

June 4, 1942.

Jess Eakin,
Box 306, Santa Rosa, New Mexico.

Dear Jess;..

I received your good letter a few days ago and have sent it on to Julia, who will read it with much interest. She and her husband were here last Saturday, leaving Sunday evening. They are both well

You write a very interesting letter, far better I think than mine in giving information. Here we are quite busy. Besides having our regular work, the location of the new Ordnance plant, only nine miles away, and brought to us a good many orders for hurry up printing.

Commencement is now over and the young graduates will doubtless find it easier to get jobs now than ever before. Some 1,400 men students are already in the army or government service.

So far this year we have had too much rain, which had delayed planting and now the ground is getting dry but nothing has suffered, excepting in western Kansas where the dry weather has been hard on the volunteer wheat

I dictate most of my letters now, but this week one of our stenographers is on vacation so I am trying to write my personal letters, where my friends will forgive and overlook my errors in typing.

The fact that Rationing gasoline in Kansas is foolish and wanton, does not seem to make any difference with those in authority, and it is going to be suicidal for the summer resort regions if vacationists cannot come and go. The northern part of Minnesota practically depends for a living on tourists. And this is true of many other sections of our country

We are trying to leave Tuesday for our summer cabin, Route 3, Brainerd, Minn. but cannot be sure of our plans right now. Mrs Simons has been on a reducing diet for eight months and wants to be checked at the Mayo Clinic, at Rochester Minn. on our way up. She was advised to reduce both for more complete recovery from breaking her leg two years ago, and also for improving her digestion. We are pleased with the results so far, in which she has lost about 75 pounds in weight

Things never looked prettier than now. Trees are heavy with deep foliage, the grass is luxuriant, and there is a riot of color among flowers everywhere. With kindest regards for both you and Mrs Eakin, I am as ever

Your Friend,

W. C. Simons.

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June 3, 1942.

Mrs John F. Watts

White Marsh, Md.

Dear Mrs Watts:-

Thank you very much for sending me the copy of The Maryland Baptist containing the fine article about Mr Watts. It was truthful and well written. The picture was excellent and full of character.

I think that I sent you a copy of the Journal-World in which we carried a story regarding his death and his work in Lawrence.

It surprised me a bit to learn that Maryland was in the Southern Baptist Convention, but still more that Illinois is also in that convention. I have attended a number of churches in the south and have found fine Christian people there the same as elsewhere. I have attended Baptist churches in Arkansas, Texas, and Mississippi and at Brownsville and Galveston had most pleasant experiences.

Please excuse the mused up appearance of this letter. One of our stenographers is on vacation this week, so I have written this myself and my work on a typewriter is nothing to brag on.

You will be interested and saddened in knowing that Marshall A. Gorrill, a brother of Dr Will, died last evening. His wife passed away after years of sickness, last August.

Please remember me to Franklin and Florence especially, as I did not know Miss Helen well.

Cordially Your Friend

W. C. Simons.

June 4, 1942.

My Dear Jones

"How It Feels to be Sixty" was a mighty interesting article to me, but I started a little earlier, being born in Owatonna, Minn., and coming to Kansas in March 1878, with my widowed mother, who settled on a claim along the old Hays and Dodge trail, ^{ten} the miles directly west from Burdett, which in those days was known as Brown's Grove.

The night of the big storm of '86, the late Rev. W. J. Burns and I found refuge in the school house at Middle Branch, east of Jetmore. We lost one horse as the result of the storm.

"Them wuz the days" and it was interesting to follow you. You must have an excellent memory

Congratulations on sixty years of living, many of which have been given to making a live paper in your home town.

Sincerely Yours,

W. C. Linnell

We have a stenographer on vacation and I am not so good.

San Diego, Calif
June 20 - '42

Mr. W. C. Simons
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Simons:

Under separate cover am mailing a copy of June 10th - San Diego Union, with a marked item. Intended sending it at that date; perhaps you have seen the piece and this is old by now. I was quite pleased to see your name and Lawrence Kansas in "Northeast Corner".

There are many Kansans here. The United States is well represented; and I don't find many native Californians. There are nice features here, but I do miss the lonely trees of Lawrence and vicinity and many other things. I'm a Kansan and glad of it. And in case you don't recall who I am at the close, this writer is Mrs. E. M. Owens sister, who came out here last August, and am with my son Donald (whom you may recall as going to Wichita - and you so kindly wrote a letter for him to present to the Editor of paper there). We are in the midst of much evidences of war - as to planes, the harbor - navy, marine and army, with balloons (barrages) up, and constant dim-outs - and people, people (of all kinds)

We are receiving the journal world
which is a welcome piece of mail. We listened to
the Town Meeting of the air - and were thrilled
to hear announced "Lawrence. Kansas. Work Audi-
torium." we received it by transcription, however,
at 10:00 P.M.

Very sincerely

Mrs. Vanera Miller Smith

1318 West Redwood Ave

San Diego, Calif

EDWARD O. TEAGUE
OF NEW ENGLAND
MANAGING OWNER

She will return to
Lawrence in about
4 weeks



Hotel Churchill

9TH AND "C" STREETS

San Diego, Calif. June 17th

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2119 East 68th St.

Dear Friends - K.C., Mo.

This little line caught
my eye, just as I went to
destroy the paper - so just
for fun am sending it you -
How are you folks - I'm fine,
Luspeck is to be leaving the
fine climate for long.

Going to a D.A.R. Luncheon at
the U.S. Grant Hotel, today, so
haven't time for much of a letter.

Hope this finds you both well.

Think of you often -

Love, Cora Marshall

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17 June '42.

Dear Mr. Simons —

Sincere thanks for your
letter of May 16th, and cutting.

I'm air mailing my aunt.

What an ordeal and what
guit and determination! Our
prayer is that, despite her
age, she will not become an
invalid.Sincerely
Feville.Mr. W. C. Simons,
Journal-World,
Lawrence, Kan.,
U.S.A.

1236 Oread
Lawrence, Kansas
May 13, 1942

Mr. W. C. Simons
2500 Vermont
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Simons:

Mrs. C. A. Bliesner advised me to use your name when I made application for a stenographic position with the Standard Life Company. Since I was just then going in to see Miss Peak, I took the liberty of doing so. Although this is contrary to the proper procedure, the circumstances seemed to justify it.

You do not know me intimately, but perhaps you could give me a character reference. I attend the Baptist church and sit in the choir every Sunday. You may remember that I sing the low alto in the trio. While here in Lawrence, I have been a member of the Sunday School orchestra, program chairman, devotions chairman, vice-president, and president of the B. Y. P. U. At present I am vice-president of the Rogers Williams Foundation. I have been the leader of two senior Girl Scout troops in town, work for Dr. J. W. Twente and Dr. F. P. OBrien on the hill besides carrying a full load of school work.

If you feel that you can say anything in my behalf, should the occasion arise, I should appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

Gwynne Kyle

Gwynne Kyle

May 2 1942

MEMORANDUM FROM

COLONEL KARL F. BALDWIN

U.S. MILITARY ATTACHE

American Legation,

Melbourne (or Canberra)

Dear friend: Philena has justly
sent you my letter and told you
that I am here. I am enclosing
some real proof. So now it
can be told. My orders were
so secret I had to slip out
on my friends and now I have
to keep within the Censorship.

I had a valuable stay in
Washington and met the Army's
best. I had a wonderful time
here with the greatest general in
the world today.. There are 5 of
my classmates on his staff and
it was sort of a reunion to me.
Their experiences are wonderful too.

You may be glad to know that
I have heard recently from
my son and he is fine.

I was certainly delighted when
they ordered me here though not
sorry to say "good bye" to Phyllis
and the family. She is living
at 1508 Berkeley, Calif. no
word from them since I left.

Tell the Rotary boys: Hello
from down under! I've attended
Rotary here - attended about 300.
A. Mitchell a former ^{Director} ~~Vice President~~
of Rotary International is here - an
Austro-Hungarian. Melbourne is really
a fine city of about 1,100,000.
Plenty of parks - wide roads -
Rarely freezes - may see 100° in
January. It's a field of flowers

now such as roses, mums,
dohlias ^{and} astra. I miss the
big dipper but have located
the Southern Cross. - I can't
compare. Have met some
Kansas friends but Censor says
I can't say whom..

I expect to travel - probably
mostly by plane. Consider
the Capital is about 350 miles
away. Beautiful - speed out -
2,000 per hr. - but too quiet
in these days of big things.

So far am well and going
strong. I hope the R.O.T.C.
building is up and the spirit
N.K.U. still carries on.

My very best to grandma.

All good wishes.

Karl S. Baldwin

May 14, 1942

Mrs. Don A. Freeman
Tree Tops, Route 3
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce:

I have read your note of May 12th, and you may have Charlie Roberts sandpaper and repaint the boat as he suggested. I believe that it is money saved to take care of a boat.

It makes us interested whenever you talk about things up there. We cannot be quite sure of what we are going to do until the gasoline situation is cleared up a bit. It is my impression that unless the shortage is indeed endangering our war efforts, that the rationing of cars going to or from resorts will be such as to enable the resorts to live. Otherwise, I think an absolute shutting off of gasoline would put a frightful crimp into the resort business of our nation. Such a crimp would be far reaching. For instance, men who borrowed from banks to build cabins would find themselves unable to pay and banks taking over such properties would find no buyers.

I do not believe that the government bureaus will want to entirely dislocate matters of this sort unless it is a positive emergency.

We have been considering using one car only in making the upward trip, having some parties go by train and sending necessary matter thru by freight or express. One car at the lake would be adequate to take care of the situation.

We are having another cold spell. I understand the thermometer went as low as 48 last night and it is still cool today. Constant rains or rains every few days have delayed spring planting.

Love and best wishes from all of us.

Lovingly,

Your brother.

May 14, 1942

Miss Lillian Gowdy
3751 Aldrich Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Lillian:

I think of you frequently, but do not write often for which I am sorry. I hope that you are all right.

A letter some time back from Betty, daughter-in-law of Kathryne Drought, told me that she had been sick. I have written her a few times, but have not received an answer from my most recent letter.

We have been thinking a lot about the lake, but would not want to have the family marooned up there for inability to buy gasoline. We trust there will be some favorable developments along this line in the near future so that the many thousands who take summer vacations may make their plans.

I hear from Julia and Etoile frequently with no news of special importance. Grayce writes that she is getting hungry for some walleyed pike.

I can see your pretty little home with my mind's eye, surrounded by your attractive lawn. I hope that the weather has not been too hard on you and that we will see more of you soon.

I had a letter awhile back from Calla which in a way I was sorry to receive because she had been misinformed thru believing explicitly what someone, now dead, had written her. The information that she had was totally untrue and misleading. I did the difficult job of answering the letter without trying to reflect upon the authority she had quoted. It seems a pity that when life is so short and full of anxiety at best, that persons should have to be unnecessarily troubled.

I know we are all trying to do our best, but many of us feel that our problem is greatly increased thru unwise, untrained, and oft-times, silly leadership.

Lovingly,

Your brother cousin.

May 13, 1942

Mr. Will Johns
Chief of Police
Kansas City, Kansas

My dear Will:

While I expressed my thanks to you personally for the fine white hat you presented me, I also want to put my thanks in writing.

I have never had a hat I liked better nor one that has been complimented as much. It was mighty good of you to give it to me and was far more than I deserved.

I can assure you it has always been a pleasure for me to say good things for you and we have always appreciated thru the years the courtesies that you and Mrs. Johns have extended to us.

"Long may you wave."

Cordially yours,

WCS:DMF

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM
LAWRENCE

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

May 7, 1942

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Simons
Journal-World
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Friends:

The annual Kansan board dinner will be held at the Colonial tea room at 6 o'clock, Tuesday, May 12, and we cordially invite you to be with us that evening. Marco Morrow, Topeka writer and vice-president of the Capper publications, will speak, and several awards to students for meritorious work in journalism will be announced. The whole affair, of course, will be informal.

The Kansan board hopes to make the affair a pleasant get-together for all who are interested in the progress of journalism on the campus and in the state.

We hope you will attend, and we look forward to the pleasure of having you.

Sincerely yours,

Elmer F. Beth

Elmer F. Beth, Acting Chairman
Department of Journalism

Ken Jackson

Ken Jackson, Chairman
Kansan Board

P.S. To help us plan, please return the enclosed card as soon as possible.

*Walf -
I am promised to attend
a Kans Dept. board
at 7:30 - afternoon
evening, above date*

May 4, 1942

Col. Karl F. Baldwin
U. S. A., Australia

My dear Col. Karl:

I don't know that a day passes that Mrs. Simons and I do not think and talk of you. We are happy that you are with General Mac Arthur who knows and appreciates your worth. I would not be surprised but that this letter should have been addressed to General Karl Baldwin, but I don't want to jump the gun. If it has not already come, doubtless it will.

We have been deeply interested in your welfare and in that of your family. Although we did not know your son, Chandler, we did meet his wife and baby at your home, and he almost seems like homefolks to us because he is near and dear to you.

I think you would be pleased with the way Lawrence is carrying on. I think we are lending every effort to support the war. Resenting the bureaucratic rule that has been developed in Washington, we take it on the chin and do our best, figuring that settlement of matters like that must come later and cannot for a minute stand in the way of our winning the war. We are not downhearted, we are not discouraged, and while we regret that we have met with so many backsets, we are delighted that unprepared as we were, we have been able to have a real part in resisting the mad onslaught of the Sun of Heaven and his deluded followers. We are also glad that American munitions are having their part in enabling Stalin to resist the Hitler hordes in Europe, and we applaud every effort of the English and of the Commando groups to bring the war home to the people of Germany.

Now for something else. The fields about Lawrence are lush with the growths of spring. Everywhere there are blossoming flowers and beautiful shrubs. I understand that rainfall has now penetrated to a depth of some eight feet which means there is more water in the ground now than there has been at any time in the last ten years.

We are delighted to know that Mrs. Baldwin is making a home for John and that John is doing so well for himself. I have

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always felt that there was a lot of real manhood and innate ability in John. His eyes did not permit him to be a soldier, but whatever handicap that has been to him, he has manfully overcome it.

We are happy indeed to have had our acquaintance with you and your family and we stand ready to welcome you back to Lawrence with open arms.

God bless you and keep you.

Cordially yours,

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April 20, 1942.

Mrs Calla Gregg,

Gregghaven, Montrose, Calif.

Dear Calla:-

I have partially written two letters to you in answer to your recent letter but have destroyed them.

There was not one iota of truth in the letter your received some years ago, copy of which you sent me.

I can see, however, how it may have rankled in your heart.

To the best of my knowledge the total of the estate at the time of the death of Aunt Belle was about Ten Thousand dollars. From this Five thousand was represented in the loan on a house in Macedonia, which has proven a total loss.

Probably more than a thousand was spent for Aunt Belle's funeral and monument for her grave. When he came to me three years later, he had nothing. What investments he may have made while in Chicago, I do not know, but the amount of same must have been small, as he enjoyed spending his money for little things. Aunt Belle had always handled the finances while she lived.

Again, I assure you, you were wounded by a letter which contained nothing but misstatements.

With love,

W. C. Simons.

I do not use a machine well and naturally did not wish to dictate this letter.

April 20, 1942

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

Dear Julia:

My visit with you was not half long enough and I hope that the next time you come to Lawrence, you will be guests at our home where we have plenty of room and where Mary Jule, Vera and Charles may spend as much time as they can.

I think that this would give us a better opportunity to visit together and would be more restful for you.

Should Charlie come again soon to consult with the Stoughs about improvements, try to come with him and stay with us.

Lovingly,

Your brother,

W. Pherson Kase

4-16-1942

Mr. W. C. Simmons.

Dear Friend:-

Again I would like to ask a favor of you.

I am going into defense work as soon as my birth certificate comes, and I get (3) letters.

You probably have written many more before now.

I would like a
character reference letter
on your business
stationary.

I also have to get one
from a Doctor & Banker.

I dont know if I can
get one from the Bank
at Lawrence or not.

Mr Simmons I assure will
thank you for this help.

How is your folks,
in fact we wonder how
every one is over there?

We hope to see you, all
some day again.

As Ever, J. B. Bigham
(John Swin)

April 18, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Mr. John Irwin Eighmy for a number of years and hold him in high esteem. I believe him to be honest, energetic, reliable, and capable.

I understand that he seeks a position as a defense worker and I have no hesitancy in recommending him for your consideration.

I believe he will make you a first-class employee.

Respectfully yours,

THE WORLD COMPANY

W. C. Simons,
President.

WCS:DMF

April 18, 1942

Mr. J. I. Eighmy
119 South Main
McPherson, Kansas

Dear Mr. Eighmy:

I was glad to hear from you because now and then you come into my mind and I wonder where you are and how you are getting along.

Give my regards to Mrs. Eighmy. Mrs. Simons and the other members of my family are well.

The church is moving along nicely, but Mr. Koelb has been in poor health for the past year. Nevertheless he is preaching some effective sermons.

Enclosed you will find the letter you wish me to write.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:DMF
Enc.

April 16, 1942

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

As you will note by reading the Journal-World, it looks as if the town would be pushed to handle all those who may come in during the next few months.

Under the circumstances I think it might be worthwhile if you would repair the two front rooms on the second floor at 706 Massachusetts Street. This could be done with lath and plaster or with some type of wall board. There are toilet facilities in the rear of the large vacant room and these could be put in repair and perhaps a second-hand bathtub could be added. An improvement of this kind should not cost a great deal and with two large well lighted rooms in front and plenty of storage space in the large vacant room, they should find occupants.

Nothing is sure in this world and I am simply advising you what may be done at a comparatively small expense.

We had a very pleasant visit with Dorothea and Bus and they have already begun the enlargement of their home by a bedroom, bath, linen closet, and store room on the second floor.

We learned today Aunt Della Reinecke, wife of George B. Reinecke, had died at Dallas, Texas and is to be buried this afternoon beside her husband and son in the cemetery at Shawnee.

Love to all,

Your Dad

April 13
1942

Mr. Loren Gowdy
% Wm. Gully
430 East Prairie Street
Olathe, Kansas

Dear Cousin:

A very odd thing happened yesterday. Mrs. Simons and I went up to Dawson, Nebraska to spend the weekend with our daughter, Mrs. H. F. Johnson, and family.

We returned home yesterday afternoon and some time between 4 and 5 o'clock we stopped at Holton and made inquiry in regard to you. A boy at the filling station said that he understood you had moved away. It was quite a coincidence that at the same time you were in Lawrence trying to locate me. We returned home about 6:30. I am sorry to have missed you and will be glad to see you at another time.

I have no doubt that you will keep busy this summer and at good wages.

Did you finally dispose of your Hodgeman County land? I haven't had any holdings there for many years and let a quarter section go for taxes during the 90's. You know better than I do how hard it is for a man to make a living thru farming in Western Kansas. You strike it now and then, but the years in between are bound to be pretty hard and lean. It isn't of any value as a cattle country because the pastureage is so short that you cannot afford to pay taxes on a large enough tract to maintain a herd of any size. I used to think it would be different in time, but apparently it is just about the same now as it was more than 60 years ago when I went out in 1878.

I hear fairly frequently from your cousin, Mrs. Kathryne Drought, of Jackson, Michigan.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

WCS:DMF

April 8, 1942

Miss Etoile B. Simons
7539 Colfax Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Etoile:

I just ran across a letter of yours of March 11th referring to some matters that might well have been answered sooner.

You spoke of reading the name of Daniel M. Ladd in a second hand book. If you recall our early days in Lawrence, you will remember a dog farm located on the 40 acres just south of where we now live. For the moment I cannot think of the name of the owner although I can see his face and figure in my mind as I write. That place was formerly the Ladd Homestead and perhaps 40 years ago a young lady named Smith at the University is still remembered because her given names were Mary Ladd and no one would forget Mary Ladd Smith.

The dog fancier kept greyhounds and would take them out to various places in Kansas for coursing meets. He advertised in the paper frequently for dead horses, cattle, and sheep for dog food.

I did not see the movie "Sergeant York". Gertie and I probably do not attend more than 4 or 5 movie shows a year.

In regard to the garden at Gull Lake, the season is too short to make it of value to us. Grayce and Don provided us last year with a good many fresh vegetables toward the end of the season, but the few tomato plants that Dolph and his boys tended had not yet ripened when we closed our cottages for the season. We found it easy to buy fresh vegetables at a very reasonable price.

So far I have been free from ivy poisoning while at Gull Lake, but I take constant care to keep from getting in