

January 5th,  
1942

Dr. Frank Jennings  
26 Fairfax Street  
West Newton Center, Mass.

My dear Frank:

I want to thank you for your good letter anent my 50th anniversary. As I recall you were a boy in swaddling clothes when I began business here, but you grew up fast and have some splendid service to your credit.

Mrs. Simons and I were very sorry that we could not be in Lawrence to take part in the reception given you last year, and we hope that some time when you are traveling west to see Margaret, you can find time to pay us a visit at our home.

Through you I also received a nice letter from Ross Sanderson, former pastor of the Congregational Church.

I think that one thing that has helped me perhaps thru the years has been my deep regard for folks simply as folks. People do not have to be successful, well dressed, or educated to find a place in my regard, altho I certainly place a high value upon trained men and women.

It has been some years since you as a slender youth first filled our pulpit with no thought whatever of the possibility of being called as pastor, and the seven years of fine service that followed endeared you and your family to both the church and the community.

With very best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 22, 1941

Dr. Owen C. Brown  
1801 Marshall Road  
Lansdowne, Pennsylvania

My dear Owen C.:

My pleasant voiced, godly minded, curly haired, red headed friend, it did me a world of good to get your letter of December 9th.

Fifty years can mean a whole lot or very little, and I firmly believe that we get out of life largely what we put into it.

Reading your letter paragraph for paragraph is like the log of a sailing vessel because it recounts step by step a good part of my journey. I think probably that the word satisfaction comes more nearly expressing my attitude toward the half century that I have been in Lawrence--not that I have done all that I might have done or should have done, but that I was always trying to do something. I don't know whether I was born energetic or had energy forced upon me by circumstances.

I have enjoyed my friendship with you and Mrs. Brown very much and I still hold dear the memories of Dr. and Mrs. Russell and Dr. and Mrs. Hutchinson who immediately preceded you. I also enjoy the memory of the fine class of girls that I taught for about ten years. It seems strange that so many worthwhile girls could have belonged to one class in a Sunday School.

I am happy to have been able to serve my church and community and to have been able to develop a business that has kept many people employed. One of the finest things about our experience has been the lack of worry about their jobs that is usually found in similar organizations. Years ago I told a group of our employees that they held their jobs in exactly the same way I held mine and that as long as they did their work, they need not worry about whether or not they were going to have steady work. That in my case, while I was my own employer, I was serving a community, and that as long as I occupied the field in a wholesome and satisfactory manner, the field was mine, but that the community was entitled to a good newspaper and was entitled to good service, and



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if I failed to deliver such service, someone else would come and by reason of doing the work better would displace me.

It has been a delight to me to know of the many homes that have been established thru our paper, and the scores of young men and women who have married and have established homes and families while they were in our employ.

I wish you could have been with us last Saturday night at Evans Hearth where about ninety-five members of our force including six of my grandchildren were our guests at dinner. I do not believe that you could have found anywhere a finer appearing or more substantial lot of men and women than we had with us that night. And so as I look back I am pleased with what little I have been able to do and wish only that I might have been able to do more.

I had a little tilt with sickness early in November. I caught some kind of a germ which tried to attack me in regular Pearl Harbor style. For six days the doctor kept me at the hospital soaking up sulfanilamide and other nostrums and for two or three days more at home and then was back on the job for a few hours a day and now feel entirely recovered.

Your letter to me was read with pleasure not only by myself, but by Mrs. Simons and my children.

I still believe that Brother Hilkey used good judgment in the report regarding the blonde young pastor at Emporia.

God bless you and keep you.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



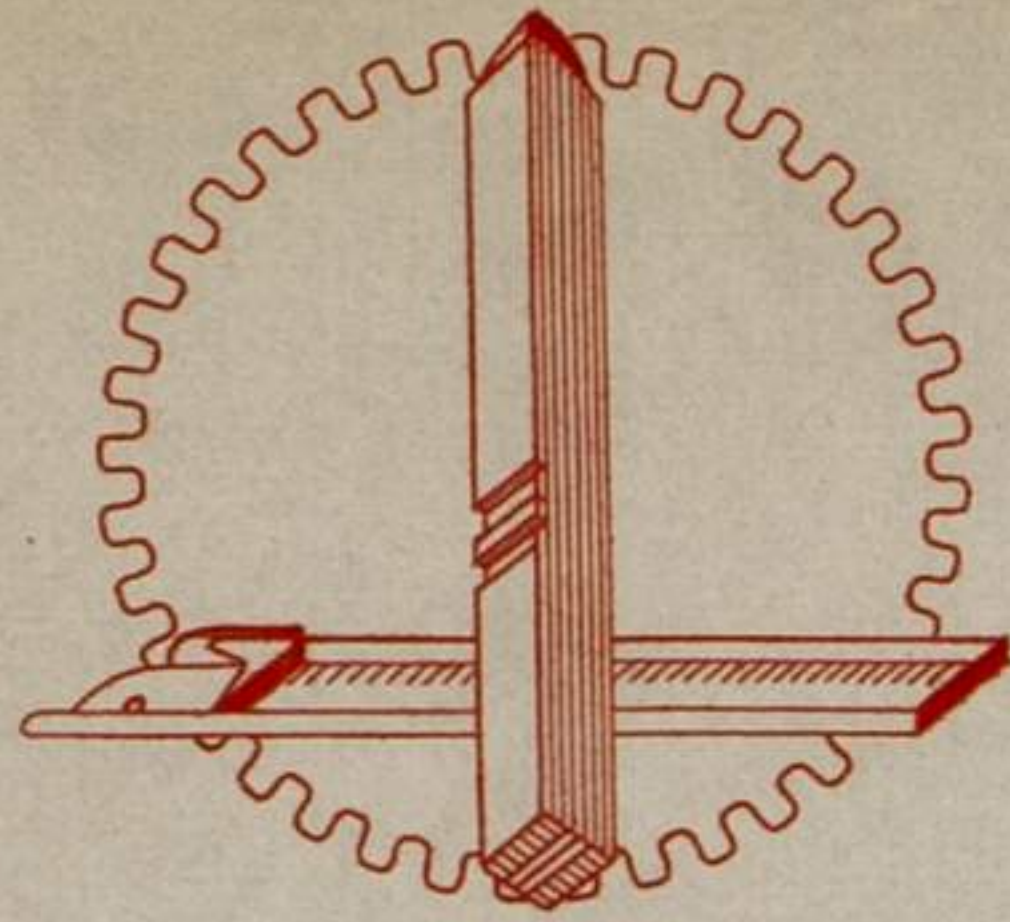




C. Simons  
Lawrence, Kans.

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suitable for single cut  
Mr. Simons





## The Inland Printer

*J. L. Frazier, Editor: The Leading Business and Technical Journal of the World in the Printing and Allied Industries*

*309 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois*

Mr. Dolph Simons,  
c/o The Journal-World,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dolph:

I am returning herewith the photograph you sent last month for making cut used in write-up in our January issue about your father's career as a printer in Lawrence.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in enabling me to give this well-deserved recognition to your father.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*J. L. Frazier*  
J. L. Frazier, Editor  
THE INLAND PRINTER

January 23, 1942

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we can turn to it  
later*



Kansas Wesleyan University

Salina, Kansas

OFFICE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

January 23, 1942

Mr. W. C. Simon  
Manager, Lawrence Journal-World  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Simon:

I have been absent from the city for the past month. When I returned the other day I found a copy of the Journal-World on my desk with a very interesting write-up of your fiftieth anniversary as owner and manager of the Lawrence Journal-World.

I read it with a great deal of interest as I was living in Lawrence in the earlier part of this 50-year period and knew both you and your sister and J. L. Brady rather intimately. I was very glad to read this tribute to you which is so well merited. You have had a very splendid career in the newspaper world and you have, in your quiet way, exercised a great deal of influence, politically and otherwise, in Lawrence.

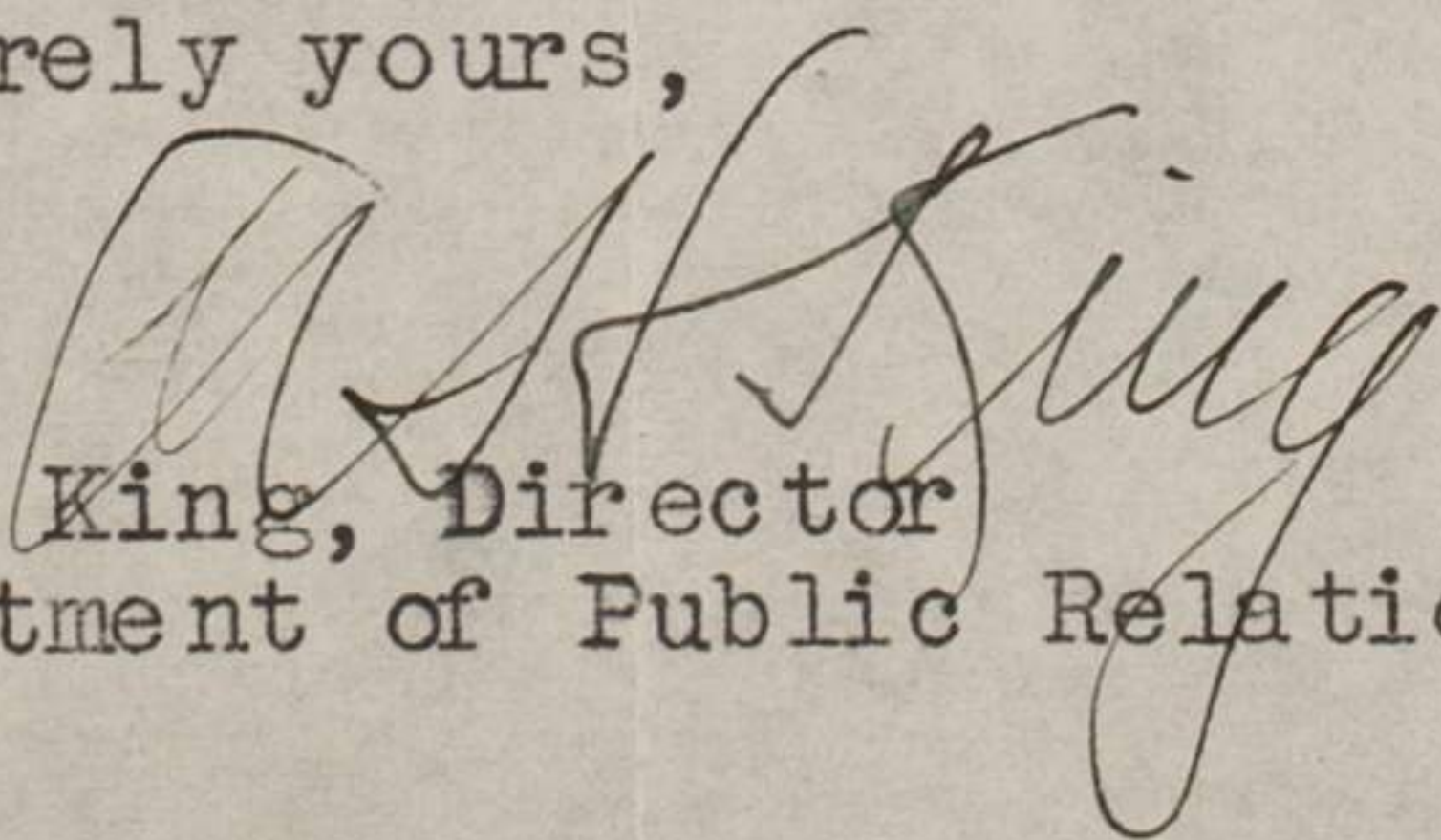
I have always valued your friendship and acquaintance very highly and I want to contribute my word of congratulation to your success in the newspaper world and as a citizen of the state of Kansas.

I have been visiting Kansas Wesleyan alumni groups at Chicago, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus since the latter part of December.

Some day in the near future I hope that I may have an opportunity to stop at Lawrence and have a personal visit with you.

With very kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
A. H. King, Director  
Department of Public Relations

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January 30th  
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The Associated Press  
General Office  
50 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York City, New York

ATTENTION: Paul Miller

My dear Miller:

I am glad you sent me pages 33 and  
34 from the Editor and Publisher for  
January 24th, 1942.

Oddly enough, the copy received at  
our office does not contain this adver-  
tisement and in its place is an ad for  
Wide World War Book.

It is just a little confusing.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:DMF



ARTICLE BOND  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
GENERAL OFFICE  
50 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 27, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Simons:

You probably noticed in the January 24 issue of Editor & Publisher how we used an excerpt from your letter respecting The Associated Press, but we are enclosing a tearsheet to make certain it reaches your attention.

With appreciation and all good wishes, I  
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Sincerely yours,

Paul Miller

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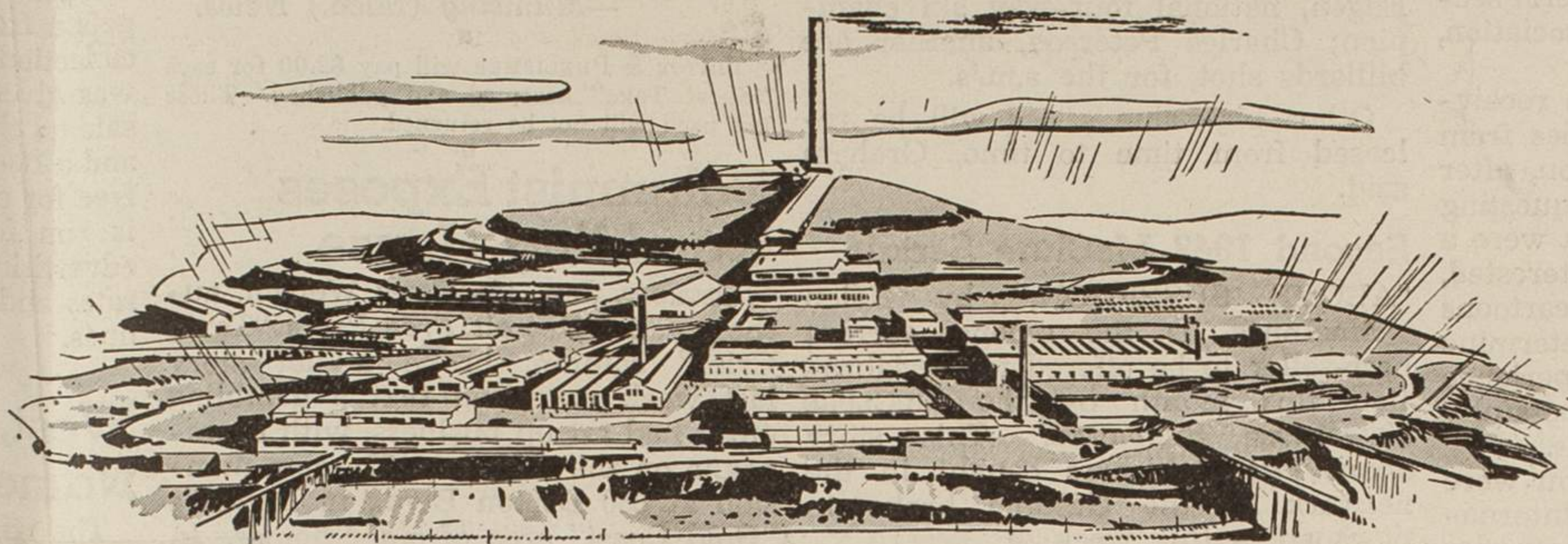
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The Daily Journal-World



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copper and zinc is needed for ammunition—cartridge cases, rotating bands on shells, time fuses.

Wire and cable for vital electrical conductors in the war industries . . . in tanks and bombers and battleships . . . also require tremendous quantities of copper. The "red metal" is needed for use in naval and merchant ships, in oil refineries, chemical plants, and many other places where no substitute exists.

So, in conserving copper and brass, you are helping to make America's war effort invincible. The stronger it becomes, the sooner copper and brass will once again be available for unrestricted use.



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## ANACONDA COPPER MINING COMPANY

25 Broadway, New York

The American Brass Company, Waterbury, Connecticut  
 Anaconda Wire & Cable Company, 25 Broadway, New York



# NEA's Jim Williams Wows U. S. Machinists

By STEPHEN J. MONCHAK

THE International Association of Machinists recently announced the end of a search. It was a quest for precise information on where J. R. Williams, famed NEA SERVICE cartoonist who draws "Out Our Way," gained his insight into the workings of a machine shop.

Members of the association, feeling a close kinship with Williams' "Bull of the Woods" character, featuring an old-time shop foreman, started the search with their continuing requests for the information.

## Williams a Machinist

Recently, E. C. Davison, general secretary-treasurer of the association, wrote to Williams:

"For some time I have been receiving a large number of inquiries from the members of our association, after having read your cartoons, requesting information as to whether you were a machinist? I became so interested, that I began to follow these cartoons myself, and could readily determine that no cartoonist without experience as a machinist, could so successfully portray the 'Bull of the Woods.'

"I find our records show you were a member of Lodge No. 22, International Association of Machinists, under membership card number 317901, located at Alliance, Ohio, and in answer to some of the inquiries I receive, I am giving that information.

"To say that your cartoons on the machine shop have made a hit with the machinists, is stating it mildly. I join with others in wishing you success in the splendid portrayal of the early machine shop."

## To Observe 20th Year

The "Bull of the Woods" panels which create so much interest among machinists is one of several tag-lines used by Williams in his "Out Our Way" cartoons, and appear once a week. Other tag-lines, now familiar Americana, are "Born Thirty Years Too Soon," "The Worry Wart," "Why Mothers Get Gray," "Heroes Are Made Not Born," and "Curly and the Cowboys."

All of these have their supporters and draw a large volume of fan mail, but the "Bull" takes the prize for having the most vociferous and loyal followers.

For instance, A. H. Dix, manager of the Reader Service Department of *Iron Age*, the industrial magazine, wrote to NEA Service: "I am sure that if there were a vote taken on the most popular man in the metal working industry the 'Bull' would be elected."

At the Metal Trades Congress held in Philadelphia last year, a life-size figure of the "Bull" was featured and a puppet show with "Out Our Way" characters drew a large attendance.

The veteran cartoonist will observe his 20th year of continuous drawing of his panels for NEA Service on March 20. He makes his home on a 45,000 acre ranch near Prescott, Ariz.

## AP Expands Map Service

THE AP FEATURE SERVICE (WIDE WORLD after Feb. 1) announced this



J. R. Williams

week preparation of the most ambitious newspaper war map supplement yet undertaken. It is a 16-page tabloid section, partially in color, and includes maps with background material on every war theater together with world maps and additional material on the fighting forces themselves.

The section, called "Wide World War Book," is a product of the AP background map staff which now produces two detailed background maps weekly, one for morning and one for evening papers. The Feature Service estimates more than 60,000,000 read these maps each week in the U. S.

Dillon Graham, Feature Service sports editor, this week announced a number of outstanding special series to be released shortly to a.m. and p.m. sports pages.

Writing for the p.m.'s are such top-flight sports names as Willie Hope, world's champion billiard player; Alf Engen, national four-way ski champion; Charles Peterson, another ace billiards shot, for the a.m.'s.

Other big-name series will be released from time to time, Graham said.

## Second 1942 McClure Serial

"ABOVE SUSPICION," by Helen MacInnes, is the second current best-seller to be offered for serialization this month by the McCLURE NEWSPAPER SYNDICATE. This story about two Britishers caught in the network of the Gestapo broke in newspapers this week.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is expected to put the story into production soon.

On Jan. 4 McClure released "This Above All," by Eric Knight, a book which upon publication last April immediately rose to a first place on the best seller lists and remained in a high position for nearly eight months.

Twentieth Century-Fox paid \$75,000 for the story and expects to release the film next mid-April, according to McClure. Through a syndicate-film company tieup, subscribers to the serial are supplied with still shots from the movie to use as illustrations.

## Personals and Notes

HENRY McLEMORE, McNAUGHT SYNDICATE humor columnist, is author of a six-page illustrated feature on his friend, Grantland Rice, veteran sports columnist for NORTH AMERICAN NEWSPAPER ALLIANCE, in the Jan. 27 issue of *Look* magazine. Other syndicate-writer contributors to the same issue are Major George Fielding Eliot, HERALD TRIBUNE SYNDICATE, and Vincent Sheean. . . . Fred H. Kury, sales manager of NEA SERVICE, was inducted as an honorary member of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalistic fraternity, at a special initiation and banquet Jan. 13 at Columbus, Ohio. . . . Coulton Waugh, AP FEATURE SERVICE cartoonist who draws "Dickie Dare," opened his third one-man New York art show Jan. 15 at the 460 Park Avenue Gallery. Waugh is exhibiting a group of 10 gauche and lithograph drawings which he says delineate each is accompanied by a poem. Rube Goldberg, *New York Sun* and REGISTER AND TRIBUNE SYNDICATE cartoonist, last week switched from drawing cartoons thrice weekly to five times a week.

## Short Takes

SIGNS OF THE TIMES—a classified ad in the *Austin (Tex.) Tribune*: "Notice to car thieves: My tires are puncture-proof. If you try to steal them, you had better be puncture-proof, too."

AN "ear" on Page 1 of the *Jackson (Miss.) Daily Clarion-Ledger* recently disclosed this plea:

14 TRAFFIC DEATHS FOR JACKSON IN 1941; LET'S DO BETTER IN '42

UNION CITY *Hudson Dispatch* wedding announcement heading:

SHORT-BATTLE

And a Merry one?

SOCIETY EDITOR leaves town . . .

"If Mrs. Keith smelled as sweet as she always looks, 'twould be overpowering for fair."

—*Kansas City Journal*.

MUNICIPAL cordiality in Michigan:

NEW SNOWPLOW

PAVES WAY FOR STREET WALKERS

—*Munising (Mich.) News*.

EDITOR & PUBLISHER will pay \$2.00 for each "Short Take" accepted and published. Those not used will not be returned.

## Columnist Exposes Gambling House

DETROIT, Jan. 19—Tony Weitzel, author of the *Detroit Free Press* "Town Crier" column, broke a hot story last week revealing that a gambling outfit had set up business, with champagne on the side, in a 22-room mansion at 650 Boston Blvd., in Detroit's "Gold Coast" area of older homes. In his column he reported a visit to the spot, which had for neighbors the residences of illustrious folk such as Charles T. Fisher, scion of the famed Fisher brothers, and president of the National Bank of Detroit and Walter O. Briggs, chairman of Briggs Manufacturing Company and owner of the Detroit Tigers.

Police put a watch on the place, and Judge Ferguson's grand jury called for information, with the result that a roulette wheel was seized by police in a truck moving out furniture, and Prosecutor William E. Dowling slapped a padlock on the house. John Stanley Hawkins, who had posed as manufacturer's agent when he rented the house recently from the Grinnell Estate, was arrested for possessing gambling equipment. John Daly, ostensibly a guest, was identified as Clifford Jefferies, professional gambler.

## "Clean Up Attic" Drive Nets Classified Linage

"Clean Up the Attic and Help Clean Up the Axis!" was the keynote of the week's want ad campaign conducted by the *Rockford (Ill.) Morning Star* and *Register-Republic*. With that slogan, the classified department launched a Want Ad Victory Week which not only provides readers with the money to buy defense savings stamps, but starts these readers off with free 10 and 25-cent stamps given for each "for sale" want ad.

The campaign broke this week after a full week of advance promotion in the *Rockford* newspapers. The idea of urging housewives to clean out their attics and sell the stowaway merchandise in order to obtain money to buy defense stamps originated with K. J. Nattress, classified manager of the *Morning Star* and *Republic*.

Want Ad Victory Week is endorsed by Gov. Dwight Green and U. S. Senators C. Wayland Brooks and Scott Lucas, as well as local officials.

Classified volume was up about 50 per cent through Thursday.

For each "for sale" ad which a non-business firm want ad user buys, he gets a free start on his defense stamp collection. A 25-cent defense stamp was given free for each line of a for sale ad that is run for a week's period and a 10-cent defense stamp was given free for each line of a for sale ad that is run for a three-day period. All advertising was charged at regular rates and the minimum ad was three lines.

## West, McAuliffe Named in Kingsport

The Kingsport Publishing Co., publisher of the *Kingsport (Tenn.) Times*, recently announced the promotion of two key executives.

W. J. McAuliffe was named editor-in-chief and J. W. West was named general manager.

Mr. McAuliffe has been writing editorials for the *Times* for the past several years. Mr. West went to the *Times* in an executive capacity more than 18 months ago from the *Kansas City Journal* where he was formerly managing editor.

Mr. West announced that John Bloomer, former sports editor who has been directing the newsroom for the past several months would be managing editor. He also announced the appointment of Miss Eillen Crawford as woman's editor succeeding Mrs. G. P. Gaut who moved to Alabama, and Charles Stelling, formerly of the *Raleigh (N. C.) Times*, as sports editor succeeding Mr. Bloomer.

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"We appreciate The Associated Press and feel that the United States is much safer today because of this institution which has become so great . . ."

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\*From a letter by W. C. Simons, president, The Lawrence (Kans.) Daily Journal-World.

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January 27th  
1942

Mr. J. L. Frazier  
The Inland Printer  
309 West Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Roy:

Your good letter of January 23rd to hand.

I have already heard from Mrs. Hoinville who mentioned having received a copy of the magazine from you.

Find herewith check for \$1.80 to cover mailing out six copies, one to each of the names herewith.

Thank you again for your kindness and be sure to come in to see me whenever you are out this way, and the next time you are in town, don't stop at the hotel first.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF  
Enc.



Mrs A. F. Johnson  
Dawson, Nebr

Mrs Janet Mc Nalley  
Minneapolis KANSAS

Mrs Don A. Freeman  
Tree Tops R 3  
Brainerd Minn

Miss Lillian Gowdy  
3751 Aldrich Ave So.  
Minneapolis, Minn

Ann L. A. Gowdy  
Hazardville, Conn

Mrs Blanche Maloney ~~Personal~~

Journal - World  
Personal Lawrence Kans



January 21st  
1942

Mr. Karl Kennedy  
Kansas Business  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Karl:

Thank you a lot for the fine article  
that you had in the current number of  
Kansas Business about me.

When you get ready for a spring hat,  
come in and see me and I will take pleasure  
in fixing you out.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:DMF



January 22nd,  
1942

Mr. J. L. Frazier, Editor  
The Inland Printer  
309 West Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Frazier:

Again I am indebted to you for the fine article about me in the current number of your magazine. I just said to Dolph that while I have not been conscious of developing character and ability, I don't know of any comment made that I appreciate more than the one in which you mentioned that your association with me was to your advantage. I should hate like "sam hill" to think that I had made way thru life by walking on the necks of other men.

I think perhaps that the development of the Journal-World is peculiar in that in its development everyone in the community, whether directly or indirectly connected with the paper, has been benefited. The advertiser secures his publicity at far less milline cost, the subscriber receives a paper with ten times the news contained in papers of fifty years ago, and for our mail editions at a lesser price than obtained fifty years ago. The employees of the institution receive several times in salaries what similar employees drew when we started, and the corresponding relationship between the advertiser and the subscriber has developed a greater market in which the buyer buys on a reduced margin of profit. It is rather interesting to think of these things step by step.

Please advise me the cost of extra copies to be mailed out to a small number of friends and relatives.

Thanking you again for your unfailing kindness, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



January 6, 1942

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff  
The Pittsburg Headlight  
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Friend:

I want to thank you a lot for the editorial carried by you December 16th concerning me and my work in Lawrence.

Valuing your ability and opinion as I do, the editorial means all the more to me.

You went into rather a hard field a good many years ago and you have made a place for yourself.

I congratulate you upon your good work.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



January 6, 1942

Mr. Arthur Carruth  
State Journal  
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Friend:

I want to thank you both for the news story carried in the State Journal of December 13th and for your kindly reference to me in your column.

One of the best assets as a result of my 50 years is in my acquaintance with fine men and newspaper leaders like yourself.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DNF



January 6, 1942

Senator Jess Denious  
Dodge City Globe  
Dodge City, Kansas

My dear Jess:

I want to thank you very much for your kindness in mentioning my 50th anniversary in your good paper.

I have been very happy to have lived in Kansas for so many years and to have the friendship of so many good people like yourself.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



January 6, 1942

Mrs. Leslie E. Wallace  
The Tiller and Toiler  
Larned, Kansas

My dear Mrs. Wallace:

I thank you for the words of congratulations in your letter of December 12th. I knew and admired your husband and Ralph and Eunice. I feel like an inhabitant of Larned because when I was six years old, I helped to scratch some of the marks which still deface the sandstone in what was then known as the stone block and afterwards I think was known for a time as the Grand Hotel.

You are right. My sister, Mrs. C. H. Hoinville, who was Julia Simons, has written a number of stories in regard to the West and we have just issued for her a little pamphlet, "In Old Hodgeman--A Story of Western Kansas". It is probable that she will send you a copy, but if not, you could drop her a line-- Mrs. Chas. H. Hoinville, 7539 Colfax Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Momma, Mrs. Jennie B. Simons, taught at the Waterman School which was just east of Fort Larned on the north side of the creek. She also taught near Garfield and Julia taught in two or three nearby districts. I attempted rather unsuccessfully to teach a term of school in Ness County when I was sixteen years old. My great handicap was in my utter lack of knowledge of the theory and practice of teaching, as most of my education had been secured at home under the capable direction of my mother, and I knew little about how to conduct a school.

I have been away from our old home in Hodgeman for so many years that few are left who would remember our family or whom I would know, but nevertheless we feel very kindly toward the short grass country.

Thanking you again for your letter of congratulations, I remain

Sincerely yours,

WCS:DMF



January 6, 1942

Col. Karl F. Baldwin, C.A.C.  
Fort Winfield Scott, California

My dear Colonel:

You have been so fine in writing me letters that I really feel ashamed of not having answered your good letter of December 9th concerning my 50th anniversary. I received nearly 100 letters and wires and called in stenographers from my office to take dictation at my home. I spent two evenings and took the letters as they happened to be without sorting them, and tonight, the third evening, I am finishing telling my good friends how much they mean to me and how much their interest added to the enjoyment of our anniversary.

Gertrude and I have often spoke of the warm friendship that we have for you and for Philina and also for John. There is something about you that caused us to open our hearts to you on short acquaintance, so instead of having two or three years to get acquainted, we enjoyed the several years of being together here in Lawrence. We know you are giving a good account of yourself wherever you are put, and we look forward to the day when you will again be one of us here in Lawrence. A letter from Philina to Mrs. Moore was read today at the bridge club.

I'll bet your boy is giving a good account of himself in the Phillipines and he will be back with you some day, browned and experienced, and yet your own flesh and blood, and your little boy that you have had so great a part in developing.

Please give my very best to the members of your family.

I am caught up with my work now and look foward to keeping my correspondence more nearly up to date.

Cordially and Sincerely yours,

WCS:DMF



January 6, 1942

Mr. Harry W. Bouck  
Chamber of Commerce  
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear Harry:

It was a very great pleasure for me to receive your letter of December 11th. I cannot recall all of the men and boys who have been employed on the paper during the past 50 years, but I do remember you, a bright, snappy, attractive youth, and I believe the qualities that I found in you are those which enable you to aid your Chamber of Commerce.

Barnhill was a very capable man and it is a pity that he did not have more will to control his actions. He had a lot of ability.

It would be hard for me to give any description of myself excepting that I was a chap of untiring energy and had trained myself to be almost devoid of fear. I have never dodged anyone in my life and yet I have had very few physical altercations. I think the only reason I wasn't defeated by competition and untoward circumstances was that I never acknowledged defeat. A man is never whipped until he thinks he is, and when he thinks he is, no matter how much latent resources he may have, he is entirely whipped.

I appreciate very much your good letter and hope you will drop in and see me. Doubtless you have changed a good deal in the years that have passed, so when you come in, tell me who you are if I don't happen to spot you right at the start.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



January 6, 1942

Senator Robert C. Rankin  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Robert:

I have before me your good letter of December 12th which would have been answered much sooner if things had not piled up on me in getting things lined up for the close of the year. We have a well organized group, and yet it seems as if each and everyone of us had much to do.

I appreciate very much your good letter and I think you know that I value my friendship with you.

I hastened over to the hospital the other day to call upon you and found that fortunately you had been able to go home. Take good care of yourself. I think that you are much like your father whom I knew and admired and that you have strength and vigor that will carry you through.

Please extend my best wishes also to Mrs. Rankin.

With sincere regards, I remain

Your friend,

WCS:DMF



January 6, 1942

Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your good telegram  
of December 13th.

I appreciate your good wishes and  
trust that we may have the privilege  
of many more years of pleasant business  
relations with you.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:DMF

Mr. Larry Furlong  
Mr. Bill Hilvers



January 6, 1942

Miss Pauline Rankin  
1847 Barker  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Polly:

I have before me your good letter of December 12th and on my reading table your exquisite book mark may be found marking a page.

I like one who is ingenious and original and I believe that if you follow your natural bent, you will make a real place for yourself.

Pardon me for delaying so long in answering your letter, but I have been remarkably busy doing things which could not be postponed.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



January 6, 1942

Mr. Hugh J. Powell  
The Journal  
Coffeyville, Kansas

My dear Hugh:

I appreciate very much the tribute received from you and think perhaps that it was written with the idea that we were going to include such letters in some sort of a special edition. While I may not be a modest violet, I do feel that when a man celebrates a 50th anniversary, it is pretty nearly like writing finis to the story, and I didn't want to acknowledge that I was through.

I am very fortunate in our organization, both in and out of our family, and I have always felt that if a business could not move along without its founder, it was evidence that he had not been quite as big as he ought to have been. We have tried to make the Journal-World a part of the community--in a way the heart of the community--a heart that beats with everyone who is in sorrow and a heart which thrills to the success and prosperity of others. The Journal-World is an entity in itself that I hope will continue for many, many years.

Now I am going to be honest with you. I know a great many of the newspaper men in Kansas, and I can tell you frankly that you would be included in the first half dozen leaders in journalism that would be selected by anyone having any real information on the subject. You not only are a good businessman, but you are a loyal friend of your community, a wide awake, forward looking chap and one whose friendship I enjoy. I wish I could see a lot more of you.

Again expressing appreciation for what appeared in your publication and for your letter, I remain

Sincerely and Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



January 6, 1942

Mr. Alf M. Landon  
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Governor:

Some way in speaking of this matter of 50 years, I am reminded of Bill Nye, who, noticing a challenge of someone age 70 or 75 for a contest as a skater with those of his age, said he would take him on, he didn't care whether he was 70 or 700. Just because he was a little older didn't put any scare in to him. And so with me, the fact that I have been here 50 years leaves me with the consciousness that my dark hair has practically turned white, but it has not cut me loose from the friends and activities of today.

I can commend you upon the political strength and leadership you have maintained although a defeated candidate for President. I was told many years ago that no one had less influence in Washington than a retired congressman. Every unknown from the Styx was a potential leader of the future to be placated or befriended, but the man who had served in congress and had been defeated had no more substance than a stuffed prune. You have been the exception to prove the rule. You were defeated, but you have been a greater leader in the party since your defeat than you were during the campaign.

This is a strange lot of stuff for a man to include in a letter acknowledging a kindly greeting, but it was in my mind and I have let you have it.

With best wishes for you and yours, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



January 6, 1942

Mr. Jack Bisco, Assistant Business Manager  
United Press Association  
News Building  
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Bisco:

While membership in the Associated Press came to the Journal-World in 1911 when the World took over the Journal, prior to that time I had been served by the United Press and by Scripps-McRea, and if this were not enough to cause me to have an interest and regard for your good association, I can point to a number of other reasons, notably, Earl Johnson and Peg Vaughn, each of whom served for a time in our news department.

They are simply first-class men and your association is fortunate in having them on its staff.

Appreciating your expressions of good will,  
I remain

Sincerely yours,

WCS:DMF



January 6, 1942

Mr. Tom Sweeney  
1600 Vermont Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Tom:

I appreciate very much your letter of December 12th.

I am mighty glad that I went on the Board of the People's Bank when I did because it gave me the opportunity of knowing you better. I don't believe the good Lord ever created a more honest man than yourself--not only honest, but fair minded, kindly and intelligent. I am not sorry that the bank was sold because it was exacting too much from you and you needed the rest and recreation with accent on the r-e.

I received a lot of good letters, but none that I appreciate more than yours. I hope you will forgive me for not having answered sooner, but I got behind a bit with my work owing to my illness, and then came the holidays, and the closing up of the year's work in order to be able to look the various representatives of Uncle Sam in the face and join in the remark of the famous Texan.

I hope that young Tom will get started off right, because I feel that he has much of your ability and of your character.

Please pass my good wishes on to Mrs. Sweeney and your sisters.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



January 6, 1942

Mrs. Clarence Leigh, President  
The Women's Society of the First Baptist Church  
1700 Louisiana  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Leigh:

The flowers and expressions of good will from you and your co-workers and from other groups in our church meant a great deal to me.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the years that we have worked together, and when I look around the church and see the dark-haired youngsters now coming on, I can see myself as I was about 39 years ago when I first became active in the church. The church and its people have meant much to me and to us thru the years, and I appreciated very much receiving at the time of my anniversary letters from O. C. Brown, Frank Jennings, and John F. Watts.

I believe our church is doing well. I like to see the new members coming in and new people sitting in the pews.

Before closing the letter, I want to speak a word of appreciation for the fine family you have reared. Your boys and girls are a credit to you and to the community.

I shall be glad to have you pass on to the ladies my expressions of appreciation and good will.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



January 5th,  
1942

Mr. M. A. Gorrill  
Lawrence National Bank Bldg.  
Lawrence; Kansas

My dear Marshall:

As we are of the same age and have been co-workers in the same field for so many years, I appreciate all the more your letter of congratulations concerning my 50th anniversary.

I recall a verse from an old song which said, "If religion were a thing that money could buy, the rich would live and the poor would die." And so perhaps it is the same with a monopoly. If a man secures a monopoly simply because he has more means than other men in the same field and is able to crowd them out, quite often the same advantage thus gained is of little value, and to me it is interesting to know that what I have now was attained thru the practice of policies that appealed to the reading public of the community, and that being the case, even though we do virtually occupy the field alone, we are still guided by the kindly friendship and regard for others which made a place for us in a crowded field.

I cannot close this letter without expressing to you my deep appreciation for the character and manhood that has enabled you to go thru years of sorrow without getting you down. You merit a far greater crown than I am able to provide.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



January 5, 1942

Mr. J. L. Frazier, Editor  
Inland Printer  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Roy:

You have written me some wonderful letters and I have not kept up my part of the correspondence. We had a wonderful time at our 50th anniversary celebration, chartering the entire first floor of Evans Hearth where 93 of us sat down to dinner together. It was such a fine crowd, good looking, stalwart, bright men and women, that would have compared favorably with any gathering that could occur in Chicago, New York, or elsewhere.

We have had thru the years a fine spirit of cooperation. I like to show my appreciation for what my co-workers do, but I always try to bear down that nothing but the best is good enough, and if I ever see anything that I think has been slighted, I call attention to it.

I have said on occasion that all advancement in the world has been due to dissatisfaction. It is because someone has wanted to do something in a bigger and better way, because someone has wanted to know the whys and wherefores of things, and because someone has tried to know more of the relationships of God and man that the world has progressed as it has, and the relapse that has taken place perhaps shows more clearly than ever how much mankind depends upon the higher things of life for the satisfactions of mind and soul.

While you were with me but a few years, the association did me good, and the splendid work done on "Lawrence, Today and Yesterday" was attributable to your ability. Your ability has taken you a long way. It has enabled you to create a desire for better and more artistic work in all of the printing offices of America.

I thank you for your good wishes and I wish happiness for you and yours.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



January 6, 1942

Lawrence Memorial Hospital  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Friends:

Closing up the year's business forced me to delay answering some of the good letters I received concerning my 50th anniversary.

I appreciate very much your letter because we are working together for the good of the community and I realize what splendid and unselfish service the city is getting from you who are operating Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

I like the understanding that we have long had between us--that I expect you to look after the many details concerning the operation of the hospital, but that at any time I want you to know, as I have often said, nothing is too small for you to take up with me if you feel I can be of aid to you.

I thank you very much for your letter and for your continued good will.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF

Mrs. Mary Dunden  
Miss Hilda Borg



January 5th  
1942

Mrs. Ralph Miner  
1640 Downing Street  
Apartment 3  
Denver, Colorado

Dear Goldie:

It seems rather odd to be dictating a letter addressed to you instead of dictating it to you.

I appreciate very much your good letter of December 12th. I have always considered you as one of the very loyal employees of the paper and one who had been blessed by nature with having a good disposition.

We had a fine time on the occasion of our 50th anniversary and I was proud of the fine group associated with us.

I want you always to feel at home at our office and we will always look upon you as one of our very satisfactory co-workers.

Please give my best regards to Ralph.

You know too well about how busy the last two weeks in December are to need an apology from me for this delayed answer.

With very best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



January 5, 1942

Mr. W. A. White  
The Gazette  
Emporia, Kansas

My dear White:

I should have answered your letter of December 10th long ago, but the holiday season when our children and grandchildren come home and the days given to winding up the year's business forced me to neglect answering some of the good letters that I received.

You have been active in Kansas affairs practically all of the years that I have been in Lawrence. During the earlier years I was the hard worker who had to bring in the business and arrange for the payroll, while my partner attended the public gatherings and knew the people of the state much better than I did.

I have your letter before me and while it is true that the generation we knew when we entered business has passed away, some way I think neither one of us has identified himself with one particular period, but rather like the seasons, we have kept in touch with both those who have passed on and those who have taken their places on the stage of life. One must not muse too much along these lines.

My four children with their spouses and my nine grandchildren have undoubtedly had a part in keeping me from drying up and blowing away.

I have had occasion to see you in action a good many times, and you always do things in such a way that I am proud of you. You certainly handled the 75th anniversary in a most charming manner.

With very best wishes to you and yours and with full appreciation of your friendship, I remain

Sincerely and Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



January 5, 1942

Miss Alice Rohe  
New York City, New York

My dear Allie:

I notice since you have made a place for yourself that the more distinguished name of Alice has taken the place of the kindly and familiar name by which you were known in Lawrence.

I was sorry that I did not see more of you while you were here because there were so many things I should have enjoyed talking over with you.

I thank you very much for your wire of the 13th and appreciate your good wishes.

I hope the present year and all the years will be good to you.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF

*Barbizon Plaza*



January 5, 1942

Mr. Fritz Meyn  
Route 1  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Fritz:

I am surprised that I have only known you for twenty-six years. It seems as if I had always known you and that your heart and your friendship are fully in accord with the fine physique with which you have been blessed.

We have enjoyed the years together very much, and I have taken pleasure in your advancement.

With very best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



January 5, 1942

Mr. W. A. Bailey  
The Kansas City Kansan  
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Bill:

While we were not thrown actively together for a very long period, it was sufficient to establish in my mind a very fine appreciation of you as an individual citizen and newspaper publisher. I regret that I do not have occasion to see you more often.

I assure you your good letter was greatly appreciated and I regret the time required in winding up the year's business delayed my answer.

With very best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



January 5, 1942

Mr. A. D. Weaver  
901 Massachusetts Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Friend:

I appreciate very much your good letter of December 12th and regret that I had to postpone answering it until this late date.

Even though the youngsters do much of the work, I find that we oldsters have something to do especially when it comes to winding up a year's business and in getting everything spick-and-span for the various agencies of our government.

I appreciate very much the fine friendship that has existed between us all of these years. I can truly say of you that the better I know you the more I admire your sterling qualities.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



January 5, 1942

Mr. Robert A. Haggart  
American Service Company  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your good letter of  
congratulations concerning my 50th  
anniversary.

I am one of the men of Lawrence  
who remembers your father well and liked  
him very much.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



January 5, 1942

The Poehler Mercantile Company  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Friends:

The Poehler Mercantile Company established itself in my friendship many years ago. Soon after I came here, Frank Doane took me to the Theodore Poehler home to inspect a new gas system he had just installed. The kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Poehler at that time began a friendship that has brought forth many pleasant incidents in the years that followed.

I could tell you of a very great favor to me given by Louis Poehler and for my friendship for Ted.

I regret the delay in answering your fine letter, but you know how hard it is to find time for correspondence when one is trying to close up the year's business.

With best wishes to you, each of you, for the coming year and all the years, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF

F. H. Smithmeyer  
George Kirchoff  
George J. Kirchoff



January 5, 1942

Mr. Perry Allen  
Lorenzen & Thompson, Inc.  
1004 Baltimore Avenue  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Perry:

Thank you very much for your telegram of congratulations concerning my 50th anniversary.

The Christmas holidays and winding up the year's business took so much of my time that I have delayed answering some of the letters and telegrams received at that time.

Rest assured that I appreciate your good will.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



January 5th  
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Editor and Publisher  
New York City, New York

ATTENTION: Mr. J. W. Brown

Gentlemen:

I wish to thank you for the complimentary notice of my 50th anniversary given in the Editor and Publisher of December 13th.

50 years embraces a large number of publications that have sought to represent and further the interests of publishers.

In my judgment thru the years, none of them has begun to attain the high standard that has been established and maintained by your publication.

Very truly yours,

WCS:DMF



January 5, 1942

Governor Carl E. Friend  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Senator:

Congratulations on 50 years of hard work coming from a man like you means a great deal. Our experiences in some ways have been quite similar, starting from the ground and striving hard to advance in every honorable way.

I thank you very much for your letter and for your good wishes, and I trust that the year 1942 will call upon you for still greater service.

Sincerely and Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 23, 1941

Mr. Carl A. Nordlund  
Auburn, Nebraska

Dear Carl:

I am mighty glad that you are busy and I hope the year will prove to be a successful one.

I appreciate very much your good wishes and I feel sure that I have them always.

I thank you for the congratulations. We have enjoyed the work in Lawrence and we hope that in some small measure at least, we have contributed to its advancement and welfare.

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

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 23, 1941

Mr. F. H. Roberts  
Mr. J. W. Roberts  
Independent  
Oskaloosa, Kansas

Dear Friends:

I want to thank you very much for the nice notice you gave me in your issue of December 18th.

We have had a good time publishing a paper here in Lawrence, and we have enjoyed the friendship of the Roberts family thru these years.

Wishing you a happy Christmas and prosperous year for 1942, I remain

As ever,

Your friend.

WCS:DMF



December 20th, 1941.

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

My dear Mr. Simons: --

Since all cannot be first, some one must be last, and I find myself in the latter category when it comes to extending congratulations to you upon your fiftieth anniversary in business. This delay has not been intentional, but an avalanche of severe colds has slowed up activities of the family during the past week, and not much has been accomplished. However, with the Christmas season as a special incentive, and so close at hand, we are making an extraordinary effort to emerge from this situation.

We thought when we celebrated our twenty-fifth business anniversary a year ago, that we had accomplished something, but when one realizes that you have withstood the challenges of a business life twice as long, we feel that our record is very much minimized.

We congratulate you most heartily upon your achievement, and your associates, as well as the community, should be thankful for and proud of the service rendered during so many years. In the business world there are but very few enterprises, comparatively speaking, which can boast of a fifty year record, and we are happy to be so intimately acquainted with one which has reached this coveted mark in its progress.

Our well wishes are yours, and we trust that you may be blessed with health and happiness in order that you may continue to promote the activities, the basis of which was founded so many years ago.

And, too, may the holiday season bring to all of you a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

*Carl A. Nordlund*



December 22, 1941

Mr. Verne Wilkin,  
1004 Baltimore,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

My dear Verne:

It was mighty nice of you to wire me on the occasion of my fiftieth anniversary. I can assure you that the fifty years have been full of experiences of all kinds.

We enjoy the friends that we make and I like to keep in touch with young fellows like you. We are happy when you and Dorothy drop in on us at our summer home or here in Lawrence.

With very best wishes to you both for Christmas and the New Year, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mr. Roy Roberts,  
Managing Editor,  
Kansas City Star,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Roy:

While I wrote you a letter of appreciation following the publication of the generous article about me in your Kansas Notes column, I want to further express the pleasure that I had in reading your good letter of December 9.

We did have a good many interesting experiences together. I recall the time when I was going away and in order to get you started on looking after advertising while I was gone, I took you into Thad Stevens' store where I came very nearly having to whip the proprietor. Fortunately, I held myself in check and was contended in backing him all over his store and telling him what a skunk he was. It was the first time that I had ever called on him accompanied by someone else and I knew it wouldn't do to have a row. Perhaps it was lucky for me, and I remember also when you and Clint Kanaga patrolled the opposite side of the street for perhaps an hour awaiting the "murderous" call of one Starr, who we had accused of trying to murder his mother-in-law.

In looking back, it seems as if we had more scraps in those days than we do now and I expect that is a good thing because now I would have to permit the youngsters to do the fighting.

I have always felt that you were one of my boys and have taken a great deal of satisfaction in the record you have made. I hope you will take good care of your health because the world needs you.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mr. C. E. Merwin,  
941 Indiana Street,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear neighbor and friend:

It was mighty nice of you to write me your good letter of December 11 in which you congratulated me on my newspaper experience in Lawrence. You have been on the list for a good many years and we have always valued you as a friend. I think that all of my children attended school under you. When we drive up and down the 900 block on Indiana Street, we always think of our good friends.

While the present situation is dark, perhaps the experience will come in time to enable us to save our Democratic form of government which was fast falling into decay because of the constant tinkering of sapheads who think first of change and perhaps never of consequences.

With very best wishes for the holiday season and for the New Year, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Misses Eva and Alice Horton,  
511 Tennessee,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear friends:

I am not going to let you conduct  
a one-sided correspondence.

Mrs. Simons and I have long enjoyed  
and valued your friendship. You are  
always so loyal and true.

At this time Mrs. Simons joins me  
in wishing you a Happy Holiday season and  
a pleasant journey through the coming  
years.

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mr. and Mrs. Otto A. Fischer,  
743 Indiana,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Otto and Agnes, my good friends of many years:

Otto a slender, fair haired boy, then working for A. G. Menger was one of the first acquaintances I made in Lawrence. It has been our pleasure to know both the Fischer and the Jaedicke families.

I think maybe Mrs. Fischer will be interested in one incident that I can recall. She will remember the old days when the Jaedicke deliveries were made by horse-drawn vehicle. Just what the natural disposition of the horse was, I cannot say, but it gave every evidence of being a maneater. I had stood its insults to my dignity day after day and one day when it lunged at me, I countered with a good strong blow from my fist on its nose. I think it had a good effect because the horse showed more respect for me afterward.

At this time, Mrs. Simons joins me in wishing you a very Happy Christmas season and a successful and satisfactory year to come.

Cordially your friends,

WGS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mr. J. R. Holmes,  
7 East 7th Street,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Jim:

In writing you and Charlie last night in regard to your flowers, I did not mention the fine letter that I received from you under date of December 12.

We have worked together for a good many years and even before we knew each other in Lawrence, you were working for righteousness in your county and I was doing my best to make things better here at home.

We have had a good long life back of us and I hope we may have many pleasant years ahead.

In another thing, we have something very much in common and that is in our fine boys. While you have three and I have only one, they have been not only a great help to us, but a constant source of pride, this applying to Charlie as much as it does to Dolph.

Thank you a lot for your good wishes.

Cordially, your friend,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mr. I. J. Meade,  
Lawrence National Bank,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear Ike:

Thank you for your letter of congratulations. I value both your friendship and your judgment.

I want you to take care of yourself that you may have many more years in which to serve not only your institution, but the City of Lawrence.

With very best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mr. Miles W. Vaughn,  
United Press Associations,  
News Building,  
New York City,  
New York.

My dear Peg:

I enjoyed very much receiving your letter of December 10.

It must have been about half way along my fifty years that I had the pleasure of having you on our force. We have used the expression "Once a member of the Journal-World force, always a member", and that has been particularly true in your case because we have kept in touch one with the other as the years have passed. You have given a good account of yourself and I am proud to have had you as a member of our staff. I don't know how well you know my son Dolph who is now Business Manager and is my right bower.

I have felt that the idea that a man should drop out of active life as soon as he is financially able to do so is foolish in more ways than one. An energetic man who has long been accustomed to taking an active part in the affairs of the world would suffer from severing his contacts with mankind as a flower wilts from lack of sunlight. It seems to me as if the whole world needed the best that we can give and that as long as we can do creditable work that we owe it to humanity to stay on the job.

I hope we may see you more often in the future than we have in the past.

With very best wishes, I remain

Cordially, your friend,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mr. Wayne McCoy,  
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company,  
Parsons, Kansas.

Dear Wayne:

It was mighty nice of you to write me a letter of congratulation and of best wishes to Mrs. Simons and myself.

I have never forgotten the good fortune that was mine in meeting Mrs. McCoy while she was still Miss \_\_\_\_\_. This was at the Country Club and at the time, I was laboring under the delusion that you were already married.

In leaving Lawrence, both you and Mrs. McCoy left a host of friends here. You are now in a very active field and doubtless one of increased importance, owing to war activities.

We wish you well and remember the active part you took in the affairs of the town when you were here.

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mr. Win M. Newmark,  
Recorder,  
Abdallah Temple,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Win:

I thank you for your letter of congratulations of recent date.

I never think of the early days in Lawrence without having fond memories of your splendid father and I also recall my friendship with your two sisters, Blanche and Nettie. I don't believe Lawrence ever had a better citizen nor I a better friend than your father.

With best wishes to you and yours, I remain

Cordially, your friend,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Judge Hugh Means,  
501 Louisiana Street,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Hugh and Fannie:

I received a number of longer letters than yours of the 11th, but none that I appreciate more than yours.

Our lives have been rather closely knit for a good many years. Fannie and Lou were like sisters to us and you like a big brother.

When I talk of you and the girls it always brings to mind Judge Barker who was undoubtedly one of the most brilliant members in the history of the Lawrence bar.

I want to keep "going on all eight" for some time to come and I want you moving right along side of me, kicking the dust in the eyes of all who follow. Let us grow old gracefully and happily.

Sincerely and affectionately yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mr. Paul Mickelson,  
News Editor,  
The Associated Press,  
Star Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Paul:

In the fifty years that I have been engaged in newspaper work in Lawrence there has rarely been a dull moment. We have tried to leave the town and community a little better in every way because of our sojourn here. We have had the courage to take the bitter with the sweet, but in looking back over the years, the pleasant memories practically eclipse all darker moments.

We appreciate the Associated Press and feel that the United States is much safer today because of this institution which has become so great that it must be respected whether its enemies wish to respect it or not.

I hope the year to come will be pleasant and profitable to you.

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mr. Donald A. Seltsam,  
Rhodes-Seltsam Company,  
110 West Sixth,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Don:

It was mighty nice of you to write me in regard to my fifty years of work in Lawrence, and I am very happy to include you among the many friends that I have made during the years.

I keep in pretty close touch with your father, I. J. Meade upon whose shoulders rests heavy responsibilities, but which he carries rather easily.

With very best wishes to you and the family,  
I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mr. Roy F. Bailey,  
Salina Journal,  
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Roy:

In re-reading your good letter of December 11, I find that it starts out with "Dear Mr. Simons". While I realize that I have been hitting the pavement for more years than you have, I think our friendship is close enough so that we can well speak to one another by our first names.

I have been interested in you and your work for many years. You have taken an active and creditable part in the very life and development of the state. You have conducted a creditable paper, one that ranks with the best and you have given liberally of yourself. Knowing all of these nice things about you, it makes me appreciate all the more the kind expressions in your letter.

When I, as a boy of seventeen, hoofed it back and forth from the newspaper office to the railway stations trying to find some news and not knowing news when I saw it, I was deserving of pity, but I have never asked for pity in my life. Looking back over the years, I believe that John L. Bishop, then City Clerk and Manager of the City Water Works, gave me the first advice I had ever received in regard to what was news and how to get it. He is dead now and I regret that I did not see him in order to express my appreciation of his help.

I never worked harder in my life than I did in Salina and perhaps never with less results. I was the only reporter on the Republican, aside from J. L. Brady, the Editor, and for a few months we had to compete with the Gazette moved down from Abilene, which had a number of real reporters on its staff.



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Brady really knew quite a little about newspaper work, but he was the poorest teacher that I have ever known and that trait followed him all through the years that he was associated with me. He would start new men on the job without giving them even an inkling of what they were presumed to do.

I hope to see you governor of the state, as I believe you could fill the office well.

Mrs. Simons wishes to join me in the expression of best wishes and good cheer for the holiday season and the year to come.

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Justice Walter G. Thiele,  
The Supreme Court of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Justice Thiele:

I presume I should say "My dear Walter", but I have always felt that it was right and proper that a certain dignity should surround members of the court and altho through the years I have had quite a number of dear friends on the Bench, I have usually addressed them as I have you at this time.

I appreciate the good things contained in your letter and the long acquaintance that we have had one with the other.

I did not want to make much of an ado over my fiftieth anniversary because, ordinarily, a fifty years celebration marks the end of the line, while with me, I simply wish it to be remembered as a pleasant stopping place along the road of life.

At this festal season of the year, Mrs. Simons joins me in wishing you and yours every good thing for Christmas and the New Year.

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Dean Paul B. Lawson,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,  
The University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear Lawson:

I have enjoyed my friendship with you. We do not always hit it off together, but I feel sure that each respects the opinion and judgment of the other.

There are so many men and women along the highways of life who are simply consumers. They never seem to have an original thought and never seem to do anything excepting to consume a part of the surplus. There are others like yourself who are always keenly alert to everything that is going on and are concerned with it.

It is my opinion that no member of the Board of Education in Lawrence, through the years, vitalized the educational work of the city as much as you did during the years of your service.

It rather shocks me when I think how lax some things have become in our educational system. We have long fooled ourselves into believing that education was something that had to do with big buildings instead of with big men. The little old school houses of the days of Noah and Daniel Webster turned out some men who still stand through the years as great leaders; at the same time, every school in America in the past twenty-five years has turned out graduates who have left mighty little impress on the affairs of life.

I will wind up as I began, by thanking you for your letter and expressing my satisfaction in knowing you.

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mr. A. B. Mitchell,  
Office of Attorney General,  
State of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Baldwin:

I want to thank you for your letter of congratulations in regard to the first fifty years of my work in Lawrence. I have enjoyed the work and have enjoyed the friendships and acquaintances that I have made through the years. I like to work shoulder to shoulder with men like yourself and I look for bigger and better things for you.

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mr. William R. Taylor,  
109 West 61st Street,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

My dear Taylor:

Mrs. Simons, I and Dorothea all enjoyed very much your good letter of the 11th.

I think sometimes it is rather queer how men will happen to form acquaintances which ripen into friendships that last for years and years. We have not been thrown together a great deal and yet I have always had a warm place in my heart for you and the family and have held Mrs. Taylor and your children in high esteem.

When the Kaw Valley was in hard lines, I never thought of the hard luck about the Kaw Valley, but I was sorry that Taylor was having less of success than he merited.

We have enjoyed our work in Lawrence because it has brought us in touch with so many men, so many leaders and so many forms of industry. Having passed the fiftieth milestone, I can't help but think of "Old Man River who just keeps rollin' along".

Please express to the members of the family, the good wishes of Mrs. Simons and myself.

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mr. C. B. Hosford,  
Hosford Investment Company,  
824 Massachusetts Street,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear Clite:

I have in my hand at this moment your letter of December 13. It was a mighty nice letter, one of the best of the many that I received. I wonder if you really were talking about me or some other chap who really is doing his work well. It was mighty nice of you to write it and I can assure you, as I think you well know, that you stand high in my esteem. You have had vision, courage and endurance. You have carried heavy loads and have done your best at all times. I consider you one of the outstanding men of our community and I have thoroly enjoyed my acquaintance with you.

Mrs. Simons joins me in wishing you, Mrs. Hosford and the family the happiness of the Christmas season and trust that the coming year will be good to you in many ways.

Thank you a lot for your good letter, I remain,

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Governor Payne Ratner,  
State House,  
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Governor:

I was happy to receive your wire which reached me on my anniversary.

One of the most satisfying things in regard to my line of business is that it has brought me in touch with the leaders in the State and Nation. Perhaps no one in the state has asked fewer favors, nor has been more willing to help others than have I. I take a real satisfaction in the successful careers of worthwhile men and women. I have been proud of Kansas which has been my home for nearly sixty-four years. There is something about our great state that has enabled it to produce outstanding men and women, and generally speaking, we have not been swayed by demagogues as much as many of our sister states.

I have enjoyed my acquaintance with you and with your charming wife and have also appreciated the warm friendship that has existed between you and my son, Dolph, in whom I have every confidence.

I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mrs. Glenn Moody,  
721 Missouri,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Moody:

It was mighty sweet of you to write me a letter of congratulations, and the letter was so well worded and so nicely written that it did not seem as if it could have come from a sick-bed.

You have been very brave and I hope that your fortitude and good will will be rewarded by a return of good health.

I am sure that all of us at the office think of you with every kindly interest and hope and pray for your recovery.

I appreciate very much your great kindness in writing me.

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mr. William M. Ege,  
325 North P Street,  
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

My dear William:

It was mighty nice of you to join with us in the celebration of my Fiftieth Anniversary in Lawrence. The journey, on the whole, has been a pleasant one which has left many fond memories.

It must have been thirty years ago that I first knew you, when you were living in the Barker neighborhood, and through all the years that have passed, you have lived a life of good will and helpfulness. I think that in your work at the University, you influenced many lives by your faithfulness and courtesy at the library. Your educational training enabled you to be particularly helpful to young folks who were trying to seek information, but did not know just where to look to find it.

You congratulate me on my good work, I congratulate you for all that you have done through the years to make men and women better citizens and better children of God. When I think of you, I think of Paul and his declaration that he was not ashamed to speak out boldly and to testify that which he believed.

I have been a Kansan for nearly sixty-four years, which is something similar to the long life of your parents in Illinois.

I recall speaking to the club women of your neighborhood upon an invitation extended by your good wife.



Mr. William M. Ege,  
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Mrs. Simons and I were sorry to have missed seeing you, but know that you enjoy meeting other of your good friends here.

Should I meet Reverend L. O. McCracken, now of Anthony, I shall be glad to know him because he was your pastor and you have liked him.

During my connection with the Kansas Baptist Convention, I recognized that we were slowly being enveloped by the Southern Baptist Convention. Just how they have organized their Fifth Column, I don't know, but they know when a vacancy is to occur sometimes before it is made known to the church that is particularly interested. I have been on the Pulpit Committee for many years and we have more applications from Southern Baptists than we do from members of the Northern Baptist Convention. I do not believe that this is best for our state, nor for the church, but I don't know just how we are going to help it. Our Dr. Wise and scores of other religious leaders in Kansas have come to us through the Kansas City Seminary, which has largely been dominated by Southern Baptist influences.

I am always glad to hear from you and at this season of the year, Mrs. Simons joins me in best wishes for you and yours for the Holiday season and for the coming years.

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mrs. H. K. Ebright,  
Baldwin, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Ebright:

*Although*  
I was quite surprised at finding the article about myself in Saturday's paper. I had taken it for granted that Dolph or Joe would write something, as I had purposely made my own greeting to my friends very short.

You and Mr. Ebright have long been among my valued friends. I always feel enriched after meeting with you and following our conversation through fields far and near. You have both been fine citizens and Lawrence and Douglas County and the State are better by reason of your work.

In speaking of your years of service, both Red Wheeler, now of Abilene and Lester Coombs, now of Parsons, were our representatives in Baldwin while they were in school. Brady has been gone from the paper for twenty-seven years and I think that you have been our correspondent from Baldwin for that entire period and probably still longer.

I appreciate your expressions of good will and I wish you could have seen the wonderful party that we had last Saturday night. We were really proud of our co-workers.

Thank you again for your kindness and for your cheerful service through the years.

I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mrs. O. A. Bidinger,  
Lecompton, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Bidinger:

I appreciate very much the card of  
congratulation that you sent us.

It seems fine that for more than  
sixty percent of that time you have been  
associated with the paper. You have been  
loyal and helpful and you have the friend-  
ship of the entire office force.

We wish you all happiness and good  
cheer for the Christmas season.

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mrs. Mima Rhoades,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Cousin Mima:

Gertie and I were very glad to receive your card of congratulations. We do not see you often, but we have a warm place in our hearts for you.

We hope that you will have a Happy Christmas season and pleasant years to come. Gertie joins me in expressions of love and good will.

On the advice of physicians at the Mayo Clinic, Mrs. Simons is reducing and has lost forty-two pounds. She looks well and is finding great freedom from the excessive weight that she had to carry. Unless you come down to see us soon, you may not recognize the youthful figure that promises to be here in another few months.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mr. Harry E. Morrow,  
The Blue Mound Sun,  
Blue Mound, Kansas.

Dear Harry:

I enjoyed getting your letter of congratulations. It had been some time since you were an active member of our force, but you are still a member of the Journal-World family and we are always happy to have you drop in to see us. I was very glad to pass on to Mrs. Simons, Dolph, Pat and the others, your words of good will.

We had a very happy celebration in which every member of our force participated.

Mrs. Simons joins me in wishing you and Mrs. Morrow a Merry Christmas and a happy year to come.

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mr. Fay N. Seaton,  
State Department of Social Welfare,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Fay:

When I look at the pictures of the Golden Wedding Anniversaries in the Topeka Capital, it makes me feel that I should dodge all mirrors, but as a matter of fact, I don't feel as old as those dear brothers and sisters look. I did have the advantage of starting in young, being twenty when I came to Lawrence. I have worked like a pup and didn't begin to spare myself until some years ago when it seemed best to ease up a bit on account of a bad stomach. This did not last long and I now enjoy good health.

We have a fine bunch here to work with and we enjoy being a part of the splendid newspaper fraternity of Kansas.

We note the good work of your boys and feel that both you and myself have reason to be proud of those who are to take our places later on.

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Frank J. Ryan,  
Secretary of State,  
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Ryan:

Answering your cheerful letter of congratulations, I want to promise you here and now that if you are a candidate for re-election thirty years from now, I will "burst my shrouds" if necessary, to give you a vote. Now, isn't that going some!

We have had a fine time running a newspaper in Lawrence and feel that we may have had some part in bringing the financial credit of newspapers to a higher standard.

I appreciate your good wishes.

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mr. Thomas C. Ryther,  
University of Kansas Press,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear Ryther:

It will never be too late for you to drop a line to me, as I am always glad to hear from you. I take a lot of interest in young men and follow their course with pleasure.

The surest way in the world for one to "dry up and blow away" is to feel that he knows it all. After fifty years I feel that I know very little and have much to learn from bright young fellows like yourself.

Thank you for your good will.

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM



December 22, 1941

Mr. Will T. Beck,  
The Holton Recorder,  
Holton, Kansas.

Dear Will:

I enjoyed very much your good letter of the 14th.

I think I was present at one of the last meetings of the Press Association to be attended by your good father. What a splendid man he was for ninety-two, and when it comes to yourself, I never fully realized your capacity until I attended the Grass Roots Convention in Springfield. We didn't elect our candidate, but we made the nation sit up and take notice, and to you more than to any other, is due the credit for that splendid meeting.

I think that the happy relations that existed between your father and you are comparable to the companionship and association of myself and Dolph. We are co-workers together.

Please remember me kindly to your wife who is still the attractive, charming girl that she was when a student at K. U.

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM





Congratulations  
on your  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Kansas Electric  
Power Co

Mr. Hoar  
President



# The Kansas Electric Power Company



GENERAL OFFICE  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS.

December 13, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Simons:

Personally and on behalf of The Kansas Electric Power Company I wish to express to you my congratulations upon the celebration of your Fiftieth Anniversary of entering the publishing business at Lawrence.

I think it is a wonderful accomplishment to have been able to have headed up an organization such as yours for such a long a time as fifty years and to have been, during that time, such a factor as you and your newspaper have been in developing the City of Lawrence.

While it has not been my personal pleasure to have known you for a long time, from the expressions which I have had from my association here in the Company and from other townspeople, I do know of the high regard in which you and your paper are held and esteemed in this community.

Also the fact that so many of the Journal World employees have been in your organization for so many years, and the esteem and affection with which they seem to hold you, certainly is a very fine tribute to you both as a man and as an employer.

I hope that you may live many more years to head up your very fine organization here and that I may be here to see you celebrate your Diamond Anniversary.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. W. McClure".

RW McClure :MRS

President



December 22, 1941

Mr. L. L. Robinson  
Rush County News  
LaCrosse, Kansas

Dear Friends:

I appreciate your letter of December 11th to Dolph in which you asked him to extend your congratulations to me on my fifty years of work here. I want you to know that we have appreciated the friendship that we have had with you.

I think that one of the best compliments that I have ever had is that given me by my son who said that he didn't know of anyone to whom money meant less simply for its own sake than it did to me.

When I learned in 1905 that the credit of newspaper ranked with that of the keepers of livery stables, I decided right there that as far as I could, I was going to try to raise that standard. I don't demean the poor old publishers of a former day who worked so hard at publishing papers and got so little out of it, because at that time none of us knew the possibilities of advertising and neither did we know how to prepare copy that would pull.

Years ago I decided that circulation of a newspaper should not be a vague claim, but should be definite and subject to proof. I have felt that when a man went to a bank and presented a \$10 bill, he was entitled to \$10 in change, and when a man advertises in a newspaper, he is entitled to a definite service, and so along these lines, I labored. You cannot maintain circulation unless you have a paper worth reading. You cannot maintain volume of advertising unless you can give your advertisers results, and you cannot hold the confidence and good will of your community unless you are worthy of that confidence, and so thru the fifty years we have constantly striven to make the going just a little bit easier for those who follow than it has been for us.

I take off my hat to the newspaper men like yourselves who maintain creditable newspapers and by so doing improve the morale and prosperity of everyone who reads your paper.



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Come in and see us whenever you are in Lawrence and if I don't happen to call you by name, tell me who you are because I never have excelled in remembering names and I don't expect that the next fifty years will do much in the way of improving my shortcomings, along that line.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 22, 1941

Mr. Evan Edwards  
3440 Laura Avenue  
Lincoln, Nebraska

My dear Evan:

How is the tall Sycamore of the Wabash?

I have a mighty soft place in my heart for the whole Edwards outfit, your distinguished and worthy father, your brother, and yourself, and I am sure that if I knew them better, I could include Mrs. Edwards and your charming little daughter.

I have enjoyed the fifty years that I have been plugging along here in Lawrence and I have a lot of pride in the young men like yourself who have sojourned with us for at least a while.

You have what it takes and if you don't get side-tracked, you ought to go far.

With very best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 22, 1941

Mr. S. J. Hunter  
West Hills  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sam:

I appreciate very much your good letter of recent date.

You in your way and I in mine have each tried with some degree of success to make Lawrence a better city.

May your good work continue for many years.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 22, 1941

Chancellor Deane W. Malott  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Chancellor:

I appreciate your letter of December 13th. I have enjoyed my fifty years of work in Lawrence, some of which have been very strenuous. My policy of trying to be fair at all times has enabled me to go thru life with the feeling that perhaps I have helped a bit in smoothing the way for others.

I have rather favored the policy of a man choosing a community and staying with it, rather than using each job as a stepping stone for another. There are wonderful possibilities here for you and I believe you have the ability to make a real impress upon the educational life of America. This is not going to be easy. I think that the war will bring about more changes in education and educational policies and practices than we have experienced perhaps at any time during our national life. We have got to get back to fundamentals. We have got to train our young people to believe in something and to believe in the type of freedom that we have, to believe in the many things that in the past have enabled this nation to become great. We have passed up many opportunities and if the war brings us to our senses and restores sober judgment and righteous standards, perhaps it will be worth all that it has cost us.

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

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 22, 1941

Dr. Ross W. Sanderson  
Buffalo, New York

My dear Dr. Sanderson:

You failed to give me a more adequate address, but I have no doubt that your good work in Buffalo makes a further address unnecessary.

I certainly remember you and remember you well and my remembrances are all kindly and favorable to you and your work. I was mighty glad to get your letter and I wish for you continued success.

I was happy to get a good letter from Frank Jennings and another from Dr. O. C. Brown, former pastors. You may not recall but years ago when our Baptist Church was temporarily without a pastor, I acted for the church as its representative on the Ministerial Alliance at the Bieder Wolf meetings. Prior to that time, I had acted as secretary of the building committee of the Baptist Church and as a result for probably twenty years, I continued to receive letters addressed to Rev. W. C. Simons.

During the World War I had an odd experience. Jake Cohn, the proprietor of the Fair Drygoods Store, asked me to head Jewish relief in Lawrence. I told him that he had many Jews in the community who could do the work better than a Gentile, and he said that he thought probably I could pry loose something from some of the fellows that one of their own ilk might be unable to get. I knew that the Jews had contributed in all of our other campaigns here--this was during the World War--and so I said all right, I will do the best I can. Oddly enough and contrary to all of our ideas of their character, the Jews refused to let me contribute personally to their fund, but for a number of years afterward, I received all kinds of communications from Jewish organizations and finally had to write some of them that while my name was Simons, I was not a Jew and had no Jewish antecedents and was a member of the Baptist Church. After that they dropped me from their lists.



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I can't quite forget stopping at the Statler Hotel in Buffalo about twenty years ago. I had a brand new hat for which I had paid \$5.00 and when I left my room for dinner, I left the hat on the dresser or radiator near the window, and when the maid came in to open up the room, the hat was gone with the wind.

My father was born in what is now a part of Rochester, New York, and my forebears were pretty well scattered over the state.

I shall be glad to hear from you at any time and should you come to Lawrence, I shall be very glad to see you.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 22, 1941

Mr. Elmer F. Beth  
Acting Chairman  
Department of Journalism  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Mr. Beth:

I appreciate very much the words of congratulations contained in your letter of December 11th.

We have watched the growth and development of your school and recall many of the bright young men and women who have found places of importance in newspaper and magazine work.

We haven't tried to be the engineer or the conductor or the president of the road, but we have tried to keep the life of the community, its schools, its churches, and its desire for better things well oiled and ready to proceed.

If we have had any small part in aiding these things, our work here has not been in vain.

With very best wishes to you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

WCS:DMF



December 22, 1941

Rev. Howard E. Koelb  
808 Tennessee Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Sky Pilot:

I appreciate very much your letter of congratulations in regard to my 50th anniversary. It has been an interesting experience. Of the eighty-seven years since Lawrence was founded, fifty have passed under my personal knowledge. I have helped dig the town out of the mud and the Slough of Despond in which I found it in '91.

We are not thru building, we are not entirely satisfied, but we are gratified over the improvement which has been made. I think perhaps that we have had a little part in making Lawrence somewhat different from other towns. I believe there is a higher regard for decency, less profanity, and a higher type of life in Lawrence than in many other communities, and if we have had any part in maintaining these higher ideals, we are happy.

I appreciate your friendship, I appreciate your good work in the church, and if you would just impress upon our custodian the necessity for a little more fresh air, maybe God could more easily find his way in thru the open window.

With best wishes to you and your charming family, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 22, 1941

Mr. Chester L. Shaw, Assistant Managing Editor  
Newsweek  
Broadway and 42nd Street  
New York City, New York

My dear Chet:

I was very happy to get your letter of congratulation and regards to me. I remember not only your good service with our paper, but your pretty fair-haired wife and charming baby which soon came to complete your household.

We have watched your progress with interest and have been happy to see you find so prominent a place for yourself in the life of our nation. I wish you could drop in and see us. We have a fine group.

There is no one employed on the paper who was with us during the first twenty-three years of my experience. Earl Farris, our superintendent whom you will remember, came to us twenty-seven years ago, Joe Murray twenty-six years ago, and Mrs. Farris twenty-five years. Quite a number of others have been with us for twenty years or more.

The experience has been interesting and in looking back, we recall far more pleasant memories than we do of the other sort. Even our hardships are mellowed by the passing years until the stings are all gone.

I feel that I am very fortunate in my son who is a young man of great ability. Joe Murray has been and is of great value to us.

Again thanking you for your kindness and with very best wishes for the holiday season, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 22, 1941

Mrs. John Ise  
1208 Mississippi  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Ise:

I appreciated very much your letter of December 12th in which you spoke for the Round Table Club in congratulating me, and in return I can say that I hold your club and its members in high honor, and I am very glad if we have been able to assist you in your good work thru our publicity.

In a personal way I believe that I hold John Ise in as warm friendship as any man who has ever been connected with K. U. I think he is thoroughly good and I know he has been greatly disturbed by conditions. If I should dwell continually upon the wretchedness forced upon our nation during the past nine years, it might result in an unbalanced mind. I prefer to take it on the chin and fight in a hope that some day the men and women of America will recognize the full meaning of the inheritance that was theirs and will cast aside the sham, the deceit, the trickery, and envy that has been forced upon us by half-baked intellects.

I am reading now a book "Education for Death" which depicts the methods used by Germany to inculcate Nazi ideas into the minds of the young and it makes me astounded at the years that have been wasted in America and the seeds of disaster that have been sown because we as a nation have not been careful enough to instill into others not partisan politics but a keen appreciation of American ideals and a desire to perpetuate them.

That which you deem personal in this letter, you are free to read to your members if you wish, or you may consider it as my appreciation of you and your husband and as perhaps a little too sacred for general publicity.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 20, 1941

Supt. Clifford D. Dean  
Public Schools  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Dean:

I was very happy to receive your letter of congratulations of December 13th.

One of my earliest memories of Lawrence was that of attending a program in the old high school when W. H. Johnson was principal and Ed Stanley was superintendent. A quartet of which the late Supt. Peairs was one, sang a bit off key, but I enjoyed it just the same.

I have sincerely tried to be a true friend to the Lawrence schools. Whenever I have felt that the work was slipping in any department, I have tried to call the superintendent's attention to it. I think that a few years ago, a letter I wrote not only brought about a much improved condition in one department of the high school, but enabled one of you very good teachers of today to get rid of some practices that, if continued, would have ruined him as a teacher.

Believe me, that I always enjoy building up rather than tearing down.

I look for continued good work under your able direction.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 20, 1941

Mr. John Redmond  
Republican  
Burlington, Kansas

Dear John:

Your telegram came in okay, and I was mighty glad to receive it.

It means much to me to have the good opinion of the men I really count worthwhile, and among them, there are none who stand higher in my estimation than you. You are a good citizen of your community and of the state.

Please extend my good wishes also to Mrs. Redmond and to Mr. Ecord.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 20, 1941

Mr. C. C. Merillat  
Telegrapher  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Merillat:

I was mighty nice of you to send me  
a wire of congratulations.

I remember well your good service on  
our paper, and we follow the practice of  
once a member of the Journal-World force,  
always a member.

We should be very glad to have you  
come in and see us whenever you have the  
opportunity.

Wishing you every happiness for the  
holiday season, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 20, 1941

Mr. Warren Zimmerman  
Kansas Color Press  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Zimmerman:

Thank you a lot for your kind letter  
of the 13th.

I have always enjoyed your vigorous  
type of writing and I am glad to have your  
approval of my efforts.

The fifty years have been full of ex-  
perience, of service, and of pleasant  
memories.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 20, 1941

Mrs. D. T. Ransdell  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Ransdell:

It was mighty good of you to write me a letter of congratulations.

I remember you well and when I see you, I always think that the years have rested very lightly upon you.

I am always interested in our former carrier boys, and I hope that when you write Gaylord, you will remember me to him. I think our motto is that once a member of the Journal-World force, always a member.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 20, 1941

Mr. Clifton Calvin  
710 Mass. St.  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Cliff:

I wish to thank the scribe for his kindly references to a scrub newspaperman in the bulletin of December 12th.

I have had a lot of fun along the 50 years in Lawrence and have met many capital good fellows--you among the number.

Best wishes to you, the wife, and baby.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:DMF



December 20, 1941

Honorable U. S. Guyer, M.C.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Judge:

I received today your cordial letter of congratulations dated December 17th.

I was glad to get your recent reply to my rather fervent letter. I do feel that affairs have been terribly mismanaged and that the liberties so long enjoyed by American citizens will have to be rewon-- I hope at the ballot box.

Mrs. Simons joins me in holiday greetings.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 20, 1941

Honorable Henry J. Allen  
513 Beacon Building  
Wichita, Kansas

My dear Senator:

As I have been in Lawrence fifty years, it must have been at least fifty-one years ago or possibly fifty-two when I introduced you to the people of Salina as the new reporter on the Republican. This paper later became the Journal.

I appreciate all of the good things that you said about me and especially the good words that you spoke in regard to Dolph, who has been an active part of the management for a good many years.

I have long considered you the foremost orator and the most interesting speaker in Kansas. I believe you have always been sincere in your work and you are deserving of the fine reputation that is yours.

With best wishes for the new year and with sincere regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

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December 20, 1941

Mr. Henry Albach  
The Democrat  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Henry:

I want to thank you for the complimentary mention of me in this week's paper.

I have known you practically all of the time I have been in Lawrence and also had the pleasure of the acquaintance of your father and your fine boys.

With best wishes for the holiday season, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 20, 1941

Mr. Boyd Thompson  
Charles Eneu Johnson Ink Co.  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Boyd:

It was mighty fine of you to send me that basket of beautiful flowers for my 50th anniversary. Your florist must be an artist.

We had a very happy day together and wound it up with a splendid dinner at ~~Evans~~ Evans Hearth with all of the crew present. We assure you it was a fine looking group and we were proud to be associated with such a promising group of co-workers.

I wish for you, Mrs. Thompson, and for the boy a very happy holiday season and a good year to come.

Again thanking you for the flowers, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 20, 1941

Mr. A. B. Weaver  
901 Mass.  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Art:

I was almost overwhelmed when I came into the office the morning of Saturday, the 13th, and found the beautiful flowers that my friends had so kindly sent me.

Among them all there were none prettier than the fine yellow mums from you.

I have certainly enjoyed thru the years, the friendship of yourself and your father, and I am sure that Dolph bears a friendship for you almost like that for a brother.

Please extend my best wishes to Nell and to your father who has been my long time friend.

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 20, 1941

Mr. W. G. Anderson  
Daily Courier  
Winfield, Kansas

Dear W. G.:

I appreciated very much your letter of congratulations and good will because I have always deemed you one of the sound, dependable leaders of Kansas Journalism.

You have done a fine work in your community and state.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Anderson.

With very best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 20, 1941

Chamber of Commerce  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Hedrick, each and everyone of the directors,  
and not to be overlooked Mrs. June Abbott:

I sincerely appreciate the fine letter that you  
sent me bearing your individual signatures and also  
the fine basket of flowers.

While I have been inactive in Chamber of Commerce  
work in recent years, the work being better done by my  
son and younger members of our force, there was a time  
when I gave a great deal of effort to make the Chamber  
of Commerce function in a large way and to aid it in  
upbuilding Lawrence. While this is water that has gone  
over the dam, the good work of the oldtimers, many of  
whom have passed away, was really worthwhile, and with-  
out which perhaps we should not have the live institution  
that we have today. On the other hand, without the con-  
tinued good work of the present members and those who have  
preceded them, all former efforts would have come to naught.

Chamber of Commerce work is a good deal like a water  
wheel. As long as it is at work, it is really doing some-  
thing worthwhile.

I thank you very much for your thoughtful remembrance  
and wish you happiness and success for the coming year.

Cordially yours,

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December 20, 1941

Carpenter Paper Company  
Kansas City Paper House Division  
Kansas City, Missouri

Gentlemen:

We had said so little about my 50th anniversary that I was really surprised by the goodness of my friends who made the office look like a floral establishment. The flowers from you attracted much favorable comment during the day.

In looking back over the years, one of my greatest thrills was over the arrival of the first shipment of job printing stock. We had been buying in small lots from local printers, and when I first saw piled up on a drygoods box a couple thousand letterheads, two or three thousand statements, and a few boxes of envelopes, I was far prouder then than I would be now if I owned a whole-sale house.

One thing I shall never forget is the friendly tip that was given me by the Kansas City Paper House in 1914. I had had queries out for quotations on paper for the coming year and in a telephone talk with your office, I was advised to close my contract immediately, although your company was not the low bidder. I acted upon the good advice and as a result bought paper for two years at a very reasonable price while prices were skyrocketing on the stock market.

Your institution has been a big and worthy one, and we wish you a pleasant holiday season and a satisfactory year to come.

Cordially yours,

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December 20th, 1941

Mr. J. R. Holmes  
Mr. C. B. Holmes  
7 East Seventh Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear J. R. and C. B.:

It was mighty good of you to remember me with that beautiful basket of yellow mums.

Every time I looked at them it made me think of the long friendship I have had for you both.

I didn't want to make much of a stir on my anniversary because golden anniversaries frequently signify the end of the line, and I simply wanted it to be a pleasant stopping place to be remembered on the further journey.

With best wishes for the holiday season, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF



December 20, 1941

Mr. R. W. McClure  
Kansas Electric Power Co.  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Friends:

I think you will be interested in knowing that the pink roses given me last Saturday are still gracing our home six days later.

They were beautiful as buds just beginning to unfold and they have been beautiful as large full blown roses. May they be typical of your life and business for the years to come. May there be a constant increase of a sense of work well done.

As an institution Lawrence is proud of you and as an individual, I enjoy the many happy personal relationships that I have with your group.

I thank you a lot for your kindness.

Cordially yours,

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December 20, 1941

Miss Louise Towne  
1147 Ohio Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Miss Towne:

I wish to thank you and thru you to thank the Flower Committee for the beautiful poinsetta which graces our living room at home. I saw you in the office today, but you were already making your way to the front door, so I did not have an opportunity to thank you personally.

I have now been identified with the Baptist Church for nearly forty years and my association with the splendid men and women who have formed this changing group has been something well worthwhile. It was interesting to me that on my 50th anniversary, I not only received cordial letters from C. W. Thomas and Howard E. Koelb, but also from our former pastors Dr. C. C. Brown and Dr. Frank Jennings.

I think thru the years there has been no organization within the church more faithful or more effective than the Flower Committee. It brings its flowers to add to one's joy and to express sympathy in times of sorrow.

I have known you personally ever since you were a most attractive young girl. I recall that a picture or picture of you appear in E. F. Caldwell's History of Lawrence. I have known of your family, your mother, your grandmother, and your sister--all faithful workers in the church, and I also know many of those who are your co-workers today and of the success that has attended your work.

With very great appreciation for all that you have done, I remain

Cordially yours,

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December 20, 1941

Mr. John V. Sees, Secretary  
Standard Life Association  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Sees and Co-Workers:

It was mighty good of you to remember me last Saturday with that large and beautiful basket of flowers.

While the Standard Life has a slight advantage of me in years, it was little more than a tender infant at the time when I engaged in business in Lawrence.

I have appreciated the many good friends that I have had in the leaders of this splendid organization and I appreciate the kindnesses they have shown me.

I wish for you all a happy holiday season and a successful year to come.

Cordially yours,

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December 20, 1941

Mr. John Schrader  
901 Mass. St.  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Schrader:

Although I mentioned to you personally my appreciation of the pink roses which you sent me on my 50th anniversary, I want to put it in writing. They were so pretty and I appreciated them greatly.

I was mighty nice of you to remember me, and I trust that you will complete fifty years of active and valuable service in Lawrence.

Cordially yours,

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