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Dec. 27, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Simons:

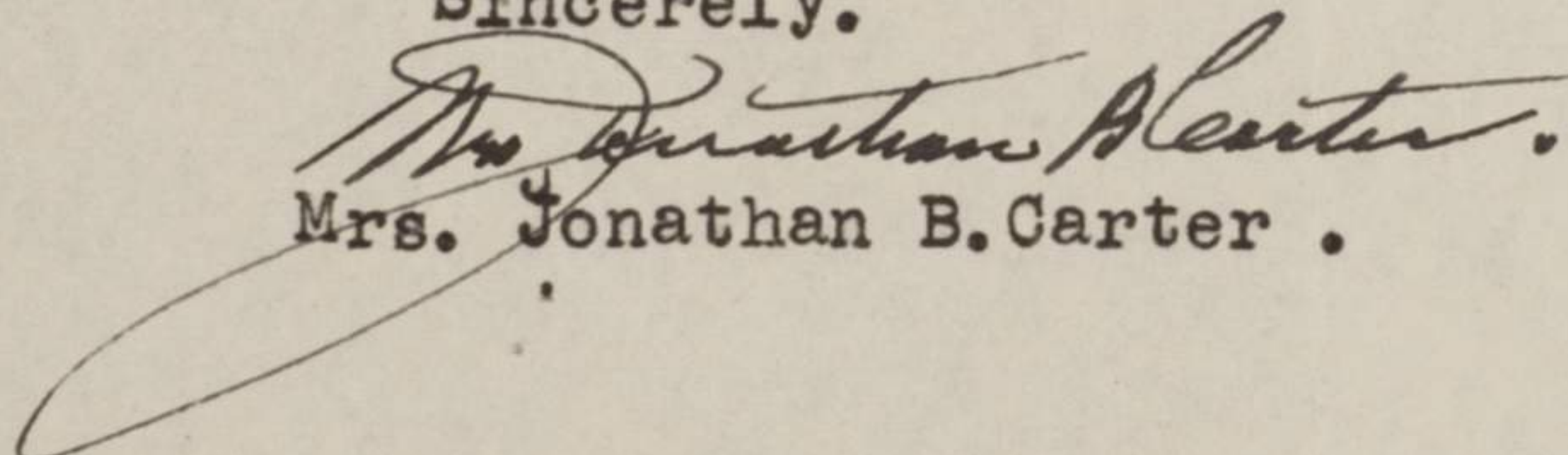
I tried to call you when I was at Mothers Sunday as I wanted to tell you that the Belle Z. Belcher estate was closed and ask you to cash the check.

Mr. Stratman, clerk of the Court turned your letter over to me and I am inclosing the check so that you will cash it.

I am the or was the administrator of her estate, Thank you for the service you rendered.

With kindest personal greetings, I am,

Sincerely.


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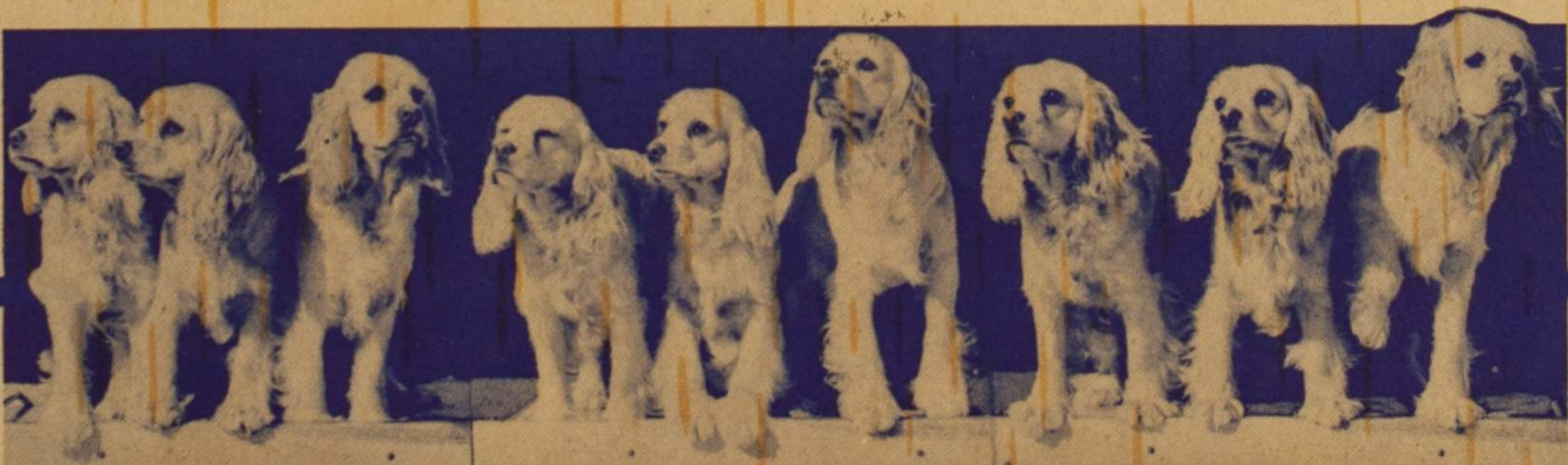
Dear Mr. Simons -

Your letter came the morning after I had been out to your place and put in the planting. We also put in some few extra plants on your son's place adjoining. The amount is \$84⁰⁰.

We are so sorry to hear of Mrs. Simons critical illness, and hope so much she will improve. The folks out at your place told us about it the day we planted. The ones ^{planted on} of your son's place were complimentary.

Hoping for the best for you and yours -

Mr. & Mrs. Charles. Siemer



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Santa Rosa New Mexico
December 23rd, 1943

Mr. W. C. Simons

(Journal World) Lawrence Kansas

Dear Collie: Received the Christmas card thanks for being remembered. We thought the sentiment in it was nicely expressed. For the past two years we have only sent a few with the hopes it would help in not overburdening the mails. We hope by another year the strike across the Atlantic will at least be over. So things will be again nearly normal or nearing normal conditions. Through our daughter we received word of Julia's passing and you have been sincere sympathy. When she was at Garden City Kansas in the winter of 1936 I remarked to several what a well preserved lady I thought she was for her age. Mr. Hainville sent us her 1942 Christmas story which pleased us very much. We are both as well as usual ~~as are~~ having quite a little winter pasture roads well nigh impassable for heavy trucks a ranching outfit is storing hay here in some of the buildings until weather permits its being moved to ranches where it is used. I sense as though the farmers held their cotton seed and prices are far above the ceiling prices. Might be now as cattle feeding stuff is allowed to come in it may help the situation which from a stockman's point of view has become serious. Hay is dribbling in but slowly a car now and then north of us near where we lived when we

first came to new Mexico the ground is still
covered with snow at least six inches
deep and some small ranchers unable
to get cake. they say there cattle are very
gaunt. But we hope the snow still keeps
melting it fell three weeks ago and
while most days have been clear
the air was cold so its not going very
fast. We had a shift last night reports
the air base at Santa Fe had twelve inches
and the town eight but the rest of the
~~town at the same time~~ state just light
snows.

Well I guess this is all
for now wishing you a
Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year. Write soon.

As ever

your friend

J. B. Eakin

December 4, 1943

Mrs. Alice Moncrief
1649 Edgemoor
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Moncrief:

I made inquiry today and found that a check had not been sent you for singing at the funeral of my sister, Mrs. Hoinville.

As Mrs. Simons informed you and as I have told you on different occasions, we like your voice and appreciate very much your kindness in singing for us.

Please accept the check with my best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df
Enc.

December 1, 1943

Mrs. E. H. Henley
906 South Sierra Bonita Avenue
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mrs. Henley:

It was very kind of you to send us the photographs of the magnificent addition that is being developed by your old friends, the Starretts.

While we are always looking ahead hoping for something better, perhaps our prayers should be for more good men and women like those of the past and present.

When I think of the Starretts coming out of the manse of a Presbyterian preacher and all that they have accomplished, I take off my hat to them, and when I think of you and your husband coming to Lawrence with very little excepting courage and developing a great industry, I take off my hat to you.

You have been a fine soul thru all of the years I have known you and a lady bountiful to your church, city, and to struggling students endeavoring to get an education.

I think you have had your reward at least in part in the loving remembrance of you held by the people of Lawrence.

Please give my regards to your son.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df
Encs.

Author of "Cathedral of All Stores"
for Marshall Field Retail Store

OAKLEY BRUCE DAVY, JR.

1231 Maple Avenue

Evanston, Illinois

December 16, 1943

Dear Mr. Hoinville:

I was wholly unprepared for your sad message telling of Mrs. Hoinville's death. I did not know she had been ailing, and whenever I recalled her (as I often did) it was to remember her as cheerful, animated and active.

It is hard for me to express my sorrow at the moment. Mrs. Hoinville's friendship was to me a very precious possession. Our acquaintance began more than 25 years ago, and from the beginning it has been an inspiration to strong manhood and right living. Mrs. Hoinville had a great heart as well as a fine intellect. Her stretching sympathy took in the poor and the troubled everywhere. I remember so well how, at the big store, she tried to take under her wing every boy and girl in the ranks who was in any way handicapped. And what an army of these young people she did help! If all for whom she did some loving service were to bring a tribute to her grave, she would sleep today beneath a wilderness of flowers!

My heart goes out to you, Mr. Hoinville, and to all who are bereaved by Mrs. Hoinville's death. But I know today you will be comforted as you think of her beautiful life. To me her memory will always remain a sweet and prized heritage. I am glad I ever came to know and to appreciate dear Mrs. Hoinville!

I remain

Yours fraternally,

Irving C. Lambert

P.S. My letter has been delayed owing to the fact that I have been quarantined at my daughter's home, the victim of the prevalent epidemic.

December 27, 1943

Mr. C. H. Hoinville
908 Railway Exchange
Chicago, Illinois

I am sending you today Christmas packages from us and from Mary Jule. We had held everything here expecting that you would be with us. I don't know whether it was best for you to stay there by yourself or to have visited us. Those are things you will largely have to answer yourself, but in this old world we simply have to keep on living. Perhaps no other man in the United States could handle your particular job now as well as you are handling it. You need to be at your best, and you can feel sure that if such a thing is possible, Julia is at your side and at your hand, wanting you to go ahead and proud of your accomplishments.

In regard to Christmas we were much pleased with our presents. Some weeks ago I had casually mentioned to Blanche that I had the first two volumes of Winston Churchill's books on the "Duke of Marlborough". She took that as a cue and evidently passed it on to you and Mary Jule because for Christmas I received two books from her, one from you and one from Mary Jule, which completes the set of six volumes. I thank you very much for it.

In the package that goes to you today is what is called a loafer coat. It is a coat that you can wear at your office during working hours or can slip into during any hours that you may be at home. I was given one a year ago by Dolph and I have enjoyed it very much.

Mary Jule and Vera will take dinner with us Wednesday night of this week. We have been to the house twice but have missed them both times, but we have talked over the phone.

The next few days will be busy ones with us in closing our books, deciding what dividends can be paid, etc.

The box of sprays came Friday afternoon and I put them on the graves Christmas morning. Some of the evergreen sprays that had covered Julia's grave since the funeral had blown aside, and I gathered them up, replaced them, and put the spray at the head. I picked out the best spray. I say this because while they were all alike, some were bent a little bit thru being packed, while the one

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I placed on Julia's grave was perfect. The others undoubtedly will resume their shapes now that they are placed on the graves.

Dolph took his car and he and family spent Christmas Eve with the Nelsons and Nordlunds at Auburn. Gertie and I accompanied them as far as Dawson where we had both lunch and dinner with Dorothea and Bus and sat in on their Christmas distribution in the early evening. We left Dawson shortly after ten o'clock and arrived in Lawrence around one, so that we retired about two in the morning. At ten minutes of eight, John Simons was on the line telling us to hurry as he wanted to see his Christmas presents, so we went down and had a very pleasant time with Dolph and family and enjoyed another Christmas dinner. It made it very handy for us because our new maid wanted to spend Christmas and Sunday at her home in the country.

I read your letter to your co-workers and also the list of the committees. It is really astounding how many committees there are, and yet I can see that each one has its hands full.

We shall be very happy to have you drop in on us for a weekend or at anytime that you can.

By the way, the cigars came yesterday morning, and I delivered them to Mr. Addy at his home.

Love from all,

Your brother

December 23, 1943

Mrs. C. Q. Chandler
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Chandler:

It was my pleasure to have enjoyed the acquaintance of your late husband for many years.

He was an outstanding Christian gentleman, a man of sympathy and vision.

I wish to express to you my sincere sympathy and know that you will be upheld by the same Christian faith that actuated Mr. Chandler.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

December 22, 1943

Mr. Chas. H. Hoinville
908 Railway Exchange
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Charles:

Realizing that you have had a lot of expense at this time, I gave a check to Rumsey Brothers dated December 20th for \$142.00 to balance your account. The total charge for their services had been \$152.00, but they credited you \$10.00 for the box used in shipment, making the net balance \$142.00.

I have my Christmas buying practically complete. I hope that everything is moving along nicely with you.

Naturally Julia is on my mind a great deal.

Love to all,

December 22, 1943

Firman Mullin Jr.
Route 1
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Firman:

Because of my deep regard for your late father, Firman Mullin, I am sending you herewith a check for \$5.00 to be spent as you see fit.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I remain

Sincerely,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df
Enc.

December 22, 1943

Miss Dorothea Mullin
Route 1
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Miss Mullin:

Because of my deep regard for your late father, Firman Mullin, I am sending you herewith a check for \$5.00 to be spent as you see fit.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I remain

Sincerely,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df
Enc.

December 22, 1943

Mrs. Elsie Marie Folks
442 Indiana Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Folks:

Because of my deep regard for
your late father, Firman Mullin, I
am sending you herewith a check
for \$5.00 to be spent as you see
fit.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year, I remain

Sincerely,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df
Enc.

December 22, 1943

Miss Violet Mullin
819 Maine Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Miss Mullin:

Because of my deep regard for your late father, Firman Mullin, I am sending you herewith a check for \$5.00 to be spent as you see fit.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I remain

Sincerely,

W. C. Simons

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Enc.

RETURN RECEIPT

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2 _____
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LAWRENCE, KANS

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December 20, 1943

Mr. C. H. Hoinville
908 Railway Exchange
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Charlie:

Thank you very much for sending me the letter from Lambert. I had a copy made for myself. He wrote a beautiful letter and one in which he carefully appraised Julia's many outstanding qualities and her great ability. Her interest in humanity was so wide spread that it was rather difficult for some to understand how such unselfish interest could exist. She was truly a great woman, a wonderful wife, and a loving and helpful sister. The little sentiment penciled on Janet's childish note showed how her heart was touched by seemingly trivial things. My children all loved her.

Your business note came in very handy. Last evening Mrs. Simons and I attended a dinner party for fourteen given by Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Aszman of the Presbyterian Church in honor of Mrs. Karl F. Baldwin, the wife of Col. Baldwin, now military attache with General MacArthur in Australia. During the evening Chancellor Malott, who was also a guest, mentioned that he had four days' supply of fuel only, and naturally was worried. I told him that you were handling the oil supply for the railroads of the country, and this morning when your letter came, I called him up and read it to him. He was very greatly pleased and was very profuse in expressing his appreciation.

That is one of the things that I have always admired in you is your ability to get things done and right now.

I am paying the penalty a bit for going thru those dusty boxes by having an infection in my nose. I have been handling it pretty well and this morning I have called the doctor to come in and see me. I don't know that any further attention will have to be given, but I don't want to take any chances. I knew I was running the risk when I was in Chicago, but hoped that I could avoid it. It is nothing serious and nothing to cause you any worry.

I hope that everything is moving along smoothly and that Mary Jule will be able to find mamma's Paisley shawl. I am afraid that

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not knowing its sentimental value, she may have given it away, and if so she should secure its return. It might be that Julia had sent it somewhere to be repaired, but I rather doubt that she had done so.

We enjoyed our visit with you and know that you did everything possible to make us comfortable.

I return the Lambert letter herewith. I remember the framed copy of "The Cathedral of the Stores" which was shown at the Field's Store where I presume it still is.

Give my love to Mary Jule and Vera. I saw Mrs. Stough on the street a day or two ago, and she said she had not heard from Mary Jule since we were there.

Lovingly,

Your brother

December 18, 1943

Miss Eileen Maloney
2712 East 31st Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Eileen:

I have been wanting to write you for a couple of weeks, but as you know, we were out of town for the greater part of a week.

It was odd that your grandmother and I each wrote you a letter bearing largely on the same subject without either one knowing that the other had written or was intending to write. It made it appear as if maybe you had been indiscreet in some manner which I can assure you was not our intention at all.

We had enjoyed having you in our home very much and want you to feel just as much at home there as you do in your own home. We love you and think you have great possibilities. The reason I wrote you as I did was because it seemed to me that there was danger of your letting all your splendid vitality and energy go to waste. I felt that if you could become especially interested in something that you had the ability to excel in it. Because you are so much of a young lady, both in size and bearing, it is easy for one to expect too much of you because you are still just a little girl and a mighty sweet one. From what I hear you are doing excellent work at Holland Hall and that probably is about all that can be expected at this time.

We don't see very much of Marilyn, but it is comforting to know that she is in town.

I don't know whether your grandmother has written you again or not.

It is going to be a little lonely here for Christmas, and we may possibly accompany Dolph and family as far as Dawson and take a Christmas Eve supper and exchange of presents with Dorothea and Family while Dolph and family go on to Auburn. We probably will return the same night. Of course, a trip of that sort depends somewhat upon the weather.

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When I was young, I had a tendency to frown. I think it was partly due to my eyes because I began wearing glasses when I was nineteen. You have that same tendency, and you are so pretty and attractive that the frown does not become you, and I believe that with just a little effort on your part, you can overcome it. After all, it is a lot better to take things as they come and to make the best of them, than it is to be irked about them.

Your grandparents love you and are proud of you, so you must forgive them if they expect more of you than they should.

Lovingly,

Your Grandad

December 17, 1943

Dr. F. B. Dains
1224 Louisiana
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Dains:

I was looking over the Scottish Rite News for December, and I find that fifty years ago you were received into the Scottish Rite. I have been a member for about twenty-nine years, and while I pay my dues regularly, I don't attend as often as I should.

I hope that you are feeling well and are looking forward to a pleasant Christmas season.

The Saturday Night Club has just turned in copy for the program for 1944. Dean Moreau of the School of Law entertained the club once this fall, but I was unable to be present. We are trying to keep things together although a number of our members are now in the armed forces. I think of three in particular who are doing good work--Dr. R. A. Schwegler, Jr., Earnest Boyce, and Dinsmoor Alter. Baldwin Mitchell is now Attorney-General of the state and is on our inactive list. J. J. Jakosky has been called to a larger field out in southern California.

Please give my best regards to Mrs. Dains.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

Boy, 10, Points Carol Broadcast To Father, a General Overseas

That shock of yellow hair in front wouldn't quite stay down in spite of everything, but beneath it the face of the little boy was earnest as



Allen Holmes.

as he took part in the world-wide broadcast of carols and the Christmas story on the second anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

Two years ago, his father was with him and his mother and little sister and brother. Last December it was Africa, and now Allen believes he is in Italy.

The little boy sat very still in his neatly pressed dark suit, one of a row of other solemn young "south procession sopranos" from St. Albans School for boys. Across from them and around them, in

his young soprano blended with the voices of 500 other boys and girls in the nave of the Washington Cathedral yesterday afternoon.

Ten-year-old Allen Holmes was hoping that perhaps his father, Brig. Gen. J. C. Holmes was listening somewhere overseas

the lofts above the heads of the huge congregation were older boys and girls in white dresses, from the Cathedral schools.

The children sang before an audience of approximately 1,000 in the nave, and to countless members of the service overseas by NBC short-wave. Transcriptions of the program are to be rebroadcast by short-wave Christmas Day.

Allen is in the sixth grade at St. Albans and this is his second year there. When he grows up he wants to be in the Army like his father, but "only if the war's still on." He wishes the war would end, so his father could come home, and he is buying as many War Bonds as he can.

His little sister, Elsie Jane, 8, couldn't come because she wasn't feeling very well, and his mother and 4-year-old brother are visiting in Kansas. They will return to their home at 1621 Twenty-first street N.W. next week, to be together for Christmas—all except father.

As he listened to Canon W. Curtis Draper, jr., reading the holy story from the Bible, and then sang with the others, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Allen was filled with expectancy for the holidays and all the other things Christmas means to little boys. But he did wish his Dad could be home.

1803 PHELPS PLACE, WASHINGTON

Lawrence Journal-World
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Simons:

May I take the liberty of calling your attention to the enclosed clipping, taken from The Evening Star of Washington, the issue of Wednesday, December the eighth. It is a human interest story of itself, but of especial interest to all who know both the Allen and Holmes families.

I knew Mr. Holmes Sr., Mr. J. R., but after an absence of almost eight years from Lawrence, I am not sure what changes may have taken place, so I am sending this to you instead of to him.

I did not know that Mrs. J. C. Holmes was living in Washington now until I read it in this article, I shall hope to see her in the near future, I knew her only slightly.

With Holiday greetings and pleasant recollection of our September meeting at the Bank,

Very cordially,

Flarence M. Hodder

10 December 1943

December 15, 1943

Mrs. Kathryne Drought
1417 North Blackstone
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Kathryne:

I was particularly pleased with a paragraph from your letter of recent date and we made use of it as per enclosed clipping.

For some reason of which I cannot account, we do not have a perfect print of one paragraph.

With best wishes, I remain

Your loving cousin

Enc.

December 15, 1943

Mrs. Florence M. Hodder
1803 Phelps Place
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Hodder:

I wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing me on December 10th enclosing a clipping regarding Allen Holmes.

Thinking that you may have overlooked it, we enclose a clipping from the Journal-World of December 13th.

We shall appreciate it very much if in the future you will send us anything you deem to be of special interest.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df
Enc.

December 15, 1943

Mrs. Don A. Freeman
Route 3
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce:

I realize that I was so busy unpacking and was so filthy most of the time that I had mighty little time in which to show or express my affection for you.

You are a darling girl, I am happy to be with you whenever I can, and hope we can be together more in the future than we have in the past.

I think that on the whole you, Gertie, Charlie and myself made the best of what was not a very happy undertaking.

Our trip home was delayed quite a bit and we finally arrived at the old homestead at one o'clock this morning. Dolph had very thoughtfully turned on the heat so that the house was comfortable. He had also looked after any other things that were necessary in regard to the automobiles.

Marie accompanied him to Ottawa, and while she has not fully recovered from her recent attack of the flu, I hope no harm was done in her wait at Ottawa. Dolph just tells me that Marie is better this morning. I have not yet seen Dolph and John.

Again I want to express my very great love for you and my deep regard and love for Don. I sincerely hope that you found him well on the way to recovery when you got home.

Lovingly,

Your brother

December 8, 1943

Col. Adna G. Clarke
2251 Mohala Way
Honolulu 5th, Hawaii

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Clarke:

I was very glad indeed to receive your good letter of November 4th together with enclosures. I realized the picture was so dark that it would not reproduce well in a halftone, but I thought the very fact that having received it from you in our distant western territory would make it worthwhile to use anyhow. We enclose a copy of the clipping of the picture and story.

It is mighty nice to be remembered by you, and I have looked over the group purposely to see if I could spot you. I was able to do so, and funny enough one of the characteristic things about your picture was your hat. I don't know of any article of man's apparel that takes on his characteristics more than his hat. If you have never thought of this, speculate on it a bit. Even with the soldiers and sailors there is a difference in the way their caps are placed upon their heads.

I haven't taken the music home yet for Gertie to try, but I did have it taken to Bell's Music Store. With the prevalence of canned music, radio, records, etc., the sale of sheet music is not what it used to be, but Mr. Houston, now Manager of the store and the husband of Bonnie Bell, said that he would be glad to have the music consigned to them, so if you wish to take the chance, we shall try to see what sales we can effect here locally.

Take all in all, it would be difficult for me in my rather long life to recall a finer couple than Adna and Birdie. You have always been loyal, energetic, intelligent and good Christian characters. I am sure that your influence for good has been far wider than that of most other couples. I regret that I have not had the opportunity to know your children and to have you know mine better than you do. Since Blanche, Mrs. Maloney, moved to Tulsa last May, Dolph is the only child we have left in Lawrence. Janet is at Minneapolis, Kansas, about 175 miles away, and Dorothea at Dawson, Nebraska, about 120 miles from here, so we see each other quite frequently, but that isn't like having them next door.

Col. Adna G. Clarke

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December 8

If peace comes and things become settled, I am quite sure that Mrs. Simons and I will take some further trips and one of them at least would be to Honolulu and probably on to Australia. With air service as it probably will be after the war, we may some time avail ourselves of a longer trip in which we would see European and Asiatic countries.

Again thanking you, I remain

Cordially and sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

ENCS.

December 2, 1943

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I have long wanted to know who is boss in your household, so I am sending you attached hereto a sheet of paper upon one side of which is an American soldier standing upon Calvary, his shadow forming a cross and looking across at Jerusalem.

In case you are boss some day I shall see this framed picture on your wall. In case Mc is boss, the picture will be reversed and we will see on the lounge the framed picture of the siren.

I await with eagerness the denouement.

Lovingly,

Dad

December 2, 1943

Miss Eileen Maloney
2712 East 31st Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Eileen:

I just read your good letter and felt impelled to write you. You are surcharged with energy. You can do so many things well that it is difficult for you to apply yourself. You are like a wonderful mountain stream carrying an abundance of power down the mountain all going to waste until the power is utilized. Why don't you just by yourself think out some way in which you can profitably employ your excess energy? Maybe it would be painting, modeling, sewing, domestic science, literature, or a thousand and one other things, any one of which doubtless you could do well.

A world of opportunity awaits you in which you could excell. Why not harness that ability and master it and don't let it master you. I have always loved and admired you, and I think you have great possibilities. I don't believe there is any danger of my giving you the swell head in writing you in this manner, but I do hope it will make you think seriously of taking hold of something that will occupy a portion of your time and improve your mind and general well being.

My little mother, your great grandmother, was the only living daughter, although she had five brothers. Naturally, mamma was the idol of their hearts, and we have in our possession in Chicago, and I hope they will soon be in my hands, little essays or articles written by her when she was your age or possibly a year younger, and it is really astounding to see thru these letters the purity of her soul and the wealth of her noble characteristics. She prepared and learned to teach school. She married happily to my father, but he died after eleven years leaving her with five children--the youngest only twenty months old. The training of mind and body that she had given herself enabled her to teach and to be self-supporting and to develop her children to the best advantage.

In the expression of today, she didn't have anything that you don't have, and your old grandad is interested in seeing that the splendid qualities that you have are not permitted to become undeveloped and dormant.

Now you don't need to show this letter to anyone unless you wish to do so.

Lovingly,
Grandad

December 2, 1943

Mr. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Mc:

Aunt Grayce, Mrs. Don A. Freeman,
sent me today the two enclosures here-
with which she said had been received
on November 29th.

I will be glad to have you read
them and take such action as you deem
best.

There is nothing especially new
here.

Love to all,

ENCS.

December 1, 1943

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

As you are aware, your tenant has reported a leak that in time would seriously damage your property. I asked Mr. Knapp to look it over and make his recommendations. The sample of a shingle submitted by Mr. Knapp looks good and he says it will compare well with the portion of the roof which may be left on for some years more.

We are once more without a maid. About two weeks ago Mabel told your mamma that she was going home, but would stay until after Thanksgiving. She left yesterday and Gertie requested that she take all of her property with her as we did not want to be responsible for her things. I collected \$41.00 in insurance on the things that had been stolen from her by Mrs. Cherry. We were out to the Shack at Haskell for dinner last night, will take luncheon today with the Baptist ladies and will dine at home tonight upon two dressed quail that Dolph gave us this morning. Your mamma did not wish to say anything about losing Mabel lest it would interfere with the enjoyment of Thanksgiving on the part of our children and grandchildren.

You would be proud of the way in which Mary Beth conducted herself while here. I think she had a good time and we enjoyed having her very much. I wrote Ho in regard to Etoile's affairs and he may or may not have told you what I said about Mary Beth.

We were to have gone to Chicago today, but nearly a week ago a soreness developed on the left side of my abdomen which the doctor thinks was in the colon. I am getting better and think that I will be all right in a day or two, but I did not wish to go away from home under conditions which might cause me to be laid up.

I might add that we are invited out to dinner with the Roy Millers for tomorrow night. They recently purchased Mrs. Strong's home in West Hills that she built a few years ago.

This will be all for the present. Much love to you and yours,

Your father

December 1, 1943

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Mrs. McNalley:

Regarding your house at 1709 Alabama Street, Mr. Simons requested me to check the roof, and I find all of the south side, the sleeping porch and the rear one-story portion in very bad condition. The north side would do for several years yet.

To re-roof the portions which are bad would cost the sum of \$81.00 and to re-roof the north portion would cost \$40.50.

I am figuring on a Johns-Manville four in one shingle weighing two hundred ten pounds to the square and a color design approximately the same as the roof is at the present time.

Yours very truly,

E. L. Knapp
1236 Mass. St.
Lawrence, Kansas

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December 1, 1943

C. H. Hoinville
908 Railway Exchange
Chicago, Illinois

WILL NOT COME TODAY ALTHO MUCH BETTER. WILL WIRE WHEN.

W. C. Simons

THE LAWRENCE, KANSAS, JOURNAL-WORLD

November 29, 1943

Mr. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Mr.:

C I have filled out the Petition to the best of my knowledge and belief. Etoile also had whatever we may be able to prove of value in the stock, that we have discussed.

O Originally she had some ownership in the Luella Apartments, in Chicago, but it would have been wiped out years ago if Charles H. Hoinville had not fought it thru and in doing so encumbered every bit of property he has. I originally had \$9,000.00 in cash in the Apartments, but last year assigned 30 shares-\$3,000.00 to Julia Simons Hoinville; and 20 shares-\$2,000.00 to Mary Jule Stough. That leaves 20 shares in my name and 20 shares in the name of The World Company.

P As Etoile had made her home with the Hoinvilles for many years, and had been able to do nothing towards financing the building since it was first purchased, I have felt willing to let Hoinville have what Etoile would have had. It may be that she has assigned it to him, or to someone.

Y While I have been advancing money thru the years, I have no intention of trying to get it out of what little Etoile may have left. For the purpose of securing a sale of the Macedonia property, I can legally file \$525.00 advanced to her in monthly payments of \$25.00 a month for 21 months beginning in April, 1941, and continuing until and including December 1942. There is also due me for money actually paid out for Etoile's funeral, the sum of \$92.53. The amount of more than \$400.00 for Dr. Gowdy's funeral could not apply since the property has stood in Etoile's name. While I wrote the Probate Judge shortly following Uncle's death, to file a claim, it could have no force seeing he personally left no estate. However, should the courts decide that Dr. Gowdy still owned the property, then the funeral bill would be a first claim, as the reopening of the case would overcome the outlawing by years.

Whatever amount can be recovered, I should like to have the balance on the funeral expense, and then let the rest go to her

Mr. L. A. McNalley

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several heirs. Perhaps it would be better to have my entire claim of \$617.53 allowed, which would doubtless more than take over all of the proceeds of the Iowa property after expenses have been paid; and then let me take out the balance of the funeral expenses, and divide the rest between the heirs. This might simplify matters.

Her personal belongings have little intrinsic value, and Gertie and I and Mary Jule hope to go thru them within a few days to make what we feel would be a fair division. Julia has but two heirs--her husband and Mary Jule. Louis had but one, Mrs. Julia Blackhurst. Besides the above there would be Grace and myself. We had hoped that Julia could have assisted us in this matter, but she was never well enough in the months following the death of Etoile.

Mary Beth is a darling child and we enjoyed her visit very much. She makes an ideal guest.

Love to all,

Chicago Nov. 23rd 1943

Dear Collie:

Have your letter of the 22nd, and your suggestion is better than my first writing. Mary Jule wondered if we should have mentioned Etoile, and if you believe her name should be included, please hold things until I get there. Am planning to leave here the night of the 24th and arrive about 9 o'clock No. 5 the 25th, but will return on 12 that noon, and as I wrote you, do not change any of your plans as Mr. Gurley and Mr. Kelly will want information early the morning of the 26th and I could not take a later train in view of the fact that they would be late in arriving at Chicago.

Shall mail out the booklets the first week of December so you will not be rushed in any way, and hope that your work in the shop will not be handicapped by this.

Bro' Chas.

Chicago Nov. 19th 1943

Dear Collie:

Could you get up a small pamphlet similar to Julia's letter of 1942 on the attached, showing the title

Another
Christmas Letter
from
The Hoinvilles

1943

~~xxxxxxx~~ using the same green. You will note that I am going to mail it prior to Christmas.

I have the envelopes, and shall mail both in one. We will need 800. Have been thinking that it was but a few years ago Julia and I were sending out 1000 to 1200, but death has taken its toll.

I expect to see you Thanksgiving morning, but will leave for Chicago on the noon train, so do not plan anything for me as I will not be there long enough to disturb any plans you may have for the day.

Bro. Chas.

November 29, 1943

Mr. Charles H. Hoinville
908 Railway Exchange
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Charlie:

I have just filled out the Petition necessary in handling the real estate at Macedonia, Iowa. Reference being made to the fact that if there were no indebtedness, it might require some other method of dealing with the case. I have written Mc quite fully in the letter of which I enclose a carbon.

I am feeling quite comfortable physically this afternoon and hope I shall feel well enough to leave here Wednesday. I never have been sick away from home and don't want to be, and as far as sickness is concerned, I have been very fortunate in having good health.

I do not know of anything special to add at this time.

I don't suppose that Etoile had any other property. The reason I mentioned that Julia had but two heirs was that her death might complicate the disposal of the Iowa property in that it would have to be shown who were her heirs and any interest they might have in the property. That is why I suggested that it might be well to let my claim go thru for a larger amount which would enable me to pass on to other heirs what little could be salvaged.

I was glad to see you Thursday, but sorry that you could not have been with us for a longer time.

Love,

Brother Collie

Enc.

November 29, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Freeman
Route 3
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce and Don:

I usually take your letters home, and therefore in writing a reply, I may often omit mention of things that I should have spoken of.

In regard to the letters of papa and mamma, I wanted to ask you whether you simply found the letters and left them or whether you took them with you. Apparently you took them with you and I am glad that you did.

The passing of our two sisters so closely together naturally is inclined to make us a little morbid in our thoughts, but I try not to be so. While I have no desire to live to be one hundred or anything of that sort, I should like to remain sound in body and mind for such time as I am still here. Gertie and I have decided that it would be rather foolish of us to continue to buy pictures, furniture, etc., that we can do without because the time cannot be too far distant when it would have to be handled by someone else.

I have always felt as you do that we were blessed with unusually good parents and that while our little mother was wonderful in every way, nevertheless, we missed a great deal in not having our father also. He was outstanding both in body and mind, was a natural leader, a good musician, a fine salesman, an honest man, and a kindly and loving husband and father. Every time I hear Foster's "Jeannie with the Light Brown Hair", I think of the music papa sent to mamma wherein he had changed it to "Jennie with the Dark Brown Hair".

I am glad that Don is getting better, and I want him to pick up, so that the next time I come up, he can put on the gloves with me. I would hate to have to box with a disabled man.

I think it is fine that you should find the article written by Etoile concerning your childhood and also the letter from Julia that had not been mailed. I, too, think of them constantly. Louis was a wonderful man in many, many ways.

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We were very happy to have Blanche, Pat, Marilyn and Eileen with us for Thanksgiving. Mary Beth was also here. They came Wednesday evening and did not leave until Sunday.

I am the world's worst about sending flowers and tokens on wedding anniversaries, but Gertie and I did discuss the fact on your wedding anniversary.

Charles Hoinville dropped in on us on the 25th, not long enough to stay for dinner, but because ever since their marriage, the 25th of every month has been an anniversary to them.

Gertie and I are planning to go to Chicago soon as things are now ready. We had planned to leave Wednesday at one o'clock and may yet do so. I developed a little soreness on the left side of my abdomen and did not see a doctor until today. He gave me some medicine, does not think it is serious, and it may be that I will feel safe in leaving Wednesday. I would hate to go away and then have to be looked after.

So the lake is now frozen as of November 21st. Some day, perhaps we shall see it in the fall or winter.

Blanche's address is 2712 East 31st Street, Tulsa 5, Oklahoma.
Owen's address is A/S O. W. Maloney, 17058157
Sqd. 111 Flight D
AAFCC - SAACC
San Antonio, Texas

and I know he would be very happy indeed to hear from you. Letters mean a great deal to the boys in service.

I am glad you have a good housekeeper. About two weeks ago Habel notified Gertie that she was going home, but would stay until after Thanksgiving. I think she leaves tomorrow and we are very sorry to lose her although she is a very peculiar girl, and we know very little more about her now than we did four years ago.

I am always glad to have your loving letters and I can assure you that you are very dear to me.

Lovingly,

Your brother

November 29, 1943

Mr. C. H. Hoinville
908 Railway Exchange
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Charles:

We had secured reservations for Wednesday on the train leaving here at one o'clock. However, a little soreness has developed in the left side of my abdomen which may interfere. It has bothered me for several days, so I went to the doctor this morning, and he gave me some medicine which may clear it up in a few days.

I should hate to have anything happen to me while I was out of the city. However, I think we shall let things ride as they are and we will wire you Wednesday whether or not we are coming.

The members of our family left us yesterday, so Gertie and I are again alone.

Rest assured we shall come just as quickly as we can.

Love,

Brother Collie

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Rev. Theo. H. Aszman
843 Louisiana
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Aszman:

I wrote the report of Buehler's address because I have been heart and soul hungry for expressions of appreciation of the United States and for what it stands. Of course, we are not perfect, but why in the name of heaven should we continue to harp on our weakness instead of stressing the things in which we are strong and noble.

Personally, I do not care for Buehler. He has always appeared to me as sort of a stuffed shirt and not much else, but I wrote the favorable comment on what he said because it was such a fine expression of why one should like America.

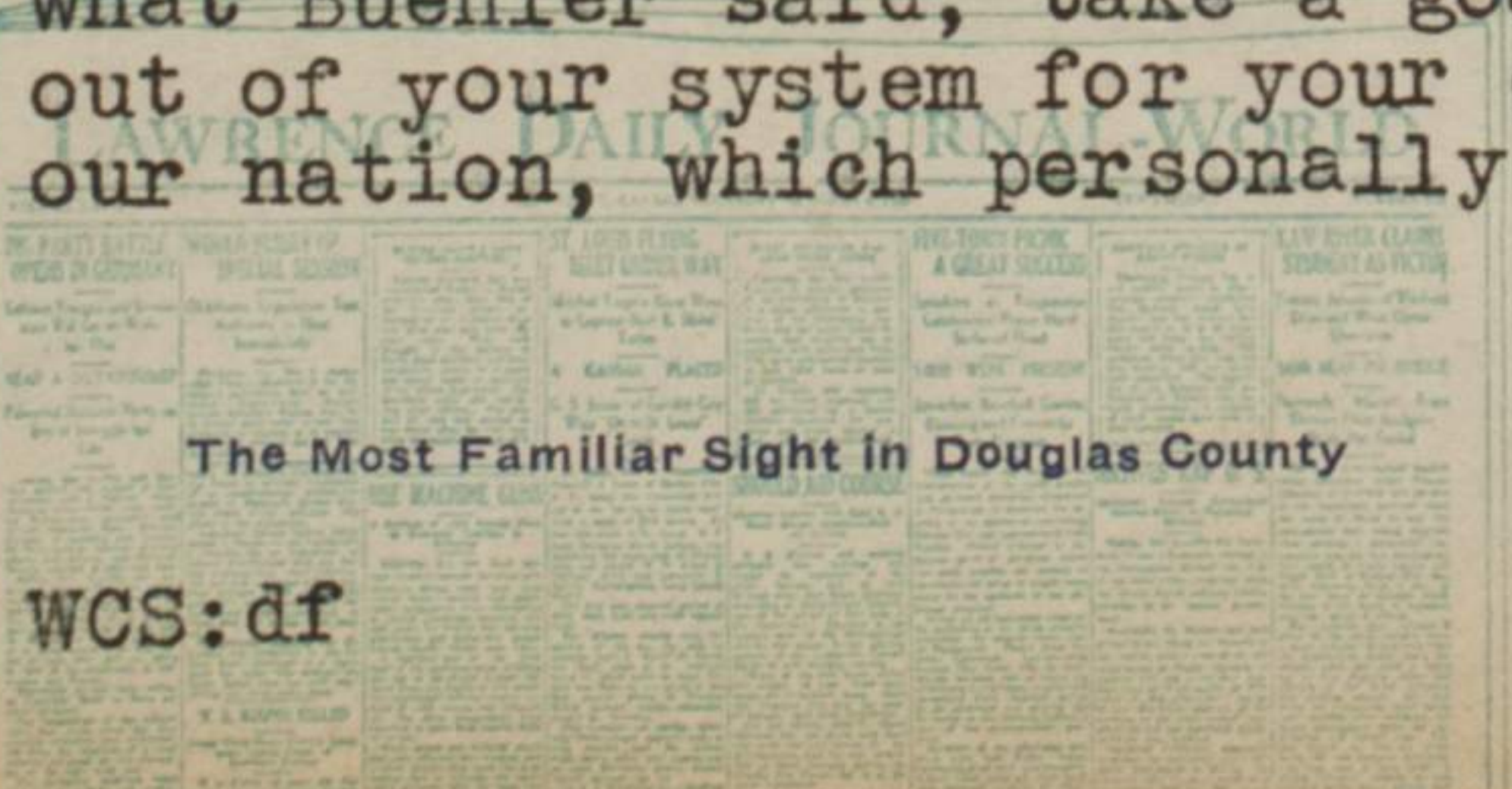
The trouble with us has been that so many men like yourself evidently seem prone to harp upon the weakness of our government, and thereby to injure its strength rather than to supplement it with a loyal and wholehearted support. I may have hit you rather hard in this, and it might be you do not fully deserve it, but you did get smirched a bit with the L. I. D. business a few years ago and I don't want you to do it again.

I don't know of anyone on the Hill of whom I am personally more fond than I am of John Ise. I have known him intimately during the years when he was a student, when he was trying to prepare himself for grand opera, and when he had his little fling at capitalization, and yet I regret exceedingly that in his teaching, he, like you, seems to point out the beauties of ancient and played out theories presented as new by representatives of certain foreign governments. If John Ise had played up America as he has played up the off side, he would have been a tower of strength and perhaps the outstanding man of K.U. I still like him, and I have tried in my humble way "to make him lie down in green pastures and to lead him by the still waters", but without much success, although we are still good friends.

If you've got something on your chest radically different from what Buehler said, take a good emetic or a dose of salts and get it out of your system for your own sake as well as for the sake of our nation, which personally I regard more than I do life itself.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons



WCS:df

THE LAWRENCE, KANSAS, JOURNAL-WORLD

November 22, 1943

Mr. L. F. Arnold
Route 1
Skedee, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Arnold:

C It so happens that I am the Mr. Simons who employed Mrs. Mary Cherry, and I also am president of The World Company, publishers of The Journal-World.

O I am very sorry to inform you that during the three and one-half months or thereabouts that Mrs. Cherry worked for us, many articles disappeared. Finally after finding our jewelry in her possession at our home, we reported the matter to the County Attorney and to the sheriff. We recovered between \$350.00 and \$400.00 worth of goods and there was an additional amount taken from the property of Mabel Schendel who had formerly been in our employ and who had left some of her things at our house. She has missed jewelry, four pairs of nylon hose that she had never worn, a half-dozen pairs of other hose, two pairs of shoes, etc. As a sweater and skirt that had belonged to her were recovered from Mrs. Cherry, it is natural to presume that she had this other property which we could not identify.

P I advanced the suggestion to the county officers that it might be a mental case due to her age, and we called in the county health officer who discussed the matter with her.

Y We have not seen or heard from Mrs. Cherry since early in August. So far as I know her address is now unknown in Lawrence. She is an excellent worker, was kindly and considerate of Mrs. Simons, willing to work and is a good cook. She claimed to have had children in the service, but we do not know whether this is true or not because she told so many stories that were not true.

Our sheriff called the sheriff at Parsons where she had formerly lived, who reported that she had not been in trouble there. We should have prosecuted her, but have not done so. In writing you in this manner, we are giving you the information that we believe you should have.

We are returning herewith your two 3¢ stamps.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

11/23/43

Letter to Charlton Ins
regarding loss of clothing
and other articles in
Insurance Bldg + Contents file
in Paid Bill file

Morley

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W. C. Simons

Shedee Okla
Nov 20 - 43

Dear Mrs Simpson,
Lawrence Evans,

Dear friends,

I am writing you to see if you can tell me where to reach Mary Cheryl, by letter, she wrote me from Parsons about Oct 1: she said she might go from there to Tulsa for awhile, but as yet I havint heard from her there,

the job she wanted here is now open, and I would like very much to locate her, so that you might have heard from her lately,

so if you have please send me her address, or write her; to write me at once as the job is now open, and I want to hear from her at once if possible

I am including postage that you may write me if you can help me locate her.

respectfully. Mrs L. F. Arnold

Pt. 1. Shedee Oklahoma

The Journal World
Lawrence Kans.

Dear Sir, or madam,

I am writing you, as I thought you might get an address for me of a lady who wrote me regarding a job here, after she left Lawrence, she wrote me from Parsons about Oct 1, said she might go to Tulsa Okla, for a while, but has not written from there, so I don't know where to write her, and the job is now open, while she was there she was staying with some folks by the name of Simmons,

I am enclosing a letter to them as I don't know how to address them, so will you please try to see if you can get this delivered to them, the lady's name whom I want the address is Miss Mary Cherry, - thanking you in advance, I am, very truly yours,
H. F. Arnold
Rt 1. Stedee Oklahoma

November 19, 1943

Mrs. Edwin W. Eisendrath, Chairman
Home Service Corps
The American Red Cross
Chicago Chapter
616 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Eisendrath:

Answering your letter of November 18th in regard to Mrs. Charles Stough, she is my grand-niece, and naturally I have known her and her mother from infancy up.

She has a good educational background thru attending Kansas University. She is a bright, capable young woman who has a wide circle of friends all of whom respect her very highly. Her husband volunteered his service and is now an ensign in the navy. At the present moment we do not know just where he is as he sailed two or three weeks ago from San Francisco and we have had no word since. On the mother's side, Mrs. Stough's family runs back in a direct line to William Bradford, the first real governor of Plymouth Colony and the man who shaped its destiny. The whole background is loyal and patriotic with eleven who served in the Revolutionary War and others who have served in the following wars.

I think you are fortunate in having the opportunity to use Mrs. Stough, and I feel certain you will be gratified with the service she gives.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons.

WCS:df

November 19, 1943

Mrs. Chas. D. Stough Jr.
7539 Colfax Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mary Jule:

Find herewith carbon copy of a letter I
have just written Mrs. Eisendrath.

Your letter and hers reached me on the
same mail. I read your letter to your Aunt
Gertie with interest.

I find that I made the very grave mistake
of referring to Vera's sixth instead of her
seventh birthday.

With best wishes to you and Charles, I
remain

Lovingly,

Your Uncle

WCS:df
Enc.

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616 S. MICHIGAN AVENUE - CHICAGO

TELEPHONE HARRISON 5910

November 18, 1943

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

My dear Mr. Simons:

Mrs. Charles Stough has filed an application for volunteer work in the Home Service Corps and has given your name as a reference.

The Home Service Corps is a volunteer branch of the Military and Naval Welfare Department of the American Red Cross which assists members of the armed forces and their families in solving social, medical and financial problems.

A six weeks training course will be given to all volunteers, and it is essential for us to evaluate their capacities before they are accepted for training. We are, therefore, asking you to cooperate with us by giving us the following confidential information.

- In what capacities have you known the volunteer?
- Is she dependable in discharging responsibilities?
- Is she capable of adjusting well in a complex organization?
- Has she mature judgment?
- Is she sympathetic and understanding of other people's difficulties?

You will appreciate the fact that it is of the utmost importance for us to have volunteers who are thoroughly loyal to the interests of the United States. With this in mind, do you know of any reason why Mrs. Charles Stough should not be associated with the American Red Cross?

We shall be grateful for a prompt reply.

Very truly yours,

Louise S. Eisendrath

Mrs. Edwin W. Eisendrath
Chairman
Home Service Corps

LSE:RK

November 15, 1943

Miss Vera Corinne Stough
7539 Colfax Avenue
Chicago 49, Illinois

Dear Vera:

Your letter to your aunt and me was mighty fine and we enjoyed it a lot. I think you write very well indeed for a little girl.

We are glad that you like the book and we sent it to you because we thought that you would like it.

You are now six years old, and I am sure that anyone who can write as well as you do now will get to be a real good writer pretty soon.

You write me another letter by and by, so I can see how you are getting along.

Give our love to your mamma and to Paulo.

Lovingly,

Your Uncle

906 So. Sierra Bonita Ave.,
Los Angeles, 36, California.
November 17, 1943.

Dear Mr. Simons, and Secy:-

These various items sent to you are not because you are an editor, and a good one, but because you have an appreciative mind, and this being one of the largest cities in the world, has a variety of things of interest which you might like to see, with this comfort to you, that you don't have to look at them.

This city has now more than 1,700,000 people. It does large things. In the last two years it has spent \$84,000,000 in building mountain roads, tunnels and bridges. Before the restriction of gasoline the state received a million dollars a week from tax on gasoline. This for roads and bridges. No wonder people crowd here to live, with mild climate and blooming flowers all the year round.

Cordially yours,

E.H.

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oh dear, what

this is what we want

November 15, 1943

Miss Lillian Gowdy
3751 Aldrich Avenue South
Minneapolis 8, Minnesota

Dear Lillian:

While I am always glad to hear from you, I hate to have you tire yourself in writing a reply.

I am sorry that you have not been so well, and I agree with you that perhaps nowhere else would you be better off than in your own warm, comfortable home which is so much a part of you.

It seemed particularly nice to me that you, alone and in poor health, should open your home to some lonely gentleman on Thanksgiving. I hope that you will have a very pleasant time together.

I know that your cousins, the Lewis', have been very thoughtful of you, and I am glad. One is so helpless nowadays in making visits, limited as we are by crowded trains or buses and by the inability to drive our own cars.

We have had one light snow which soon disappeared here in Lawrence, but Gertie and I took a drive into the country north of town yesterday and were surprised to find banks of snow still in evidence along the roadside.

By the way, yesterday was the 49th anniversary of our marriage. Very few of those who attended our wedding are still living. The group was not large and also almost entirely composed of relatives. Of my family, mamma, Julia, Etoile, and Louis have since passed away, and on Gertie's side, her father, mother, sister, and sister-in-law are gone. None of her three brothers were present at the wedding and only one still lives, so when our golden wedding comes around next year, I doubt if we shall try to observe it in any big way.

I don't know that I have ever expressed myself to you along this line, but for some reason, I have not had a fear of death. I think it is natural for one to cling to life, and I think one should do whatever may seem best for one's health, but on the other

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hand, it seems to me that life itself would become intolerable if we were to linger year after year upon earth.

I presume you have read "The Wandering Jew". This story by Eugene Sue was based upon a curse placed upon a Jew who had in some manner failed to render an act of friendship to Jesus and was cursed by being made to live on indefinitely until the curse could be abated by some method which now escapes me. The story is not at all complimentary to the church of Rome and is therefore one of the books under proscription. It is a long book and probably would not be worth your while to read, although it is of interest.

We had a nice dinner yesterday with Dolph and family. The boys are growing rapidly and will be men almost before we know it. Dolph is thirteen and five feet six inches tall.

Why don't you write to Cedric Adams and ask him to try to get that radio of yours repaired? I believe he would do it for you.

We want to send you our love and very best wishes and remember that if you write us even a line or two, we will know why you do not write more.

Lovingly,

Your brother cousin

THE UNIVERSITY CLUB
MEMORIAL UNION BLDG.
LAWRENCE, KAN.

November 9, 1943

Members of University Club:

As you probably know, we have had a considerable increase in the membership of the University Club this fall and we are very glad to report that so many persons have become a part of our organization. You are also aware that our quarters in Green Hall are somewhat limited in space. Because of the desire to accommodate all members of the club in our limited quarters, the Board of Directors has found it necessary to put into effect a University Club rule concerning guests at club functions.

We are going to ask the members to limit guests invited to University Club functions to members of their families, out of town guests, and prospective members. We are sure that all the members will realize the need for this action.

There are now approximately 115 members of the club, and we want to be sure that there will be ample room for any club member and his guests as limited above, for any club function.

Sincerely yours,

Bert A. Nash

Bert A. Nash
President, University Club

November 11, 1943

Mrs. H. F. Johnson
Dawson, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea:

I received your letter this morning and read it and will take it home for your mamma in a little while.

We were at the University Club last night and met a number of interesting men and women. The party was pleasant in every way, and we had a nice dinner.

I know that your mamma will be glad to look after the little errands mentioned in your letter.

I know how dusty coal can be. Some years ago, understanding that briquettes were especially cleanly, we had a load put into our basement, and I believe the fine dust would have gone thru granite or sheet iron. It found every impossible entrance and coated everything in the house. If ever one had use for the word "impalpable", it would be in describing that dust, so I know exactly what you had to contend with.

Everything out home is just about the same old seven and six. Our washwoman has proven capable and kindly. The part owner of the calves has been doing the little odd jobs around home that have to be done.

I have done a little Christmas shopping.

I really ought to have a little larger picture of Charles for my pocket case. The only one I have showing him is a picture of you and the two boys in which each one is quite small.

Come down as often as possible and stay as long as you can. Give my love and best wishes to Bus and the boys.

Lovingly,

Your Dad

November 11, 1943

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

Here's hoping that you find a breathing spell now and then between the many hours you have to spend in looking after your beautiful home. This business of being housekeeper, chamber maid, cook, and wash woman is quite a problem, and I think if I had a lawyer for a husband, I would try to get the matter adjudicated by the Supreme Court.

Your mamma and I enjoyed our visit at your home, and with you very much. We are interested in the fine prospects of Mary Beth and Mike.

We had our little flurry of bad weather, but it has not been serious and neither have we burned very much fuel in keeping the house warm. The little apartment in the rear is a great help along that line.

Tonight the home will be heated generally because we are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sweeney at dinner. We are serving individual ducks which were a gift from Dolph. He has enjoyed the season and has had rather better luck than usual.

I trust that Mc is all right and that everything is moving along nicely with him.

Lots of love to you and yours,

Dad

November 11, 1943

Mrs. C. W. Maloney
2712 East 31st Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Blanche:

We had your loving letter yesterday. You have always been a mighty fine girl and have been a constant joy to your parents. We are glad that you are happily located and that your children are all so dear and promising. We shall be happy to have you with us as frequently as you can.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to find someone to aid you in your housework because a big house like that can pretty nearly dominate one's life.

Your mamma and I attended a dinner-bridge given by the University Club at the Colonial last night. We had a very satisfactory dinner and a pleasant evening meeting quite a number of new friends.

Tonight we are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sweeney at dinner at our home.

I had a nice letter from Dorothea this morning. She had just had a load of coal put into the basement and had been cleaning up the dirt which had sifted into the house. It is surprising how dirt can find ways thru a seemingly airtight house.

You can tell Pat that I am still unwilling to trade him off for any of your old flames.

Lovingly,

Dad

November 8, 1943

Mr. Don A. Freeman
Route 3
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce:

There is nothing new here excepting that we have been having a little weather as you have at times in Minnesota. The temperature went down to 25 this morning and doubtless will be colder tonight. Snow in small amounts has been in the air for the past twenty-four hours. The streets are rather slippery today and doubtless will be worse in the morning.

Dolph has been duck hunting with the best success that he has had for several years. He thoroughly enjoys it and I believe that it is a fine thing for his health.

I think that if you have not already done so, it would be a fine thing to saw up all of the timber that is down in order to be sure of fuel in spite of the coal shortage. At an exorbitant cost we have probably a couple of cords of fireplace wood in our basement which will be of help to us.

We love you a lot and think and talk of you a great deal. I sincerely hope that Don is feeling much better.

We are hoping to have most of the children with us for Thanksgiving. It was a year November 2nd since Owen was inducted into the army or rather the naval air corps.

War news in general is encouraging, but undoubtedly our losses are heavy in Italy and I don't like the German stories about sinking our convoys. I am *afraid* there may be something to them.

Write us often. Gertie joins me in sending love.