

May 24, 1940

Dear Etta:-

I was glad to get your two letters this morning. One begun a month ago on the occasion of Mamma's birthday and the other written at Rice Lake. It seemed good to hear from you and to judge by the letter you must be improving in health. That is what all of us want, is to see you well and happy.

We have been worried about you, for your condition has been serious enough to warrant the most careful obedience to Doctors orders, and taking trips out in the cold might cost you your life. There are lots of things that we can laugh off, and many others that are far too serious to be dealt with in that manner.

Dolph, who had never been sick, thought that he could fight it out and remain on the job, in spite of terrific headaches, and great fatigue, but the doctor finally put him in bed and kept him there for a month. He has been ~~rather~~ somewhat slower than we had hoped in making a recovery, and is inclined to put in more time at the office than he should, but he is constantly improving and I fully believe will have no permanent impairment of his health and strength.

Marie is feeling miserable now from having an impacted wisdom tooth removed. It had to be dug out and her face is quite swollen. She had been suffering from a roaring in her head and believed that the impacted tooth might be the cause. She is somewhat better this morning, and will probably improve rapidly from now on.

We watch the war news carefully. On the whole it has not looked encouraging, altho the work of the allies as ~~reported~~ reported this morning, looks much better. If the pincers will work and the German drive out in two, Hitler will have met with his first serious reverse. He is putting everything he has into the attack and should it fail, it may mean a different ending to the war.

Mussolini has lost his leadership and stands by waiting for the moment when he can inject himself into the conflict to some advantage. If the allies are to win I hope Mussolini will get in on the side of Hitler, so he can take his trimming along with the Fuehrer. Otherwise the allies may have to grant some concessions to him, to which he is not entitled.

We are sound proofing our office, which will cut the noise down 75%. We can already see a great difference, altho the work lacks a good deal of being complete. Bertie expects to have her leg out of the cast Monday. It will be a great relief for her. Everything looks beautiful and you should count on making a visit here. I learned yesterday that one of the Spencer twins, Mary, had died. The girls have had a hard row for many years. They have operated a stock farm and have been up against it. Their property in Lawrence has run down and no longer can attract good tenants. Such is life, and the girls have done their best.

I hope your life will be happy with Julia. Please forever put out of your life all ideas of returning to California, and spend the money left you by our brother for the purpose for which he gave it. It was to relieve you of the responsibility of having to make your own living. No fortunes are now being made, and few are even getting ahead. Lots of love and best wishes.

Colleen

May 25, 1940

My dear Julia:

I had a nice letter from Ettoile and read with interest the letters that you sent. The letters seemed quite normal in every-way and I sincerely hope that that will be her condition when she returns.

I can see the difficulties in following out the suggestion that I made in a former letter but the only other way that I can think of that would possibly secure the old keepsakes for us would be to take some definite court action to have personal articles of that sort separated from her other property. There is nothing that she has in the way of property that I would have any interest in excepting to preserve it for her, but I would like to have you take such action as might be necessary to sort out the things that belonged to papa and mamma. I think perhaps that this could be done by court action if she is unwilling to handle it otherwise. If the action were begun, it might result in holding the property if at anytime she wished to take it elsewhere.

It is too bad that we should even have to consider anything of that sort, but we face a very peculiar situation in which for some reason she has assumed entire ownership and control of everything that was mamma's. When we had our showing of patriotic and historical articles during the "Dark Command", I thought about papa's army coat and hat which I have not seen perhaps in forty years. Louis never received the fife that was papa's and that mamma intended he should have. I think we must protect these articles there and do as I have suggested and interview the court, or lawyers, to ascertain what the type of action should be and what the expense would be and if it is reasonable, I shall be glad to take care of it. I don't like to do anything that would cause her to be upset and yet if we wait until something should happen to her then it might be too late to protect the few things that mamma had and which she prized so highly.

I have been afraid for years that she might destroy the letters papa wrote to mother while he was in the army; letters that I, the oldest son and the only one bearing the family name, except-

ing Etoile, have never seen. Now while I am asking you to do certain things, one of the reasons for so doing is to relieve you of the constant worry that you have had in regard to this matter for many years. It isn't fair to you and it isn't fair to Charlie that you should be so troubled and the best thing will be to get it over with.

It would be out of the question for me to be named as one to look after her affairs because I am not a resident of the state. I don't know whether there is any other one outside of the family that you could trust to handle such a matter. I don't think there is anyone in the work who has less influence with her than I, so I have tried not to discuss anything with her for a number of years.

I enclose carbon of a letter I mailed Etoile yesterday.

I am certainly not trying to dodge any responsibility and the only thing I can possibly do would be to follow out along the lines mentioned to you: Go to Chicago, secure a lawyer and see what steps might be taken. These are all things that you or Charlie could do much more easily than I because you would know to whom to go.

Perhaps Etoile would be happier if she could be in a room where she would feel she was entirely looking after her own affairs. The pity of it is that she is not physically able to look after herself and undoubtedly would be liable to do something that would be very injurious to her health, to say nothing of letting someone impose upon her. The situation is difficult from every angle.

I know that you need a rest. I know that you need a respite from worry and care. I wish there were some way in which you could spend a great part of the summer at the Hills with Charlie coming up on week ends. I am sorry that I can't be of more practical aid to you.

Lovingly your brother,

May 25, 1940

Dear Grayce,

I am sending on to you two letters from Julia. Also copy of a letter from Etoile to Julia and a copy of my letter to Etoile. I also include carbon copy of a letter I have just dictated to Julia. There seems to be so much that should be done and so little that I know how to do.

We are still torn up at the office and think people will be working in here tomorrow, Sunday, while the office is not in operation. We have had more than usual to look after.

I think the carbon copies will give you all the information that I have to offer at this time. It won't be long now until some of us will be up there, but unless things change a bit, I am inclined to believe that I shall not be at the Lake quite as much this year as last, but I don't want to say so to Gertie at this time, but I want to let Dolph off as much as I can.

Lots of love.

Your brother,

May 25, 1940

Miss Beryl Buckley
Park Lane
Millcreek Parkway at 46th St.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Beryl:

I don't think Gertie has done much writing because it is rather difficult to write in bed, but I want you to know that she is getting along nicely and expects to have the cast removed Monday. She has hobbled around enough on a sort of a support to have kept her arms and right leg in good shape. I presume it will take a little while for her to learn to walk again. She seems to be feeling well but has complained a little of a soreness of the back, which might be occasioned by the weight of the cast. Our other sick folks are getting along nicely and here's hoping that we shall all be in our normally good health soon.

Gertie had a letter from her brother, John, a week or two ago and he was as cheerful as ever but his handwriting was rather shaky. He is getting along in years and has not been rugged. I think probably it would please him a lot, however, if you would write him. His address is: John M. Reineke, Inland Hotel, 845 West Madison, Chicago, Illinois.

I just thought you would be interested in hearing from us and we trust everything is moving along nicely with you.

Everything looks beautiful. We have had such a plentiful supply of rain that the verdure is abundant and of a luxuriant green. It will not be long now before definite plans will be made for going to Gull Lake.

We have just had soundproofing put in the office which we think will prove much more restful and pleasant to all of us. We are also going to put in the flourescent lights.

With love and best wishes, I am,

Your cousin,

Thursday the 23rd.

Dear Julia.

Your letter just received. I think that you should act at once on the suggestion from Mc Nalley that you have a guardian appointed for Etoile. He says that is the common and frequent action in case of similar nature. You do not have to have the person adjudged to be of unsound mind, but simply have them found to be incompetent to longer safeguard their own affairs, health, person etc. According to him it will be a comparatively simply matter.

It seems to me that the longer such action is delayed the worse it will be for all parties concerned, excepting perhaps Joe Maslanka, who doubtless would let the county care for the expense, if she should pass away while with him.

When I asked about the keepsakes, Mac said to have some one appointed guardian who would give attention to assorting these small things, to be given where they really belonged. I went over this quite fully in my letter of yesterday or the day before, which you have doubtless received by this time.

The letter which I saw was on the face of it kindly and helpful in asking that she mind the Doctor and Nurse and spend her time in bed. The invitation to come to California, to me, seemed none too urgent. It was just about what one would write who did not care particularly whether one came or not.

It seems to me that you being on the ground and the one who has given, and will continue to give personal attention to Etoile, should be the one to begin the legal action. It would be the natural thing to do, but I will be glad to assist liberally in caring for the expense, which should not be large. Do not permit some lawyer to think that he was performing a service for which a large fee would be warranted. A discussion with the Probate Judge, or whoever it may be in Chicago, who adjusts the matter of estates, would doubtless be enlightening.

The sooner this is done the better it will be for you, as you will then be in charge of her finances, and would be in a position to prevent the purchase of tickets, or journeys that she is incapable of making, under her present condition.

Nothing specially new here. Marier to rid herself of a roaring in her head that she has been having for nearly two weeks, had a wisdom tooth dissected out yesterday. Her face is swollen and she is naturally uncomfortable, but everything seems to be as it should. Gertie improves as might be expected, but will be more comfortable when rid of the heavy cast which hampers her in so many ways in weeking a more comfortable position in chair, or in bed. No other news.

Lots of Love.

Collie

May 27, 1940

Dear Etoile,

After dictating the enclosed letter to Julia I thought you might be interested also in hearing of the death of Claude Hullett. Claude must have been seventy-five years old, or more, and the last time I saw him he was in very bad shape.

I hope that you are getting along fine and are in excellent spirits.

Lots of love,

May 27, 1940

Dear Julia,

I am enclosing a letter from Alma A. Bigelow, who is a sister of Mrs. Claude Hullett. The letter tells of the death of Claude Hullett and I am also sending you carbon copy of my reply. Claude had many of the instincts of a true gentleman.

Dorothea was in Topeka yesterday and called us over the phone, permitting Lance to talk to us. They came down with friends and went back either last night or this morning. I also had a message from a lady who had visited with Janet at Wichita where they went to attend the meeting of the Kansas Bar.

I don't know of any other news. Gertie is looking forward to having the cast removed from her leg this evening and I hope everything will be all right, as I am quite sure it will be.

Much love from your brother,

May 8, 1940

Dear Julia and Etoile,

This is the 135th anniversary of the birth of Collins Cowdy, who was born May 8, 1805. I think it has long been the custom between us children, not only to recall the date but to write to other members of the family regarding it. Even Louis who you would not expect to be as careful in regard to things of this character, used to speak of grandfather's birth and one of his letters in his own handwriting, which I have preserved happens to be one in which he mentions the birthday.

Everything looks beautiful here now. Grass is high. Tulips are blooming in profusion. Iris is rapidly coming out. Trees are fast coming into full leaf. We had our own radishes on the table last Sunday. I wish you could visit us before the chiggers get started.

As I told you, Gertie came home last Saturday and is getting along real well. She is gaining everyday and today noon she had been sitting in her chair and she and Dorothea got her back into her bed while the nurse was in the other room, showing that we are making real progress. I confidently expect the break to heal perfectly.

I paid my hospital bill today and have not yet received the bills for our physician or for the specialist who set the break and put the leg in the cast, but in things like this it seems to me that money means so much less than the results for which it is used.

We are having a visit this week from Dorothea and Lance. Marie drove up to Auburn late last week, returning Sunday evening accompanied by Dorothea and Lance. I think Dolph has made more progress in the last few days than he had previously made in as many weeks. He had an imbedded and impacted wisdom tooth removed, the last of four, the three others having been removed some years ago. When a healthy person develops untoward symptoms, the cause is sometimes very difficult to find.

Pat did a little too much work in his yard a few days ago and had a couple of days in which he did not feel so well, but he seems to be coming along all right too.

I don't think of anything special to tell you in the way of news. I want you to be happy and enjoy to the full the years that are still yours. The one who postpones happiness until some future date, will never attain it.

Love and best wishes to both of you. It seems a shame that I cannot see more of you.

Lovingly your brother,

May 9, 1940

Dear Grayce,

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

We think of you a great many times and will be glad to spend another summer where we can see you everyday. Lance is interested in everything and so fearless that I wonder what we can do for his safety this summer.

Lots of love to both of you.

Lovingly your brother,

May 22, 1940

Dear Julia:-

I have received your good letter of Monday and shall send it on to Grace after Gertrude has read it. I had a good talk with Mac Sunday, or rather Saturday night, and find that the thing that is often used and which seems to me to be best under present circumstances is to have you appointed as her guardian. This does not require her to be adjudged of unsound mind, but simply implies that she is not able to look after herself nor her financial affairs. Under such circumstance all financial aid to Joe could be shut off, and perhaps recovery might be made, if he had any thing for money she has been sending him.

Of course she would not like it at first, but I think she would accept it when she came to the realization that it is for her best interests. In fact to preserve her life and what little she may have for her own support. Mac says this is frequently done and often at the hearings the party will talk as sanely as anyone.

Mamma looked after Grandfather Gowdy when he was no longer able to care for himself, and Etoile gave such care to Mamma and to Dr Gowdy, and knows that it was for their good. Making you her guardian now would be for the same purpose.

This action would protect our keep sakes from going to Joe, and if he could not ~~get~~ get them, he might not want to be bothered with the rest of the stuff. You talk the matter over with Charlie and discuss it with a lawyer. Perhaps some one else for a small fee would do the work as well or better than Avern, who has his own practice to look after. I am really anxious about your health. You must have a wonderful constitution to stand up under so much.

Gertie is getting along well, has an excellent nurse and hopes to have the cast removed next Monday. She exerts herself to walk about a bit twice a day, with a "walker" prepared by Dr. Francisco, for the purpose of keeping her muscles fit and ready to go when the broken leg has healed.

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The news from abroad is terribly discouraging, but personally I can see no real aid we could render the allies just now excepting in sending munitions, and thanks to the incompetent in the White House, we are in poor shape even to defend ourselves. We are like the allies at Munich we are not yet ready to engage in battle. It is heart rending to think of what is happening.

Please do not try to do too much house cleaning yourself, but hire others to do it, and try to save in some other way.

I love you a lot and feel guilty that I am not able to take more from your shoulders. It seems that I am handicapped in so doing, because of responsibilities here. We are putting in acoustilite ceilings in the office to lessen the noise, and must have a general cleanup. Have also had to work over the front of the Service Lunch building and get it in readiness for a new tenant. Roofs need attention etc. It seems that if a man does little then he feels the great responsibility for finding work to meet the ordinary needs and demands of life. The more he takes on the wider becomes his responsibilities and it becomes considerable of a burden.

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Lovingly your brother,

Collie.

May 18, 1940

Dear Julia:

I received today your several letters beginning last Sunday night and including Thursday; also a letter to Gertie. I can't understand why everything in the old world seems to have gone wrong. I could expatiate upon this at great length, but it is unnecessary.

I am so sorry that you have so difficult a time and I feel about as helpless in settling your troubles as I do about settling conditions across the water. Both seem so unnecessary and yet are so real. I have asked that a paper be sent to Etoile at Rice Lake for two weeks at least, and we shall discontinue when she leaves.

Janet, Mac and the children came down last night. Mac is in Topeka today to size up Taft. They will spend the night with us and will probably leave after dinner tomorrow. I shall try to find time to talk with Mac. I don't know what time he will get home from Topeka and it so happens that tonight the newspaper fraternity at the University, Sigma Delta Chi, is giving a banquet honoring Deane Malott, our new Chancellor and a number of editors from over the state are to be present, so Dolph and I will be there, but I expect that the meeting will adjourn rather early.

It started raining yesterday and is still raining a little now at two o'clock and the total rainfall for the period has been a little over 2.88 inches, one of the best rains that we have had for a long while. Trees look better than they have for a long while and all garden crops and grain crops are good in this locality. The first cutting of alfalfa hay will be on next week if the weather clears up.

I think Gertie is coming along satisfactorily, but she gets tired and nervous, but has complained very little. I think that Dolph has made great progress in regaining his health in the last ten days since he had a impacted wisdom tooth removed. Pat seems to be almost-in normal good health.

I hope the treatment at Rice Lake will give Etoile a relaxation of mind and body that will do her much good. You certainly have been

a wonderful sister to her, but I still urge you to secure someone to help you instead of trying to do so much yourself. I do not believe that it is wise for you to continue to carry so heavy a burden. If you can't get the ideal person to help you, get the next best, or the best that you can.

There are a thousand things that I could write you about but I believe I will just tell you that I love you and want you to take care of yourself and will be glad to help in such ways as I can.

I can't help but being amused at your story of the old lady who didn't have anything to do excepting to take your time and worry you. I find the world full of just that kind of people and like you I am usually so considerate of their age and condition that I let them impose upon me.

Give my love to Charles.

Lovingly your brother,

May 18, 1940

Dear Grayce,

I have just mailed a letter to you from Gertrude and I am enclosing herewith a very long letter from Julia. You will note that she started Sunday, something was added Sunday night and then there was a jump until Thursday, the 16th. She certainly has her hands full, and the way I feel about it is expressed in the carbon copy of my letter to her which is enclosed.

Janet and Mac and the children came in last night about nine o'clock in a deluge of rain and Janet and children are here today while Mac is in Topeka. He will probably return in time for dinner, but may not until later. They probably will go home tomorrow afternoon.

Dolph and John spent about three hours at our house with the children today. They play well together and have a good time.

Lots of love to you and to Don.

Your loving brother,

May 18, 1940

Dear Etoile,

I know you are in good hands and I trust that the relaxation and rest will do you a world of good. You have had quite a siege and I sincerely hope that you will be much better from now on..

I know that Julia is glad to do everything in the world that she can to add to your comfort and happiness. She has been a wonderful sister and you are fortunate in having her to look after you. While she tries to make you happy, you in turn can add greatly to her happiness by cooperating with her and returning the love which she so generously bestows upon you.

When you think of the thousands, probably millions, of men and women who are now getting old and are unsuccessfully seeking employment, you have been specially blessed.

I have ordered the paper sent to you for the next two weeks and you will probably get your first paper Monday or Tuesday. Don't try to write unless it is perfectly easy for you to do so.

Your sisters and myself love you and want to do all we can for you.

Lovingly your brother,

Sabetha Kansas

May. 13. 1940

Dear Cousin,

I received your letter several days ago and thought I had better answer as you may be planning on coming this way soon. we live on 322 South Eighth St it is just one block east of the grade school on the south west corner of the block.

I am sorry but we lost all of our pictures ~~two~~ years ago the 30 of this month in a flood on the Smoky Hill river but took one of them Sunday and will send it to you soon.

yes it has been a long time
since we raised any crop and
know that I will not have
any wheat this year but there is
going to be a little a round there
it looks like we had ought to get a
bake some-day.

we have been talking of coming
down that way some Sunday but
havent gotten started yet. but thought
maby we would come down next
Sunday. If you have other plans
let us know.

Yours truly
Loren Gowdy

May 16, 1940

My dear Cousin,

I have your letter of May 30th and I want you to know that we shall be glad to see you but I believe that you better postpone your visit a little while longer as Mrs. Simons is now confined to her room with a broken leg. She broke it on April 22nd and the cast will not be removed until the 27th of May, and possibly later.

I had thought that I wouldn't tell you about that and have you come down anyway, but this morning our housemaid asked to get off Sunday on account of some gathering at the home of her parents and Mrs. Simons granted her request. When you do come down, we want to have you for dinner and we hope that it will not be too long in the future.

I was very glad to hear from you and I will be very glad to receive the picture of the little boy.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Loren Gowdy
Sabetha, Kansas

May 15, 1940

Dear Dorothea,

If everyone stops to see you who talks about it, you may have to put up a quarantine sign to keep the Lawrence people from wearing out your grass. I tell them all that you would be happy to see them. We miss you very much and it makes us happy just to recall the fine time we had with you and Lance while you were here.

Had a nice letter from Grayce and a letter yesterday from Julia. Etoile is still quite a sick woman but has not yet gone to Rice Lake. Personally I don't know particularly what Rice Lake can do for her unless the change itself may be well for her.

Both Dolph and Pat are responding well to treatment and your mother is getting along nicely.

It was quite cold last night. Registered forty-nine on our front porch.

Love to all of you from your,

April 29, 1940

Mr. T. W. Hanicke
1013 McGee Street
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Hanicke:

I was a little slow in getting Mrs. Simons' shoe ready to send and by that time Dr. Francisco decided that he would use a different kind of brace. He doubtless has told you, but I thought I would let you know why I had not sent you the shoe.

Respectfully yours,

WCS:GM

May 15, 1940

Mr. T. W. Hanicke
1013 McGee Street
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Hanicke:

In the package to which this letter is attached you will find a pair of Mrs. W. C. Simons' shoes. We are anxious to have lower and wider heels placed on these shoes to lessen the danger of another misstep when Mrs. Simons is able to be up and about again.

Kindly confer with Dr. Francisco in selecting the type heel most suitable.

Respectfully yours,

GCM:GH

May 15, 1940

Dear Grayce,

Your letter arrived this morning, the 15th, and I have laid it on Dolph's desk for him to read. Thank you a lot for your good work in getting things ready. You cannot look forward to our coming with any more interest and enthusiasm than we await being there. It is a beautiful spot and it is too bad that Dolph and I have to chase back and forth so often, but someone has to "make money for the babies".

I send you herewith a long letter from Julia that was received yesterday. I had not written her for several days because in a long distance talk to Mary Jule, the latter had understood that they were leaving the next day for Rice Lake, so I awaited writing until I heard from her. I think I will enclose the carbon copy of my letter to Julia yesterday as it refers to certain things that she has mentioned and also gives information about ourselves.

I take it that my good luck is that the boys are responding so well to treatment and that Certie is getting along nicely and that the accident is not even worse, but it does seem as if anxieties and trouble have piled up in so many ways. A few days ago I noticed that the front of a building we own needed attention and when we got into it we found termites and after finding termites we found timbers with dry rot so that what looked like a very simple job will be rather expensive before we get thru with it. But such is life. We are thankful we are not in Europe and we sincerely hope that in some way things may change.

I think there are millions of people--I know there are--today, who wonder if we have been deceiving ourselves about God's care. With thousands and thousands of innocent men, women and children slaughtered because of the inhuman treatment of one man and his associates, it would seem that there had never been a finer opportunity for the display of divine power in favor of righteousness, honesty, freedom of speech, courage and practically all of the virtues which are so dear to us; and it can mean only more fighting in the future. It is not the first time that

one man has spread the domain of his country over other nations. Caesar, Charlemagne, Charles V and Napoleon are instances of the kind and the great empires so constructed, quickly separated into individual governments. I am sure I do not know the answer. I wish I did.

Our tulips are now gone but they have been beautiful. Iris is in bloom and later varieties will come on. The first lot of Oriental Poppies have bloomed. Our hedge of old-fashioned yellow roses is in full bloom. We have two men working now trying to keep things cultivated, trimmed and in good order. We are not having a great deal of garden this year.

I am very, very sorry for Julia and you will see in my letter that I asked her that she try to get someone to aid her before she breaks. She is not young enough to stand up under such a strain indefinitely.

A short time ago I heard that Loren Gowdy, Ed Gowdy's son, was at Sabetha, Kansas. I wrote him a letter and received a reply this morning. I wouldn't be surprised if they didn't drive down someday to see us. I asked him to send me a picture of his little boy but he said they lost all of their pictures two years ago in a flood, but that they would have some taken and send me one. He looked so much like Dolph, Jr., when I last saw him.

Lots of love to both of you and appreciation for all that you do.

Lovingly your brother,

May 4, 1940

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bowline
Hope, Kansas

My dear Friends:

Both Mrs. Simons and I were pleased to receive your letter of yesterday.

We are happy to inform you that we took her home this morning where she will be cared for as long as necessary by a good practical nurse. It will be about two weeks more before the cast is removed and we are in hopes that the bone repair will be perfect.

With personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Hope, Kansas.
May 3rd - 1940.

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

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Bowline and I have just learned of Mrs Simons' misfortune, and want to express our sincere regrets.

We hope that Mrs Simons is progressing satisfactorily since her accident.

We are not conversant with the details of the accident, all we know is that she suffered a fracture of one limb.

Mrs Simons has always had such an optimistic view point of things. We feel sure this trait will help her to convalesce.

With best wishes & God's blessing.

Sincerely

Mr & Mrs C. M. Bowline.

May 4, 1940

Dear Janet:

I thought you would be anxious to hear about your mother and also wanted to acknowledge the nice little note she received a few days ago from Mickey. Gertie is getting along first rate, of course more or less uncomfortable, but came home this morning. Enough stalwart men picked her up from the bed and placed her on a movable cot and then removed her from that to her own bed at home. The trip was made in an ambulance and was not painful. She is now occupying the apartment in the rear of the house and has Mrs. Howser to care for her. I think it will be more pleasant for her than staying in the hospital and it will be more convenient for the rest of us who go out to see her.

Marie went to Nebraska day before yesterday, accompanied by her mother and will return Monday accompanied by Dorothea. Dolph and the boys are at home with their maid. Dolph is having an impacted wisdom tooth removed this afternoon. I went to the office but he said he would prefer not to have me wait, so they will call me as soon as he is ready and I will take him home. Don't know just exactly what to do with him, whether to take him to his house or mine, and it will depend somewhat upon his condition. The tooth was entirely out of sight excepting to the X-ray. An X-ray of his head taken by Dr. Powell a few nights ago indicated that the frontal sinuses were not as clear as they might be and he has been going over, I think now for three mornings, to have his nose sprayed. We believe he has been getting definitely better in the last few days and the impacted tooth is enough of a threat to warrant its removal.

Pat seems to be feeling real well. Had a letter this morning from Grayce who has returned to her home in Minnesota; also a long letter from Julia which came yesterday. Do not know of any other special news in which you would be interested.

Had a little visit with Landon Thursday night at the dinner given for Gannett and he spoke nicely of Mac.

Love to all of you and we shall be glad to hear from you.

Lovingly,

May 4, 1940

Dear Julia:

I had your long letter yesterday and was very happy to get it and will preserve it for the information that it contains about grandfather Simons and the Simons family. I think you are correct in that Caestia Simons could not have been the daughter of the fourth marriage, as that marriage occurred very late in the life of our great-grandfather and I am quite sure that no children were born to that union.

I am very sorry indeed that you have had such a burden and it must come mighty near wearing you out. If you can get some competent person to take care of Etoile, I wish you would so that you can come here or go somewhere else for an absolute rest. I think you need it and doubtless Charlie does too.

We had an offer the other day for an exchange of hotel services in Mineral Springs, Texas, for advertising. If you would like to go down there, which is some miles west of Dallas and Fort Worth, I would be glad to make the deal and let you have the hotel accommodations without charge. We might make a deal for some other place if we knew where you wanted to go.

I think it would be fine if Etoile could go up to Grayce's, because I know that Grayce has been wanting her there for several years and I feel sure that Etoile would enjoy it. There is so much perfect freedom there that she could do pretty much as she pleases. She could sleep as late as she would like.

We took Gertie home this morning in an ambulance and she is resting very comfortably in the room that was Mother Reineke's apartment. You always have wanted us to have a downstairs bedroom and it is very fortunate for us now that we have it. A mighty nice practical nurse is with her.

I hope you will find someone quickly because I don't want you to go to the breaking point.

With lots of love, I remain,

Your brother,

May 3, 1940

Mr. Loren Cowdy
Sabetha, Kansas

Dear Loren:

Just had a letter from Kathryne Drought telling me that you now live in Sabetha. As I drive thru Sabetha every now and then on my way to Dawson, Nebraska, where my youngest daughter lives, I shall be glad to look you up some day if you will tell me where you live.

If you happen to have a snapshot of your boy, I should like to see it. The last time I saw him I thought he looked very much like my grandson, Dolph Simons, Jr.

I understand that you still have your holdings in Western Kansas which I hope will be worth something to you someday. It has been nine years, as you know, since there has been a crop out there and prospects are poor this year. We have a young man from Burdett in our employ and I also correspond occasionally with Charles Ruff, also of Burdett.

Best wishes to you and yours.

Sincerely yours,

May 3, 1940

Mrs. Kathryne Drought
1417 North Blackstone
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Kathryne:

Your May day letter arrived this morning. It has been cold here and the spring season delayed. However, it has been pleasant yesterday and today and we have the front door to the office wide open.

I am glad that your boy is coming along all right. It has been rather a tough problem for all of you to have him sick and I hope work will open up. The idea of him taking I.C.S. work and preparing himself for a better job, is wise.

Your mention of Loren Gowdy gave me the first word that I have had of him for a good many years. I had presumed that he was in California. He is a rather likable fellow and his boy is an attractive little chap. I drive thru Sabetha every now and then and if I am able to locate him I will drop in to see him sometime. His sister, Charlotte, was a beautiful child with blond hair and as I recall, dark eyes. It was nearly twenty-five years ago I think that I saw her.

You are right about the Clarks. I rather think it was Jane Gowdy, a sister of Collins and of Sally Seymour, who married Sereno Clark and their son was named James Gowdy Clark for her grandfather. James Gowdy Clark was a popular song writer during the period of the Civil War. Some years ago my sister, Julie, ran across a book of his poems which she has at her home in Chicago. At an earlier period she found an engraving of his portrait and had it framed for my mother.

The gardening will probably be good for Gene. While it is not hard work it is different from his regular work and he will doubtless find some relaxation in doing it. I am glad that you, too, are in better health and I should like your fresh baked pumpkin pie

but I am afraid it wouldn't be in the best of condition by the time Uncle Sam brought it to me.

We have had some hard luck on our part too. Our son, Dolph, believing that he could take whatever came kept hard at work during what was probably an attack of the flu and was put to bed the second of March. I think he is coming out of it in fine shape and will be fully restored to health soon. He has known for sometime that he has had an impacted wisdom tooth which he is going to have out tomorrow and which I feel sure will be beneficial.

O. W. Maloney, the husband of our eldest daughter was taken sick about the middle of March and has not been on regular duty since, but he too is getting better and to cap the climax on Monday, April 22nd, Mrs. Simons evidently made a misstep of some sort at our home and broke the part of the top off of the tibia bone. She has been in the hospital since, but expects to come home tomorrow morning but will have to have a nurse to look after her for some little time to come as her leg will be in a cast for more than two weeks, but everyone is coming along in good shape and we are happy for that.

My health has been excellent for which I am thankful. Sister Etoile has not been real well for some little time. Has high blood pressure, but is better now than she was a couple weeks ago. Other members of our family are well. Grandchildren are all growing rapidly and doing well in school. The youngest of the lot will be two years old on the fifth of August. That is Dorothea's baby.

I do not know the present address of any of the Clark family.

Love and best wishes to all of you,

Your cousin,

May 1, 1940

Mrs. Harry F. Johnson
Dawson, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea:

I am sending you a carbon of a letter I have just written Janet to save going over the ground a second time.

You committed an almost unpardonable error in your last letter, to-wit: you did not mention your son. We are so accustomed to hearing something about him that we missed it.

I know you are happy and interested in the improvements which have been made at your office and I think that efforts of this sort on your part should result in encouraging others to clean up and paint up, with the result that it will make Dawson more attractive.

We are very much interested in waiting for the new report of the census to see if Lance has been counted.

Mrs. Nelson is here and this morning Gertie received an exceedingly beautiful basket of flowers. They were so pretty and fragrant, and with them a short note. I think the Nelsons and Nordlunds are good letter writers and they are kind in their thoughts of others.

Give my love to your two boy friends.

Lovingly dad,

May 1, 1940

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I received by mail this morning the enclosed bill which I understand you want to present to the one carrying your insurance.

Your mother was pleased to receive your letter and I am glad to say that she thinks she is getting a little better each day and when I was talking to her this morning she had in mind that she might come home Friday or Saturday. If so, we will place a bed for her in what was formerly mother's apartment and will have a very fine practical nurse in charge of her. I don't know much else to tell you.

I think Pat is definitely better, but Dolph is not showing the improvement that I want to see. He is having some further examinations made by his physician and if these examinations do not result in finding something that may be causing his trouble, we shall probably have to look elsewhere to see what can be done. Very little has been done so far in regard to testing his eyes, ears, nose, throat and teeth and the difficulty might readily lie in some of those places. An examination of his sinuses is to be made. We shall keep you informed as to the progress of the rest.

I had a very fine letter this morning from Etoile which sounded just like her normal self. I was glad to get it. She evidently was very much pleased with her new stationery.

Love to all,

Your father,

Loaned Apr. 8, 1940

Promises ^{that} men Live By

By Harry Sherman

To Dean Moore -

W.C. S.

Wrote notes

April 11, 1940

Park Lane

"COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA"

MILLCREEK PARKWAY AT FORTY-SIXTH STREET

LOGAN 3210

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

April 22

Dear Cousin Collie,

Enclosed please find
check for \$25⁰⁰ which
closes my account I believe.

You have waited patiently
for over seven years and
never asked me for a
payment. That is a fine
record of consideration and
words cannot express my
appreciation.

I have already tried to
tell you the reason for the
delay, when I was faced

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

with a debt of one thousand
dollars when my father
passed on, it looked like
a mountain I could not
climb but with the payment
of this to you, I do not
owe a penny to a living
soul and it is the grand-
est feeling I have had.

It is too bad just because
you happen to be a cousin
that I should force you to
wait to the last, that too,
you will understand.

Park Lane

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MILLCREEK PARKWAY AT FORTY-SIXTH STREET

LOGAN 3210

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

I hope Ralph continues to improve. I am sending a letter to Gertrude which will explain the matter of your promised visit to me - that is my delayed renewed invitation.

With deepest gratitude
and best wishes,

Percy

Berry.

April 29, 1940

Dear Julia,

Had your letter yesterday and I am very glad that you like the stationery. It really is original. I got to thinking about something for you girls and this came into my mind, and Pat found the initial letters for me. I think that it is rather of a clever letterhead and I am inclined to think may prove popular.

Gertie is coming along just as nicely as could be expected. Naturally she gets a little impatient at the delay, but is doing well. They contributed to her comfort somewhat last night by trimming off the top three inches of the cast on her leg. It was so close to the body previously that it was with difficulty that she could attain a sitting posture. Her friends have been wonderful in sending flowers and there were so many callers that we had to restrict the number. I think she will be coming home in a few days.

Dr. Francisco will order out a "Walker" for her. I imagine it is somewhat like the things used by little kiddies. It circles around in front and the user can bear a large part of the weight, or all of their weight on their hands, in making a step. She has consented and we are going to get some shoes with larger and lower heels.

One thing in particular that I wanted to write you about is Vera about whom you have been somewhat worried. The little tad has thoroly recovered from her cold, or whatever it was, but may have lost a pound or two while she was sick. She is happy and lively and very sweet. Mary Jule takes mighty good care of her and has a physician for her whenever there is any occasion for it.

Mary Jule's face, which was not so well for a while, is again getting much better. Dolph recommended to her the use of distilled water in washing her face and hands and I believe that may be helpful, the idea being that the chlorine

used for purifying the water may have been injurious to her skin.

We are planning to put in sound absorbing ceilings here which will reduce the noise in our office some fifty per cent, or more. We are also putting in some private office rooms into which Dolph and I can go to escape too much company. We think we can get more done in a shorter time in this manner. We are also planning to put in the new flourescent lighting system which will give us daylight lighting with a less consumption of electricity than we now have.

Give my love to Charlie and to Stoile. I presume Grayce has gone home. Blanche and Pat returned Saturday night and apparently he is very much better than when he went away. Dolph continues to improve and takes a couple of hours off at noon as a rest period.

Janet, Mac and the children came down Saturday evening and spent the night with us, returning home yesterday afternoon. We enjoyed them so much and we find from time to time rare qualities in our grandchildren. For instance, Mickie played "Liebestraum" on our melodeon quite effectively.

Lots of love to you from your brother,

April 29, 1940

Dear Grayce,

Thinking that you may have gone home, I am sending herewith carbon copy of a letter I have just written to Julia which will give you the news from our family.

Lots of love to you and Don,

Your brother,

April 27, 1940

Dear Sisters:

I did not know how soon Crayce would be going home so I sent her a copy of the letter that I mailed you some days ago and we received a nice letter from Don in reply.

Our first word that Blanche was coming home was in error and I reached her the next day by wire at New Orleans. She telephoned last night from Harrison, Arkansas, so they should be in rather early today, providing they made a rather early start. Harrison is in the northern part of Arkansas, close to the Missouri line. Also had a telephone call from Janet last night that they would be down this evening.

Before I heard that Blanche was coming, I had arranged with Dolph and Marie to take dinner with me tomorrow at our house, so we will have Janet and Mac and family also, but I won't be able to have all of the Maloneys over at this time. They have Mrs. McCoin with them and she will arrange for a good dinner, I am sure.

They took another X-ray of Gertie's leg yesterday and found that the broken part was perfectly in place and apparently was healing as rapidly as could be expected. It is uncomfortable at best. She has a heavy plaster of Paris cast from her body to her toes. They have her out of bed sitting in a chair about twice a day for perhaps thirty minutes or more at a time. It tires her quite a bit but it is believed to be good for her to get a little exercise. She complains very little, but had so much company yesterday and up until nine o'clock last night. I, who should be with her a great deal, and Dolph and Marie are more considerate of her than other good friends who stay too long. Today I think no one will be permitted to see her excepting members of the family.

Dolph seems to be recovering nicely and we shall know better about Pat when he gets home, but we believe that the trip has done him a lot of good.

I wish I could help you more in your problem and it may possibly reach the point where you will be forced to have a hearing

so that certain definite things will have to be done. It seems a pity that you do not have greater cooperation when you are doing everything possible to add to her comfort and welfare. Certain things practically become an obsession with people at times, such as the growing of ginseng, real estate, and the Lord knows what. None of which have produced anything but trouble for herself and worry for others. There must be someone who would be capable and who would be glad to have the place of working for her. Probably Gussie would be your best bet if you can get her. It must be a terrible worry to you and I wish I knew the answer.

We had a notice in the paper about Mrs. J. L. B., who was in the city last evening. Idalu, who must have been about forty years old, died of tuberculosis. She weighed but sixty-five pounds at the time of her death. The body was cremated and Mrs. B. and Mr. Yoder, Idalu's husband, are taking the ashes to Georgia.

I shall be glad to see Blanche and Pat and I hope that he will continue to feel in fine shape. Both Blanche and Marie have had a good deal of responsibility in recent weeks.

Much love to all of you.

Your brother,

The Rock Island Rocket runs thru Lawrence now so I think one can take the train here in the morning and be met at Little Falls, about thirty miles from Brainerd, in the evening. Until Gertie is stronger that would probably be the best way for her to go up, but we thank you very much for your suggestion that she might stop over in Chicago.

Love,

April 27, 1940

Dear Grayce,

You may be in Chicago where you will see the letter that I have sent to Julia, or you may have gone home so I am sending a carbon copy to Brainerd.

Gertie will have the cast upon her leg for about three weeks more, and it will then be placed in a brace, or boot, specially constructed for her which will protect the limb and will be much more endurable than the cast.

I hope that Gertie will be in perfect condition to spend the summer at the Lake as she enjoys it very much.

Love,

Dear Don,

Was glad to get your good letter. Here is hoping that our bad luck is about over. Blanche and Pat are home and I have talked over phone, but have not seen them.

Love,
Collie.

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BLANCHE

April 24, 1940

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

Dear Julia:

I am sending today a package containing personal letter-heads and envelopes for you and for Etoile. I have gotten out some of the same design for Grayce.

You have doubtless received my letter today telling about Gertie. She is getting along apparently just as beautifully as one could. Spent a good night last night and we are trying to see that she does not have too many visitors.

Now in regard to Etoile and extra care that may be demanded. If you can find someone to give her personal attention, I shall be glad to stand the expense, providing you keep it within reasonable limits. I feel that furnishing the home and personal care you should not have to have other additional financial expense. Perhaps the one you speak of as Gussie would be rather ideal for the place.

We all have our peculiarities, and her's seems to be that in someway she is lessening her standing when she accepts the good advice of those who care most for her. Dolph and I continually advise with each other in regard to various things and often revamp our plans, or ideas. I think it is always wise to hear the advice, no matter from whom it comes, and then to wisely sort out that which is good. Persons in very ordinary walks of life can frequently be of a good deal of advantage to others in making suggestions.

The popularity of Longfellow's "Village Blacksmith" comes from the realization we have of the real worth of even an humble artisan. Kipling has something of the same idea in Gunga Din, who in himself was one of the commonest of mortals, but who had to a tremendous degree the vital spirit of loyalty and service.

I was over to see Gertie this morning and will take dinner with her at the hospital tonight. Tomorrow night I am invited to dinner with Mary Jule and family.

After I was sound asleep on the porch last night, Blanche called from somewhere by long distance and told the maid who answered the phone that she would be back tonight. I am sorry they are hurrying home.

I hope you will like your stationery. Lots of love and good wishes,

Lovingly your brother,

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O.W. MALONEY
ST. CHARLES HOTEL
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

YOUR SECOND AIR MAIL HERE. GERTIE COMFORTABLE AND IN GOOD SPIRITS. MABEL DIDN'T UNDERSTAND YOUR MESSAGE. SORRY SHE DIDN'T CALL ME. IF STAYING LONGER IS GOOD FOR PAT DON'T CHANGE YOUR ORIGINAL PLANS. EVERYTHING RUNNING SMOOTHLY. DOLPH BETTER. CHILDREN WELL. WIRE YOUR PLANS. LOVE.

DAD

April 23, 1940

Dear Janet,

Your mother is getting along nicely. The general information is contained in the long letter enclosed herewith. Will advise you of the general situation. Gertie is resting easy today and the break is not anywhere nearly as serious as the one she had eight years ago. The condition of the break itself should be good because there was so little motion after it was made. Her friends are interested and her room is well filled with flowers. We are trying to keep her from having too much company lest it should tire her. She is in the same room that she occupied eight years ago. As I stated in the long letter, Marie has been mighty sweet in her ministrations.

I am very thankful that I have been able to keep going in good shape. It seems as if I can handle all that is piled on to me but I sincerely hope that the general situation will improve from now on.

It seems good to have Dolph at the office and I hope that Pat will come home rested. I am sure he will be in better spirits but neither Blanche nor Pat exercise much judgment when it comes to resisting entertainment.

We are glad to get your letters, to hear about Mary Beth and Mickey, the "Judge with fair round belly" and all of the interesting things in your home and community life. Gertie also delights in hearing from you.

Lots of love from us both,

Your,

April 23, 1940

Dear Dorothea and Family,

It seemed good to hear your voice over the phone and Lance's voice sounded good even if I didn't quite get the words that he was chewing gum. Maybe the gum had something to do with it.

I am trying to be very careful with Gertie and do not want to take any chances in moving her too soon. She has been in perfect health and is physically in mighty good shape. Having the cast on her leg, while cumbersome, it enables her to turn in bed and she will be able to sit up very shortly. Just how long she will be in the hospital, I don't know but I am trying to leave everything in the hands of the doctors.

One of the nurses attending her, also attended her eight years ago when she had her arm shattered by a fall.

Dolph, Marie and I were talking things over this noon and we believe that we shall have to convince her in some way of the necessity of wearing lower and wider heels, even if we had to have them made to order.

I shall keep you informed and you can consider no news as being good news.

We should all like to see your new office because we are sure that it is attractive.

I am sending you herewith a carbon of a long letter I have just written my sisters.

Lots of love to each one of you,

April 11, 1940

Mr. Charles Ruff
Burdett, Kansas

Dear Charlie:

It has been a long while since I have written you but I have been rather of a busy man. My son, Dolph, tried to keep on going when he was attacked apparently by flu and as a result went to bed on March 2nd. While he has been down a few hours a day for the past ten days, he has not yet fully recovered and it may be some weeks yet before he has regained his full strength and energy.

My son-in-law, O. W. Maloney, who is the head of our publishing department, was taken ill two weeks later and, while he is improving, he is still putting in but a few hours a day. Fortunately for me, I have been able to be on the job.

In Richard Martin, a young man from Burdett, we have an employee in whom we have a good deal of confidence. We believe that he has the possibility of making us a first class man.

If history runs true to form, Western Kansas will soon be due for more big crops of wheat and I hope that when the turn comes it will find you with a big acreage and a good market. I think we have many things to be thankful for, altho many things might be better than they are now.

I sympathize deeply with the peoples of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Finland and Scandinavia. The Devil seems to have found perfect embodiment in Hitler and his ruthless crew. I trust that once more the ancient saying will stand true, "The mills of the Gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly small."

I have felt with many others for a long time that Christianity was ore of a profession, than a fact, in many of our so-called Christian nations. Perhaps as a whole we have needed the punishment that has come to us, but I hope and pray that all of the gains made thru the centuries will not be lost. Why the Devil should put it into the hearts of men to back these subversive influences now so active in America, I cannot understand.

Men, who have done little or nothing to advance the interests of humanity, seek to destroy what others have accomplished. But, you do not need this kind of a letter at all.

You and I both need to think of our blessings, to think of our children and grandchildren and of the pleasures that are and have been ours; of the good we may have done and we have occasion to thank the Lord that he has enabled us to withstand the obstacles which life places in our way.

With very best wishes to you and yours, I remain,

Cordially your friend,

Burdell, Kansas, Feb. 9, 1940.

Mr. C. Simons Editor
Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Colie: I noticed date pushed up, again on the Journal World. Well, this has gotten to be an annual affair for many years and "Strange as it may seem" We'd have been without a daily all that time had this not been so. and, you must know that in this way the Lord has made good in many ways. the many journeys made in behalf of the Kingdom made at our own charges. Not boasting for much more could have been received had I been in position to ~~accept~~ ^{accept} for when it was made known that concessions were made because it was known I tried to preach, I could not accept. In my estimation anything pertaining to the Kingdom must not be commercialized. Then to my position was different from any preacher I ever knew. I was conducting other things. I must not underestimate what the brethren did do in ways I could accept; but after the car came into service, expenses were increased I drove 12,000 miles the first year 1917 when the tally broke; for several years the average drive was 7,000 miles. I've handled a good bit of money that belonged to the other fellow \$260,000 while treasured of our High School (15 yrs.) But you see it was not mine, I'm glad. I take no credit to myself the urge (call) I obeyed often when I knew and felt what it meant for the family to be left at home and because of that responsibility I never felt free to go. now that the good wife shows so many signs of age. I wonder if I did the right thing.

On the other hand, bread returns in so many ways we take so much comfort with our family all still living and within a few hours reach of home so many remembrances, and the annual home coming all here but Glenn. He called from a distance upon Mother's birthday. in short there are moments of time which repay many times for all we ever sacrificed, and after all I can't help comparing with those who sought wealth, with few exceptions we are as well off.

Do you remember the Mrs. Jenkins? I was called to her funeral the other day she was over 92. and had such a remarkable life, lived a widow 26 yrs. a most devout Christian, after she became blind she attended church her children seeing she was taken there.

I enjoyed your account of the 1886 blizzard, there are so many fine divisions to your paper. all too numerous to speak of them here. The mail comes to our door and we look forward to its coming.

We have had a good snow and severe weather but were prepared for it, a new snow covers the earth to day don't know yet what the crop will do, at 72 I'm carrying on to leave the old world with all obligations met.

I note by the account of your boyhood (blizzard) that you are about five years younger than I. somehow I thought we were about the same age.

I've heard from Allen Jackson, and Ed. Cox. both of Oregon Allen is not well, became a 4th Day Advent. Ed. takes great interest in a Baptist Church at his home.

Kindest regards to you and yours, I'm very sure your life has been abundantly blessed.

Charles -

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In making a sale of my horse Jerry to W. C. Simons,

For the sum of \$80.00, I hereby guaranty that I own the horse free of all encumbrance, and that he is seven years old, sound, and is a good and willing worker.

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In Reply Please Refer to File

No. _____

March 7, 1940

Dear Brother Collie -

Julia is worried about her birth certificate, and tells me that the only one who could certify is Lillie Gowdy at St. Paul.

I believe you are familiar with the necessary information in affidavit form, and if you will be kind enough to have Lillie certify you undoubtedly could have her signature properly notarized and sent to me at Chicago. I could then arrange here for whatever is necessary.

Shall appreciate your keeping this confidential, as I never have written to Lillie Gowdy, and do not know just how to approach the subject with her.

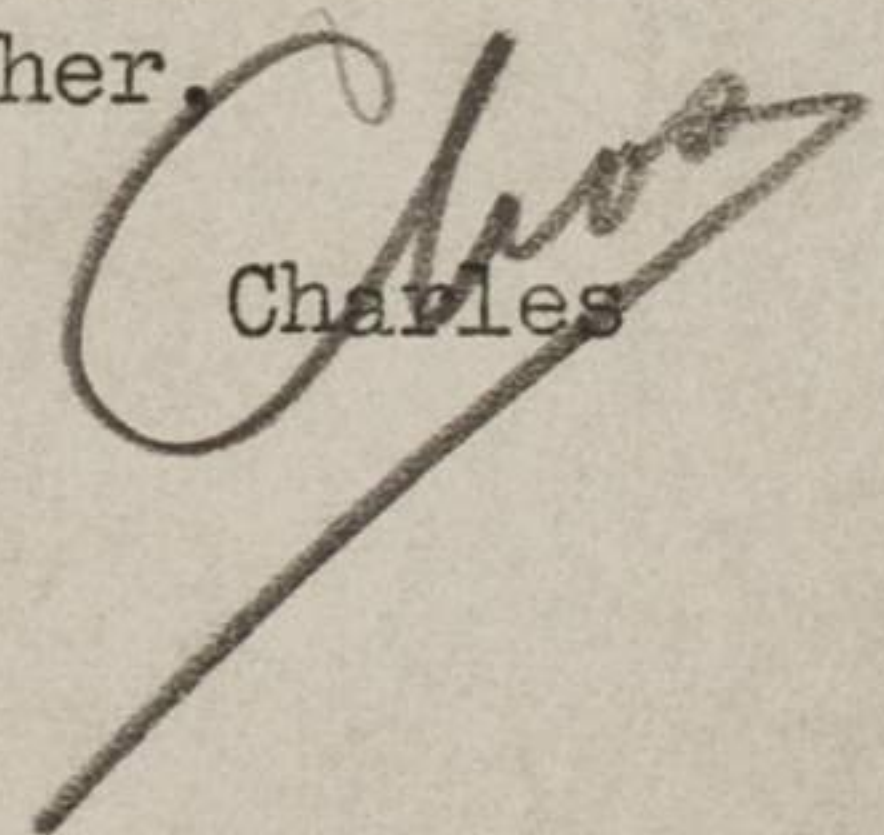
It is possible things may break so Julia and I could take a trip and I presume this information would be necessary on any passport.

Sorry to hear of Dolph's illness and hope he comes clear without any after effects.

Michael McNally wrote me about ten days ago, stating he wanted to write a theme at school on the Chicago subway and I gave him considerable data. Hope he **wins** a prize as he has more general information than was conveyed in newspaper reports.

Best regards to all -

Your brother,


Charles

March 23, 1940

Dear Dorothea:

The good news that I can pass on to you is that both of the boys are coming along first rate. I take it for granted that you knew that Pat was put to bed Monday night. He had been bowling Monday night at the Elks Club and while heated drank a bottle of cold pop. He was taken sick but was able to drive home, but was alarmed for fear that it indicated some serious heart trouble. He has since been in bed and last night they made a report on the cardiograph reading which indicated that his attack had been of much less importance than it might have been. I think that Pat will have to be a little more careful about taking care of himself, especially so for the next four or five years until he has passed the age at which his brothers and father died. I think it has caused him to be depressed.

Dolph has been making constant progress and is up and around his home upstairs the past week. He has been sitting up some but has not been downstairs since last Friday or Saturday when he took another test. The test indicated marked improvement so that we think there will be 100% recovery. I don't expect him to report back at the office for work before the first of the month and I imagine he will take it a little easier afterwards. I don't believe that he will drive himself as hard in the future as he has in the past, which will mean that he will have to cut out a lot of outside work, which is harder upon him than his work in the office.

I have been bothered with a cold the last three or four days but feel that I am better. It is quite essential that I am able to keep going. I make a call each morning on both of the boys and then make another call each evening after leaving the office. I have been getting along fine and aside from the cold have not found the burden heavy. Business has been good.

Our little club that meets occasionally on Saturday night is to have a meeting tonight with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Means but I asked Gertie to regret thinking that it would be unwise for me to

go and that it would also be rather unfair to have someone at the table who had a bad cold.

I sent out a box of lilies to Gertie this morning but she came downtown before receiving them so she may have seen them by this time and perhaps not.

It is cold this morning, about 22° above.

We were interested in seeing Kansas win over Rice and hope they will be able to handle Southern California, altho that will be a pretty hard proposition for them.

I find a good fat letter here for Dolph from C. H. Hoinville and whether it contains a letter from Julia or just clippings, I don't know. I haven't been hearing from Julia quite as often recently.

I would be glad to see all of you and to hear kiddo spring some more new words on me. Dolph and John were taken over to Leavenworth yesterday where they were to take the Streamliner to Auburn to spend the week end, which was quite an event. I don't know that John can remember ever riding on a train and Dolph hasn't been on one for a long while.

Mable is going to spend the week end with her folks; the first time she has been out since Christmas.

Lots of love to all of you.

Your,

March 23, 1940

Dear Janet:

I happened to dictate a letter to Dorothea first and so I told all the news and enclose a copy to you.

We were interested in receiving the copy of the school paper in which our grandchildren were prominently mentioned. They are wonderful little folks and I wish I could see them much more often than I do. A law firm composed of Mickey and John Simons would be a world beater, as they both think very quickly and decisively.

Dolph was telling me this morning that it had been seventeen below at Bemidji and four below at the Twin Cities and he guessed it was probably ten degrees at Brainerd, which is pretty cold for this time of year.

Both of the boys seem to be in fine spirits, altho at first Pat was depressed. I think if the weather really comes out warm and stays that way for a while it will be better for us all. Altho generally speaking I like to see it stay cold until it is ready and time to warm up as the warm spells followed by cold spells are hard on vegetation.

Give my love to each member of the family and still there will be plenty left for you.

Lovingly your,

March 23, 1940

Dear Julia:

I enclose a carbon copy of a letter I have just written to Dorothea which tells about Dolph and Pat. I haven't been hearing from you quite as often lately and I hope you are all right. Charlie Stough told me that you had been invited down to spend Easter with them but that they had not heard from you at that time and I don't know if they have heard since.

I learned this morning that Charlie is to have opposition at the polls. Mr. Rowland, who was defeated at the primary is trying to make a comeback as an independent. It will mean another fight for Charles and that much more publicity, which is the real reason for his getting into the campaign in the first place. A young lawyer must gain acquaintance in order to secure business.

I have a fat letter addressed to Dolph before me which I will take to him this afternoon. I think probably it is from Charlie and contains more of his good clippings. I know Dolph will be glad to receive the letter.

I feel very grateful that I have been able to take charge as I used to in the days gone by and keep things going during the absence of the boys. We have a mighty good office force and every one has taken hold in the best of spirit to make things good.

I think that Dolph and his boys are looking forward with great eagerness to their summer in Minnesota.

I wonder if I told you about Dolph Junior's recent experience with the University. He called up the swimming teacher and said he would like to take an examination as a life saving scout, altho he is two years under the age requirement. He made the proposition himself and the teacher told him to come up. I talked to him afterwards when he was reporting to his parents about his experience. He went up to the class, which was composed entirely of University students, and when he dived off into the pool he swam about the length of the pool, altho this was the first time he had been in the water since last summer. Then he dived to the bottom of the pool to bring up a tire as one of the tests; took

one of the young men on his side to prove his skill in life saving and went thru all the requirements given to the young men.

When we asked him how he came out he said, "Oh, about normal" and by normal we thought he meant about average. And we said, "Normal for boys about your age, or the young men present?" and he said, "Oh, normal with those present", and we felt that for a young boy to compete with University men was pretty complimentary, and Dolph said he overheard the teacher make the remark to someone else that that boy must have been born in the water.

Well I simply wanted you to know how everything was moving along at the old stand and that we love you very much and will be happy to have you come see us whenever you can. We don't see you anywhere nearly as often as we would like to. Please let Etoile read this letter and tell her to consider it as a personal letter to her also.

With much love,

Your brother,

March 14, 1940

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

Dear Julia:

I had a request a short time back from Charlie in regard to securing a birth certificate for you. I got a blank here at home and filled it out and sent it on to Lillian for her signature. I called her attention to the fact that while you were originally named Julia Lavina, you had changed the name to Julia Mary. You will note that the mother's age is given the same as the father's, altho mamma was about a year younger. Papa was 32 in February and mamma would not be 32 until April, but I see I made a mistake in it anyhow, but that doesn't matter.

Charlie told me that you had not corresponded with Lillian for sometime but in my letter, of course, I made no reference to anything like that, but told her that you had been the one to sign my birth certificate and that she could sign yours, which she very gladly did. If you feel disposed to write her a letter concerning it, I think it would be in order.

Dolph got your good letter a few days ago and also a letter from Etoile. He appreciated them both very much. He has now been in bed a little over a week and a half and is making good progress. Hope to have him sitting up for a while in a few days and if so, within a few days more we will have him out to the hospital again for another check up. After that, if he is ready to move under his own power, we shall have Dolph and Marie go south for at least a couple of weeks, perhaps to Gulfport, Mississippi, or some nearby city.

I don't know, may be Charlie just wanted to whet my curiosity, but he didn't indicate just where you were going, but inasmuch as you don't like cold weather, I doubt if you are going to Finland. I am sorry for the Finns, but I can't help but believe that it is wise for them to bring the war to a close before they are exterminated. Their history indicates that it is no new thing for them

to war against Russia. I think the experience has been tremendously expensive to Russia as it has also been to Finland.

Had a letter from Dorothea today and a letter from Janet the other day.

Been cold again, not awfully cold, but down to 22° last night and today the sun has been out now and then, and between times there have been a few flakes of snow which have melted as they have fallen.

Business has been reasonably satisfactory and I am very thankful that I have been able to carry on while Dolph has been out, without any bad effects. If Dolph and Marie go away, the boys will stay with us. I have gotten in the habit the past ten days of getting down early and have been able to do so without any difficulty.

As you know, Charlie Stough was nominated for the Council, which will mean his election. He is a likable chap and I look to see him have a nice business here in the near future. I think he makes friends readily.

Lots of love to you and the bunch. Tell Etoile "hello".

Lovingly your brother,

March 8, 1940

Mr. Chas. H. Hoinville
7539 Colfax Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Charlie:

I received your letter this morning and have already filled out a blank and have mailed it to Lillian for her signature and affidavit. I hope that it will come thru all right.

You will be interested in knowing what a hit your letter to Michael made. Gertie and I were out there about ten days ago and visited his room and we found on the bulletin board at the rear of the room, exhibited where all could see, your letter to Michael and each of the clippings that you sent him. He is quite a chap and undoubtedly advanced his prestige quite a bit to be able to get first hand information.

Dolph is coming along splendidly and we feel sure will be all right soon. I have the big, fat letter addressed to him from Julia which I shall take out to him tonight.

We have been enjoying a visit from Dorothea and Lance this week. We shall take them to Topeka tomorrow afternoon.

Love to all.

Your brother,

March 8, 1940

Mrs. Don A. Freeman
Route 3
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce:

Another 22nd day of February has gone by, another anniversary not only of the birth of the Father of his country, but of a very capable and gracious lady of my acquaintance in Minnesota.

The principal news in our family is that we put Dolph to bed last Saturday night for two weeks because he had reached a stage of almost complete exhaustion. He is recuperating most satisfactorily and we feel sure will be full of life and vigor in a short time. Marie is giving him very careful and loving attention. John is at our house and Dolph is staying at home.

John, by the way, is developing a good deal of talent as a pianist. Altho he has only been taking lessons a couple of months he is beginning to play rather difficult music and has a very fine sense of time and tone. He rather surprised us the other evening by transposing his piece from one key to another, putting in all proper sharps and flats as needed. His teacher speaks very highly of his ability and he enjoys his work. His mamma aids him when he is at home and his grandma has had quite a kick playing with him while he has been with us.

Dorothea and Lance have been here this week. While the little chap is only a year and a half old, he is a constant source of surprise to us by his quickness in learning everything, his enjoyment of a joke and his general knowledge. We shall be quite lonesome when he leaves us tomorrow afternoon. Bus was down for the game last Friday night and went home Sunday afternoon.

Pat is on a trip to central and western Kansas and I expect he will be in tomorrow night. I think you know his mother is living here now, having an apartment in what used to be the home of George March and afterwards the Frank March home, cashier of the Merchants Bank.

The weather is still a little unsettled, but is getting warmer and we have had a fair amount of precipitation.

The children are all well excepting Dolph and he is coming along very satisfactorily.

Lots of love to you and Don.

Your brother,

March 8, 1940

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I realized that I had left my coat there and am sorry that I caused you the bother of sending it to me, but I appreciated your thoughtfulness as it has been quite useful the last few days.

Dorothea and baby, who have been with us for the week, will probably leave tomorrow, as the plans now are for us to take them to Topeka in the afternoon. We have had a pleasant time with them, altho I have seen them only mornings and evenings.

If you noticed the little item about Dolph, you are doubtless interested in knowing how he is getting along. He had reached a stage of almost complete exhaustion, so the doctor put him to bed for two weeks. It will be a week tomorrow night. Tonight is the seventh night and he has been following instructions thoroly. Looks better and feels better but we are keeping just as much office business away from him as we are able.

Pat has been making a three-day trip in central and western Kansas, but has not been closer to you than Lyons. I think he will get home sometime tomorrow evening.

Your mamma and I both enjoyed our visit with you very much. You have a beautiful home and you know how to make us comfortable.

Love to all the family.

Lovingly your,

March 8, 1940

Miss Lillian Cowdy
3751 Aldrich Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Lillian:

I had a note from C. H. Hoinville today which makes me believe that they may be considering taking some sort of a trip. At least Julia wants to get a birth certificate.

When I got my birth certificate, I had Julia make the affidavit, as my older sister. I think you could make this affidavit for Julia, and you will note that I put in the notation "first cousin". I have filled the paper out completely so that all that will be required will be your signature and acknowledgment before a notary. Notaries usually charge a quarter, but might charge more, so I am enclosing fifty cents in stamps.

Julia was originally named Julia Lavina but shortly afterwards uncle William and Aunt Lavina did not get along well together and her middle name was changed to Mary. I mention that because you might recall that she was originally Julia Lavina Simons.

I have been wanting to write you a letter but have been very busy. Dolph had been going too strong for the past six months and showed signs of exhaustion so we put him to bed last Saturday with the intention of keeping him there for at least two weeks. He is responding splendidly to the treatment and I am sure the rest will do him a world of good.

It will not be a great while now until we shall have the pleasure of seeing you again and probably of having you with us at the Lake. Love and best wishes.

Your cousin brother,

March 8, 1940

Miss Etoile B. Simons
7539 Colfax Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Etoile:

I have been busier than seven hundred dollars and haven't time to write, but I am going to send you carbon copy of a letter I have just written to Grayce, which gives you the news. I had your letter a while back and also a letter from Julia in which she says that you like the little present I sent you. Both you and Julia will be having birthdays before a great while.

As soon as spring comes I hope you will come to see us before Gertie goes to the Lake. In all probability Marie and Gertie will go up to the Lake early in June to spend another three months. I don't think I shall try to do much gardening out home as they get away before the garden is going good and it burns up usually in the summer while they are gone.

Our big old mare that we had used as a beast of burden and playmate for the last eight or ten years died at winter quarters early this week. She had the good nature of the horses we used to have and while I was very sorry to lose her, my experience with farm life caused me to realize that the life of a horse was something that might pass out most anytime, but this one must have been somewhere from fifteen to eighteen years old.

I know you would enjoy our grandchildren very much and I hope that you will not put off seeing them too long. I love you a lot.

I am not taking time to write to Julia at this time but I have just written a line to Charlie and he may turn the letter over to her. You may be at liberty to let her read this if you care to do so.

Lovingly your brother,

March 6, 1940

Miss Beryl Buckley,
No. 309, Park Lane,
Millcreek Parkway at 46th St.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Beryl:

Thank you a lot for your check for twenty-five dollars. I can see very clearly that soon you will be out of my debt and I can no longer domineer over you.

Your letter arrived also today for Gertie but she has not yet seen it. We are just a little bit in the air right now on account of Dolph being ordered to bed for a two weeks' rest, the result of almost total fatigue due to six months' of strenuous effort coupled with a light attack of flu. We think he will get along beautifully, but it occasions us some anxiety and puts more responsibility on me for the time being.

Be sure that Gertie and I will enjoy being with you at as early a date as can be conveniently arranged.

Lovingly yours,

Park Lane

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Nov. 1-40

Mr. W. C. Finney

Lawrence, Mo.

Dear Cousin Collie,

Enclosed find my
check for \$25.00 payment
to be applied to my acct.

I had hoped to send the
balance of \$50.00 but
that will follow a bit later.

Thanks for your good letter
of a few weeks past.

I appreciate all you say
and I am glad if you

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feel I have not failed.

I shall write Gertrude a
little later, but you
might be thinking
with her about spending
Easter Sunday with me
in K. C.

That may be rather a
special day with your
people, but it would be
nice (for me) if you could
come Sat. ^{after} before and
be here for service at

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Aunt Lou's church.

I shall try to donate
Estude the first of
the week.

Love to all,

Bessy.

February 24, 1940

Dr. Robert J. Kellogg
415 S. Cedar Street
Ottawa, Kansas

Dear Dr. Kellogg:

I was very much interested in the second paragraph of your letter of February 23rd.

Knickerbocker, who spoke here early this week said, "That if the allies win the matter of a treaty of peace will be negotiated with advocates favoring stringent requirements, and others satisfied with simply a slap on the wrist. But if Germany wins, there will be no treaty of peace because there will be no England and no France, simply an enlarged Germany with Germans taking over thru theft and pillage all that the power of might will permit them to get."

It is a little difficult for me to answer the first query in your letter in regard to when I could see you. My daughter is very anxious to have us be with her at Minneapolis, Kansas, perhaps as late as Wednesday and I am presumed to be at Sunset Home for the annual meeting of the board Tuesday evening. It is probable that I could see you either Thursday, Friday or Saturday and I shall be glad to have you call.

With best wishes to you and yours, I remain,

Cordially yours,

WCS:GM

February 14, 1940

Mr. A. D. Weaver
Hibiscus Hotel
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Mr. Weaver:

I was very glad to get your card of the 7th and hope that the weather has settled down in Florida so that you can have your ordinary good times. The thermometer went down to twenty-three last night but stood at about thirty at nine o'clock this morning at our home.

I asked the hospital to send you the report and found they hadn't done so because they didn't have your address, which I gave them. Little problems come up that have to be handled but there have been no bad feelings, nor hard feelings, at the hospital for sometime to the best of my knowledge and belief. We are pleased with the good work that is being done and while we have not been making money, we have been running reasonably close to making expenses, which is about all we can expect.

As I have expressed it on more than one occasion, we feel it is much finer for Lawrence to have the public health good and the hospital not doing so well financially than to have the hospital full of patients and showing a profit because of the large amount of sickness. Good health above all is one of our greatest assets and about the only way the new deal can take that away from us is to try to worry us thinking about things, or to work us to death in trying to get out the myriad of reports that are required.

Yesterday I had to check with our accountant every amount paid to any employee at the office for the year 1939. As our regular payroll, including carriers, is around eighty, the occasional workers ran the total list up to well over one hundred.

We think that on the whole everything is doing quite well in Lawrence. Mrs. Simons and I dropped into your good store this morning to buy a spring coat for my grandniece, Mrs. Mary Jule

Shipman Stough. She is the daughter of my niece, Vera Brady, that you used to know when she was a little girl.

Mrs. Simons and I spent Saturday and Sunday forenoon with Dorothea and her family at Dawson, Nebraska, and we found that beginning at Sabetha and running north, they had quite a heavy fall of snow. In some places where the snow plow had gone thru, the snow stood piled up for five or six feet at the side of the road. It began thawing, however, Sunday and here in Lawrence more than half of the ground is now free from snow and I understand that wheat is looking well.

This is rather of a long letter but I know you are glad to keep in touch with things at home.

With best wishes, I remain,

Cordially yours,

WCS:GM

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Mr W.C. Amos
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415 S. Cedar St.,
Ottawa, Kansas,
February 23, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Simons:

I hope to be in Lawrence some day next week if weather permits, and should like to see you briefly with a young friend interested in newspaper advertising work, and hope this may be possible. Can you kindly tell me what days, if any, you will be away or inaccessible, and what times of the day would be most convenient for you to have us call?

The churches here have just had a series of four interesting and in the main helpful meetings or conferences on civic problems, three meetings on Recreation, Delinquency and Public Health respectively, and one (men's supper at Nelson Hotel Wednesday night) a lecture by Prof. B. L. Harshbarger on "Propaganda". He illustrated his points mainly by references to statements publicized during the course of the World War. He was interesting, but decidedly uncrITICAL, tending without proof to call all statements of atrocities and the like unfounded inventions and slanders, such as the direct responsibility of the Kaiser in making the final decision for war as against settlement in conference; or the German aim at economic, political and cultural world supremacy; or German atrocities and terrorism ("Schrecklichkeit" the Germans called it.) --- I was in Berlin at the outbreak of the World War, and I happen to know from German sources that all of these, and some others were real.

I hope this finds you and yours and the Journal-World well and prosperous as usual.

Thanking you, and with best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert Kellogg

Please give my warmest greetings to friends at the Church, especially to members of the men's class.

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Return to W.C.S.

GENERAL OF THE ARMY, U.S.A.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

[Handwritten signature]

MAJOR GENERAL

THANK YOU FOR THE LETTER OF THE 10TH INST.

REPLY:

I have your letter of the 10th inst. and am glad to hear that you are well.

THEY ALL DO WELL AND ARE VERY HAPPY TO HEAR

FROM YOU AND YOUR WIFE AND CHILDREN. I AM GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU ARE ALL WELL.

PLEASE WRITE TO ME WHEN YOU HAVE A CHANCE AND LET ME HEAR FROM YOU.

YOUR AFFECTIONATE FATHER,

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January 31, 1940

Miss M. Beryl Buckley
No. 309, The Park Lane,
4600 Mill Creek,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Cousin Beryl:

I have your letter of the 28th and I am very much pleased to see how well you have handled your financial affairs. It has been no easy matter and it reflects a lot of credit on your business ability. In fitting yourself to meet the approval of those in a position to aid you in your work, is undoubtedly the wise and desirable thing to do.

I was very happy to be of service to you at the time, and if you remember I made the offer without your having made a request for any assistance. I have had a great deal of admiration for Blanche Reineke and yourself for the way in which you carried on, sometimes under very serious handicaps.

We were happy to have you with us in our home and hope that you will make it a point to come much more often in the future than you have in the past. We shall certainly try to avail ourselves of your kind invitation, but just when will probably depend upon Gertie and the weather.

Had a nice letter from Dorothea today. She is a wise child in addressing her letters to Mr. and Mrs. In that way I can open them without the sneaking consciousness that I am opening my wife's mail. They are well and happy and are taking a great deal of enjoyment in their little boy.

Marilyn and Eileen came into our church recently by baptism. It was a matter very largely of their own decision.

Gertie and I feel that we are extremely fortunate in our children, their spouses, and our grandchildren.

Thanking you again for the check, and with love and best wishes, I remain,

Your cousin,

January 27, 1940

Mrs. C. H. Hoinville
7539 Colfax Avenue
Windsor Park Station
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Julia:

I believe Charles must have "et" the letter you wrote which I did not receive. I can't account for it otherwise and if he has been a little toppy since then it may be that it acted as a tonic.

I thoroly enjoyed your letter and I was glad to be corrected. I was at a loss to know just ^h where the folks were at the time but I knew that Louis was at home because he was the one who put the sack of hay in the window which blew out and caused the barn to fill up. I simply remember that incident altho it might have blown out just the same if I, or anyone else, had attempted to stop up the hole.

I remember well the home that we occupied across the dry ravine. I think it was in that building that someone, perhaps J. L., was very sick and a window blew in during a storm sousing the bed. I also remember coming down to the ravine, which was running knee deep with water and finding on the bank a strange woman, or girl, who wanted to get across. Altho I did not know her I picked her up in my arms, waded the stream, and placed her on the other side. What you tell me brings all of these things back to my mind and I remember the school, the Roughtons and all of the rest.

I am inclined to believe that you would have been a most successful author if you had given special attention to that line of work.

I am happy to know that Etoile is better and I hope that you are coming a long in good shape yourself. Etoile should care for herself as we care for our machinery. In other words, we

will not permit a machine to be operated if it is not in good repair, and if we take that kind of care of equipment, which we can go into the market and buy, how much greater is the need to take care of our bodies and lives which cannot be replaced.

I also had a nice letter today from Grayce.

below

It was eight degrees/in front of my house last night, while the downtown record showed one degree higher. The highest today was twelve above.

I appreciate very much the several dates you have given me in regard to times and places where you and mama taught. I think that the winter of '83-'84 mama taught in the Roop neighborhood and I think that was the occasion where she wore new shoes and froze her feet so severely.

Write me often, and if the spirit doesn't move you, kick the spirit in the pants.

Lots of love,

January 26, 1940

Mr. Michael McNalley
% L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

My dear Mike:

I am having this letter written by typewriter because I am afraid that my handwriting would not be as good as yours.

It has been a long time since I have written to you but I thoroughly enjoyed the good letter that you wrote me and I hope you will write me again. Just give me the lowdown on the family; tell me about your boy and girl friends and how you are getting along in school.

I am counting on you getting up to the lake this summer so that you can have an experience in landing real fish. I feel pretty sure they are going to bite this summer.

Give my love to the other members of the family.

Lovingly your,

MISSOURI STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE
1312 Grand Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri

January 20, 1940

Moreata Hull, 4-0034 - was employed by us as
Cook and Housemaid from about December, 1938
to April 7, 1939.

Cooking	Good
Serving	Poor
Cleaning	Average
Laundry	Good
Orderliness	Average
Initiative	Poor
Dependability	Poor
Honest	- - -
Would you re-employ	No

Termination of Employment -- Quit

Remarks: Both Mr. and Mrs. Hull were in our employ
and the experience was very unsatisfactory. Mrs. Hull
has good qualities, but seems dominated by her husband.
He quit work and went away during our absence. Our
experience was costly and troublesome.

Date: Jan. 20, 1940

W. C. Simons

Lawrence, Kansas

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE
Bank of Talmage

of Talmage, Charter No. 410, in the
 State of Nebraska at the close of
 business Oct. 2, 1939.

(Member of Federal Deposit
 Insurance Corporation)

Assets

Loans and discounts	\$ 68,650.67	
Overdrafts33
United States Government obligations, direct and, or fully guaranteed	96,900.00	
Obligations of States and political subdivisions ..	10,060.00	
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	1,800.00	
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	4,200.00	
Cash in bank and due from National and State banks subject to check 87,178.32		
Checks and items of exchange	28.42	87,206.74
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TOTAL	\$268,817.74	

Liabilities

Capital stock—common	\$ 25,000.00	
Surplus fund	7,500.00	
Undivided profits (Net) ...	9,395.82	
Individual deposits subject to check	147,882.44	
Time certificates of deposit	79,031.68	226,914.12
Other liabilities		7.80
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TOTAL	\$268,817.74	

STATE OF NEBRASKA)

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County of Otoe)

I, Chas. E. Wood, cashier of the
 above named bank, do solemnly swear
 that the above statement is a true
 and correct copy of the report made
 to the Department of Banking.

CHAS. E. WOOD, Cashier.

Attest:

Herman Arends, Director.

William H. Damme, Director.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
 this 5th day of Oct., 1939.

E. G. Spencer,

(Seal)

Notary Public.

Entered on ledger

Please make a
note that Fred Heek
owns me for a load
of alfalfa. He got it
early this
mo. March/40

W.L.S.

mpls. 3/11-1940.

Dear Callie:-

My attorney has witnessed
my signature, will affix
the seal and mail the
affidavit to you.

I shall be writing you
in a few days.

With love,

Lillian.

TELEPHONE ~~744~~

3-3238

Household Paper Products Company

FRANK W. O'REILLY

EVANSVILLE DISTRICT MANAGER

~~HOTEL SONNTAG~~

EVANSVILLE, IND.

703 E. Blackford

Mr. Linnæus

Sorry I didn't get the
see of any of your family
Tell Joseph. Mr. L.
Linnæus a friend of
his & daughter in
at this same address
in Evanston
Frank

WEIGHED ON _____ STANDARD SCALE

City _____ Mar 1st 1940

Load of Alalfa Hay

Method of Transportation _____

From Sumner

To Heck

Driver on _____

Driver off _____

Fees _____

A. E. Heck

\$10³²

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Gross 76000 lbs.

Tare 5880 lbs.

Net 7920 lbs.

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
DIVISION OF MILITARY SCIENCE AND TACTICS

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

The Reserve Officers Training Corps

of the University of Kansas

requests the pleasure of the company of

Mr. W. C. Simons

at their Entertainment and Barbecue

on WEDNESDAY, the SEVENTEENTH of JANUARY

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY

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Chow line forms promptly at 7:00 p.m., o'clock

Entertainment - Food

REPLY REQUESTED