

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*