place was finer. We took Raleigh and he visited with their small dog. The road into their woods was somewhat uncertain. Nevertheless Don went over it in his car very well indeed.

Grayce and I visited the garden a few m minutes ago. Green beans are plentiful stillalso tomatoes. Cucumbers are growing well and ready to use. We saw one of the large ones, you had. Three watermelons were in sight nearly ready to serve. Grayce gathered sweet peas, black eyed Susans, and wild asters, the Washington's. She gathered some gladiolas too and left a good supply.

Birds are still here. Fish seem to be waiting for John. Grayce thought they were coming to the surface the other day. It is warm but a little cooler than yesterday.

We received a good letter from Julia yesterday. She enjoyed Vera 's visit greatly and bought her many clothes. I love that little lady and her parents. I love all of your dear ones too . Yes dear I did see and enjoy Lance, Mary Beth and Michael, their parents too, as also Dorothea and Harry. Dolph and Marie and sons are beloved. as are Grayce and Don.

I have written a little since I came but too many ot her interests have encompassed me to write much of a masterpiece.

Gertie, Every day in every way you are getting better and better___if that is possible.

Your place is beautiful though wooden-~~shad~~ shades cover its windows. Your window boxes still have a wonderful greeting for the caller. This is true of Marie's too.

When I listened to Wilkie I thought Collie and Dolph might be listening there. I learned to day that Collie and Pat went. I hope Dolph is well

September 30, 1940

Mrs. Willard Drought
1417 North Blackstone
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Drought:

I am glad that you wrote me regarding your mother and enclose a copy of a letter I have just sent her.

Please give my regards to your husband and father.

Cordially yours,

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Carb for house

Not ~~used~~

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LEGAL WEIGHTS

	Lbs. per bu.
Alfalfa and Clover Seed	60
Apples and Barley	48
Bran	20
Beans and Peas	60
Buckwheat	52
Coal	80
Corn, on cob	70
Corn, shelled	56
Flax Seed	56
Hemp Seed	44
Millet Seed	50
Oats	32
Onions	57
Potatoes, Irish	60
Rye	56
Timothy	45
Wheat	60
Stone, 24¾ cu. ft. Perch	
Wood, 128 cu. ft. Cord	

Weighed on Standard Scales

No. 9/14. *19*

REEDY LBR. & COAL CO.
Lawrence, Kansas

Load of Hay

From Baldwin

To

Price $ *Per* *Gross* 7820 *lbs.*

Driver on *Tare* 5100 *lbs.*

Driver off *Net* 2720 *lbs.*

Fee *Net* *bush.*

Weigher

Signature

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REEDY LBR. & COAL CO.
Lawrence, Kansas

No. 9/14 *19*40

Load of Hay

From Ed Salsbury

To

Price $ *Per* *Gross* 8500 *lbs.*

Driver on *Tare* 5100 *lbs.*

Driver off *Net* 3400 *lbs.*

Fee *Net* *bush.*

Weigher

Signature

September 30, 1940

Dear Gertie:

We had a pleasant and uneventful trip home. Filled up with gas at the Conoco station at Sabetha. After going thru Holton and noticing the time, I told Marie that we should expect to meet Dolph most anytime and sure enough within a very few miles of Holton they honked and we both stopped and had a nice little visit. I haven't seen him look so well or so full of vigor for a long time. Boyd Thompson decided to take his own car rather than the Ford Coupe, thinking that after he got up to the hunting grounds it would be better to have a car in which others could accompany them.

Arriving home I took Marie out to Blanche's in order to get her key and the boys and Blanche and Pat invited us for a pickup Sunday night supper, which was very good. She had some wienies which she cooked for the youngsters and some lima beans that she also warmed up. I started to divide the apples and then decided that I would wait until I got home so I took Marie down to her house and then went back home.

Mabel was out and I guess it was a good thing I ate at Blanche's because there didn't seem to be very much in the ice box. I went to bed about eight o'clock and had the longest night's rest I have had for a long while. You will recall that our sleep was broken somewhat Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. I slept outdoors and found it very comfortable.

This morning I put fifteen big red apples in each of two sacks and gave them to the children. The Nelson's brought a bushel of Jonathans to Marie and Dolph, which we delivered last night.

We noticed across the river that fields were black from frost. Melon vines, sweet potatoes, whatever it might be, were simply black and we were a little fearful that we should find the same on the south side of the river, but our flowers are just as fresh as they were. Mabel came in later in the evening and told me this morning that it was about nine o'clock. She had her curtains ready

for the wash and some of her clothes on the line before I came down this morning.

Today was Rotary and we heard a very interesting talk on the world war situation by Prof. Chubb. In order to avoid having to write the story we had Busby attend the meeting.

Mrs. Rhodes phoned this morning that she had a hat and I went down this afternoon to see it. It is not just what I had asked for but it is worn at an angle and with a couple of ornamental curlicues, with a facing of blue suede, it has elevation in front. I am inclined to think you may like it.

I shall take dinner tonight with Blanche and Pat. Lots of love and I shall be glad to see you.

Had just a greeting card from Mr. and Mrs. Al Green. A letter from Willard Drought's wife stating that Kathryne was in the tuberculosis ward at the hospital. Must have been another flare up, perhaps teeth again are at fault because as I recall instead of having them pulled she had them treated and braced. Had a very nice letter for you from Mrs. Lindley and an invitation to Frances' wedding. I think I shall hold mail like that here as it is not essential to forward it.

May be it is a good thing for us to be apart once in a while as it makes your presence seem all the more desirable.

Lots of love,

Tree Tops, Gull Lake, Brainerd, Minnesota.

September IO, I940. Morning.

My dear Collie and Gertrude:

I trust you have had a safe and happytrip You have done so much to make others happy that bliss should be yours.

Of course we miss you. Should I take a-wa walk toward Gullaker Cabin now I should be greeted by closed windows with memories of lovely voices issuing from within. I intend to buy some rubber soled shoes to wear when I stroll over cinders,

Soon the cars will start toward the school house polling place. I shall not mail this until later when I know more. Collie, thank you so much, for getting your type writer for me to start our letter to Julia. I presume she will get it to-da day.

To day it is windy but sun shiny. It is cool, however, so it may be, you started the right time for your com fort. We have thought of having Dolph, Marie and the boys , spend more time here to keep them warm. They decided to remain longer at their cabin, though Don tried to have them come. 38° seems to be the lowest so far. I received a letter from Cora who sent some Christian Science literature. I inclose a lecture which I have somewhat read and liked. If you wish you may send it to Julia after you and C Collie have read it. She and her husband were called by telephone to spend the week end with friends in Duluth. They left Island View Lodge Saturday afternoon. His initials are A. B. P. or A. B. Pickell and their mail address: Box 6857, Parkway Station, Kansas City, Mo. Their residence seems to be at 7I2I Park Road and telephone Linwood 6026. She writes her name, Cora Hase Pickell.

I realise you may have no occasion to use this information, but give it. Gertie, know that you and Collie have led very good and useful lives and that you both will live on and on. Have no fear on this line. Mrs. Jack has returned from the Polls. It is nearly IIAM.

Will Julia get the Aunt to see me. Thank you.

I understand both are practitioners.

Sept 13, 1940.

Dolph, Marie and boys have
given us pleasure, but after
looking after matters in Orland
to-day will return for them
last night this summer at
Bull Lake. God bless them and
you. Many kudos were cut to-day.
Mrs. Jack says some cuts let them
but not all. If Mr. Ottmar
wishes them - Good luck Lincoln.

Love. Dad.

A world of love forever and ever. To end for you, Blanche, Ott & the kids and family.

for results in Maine. Devotedly 'Twal. Till further news. Thank the Lord

Etoile B. Simons. 'n Atwal.

We learned of your stay from Mrs. Jack and it was a real pleasure that the kids have left for them. I think the wind might to us them. We white caps are

Our appreciation for
to And from the Ott.

for you will surely get it.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" Prov. 4:23.

Tree Tops, Gull Lake, Brainerd, Minnesota.
September I5, I940. Afternoon.

4:45 P.M. Writing.

My dear Collie and Gertie:

Dolph and family may enter Lawrence any ~~m~~ minute, if they have not already entered. I presume you are enjoying your beautiful home even though thinking about your lake home and its charms. Dolph , Marie and the boys will think their Lawrence home is pretty fine after all as they see it and use it again, too.

Today has been pleasantwith sunshine and cool yet balmy air . Bud presented us with a squash from his garden to day. I am sure it will be good. Don brought in two large cucumbers from his garden and spoke of its beans. Mrs. Jack thinks much a appears frosted between here and Brainerd,but we see little frost effects here.

Collie will you please write Julia to (about me.) write nothing whatever in any Christmas story this year, I think Grayce would rather be left out also. Kindly ask her to say nothing to any one about mmy "Illness", as I am well and wish to be known ~~s~~ as a healthy, happy woman, as of yore. It would be very unpleasant to me to be discussed any more as a person on the brink of the grave I am in good health and intend to carry on for some time. It is better in a business way to be in good health and to talk little of illness. Dolph looked well and handsome when he left as did all of you. You will walk more in your Lawrence house, Gertie , and in your Lawrence yard, I believe. Grayce has told me how you walked to her house here other seasons. You will next year again, you may be sure. Of course you will be careful but you will have good health.

I have thought Julia, kept Vera because of the threat of infantile paralysis. I mean kept her longer than she was supposed to stay at first. Of course Mary Jule and Charles missed the darling but felt a longer absence from Lawrence, during the scare was advisable. I have not heard from Julia regarding this, nor from Mary Jule, either. I hope Julia was happy when she visited you. From the paper we noticed she did not stay long. I presume she may have gone to the hills, or to look after matters at her-~~nom~~ home. I am glad to say we still have some birds. It may be that they are on their way to some place farther south and visit us in pa transit. Please write Julia about omitting any reference to me in a possible story this Christmas. Thank you and her for the omission. With love always and appreciation and hope that God will permit me to do as I suggested when we took our little walk.

Much love to Blanche and family,to you and Mary Jule, Vera, and Charles, and others you may see.- Janet, Mother and families.

Etoile B. Simons.

Grayce and Don are very very kind to me as you understand.

September 11, 1940

Dear Dolph:

The thermometer on our front porch this morning showed a low of 45. We turned on the heat last night in both the main furnace and in the heating device for the back bedroom.

We enjoyed the trip home. Came thru in fine shape. I think the girls both enjoyed the trip. At Des Moines they had a nice room with bath, just a few doors away from our room, and I think the experience was pleasant for them. While I drove fairly fast at times, on the whole made very poor showing as to time because of too frequent stops. If you a e ever in a hurry, don't stop for lunch in the Coffee Shop at th Faribault Hotel. I think that our stop for lunch took nearly an hour's time.

Everything looks fine here. Office moving along nicely. People in the town, as far as I have seen them, seem to be in good spirits. Students are back and the crowd that we found after crossing the bridge was greater than in any traffic that we experienced in Minneapolis, Des Moines or Kansas City.

The Times this morning reported four new cases of polio, some, or all, of which from Kansas City, Kansas. However, I understand from Joe that the State Board of Health feels that as soon as frost comes the condition will improve, and there was a slight frost last night.

I am enclosing this note that you wrote me to give to Raridan, but I told you to see to it but fearing that you might have overlooked my statement and were counting on Raridan coming, I am sending your note back so that you can notify him yourself.

I dropped you a card from Des Moines and another last night. Julia will be with us for dinner tonight and perhaps to spend the evening. I don't know just how long she can stay.

Met the new girl, Emily Mumford, a few minutes ago. Mickelson from the A. P. was in for a while this afternoon. Oddly enough, I th nk that I shall have a story tonight that the A. P. failed to carry.

That is in regard to the selection of a new president for the University of Iowa which I saw announced yesterday morning in the Des Moines paper. It is a Mr. Hancher, age 44, a graduate of the school in 1918, after which he enlisted in the navy. He has been a practicing lawyer in Chicago with his home at Evanston. The job had been offered to him earlier but had been declined at that time. It is getting to be a fad to have youngsters head these institutions, so you will want to watch your step. But for me, my lifelong ambition to be Chancellor, or a college president, will have to be junked.

I expect it is cold as the dickens at Gull Lake. I hope, however, that the water has quieted down and that the fish have been anxious to find your bait.

Many make inquiry about you.

Love to you and all,

August 12, 1940

Rev. A. A. Van Sickle
728 North Cedar
Ottawa, Kansas

Dear Mr. Van Sickle:

Shortly after receiving your letter of May 23rd, I wrote a letter to my good friend Frank A. Peterson of Jamestown, Kansas, who is a member of the board of Concordia Hospital. He is chairman of the board of County Commissioners for Cloud County and is also of the executive committee of Sunset Home.

I enclose herewith his letter to me and also your letter, which I had forwarded to him, so you will know the data that has been presented to the church. I hope that something worth while will result.

With best wishes for you and yours, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

WCS:GM
Enc. 2.

August 12, 1940

Dr. C. B. Francisco, M. D.,
623 Argyle Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Dr. Francisco:

I enclose a check for $115.00, covering your professional services and furnishing of walker.

If the walker was loaned to us, we shall return it later as it is now in Minnesota. If it is our property, we shall present it to Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Simons and I appreciate both your skill and your kindness. We have very great confidence in your ability and appreciate your friendship.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:GM
Enc. Ck.

August 5, 1940

Hon. L. A. Gowdy,
Somersville, Conn.

Dear Cousin:

I left Lawrence on June 29th and returned the evening of August 2nd, so I failed to receive your circular concerning the Thirteenth Biennial Reunion. We are very glad to be remembered and hope that you had a large attendance and an enjoyable meeting.

Mrs. Simons and I often recall the hospitality shown us by you and Mrs. Gowdy some years ago.

In regard to data of additional births, I can announce the birth of Harry Franklin Johnson, Jr., who was born August 5, 1938 and is two years old today. His mother is Dorothea Ann Simons Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Simons and my mother was Jennie Bessie Gowdy Simons, the daughter of Collins Gowdy, who was the great-grandson of James Gowdy who settled in Enfield in 1752.

We are very much interested in the election of Willkie and I send you herewith copy of a letter which I wrote for a Lawrence committee which was urging the Kansas delegation to support Willkie at the Republican National Convention.

Cordially yours,

August 5, 1940

Mr. A. D. Weaver
Jordan's Cove
Watersford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Weaver:

I think it was rather strange that we probably were writing to each other at the same moment on July 31st. Or, it may have been that you wrote yours a day later. In any event I was glad to receive your letter.

Inquiry at the hospital shows that everything is running nicely, but a letter from Albert R. Wood, State Accountant, indicates that the accountant is applying sections of the statutes which do not cover our case, and I think we shall have no difficulty in correcting it.

The cooling unit in the baby ward has been out of condition and mechanics were working on it yesterday and believe that they have the trouble corrected. Miss Borg seemed to think today that it was going to be all right.

I understand that O. W. Maloney, Sr., and Jr., are planning to leave with Blanche and the girls for Green Mountain Falls, perhaps Friday of this week and that the men then intend to join Art and others on their fishing trip in the mountains.

In regard to the political situation, I can use the same term that you did, "that it looks encouraging". I tried to make inquiry in Minnesota and found that gains were being made there, and in Lawrence quite a number of Democrats like Miss Jennie Watt, who was with Hugh Blair for so long, and two other members of her family and D. E. Burton, a lifelong Democrat from Lone Star, are for Willkie -- some of them wearing Willkie buttons.

Had an odd experience just before coming home. Had a flat tire between our cabin and Brainerd and found that the jack which came with the car would not raise the car high enough to permit me to take off the tire. I therefore flagged down a passing auto and asked the driver to report my needs in Brainerd and have someone come out. This

he did. The repair car was out in about thirty minutes. That evening I gave a going away dinner to members of our own family, there being ten in the party. We afterwards had a very pleasant social time nd I found that the gentleman I had flagged down was Bill Wright a close friend of Dolph and Marie, who has served as Attorney General of the State of Nebraska. I wouldn't want to quote him publicly, altho elected as a Democrat, I understand that he too is for Willkie.

We got home late Friday night and it has been hot but the maximum heat seems to have passed. A cool wind came up about two o'clock this morning which lowered the temperature to about seventy-six on my front porch, which is the coolest that it has been for some little time. We have had sprinkles but need a good rain.

I see that you too have quite a family party and I know that you have mighty good times together.

Cordially yours,

Brainerd, Minn. July 24, 1940

Mr George Kirchhoff,

Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr Kirchhoff:-

We have just received the Journal-World for last Monday In which we read of the death of Mrs Kirchhoff. While she has led a long and beautiful life, we are never ready to give up our loved ones and we wish to express to you our deep sympathy in your great loss.

You and your good wife have been residents of Lawrence for many years, and your many friends will grieve with you over her departure.

While we all cling to life, it seems to me that nothing could be worse than to live forever in our aging bodies; but rather we should look forward to a release of the spirit from its eathly fetters.

Mrs Simons and Dolph join me in this expression of our sympathy and personal regards.

Cordially Yours,

W. C. Simons.

Brainerd, Minn. Route 3, July 24, 1940

Dear Sister, cousin;-
I was visiting with Grace this morning and if tradition is true, your right ear should have burned, for we were saying many complimentary things about you.

We hope that your plans worked out, so that you are enjoying a visit with your loved ones. To tell the truth it has been beastly hot up her at Gull. While the thermometer goes higher at home the heat is usually drier and we know how to take care of ourselves.

We had our living room lined with Nu-wood this year, and it makes the room more comfortable both as to heat and cold. Buton the screened in porbh it is now ninety, and 86 inside. I am inside and Gertie has the fan on the porch.

Grace has probably told you how much they have done to their grounds. Concrete walks, stairway, and sodded spots, which makes it beautiful, while inside the upstairs is very attractive and the finish in the living room has become more beautiful with the mellowing which has come by age.

Dorothea and family came up a week ago last Sunday, but Mr Johnson returned home Sunday. Their little oneis a delightful little boy who is very loving and precocious. He has acquired a vocabulary so large that he can express himself unusually well for one not yet two years old. We hardly expect any of the other children up this year, for various reasons. If you have Life for July 8, on page 64 you can see a picture of Leo Mc Nalley, taken immediately beside Willkie.

Don has announced himself as a candidate formthe legislature from Cass county, and so far no one has announced to oppose him, but someone may before August 1st. He has good backing and probably has a good show for the nomination, which should mean election in the fall as Willkie should carry the state. It looks as if Roosevelt has venturout too far on the limb, and will have the expetience of thousands of others who have been equally foolish in their ventures.

It has been dry and hot in Lawrence for a week or more and I believe that corn will suffer. Someway we havent had a year of all kinds of good crops for a dong long time.

Love and continued good wishes from
your Brother-Cousin.

Wednesday afternoon-

Dear Father

Enclosed is a letter and form from the state commission of revenue and taxation which is self explanatory. Moody has checksd the figures and finds them correct. Please sign on the line where it says "sign here" and then return the sheets to Moody. He will forward them with a letter and then the deed will be done. The letter should refer to crediting the last half tax so there could be no misinterpretation in later examinations. (I will look after the letter)

No excitement here at the office. Everything is running smoothly. Goldie is looking after my work this week and is doing a good job. I dont see so much of Pat because he has a gang working up at 706 packing election supplies. They are past the half way mark.

Grant is fixing up the fixtures and has his wife and daughter at work with rags and paint brushes. A large "Grants Cafe" painted sign was hung in front this afternoon by Frtizels which is featuredin large letters.

Ramsey seems to take great pride in your place and in talking with me last night he sounded as tho he wanted to keep on working for life. It has been extremely dry and he has had the hose going a good part of the time. Today is hot but fortunately it has not been so warm and the nights have been comfortable. The corn crop needs rain soon.

Business mail has been extremely light. John Brand wanted to put you on the board of directors of the Willkie Club for Douglas county but I asked him not to do it, believing it would be your wish. He has an interesting bunch but I don't believe you would want it; I turned it down when he asked me.

Tell mother I am expecting to see a lot of improvment in her walking when I arrive. Dont like the fishing reports and hope they have improved.

love-

Rotary wanted you to midwest 3 Rus members rest Monday - Kiwanis

July 19, 1940

My Dear Moody:-

I am enclosing the blank , properly signed, of The State Commission of Revenue and Taxation, which you will please acknowledge. In writing a letter to accompany same, please state, that in accordance with their letter of July 15, 1940, you have credited the last half of tax for 1939 as being paid in full. Do not mention thatI am not in town as it might bring up the question of your acknowledgment of my signature. Better mention file number, "File # 55877"

I am returning the correspondence for our files. The receipt of this refund may effect my returns to the U. S. for the years 1936, 1937 and 1938. the amount involved in the U S return would be the original amount of the reduction taken, and would not include the interest, which would be a receipt for 1940.

It is now three o'clock and the thermometer on the porch stands at89 and in the house about two degrees less. The nights are cool. Agood rain last night, which keeps things green without the necessity of watering with the hose.

This kind of life makes a bum out of a man. Fishing has been very bad. Out all days yesterday, without landing a single fish. This morning Bus, Dorothea and I fished for a couple of hours, catching six rock bass and a larger number of perch, all of which we thre back.

We watch the paper eagerly, and the weather reports. Hope you will get the much needed rains to mature crops. I also hope that the insulation has made the office a bit more comfortable. We think of all of you and beliwve it would be difficult for any concern to secure as fine a lot of co-workers as we have.

I may have reported that I cashed a check for $50.oo at the First National bankabout a week ago. That was personal.

REgards and best wishes to all of the force. Now that Dolph has come back to the lake, I hope that you will not depend entirely on Pat and Blanche to give us the news.

Regards to you and to the force,
Cordially,

W. C. Stevens

Jly 23rd. 1940

Dear Moody:-

Mrs Simons, Marie and I drove to St Cloud to meet Dolph Sunday evening. He had a pleasant ride up. It has been unseasonably hot here for several days and at 11 o'clock it is 86 on the front porch. Not so bad at ho me, but up here there is so much humidity, that at night the fields and low spots are covered with mist.

We were all in the water yesterday excepting the two grandmothers. Even Lance doing his bit. The boys act like porpoises, ducking, swimming under water, diving etc.

I wish you to list several checks;- One to Lawrence Rossow for $6.90 to be charged to me. A check for $44.77 to Hayes-Lucas and one to J. L Rardin for $36.62;- which are to be charged $21.06 to W. C. S. and $60.33 to Dolph.

We read our Journal-World/s every day/with interest and am sorry that you have had it so hot. We all hope for sufficient rains there to make a corn crop and to make plenty of alfalfa hay. I expect the hot weather has already put a crimp in the out put of the cannery.

Give my regards to the force and tell them that it will not be long now until I am back. Mrs Simons walked from our house to Dolph's a few minutes ago simply leaning a bit on me and on a cane. It is a full one hundred feet, which shows improvement.

I am going to town now to do our marketing before it gets too hot. Last Friday I came back from town as wet as if I had been in the lake. In the north long days and hot sun make up for the short growing season.

We hope that everything is running smoothly at home. tell Joe I read his editorials with gratification. Regards to all.

Cordially Yours

W C Simons

Waterford Conn.
July 31 1940

Mr W . C . Simons
Lawrence

My Dear W.C.

For a number of years it has been my custom to drop you a line during my absence and I ran across the enclosed article which I thought you ought to have and possibly you may have seen it. If you have not I think it would be good reading for some of your readers. It may be difficult to get a quoram for our Hospital Board meeting with you in Minn. Madge in Calif. Dick off on some of his many business missions and me here in Conn. however I am sure Miss Borg can take care of matters until we can get together again. Yesterday we were quite surprised to see Carle Tenney and her friend Ursula Henley drive up to the door. They came in and sat on the screened porch and Art and I entertained them for a time hoping Nell and Amarette would return from town where they had gone to procure supplies. We were much disappointed that we could not prevail on them to stay to lunch but they seemed in great haste to get to N.Y. where Miss Henley was to visit friends and Carle was to visit her son Fred in his home in Ridgeway N.J. They had driven on thro' Canada and down over the Vermont roads stopping to visit with Harriet Haskell Mc Donald who is spending the summer on a farm with a Topeka friend. I assume that Mrs S is getting along with the broken limb as well as could be expected and she has my best wishes for complete restoration. Nell had a nice letter from Marie the other day the boys must be having the time of their lives. Art. is with me 'til after the 2nd of Aug. when he will return to Lawrence, give his attention to a clean up Sale as he usually does and then go to Colorado for a couple of weeks fishing with the trout. He informs me that Pat will be one of the party and possibly Owen and other congenial people will join them making a party of 4 or 5. I hope Gull Island is meeting all your anticipations as a resort. I must say the past few days have been excessively hot with all the humidity we have. Our family of 9 including the maid and a boy I brought on as helper are making lively times and keeping our power boat very busy. Art, Nell, Rette, the boy and a couple of the neighbors are out this P.M. and have taken their suppers, planning to return about 8 P.M. I have agreed to join Art and Nell at 7 tomorrow A.M. for a trip after the Mackerel. Have had little fishing so far . One trip a couple of weeks ago with our market fishing neighbors over to the Race resulted in getting 36 Mackerel but the water was rough and the guns on Fort Wright at Fishers Island were indulging in target practice which was disturbing

What is your opinion of the political situation ?
Down here I think it looks encouraging and I think
Conn. Gov. Baldwin is doing every thing possible to
promote the candidacy of Wilkie.
I should like to hear that you were having sufficient
rains to assure a good corn crop. Have been much
interested in the articles in the Journal World concern-
ing the Lone Star Lake. I often think of your
short visit with us here at the shore and wish it
could be repeated. You seemed to enjoy the water and
I am sure you would enjoy the trips on the boat.
With kindest regards each of your family and Dolph's
family I am

Cordially Yours

A. D. W Eaves

Bill bought - Neb.

Denver at Frampton's

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Ramsey Sold 3730 lbs

1 Hay @ $4.00 Per Ton $7.46

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7/13 Ed Salisbury Mixed Hay

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COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

C. H. Hoinville
908 Railway Exchange
Chicago, Illinois

Should proceedings for guardianship be further delayed? Conditions will be steadily worse. Ascertain if guardianship in Illinois might be voided by party going to another state.

W. C. Simons

Wednesday, June 26

Dear Mr. Simons,

I was very pleased to receive your letter congratulating me on graduating from West Point, and I want to thank you for the kindly interest you have always shown in me.

It was nice of you to offer to send the Journal World to me. I would like very much to receive it and to keep up with the news in the home town.

Very shortly, I plan to drive out to Kansas and I look forward with pleasure to seeing you again.

Yours sincerely,
Bob Doddridge

June 11, 1940

Mr. Robert Russell Dodderidge,
% H. A. Dodderidge,
1910 K Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Bob:

Today you are graduating from the United States Military Academy.

It is regrettable that our nation has not taken greater care in the matter of its army and navy. We are facing one of the most serious moments in the life of our nation and you have prepared yourself so that you may do your part well. I congratulate you and the members of your family.

We often recall the very pleasant hours we had with you in Washington, D. C., a few years ago and we wish you well.

As a little present, I should like to present you with a year's subscription to the Journal-World, if you will tell me where to send it.

Mrs. Simons joins me in an expression of friendship and good will.

Cordially yours,

The Class of

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Tuesday, June the eleventh

West Point, New York

June 14, 1940

Mr. Carl A. Nordlund
Auburn, Nebraska

My dear Carl:

I am very glad to get your letter of June 12th. It is the only word I have received so far from the travelers, but that is not strange as I know how difficult it is to get mail away from the Lake. We receive it more readily than we answer. For instance, if we get a letter away tonight and they go into Brainerd tomorrow afternoon, they may be able to receive my letter at that time, but if they try to reach me by putting a letter into the outgoing mail box, it takes a day or two longer for it to arrive. I may get a letter on the afternoon mail, but I am not at all worried as I am sure everything is all right.

Thank you for your kind expression in regard to Kansas Business Magazine. I walked to my desk one day and saw the Magazine lying upon it. It was the first intimation I had that my picture was to be used. As a matter of fact, while I sat for the picture a year or more ago, I had never seen it.

I am very glad indeed that Dolph and family have gone away. I know that Dolph needs the recuperation that will come from at least a month at the Lake and I sincerely trust that he will not return for at least thirty days. Marie, too, has been very faithful indeed in taking care of Dolph and I think, that while she looks first rate, the rest will do her a lot of good as well, and as for the boys, they simply love it at the Lake.

I am a little afraid that Frances may not be able to get up there this summer and it wouldn't be quite right without her, but perhaps she is doing such good work that her company will let her off for a week or two sometime during the summer.

Mrs. Simons is coming along, I think, just as rapidly as could be expected. It will be eight weeks Monday since the accident occurred. She has a four-legged arrangement in which three sides of the top is enclosed. She stands within the arms and uses

each side as a hand rest. In this manner she can put some weight upon the injured leg and some on her hands and in that way get around the house a bit. It is giving her exercise which is making all of the muscles of her body probably in better shape than usual, but just how soon it will be before she can put her full weight upon the broken leg, I do not know, and until she can it will be very difficult to make the trip to Minnesota either by auto or by train. Of course if we were to put her on a train as one would board an ambulance, she could make the trip but what advantage would there be in making a trip if she were shut in.

It has been very delightful at home so far and our flowers have been wonderfully beautiful. Mrs. Simons has a very capable woman with her who is giving her every attention.

I hope that you and Maud will be up to the Lake in any event, but it would be all the better if Frances could accompany you. I am always glad to hear from you and wish you to extend my very best regards to the other members of the family.

Cordially yours,

June 12th, 1940.

Dear Mr. Simons: —

I wish to thank some one, whoever it might be, for sending a copy of the last issue of Kansas Business Magazine, and I wish to compliment the man, whose picture adorns the outside cover of such issue. A very, very fine likeness is the unanimous verdict of all concerned, and we know it to be an honor of which you must feel justly proud, and one which you so well deserve. And, then, too, we were glad to see Dolph's picture, as well as to read the articles concerning the Journal-World and other Lawrence industries. All in all, the issue is one of special interest to us, and we thank you very much for sending it along.

We are so sorry that Mrs. Simons continues to have difficulties from her fall, but we are hoping that improvement will be forthcoming soon to the extent that she may enjoy "the house by the side of the lake".

A Buick, full of happypeeple drove up about six o'clock last evening, and after supplying them with bits of nourishment, followed by a game of bridge, every one tumbled into bed with visions of greeting the rising sun today; and, really this was accomplished, because all were out and gone a few minutes after six this morning. Right now they are probably basking in the shadows of Freeman's gorgeous fireplace, as the chances are that it is quite cool up there. We were so glad to see Dolph looking so well, and we know this rest will do him a lot of good - and it probably will not cause injury to any of the others.

It was so nice of you to send the magazine; it is a relief to receive something of a wholesome nature, after daily trying to digest war news, war pictures and reading matter full of the dire results of such devastation.

All extend kind regards to Mrs. Simons, as well as yourself;

Sincerely,

Carl L

Mr. Robert Russell Dodderidge

June 25, 1940

Dear Dolph,

I am sending you herewith copy of a letter I have just written Mac which is self-explanatory. The examiners make a charge of $35.00 for their services and I think probably that is one reason why they bring up so many points to clear the title. However, it is my impression that it will not be necessary to spend more money on the title, but I think it is a matter that Mac should pass on rather than me, and Docking said it will be all right to wait until Mac's return.

I told Docking today that I would be willing to pass a check for the Oklahoma land but he said we might just as well wait and do it all at once.

I shall hold this until later in the day and add somewhat to it.

Gertie's trip in the auto last night was successful in everyway and she got out of the car without any undue discomfort. I shall try to have her in and out of the car every day now to see if it will not help her in her efforts.

I got the Buick yesterday after another checkup and have confidence now that it will carry me thru. It was rather lucky that I didn't start out without having something done. The battery was shot, being of a defective type, and the motor needed tuning up.

I intended writing more but Gertie has written a good letter to which I had added a paragraph or two so nothing more is needed here.

Lovingly your,

June 24, 1940

Dear Dolph and Family,

I am already to go home after a rather of a busy day. We had a very good talk at Rotary today, as you may note by looking at the paper.

I am also enclosing an article that sounds something like small town business and yet it is from Taylorville, Illinois, which has a population of over 7300 and the paper has a two-star circulation of 4722, which is a mighty good circulation for the size of the town. I think some of the suggestions he makes in there might be worth studying a bit. I just gave it the once over and pass it on to you.

Mother got a pair of crutches today but I don't think she has been on them yet. She thought perhaps that she could do some things better with crutches than with her walker. She is getting along very well but I don't know if she will be able to get into the car by the end of the week.

I am very glad you called attention to the omission of a write-up for Sanderson. I inquired of Joe today and found that it occurred on the day that he was attending the forum on the Hill. We will have the writeup in the paper tomorrow together with a picture.

One of the Howards came in today to say that he was going to be a candidate for Trustee in place of Ed Johnson, who is running for Commissioner.

We are all very much interested now in what the Republican National Convention will do. I am inclined to think that a great many more persons would vote for Willkie than any of the other candidates, at least that is the impression I gain from talking with people. As a matter of fact, nearly everyone to whom I speak favors Willkie.

That was a dandy catch of fish that the Simons boys made the other day. I should like to have been in on it. You must have gotten right over the Crappie hole. You will be surprised to know that the thermometer went down to 54 on our front porch last night.

That was the minimum reported downtown also. The high today on my thermometer was 74. I was out home a while ago and then came back to finish up some work.

We got a dandy floor at 726. Penny was not the low bidder, by a comparatively small amount, but I felt that he would do us a better job and we have a perfect floor, with concrete baseboard. By removing part of the partition that encloses the storeroom, we have gained about 75 square feet extra room in the main room. Doors and windows at the rear are shot and have to be replaced. Fortunately I have one door at home that can be used.

June 22, 1940

Mr. Frank Yancey
Procter and Gamble
114 West Tenth Street
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Yancey:

I have a letter before me from Perry Allen telling of his pleasant visit with you and I certainly recall your very attractive and capable wife whom I have known from infancy. Her grandparents and her mother have been among our very best friends. Sometime when you and the wife are are in Lawrence, we shall be very happy to have you call at the home.

There are quite a number of happily married couples among our former employees. Going way back, they are Col. and Mrs. Adna J. Clark, U.S.A. retired, who were both working for us at the time they became acquainted one with the other. Jack Lawrence and his wife of the Council Grove Republican also became engaged while working for us, and the list could be expanded to quite some length.

With very best wishes for you and yours, I remain

Sincerely your friend,

WCS:DMF

THE LAWRENCE, KANSAS, JOURNAL-WORLD

June 22, 1940

Dear Julia:

I am enclosing copy of a letter that I have just written to Etoile but I thought I had better address it to the downtown office as she would not like the idea of my enclosing a carbon to you and she may, or may not, let you read the letter I have written her.

Your letter forwarded from Grayce arrived and I am very anxious that you get someone to look after Etoile. Try to get the best one that you can who is available, but don't wait for someone who is perfect. Most of the perfect people have jobs already or have passed on to their reward. I have a double interest in the matter. I want Etoile to have good care and particularly I want to relieve you from the very heavy responsibility that you have been bearing. I want it so that if you want to go up to the Hills with Charlie that you can go.

I am still inclined to the belief that McNalley's suggestion will sooner or later prove to be necessary.

I know your house is pretty. You always had the knack of doing things well and I can still hear the little, almost inaudible whistle that you would continue to make while tieing my tie, or trying to doll me up in some other way. It was the kind of whistle in which you heard the sound of the wind thru the puckered lips and that was about all. Whenever I see a girl with pretty red hair and a clear white complexion, I think of you. Of course when the sun got on you just right a few freckles would appear on your nose and between the eyes, but what are a few freckles between friends.

I am sorry that I can't in someway relieve you of a large share of your responsibility but I feel very helpless in handling the matter which we have before us.

Lots of love,

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STATE OF KANSAS

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

TOPEKA

June 19, 1940

Mr. W. C. Simons
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Simons:

Charles handed me your letter of June 18 with reference to the revision of election laws for your 1940 publication, and I wish to express my appreciation for this business and the fee which is entirely satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

Baldwin

ABM:da

A. B. Mitchell

THE LAWRENCE, KANSAS, JOURNAL-WORLD

June 11, 1940

Dear Don:

Under date of March 13th I received a receipt from the treasurer for the taxes on Lot 5, Section 29, Township 134, Range 29, School District 26, valuation $915, total tax paid $117.51.

When we paid the tax October 11, 1939, the total tax on the property, which at that time was valued at $681, was $76.77. There was a penalty of $2.69 which I absorbed because of my negligence in taking care of it on time. I divided the $76.77 as follows: Dolph's improvements $23.67, W. C. S's improvements $23.68 and the total land tax I divided Dolph one-fourth $7.35, Simons three-eighths at $11.04 and Don three-eighths at $11.03. At that time there was no improvement tax for Don as his property was incomplete and was not placed on the rolls.

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The valuation shown for the 1940 tax was $915, which was an increase of $234 over the tax of the year previous and which doubtless was the amount at which Don's improvements were assessed. Dividing the land tax this year the same as we did last year, it would make Dolph's tax: Land $7.35, Improvements $23.67; W. C. S.'s tax: Land $11.04, Improvements $23.68; Don's tax: Land $11.03, Improvements $40.74, which would make Don's tax $17.05 more than mine and probably represents the difference in value between my cottage and Don's house, tenant house, etc.

The bill has been paid, but the receipt came in while Dolph was sick and about the time that Pat was laid off too, so that I was too busy to give it attention. Now if this division is satisfactory, all well and good, and if it isn't, I will be very glad to have you set me right so we will know where we are. Last year I must have written in to find out how much was the land tax and how much the improvement tax or otherwise I would not have been able to make the division as I did last year.

Dolph and Marie and their two fine boys left this afternoon and will doubtless be at Gull Lake by tomorrow evening, probably before this letter is received by you. I hope you will have a splendid time and Gertie and I both appreciate what you and Grayce

have done for us in the arduous work of planting and I am sorry that it had to fall upon you.

Dolph and Marie will tell you about the report of Dr. Francisco on Gertie's condition today.

Your little brother has been a pretty busy man for about the past six months and while there is considerable work on hand yet, it looks as if daylight were just around the corner, not as far around the corner we hope as prosperity has been lurking for the past few years.

We shall join you at as early a date as seems advisable.

Lovingly your brother,

C.C. to Dolph.

Gertrude Onion Shi
BLEY MPS
MODERN

June 14, 1940

Dear Dolph and Family,

While this morning was unusually busy, it is now four o'clock and my desk is cleared.

Early this morning Earl Black came in to place his announcement and we had a long talk in regard to the Interurban, which resulted in his asking me to write out the basis of settlement that I had talked about. I did that and I gave a copy today to Brand, to Frazee and to Black. The next thing I heard was from Meade that Hill was not satisfied with my proposition so a short time ago Hill came in. I think perhaps I am the only man in town that Hill can't bluff. We talked a few minutes very kindly, but frankly, but I stood by my guns and told him that in spite of all that he and Hesse had tried to do, that this suggestion of mine was the first plan that ever had been put down on paper for the Commissioners to work on and that I was going to stand by it. He left the office at least kindly and had dropped the blustering methods that he first assumed. As a matter of fact, I think I have a better grasp of the situation than he has.

I am glad that you were not at the Chamber of Commerce meeting last night, altho it was a very pleasant occasion, because Ed Abels in his important manner made a motion from the floor that Woodring be made a life member of the Chamber of Commerce. There was an awkward pause and finally Penny, the contractor, seconded the motion. Charlton, who was presiding at that time, asked for a standing vote and then did not call for a negative vote. I think that the move was unpopular, but the fellows felt that they were on the spot and voted. Your humble servant continued to sit in all his glory. The talks were good and the feeling generally friendly.

I did not like the statement made by Charlton that for the past four years, the association had run behind about $500 a year, because I think that during your administration itnot only did not run behind, but paid up the debts that it inherited.

I had a nice letter from Carl Nordlund. Lots of people speak about you. Many inquired about you at the Chamber of Commerce.

Don't you think we had better take your porch chairs inside the house to protect them a bit from unnecessary fading thru sun and rain? It is a little cloudy today but no rain. Everything is moving along nicely. Twelve page paper yesterday and the same for today.

At no time in talking with Black did I mention our own business affairs, altho he was rather pronounced in expressing appreciation in what I had done, but if they really appreciated it they have a peculiar way of showing it. He said he was very glad to have Sanderson on the board.

Perry Allen has already, I guess, sent us the addresses of some thirty men to whom he would like to have us send your Ad-libbing. I am half a notion to reprint enough of your May 13th issue in regard to the University to affect the desired mailing.

I think mother is getting along nicely and is putting more weight upon her foot. I cannot at this time even make a guess as to when she will be able to get in and out of a car. The weather has been so pleasant that it is more easily to stay at home.

Please tell me if you think it best to reprint some copies of Ad-libbing? Everything is running smoothly and I think everyone is happy in the work.

Lots of love to you and family and also to Grayce and Don. I shall depend upon you now to give a good deal of the news to Grayce instead of writing it myself.

Your card just arrived.

Lovingly your father,

June 12, 1940

Miss Lillian Cowdy
3751 Aldrich Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Lillian:

The time of year is at hand when we hope to see you again, both at your home and at the Lake. Dolph, Marie and the boys left yesterday afternoon to spend the night in Auburn, and with the expectation of arriving at Gull Lake tonight. They will take the west road which will not take them thru Minneapolis.

I think you knew that Gertie had a fall seven weeks ago last Monday in which she broke a small part off of the top of one of the bones of the lower leg. She was in a cast for six weeks and now wears an elastic jacket at least a part of the time on the leg. She is coming along fine and we hope that she will be able to make the trip to Minnesota in the near future.

We trust that you have been having better health and that you are getting along as well as could be expected. I have told you before that I think you have a splendid outlook on life and are able to be happy in spite of determents which might easily submerge one ofweaker character.

We have had a lot of rain so far this year and everything looks promising. Of course, no one is sure of a harvest until the crop is laid by, but when you have good spring rains it is fine for trees, shrubs, flowers, grass and growing crops, and we hope that we shall not have a summer drouth like those which have bothered us so greatly for the past seven years.

Lots of love and best wishes until I shall be seeing you again.

Your brother cousin,

June 12, 1940

Dear Grayce,

If everything moves according to schedule, you will be seeing Dolph and family in a few hours and I feel sure that it will do wonders for Dolph. I think that Marie also is in need of recuperation as she gave splendid attention to Dolph during his sickness. I sincerely hope that she will not try to do too much physical work around the yard.

We appreciate all that you have done for us, and will be very happy to be with you as soon as we can.

I am sending you herewith copy of a letter that I sent to Etoile and one I have just written to Julia.

Lovingly your brother,

June 13, 1940

Dear Crayce,

I am sending you herewith letter received yesterday from Julia. I took it home last night to show it to Mary Jule. I think Julia is doing everything humanly possible to make her sister happy.

I won't write more at this time as I sent your letters out yesterday.

Love to all,

Your brother,