

June 3, 1943

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

Dear Blanche and Family:

When a couple of letters arrived yesterday addressed to Dolph, I thought we were going to hear something about how you are getting along, but the letters were almost entirely about business.

I happened to pick up Mrs. Drake this morning who had missed the bus and we had a very nice little visit. They are very happy in their new home.

Dorothea has been with us for several days, but went to Topeka last night with Bus leaving the children here.

We had a terrific wind. It felt as if it were going to blow our house off its foundation, but at the power plant they only recorded 35 miles per hour, which it seems to us very much underestimates the wind velocity. No damage was done.

Janet and children were with us for a part of several days and Mo was here for a little while and went on home with them.

Mother is still as busy as \$700.00 trying to get things fixed. I think nothing but her kindly Christian character keeps her from telling Boles to go to perdition. He is so long on talk and advice, but has a tendency to shy away from anything that looks hard. Brown is still with us and tends to the garden and is a much better worker than Boles, but if we really had our choice, we would rather have Dolph Jr. than either of them or probably both of them.

As you doubtless noticed in the paper, Mary Thomas is to be married immediately following the church service Sunday morning. More properly her wedding will be a part of the morning service because the benediction will not be given until after the marriage service has been read.

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We miss you a lot and when Gertie and I are in the car and come to the corner, we feel the urge to drive on around and at least say hello to you as we used to do so many times.

As a matter of fact we have not heard very much from you since you have been away and of course, we are interested.

Lots of love to all of you,

Dad

Dear Mrs. Maloney:

We are enclosing a check for \$7.50 to cover money received by Vellah for the sale of one bed. She has not sold the other one, but will send the money along when she does.

Everyone in the office misses you and we hope it won't be too long until you will be dashing in as you used to.

Sincerely,

Enc.

June 25, 1943

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

Dear Julia:

As I told you in my recent letter, I wrote Dr. Liddy in regard to your case and passed on to him the information in regard to your condition contained in your last letter. Yesterday I had Mrs. Fritzel call the office in order to secure a prompt reply.

I have just talked with Dr. Liddy over the telephone and he tells me that he is going to write you. He expresses perfect confidence in Dr. Maher whom he considers an authority on cardiograph readings and the treatment to be given the patient.

Yesterday the temperature in Lawrence was in the 90's and together with the rather unusual humidity for this time of year, it was quite warm.

Miss Towne again called Gertie's attention to a woman in Chicago whom she believe could be very helpful to you. Gertie wrote you about it last night and I mailed the letter this morning, so that you may receive it before you get this letter.

I want to do and I want you to do everything that is best for you, but when it comes to making this trip under crowded conditions and in the condition of your health, it makes me a little afraid.

My long range advice would be to get any help that you can and not to worry much about whether things are done just as you would like to have them or not. While we think a lot of what we have, compared to life itself, they are of trivial importance. If everything you have were destroyed and you were restored to health, you could still be happy. I am writing this because I believe that worry about whether the house is properly kept or not, and things of that nature which are very proper when one is in good health, perhaps could better be overlooked under present conditions.

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Should you need hospitalization for freedom from the cares of home, I still think that a Catholic hospital in Chicago would be your best bet. When Mother Reineke broke her hip and was taken to a Catholic hospital, at first we were sorry that she had not been taken elsewhere, but the Sisters gave her kindly care and Mother Reineke surprised us all by making complete recovery.

I shall be glad when you have the room in the garage in shape to store Etoile's boxes, for I do not think it best for you to make any effort to go thru her effects until you are stronger physically.

I had a nice letter from Grayce this morning, and Mary Jule called me to tell me that Charles had received orders to report at Jacksonville, Florida on June 30th. We shall try to be helpful to Mary Jule in any way that we can.

Lovingly,

Your brother

June 28, 1943

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

Dear Julia and Charles:

The letter from Charles on the 25th was encouraging, and I trust that you are continuing to improve. It has been very hot here for several days, and I think it has also been hot in Chicago. Yesterday and some other days we have been spending at least a part of the time in our basement under the fan, and we keep the entire house closed excepting at night.

It has been discovered recently that a law was enacted some years ago which limits the issuing of narcotic and alcoholic permits in such a way that hospitals can no longer get their immediate supply. The law was certainly in no way meant to act in that manner and just what can be done, I don't know. These permits have been in my name as president of the hospital, and after the first of July, it will be illegal for us to even have a hospital supply on hand. The matter is in the hands of the Attorney General whom we hope can work out something although we do not see how the law can be circumvented. This adds one more worry to our hospital management and operation.

The chiggers seem to be worse here than they have been for a number of years. Just why, I think no one knows. We had another rain last night which will be beneficial. Where the ground has been so thoroughly soaked and packed as it has been by every rainfall, it becomes exceedingly hard in time without surface moisture.

We had a good letter from Blanche this morning. Naturally, we miss her a lot and she misses us, but everything considered, it seems to be best for her to be there with her husband. Owen is now in Fort Wayne, Indiana and expects to be assigned somewhere in the air force in the next three weeks. He has had rather of a hard and unpleasant experience, but on the whole it may prove valuable to him.

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I was rereading several of your letters yesterday and your suggestions in regard to dividing up little things that belonged to mamma and papa meets with my thorough approval. As I have said before, there is nothing of intrinsic value that I want, but I do wish to have all of the sentimental things preserved. If you could find some place thru Fields where mamma's shawls could be repaired, I would gladly pay the bill. In Kansas City there is an Armenian man and wife whom we have had restore several Oriental rugs. The work has been highly satisfactory. Doubtless, somewhere there are those who make repairs to Paisley shawls. I would not hope for a perfect repair, but one which would preserve the shawl. The same is probably true in regard to the silk shawl. I want you to know that I have appreciated your efforts in this matter, but again I wish to advise you to pay very little attention to such matters until you are stronger and are better able to do so.

You have been a wonderful woman in every way. With the background of heredity that we have, you might well have another twenty years of rather active life.

I have not heard anything further from Dr. Liddy since he called me and I don't think there is any particular reason why he should call me further unless he has heard something definite from you.

Gertrude joins me in sending love.

Lovingly,

Your brother

June 28, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. Don Freeman
Route 3
Tree Tops
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce and Don:

I am sending you herewith a letter from Julia and one from Charles. A couple of earlier letters from Julia have been destroyed, but the news contained therein is practically all embraced in the letter sent you herewith.

As it gets hot here and the chiggers get in their work, it makes Gertie long for the lake. However, she is interested in trying to put up as many vegetables as possible from our garden and such fruits as we may be able to get.

I wrote McCullough of the Dispatch last week telling him I would like to get some more of the red raspberries like those you bought from him last year, or possibly we might be able to get a couple of crates of red raspberries and one of blueberries by airmail express. I imagine the cost would be considerable, but when you are securing a delicacy of that sort, one is willing to pay the cost. Some time Don might talk to McCullough and work it out one way or another.

Dolph and Marie have had a number of interesting letters from Dolph Jr. who is now at Camp Cheley, Estes Park, Colorado.

I think that in Julia's letters and in this you will have all of the news.

I can't think of anything that I would enjoy more right now than seeing you at your home. That is a pleasure I am afraid we shall have to pass up this year.

Lots of love,

Your brother

Encs.

Chicago May 10th 1943

Dear Gollie:

Got the reports, but no word from Dr. Liddy. Doctor Ante is willing to consult with Dr. Carr of Chicago, well recommended heart specialist, but I want some of the history of the case for Dr. Carr to analyze. Will you ask Mrs. Dundon, Memorial Hospital to have copies made of the Kardiograms taken of Julia, one of each, showing dates, and let me know the cost and will send check by return mail. If I have these and then talk to Dr. Carr, he can study them and I can have another made at his request, which will give him the progress made and he will be in better shape to prescribe. I believe she is improving. Dr. Ante started giving her Hydrochloric Acid capsules and her distress stopped, and she does not vomit. She is eating more, and what she does eat, she now enjoys. I made Waffles for her Sunday breakfast, and with a cup of very weak tea (commonly called cambric, as it was over half diluted) and bacon, she was ready for the noon meal. We let Katie go home early, about 6 P M and I fixed a meal about 8, when she was ready for it again. She had hot cereal this morning as I made it while preparing my breakfast, and she enjoyed that also and was eating a nice meal this noon when I got home. Her legs swell if she is on them for long and as she goes to the bath room, and then sees a lot of little things to do, this happens about once a day, but they soften up when I rub them with the Mennens oil. Johnny Wilson sent her a bunch of Am. Beauty roses for mothers day and she was remembered by other^s

Pls. get me the copies of the Kardiograms soon as you can and will start with the Specialist, having him tell Ante what is to be done, and we will follow it through.

Bro. Chas.

June 24, 1943

Mr. J. T. Skinner
35 Del-A-Vue Avenue
Penns Grove, New Jersey

Dear John:

I have just filled out a blank for George E. Guinane, 2nd Lieut, CMP, Chief, Investigations Section, War Department, 1202 National Bank of Topeka Building, Topeka, Kansas.

I told him that I have known you probably forty-five years; that you were long the manager of the local Light and Power Company; that your character and integrity are first class; that your ability to get along with others is good; that your reputation and dependability are excellent; that you organize work well and know how to handle men and how things should be done; that you are loyal; that until about two years ago you were the manager for Lawrence of the Kansas Electric Power Company; that I have worked with you in Chamber of Commerce and civic campaigns, and I referred them for further information to George Hedrick, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and C. E. Russell, Mayor.

I sincerely hope that this will secure for you such employment as you seek. I am mighty glad to say a good word for you.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons.

WCS:df

June 24, 1943

Mr. Lee Logan
431 Perry
Lawrence, Kansas
Dear Mr. Logan:

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After making inquiry I find your offer of
\$1.50 per animal for pasture to be fair and
acceptable.

I tried to call you, but could not get an
answer.

As I told you, it will be necessary to
repair the fence in the north pasture and if
you can look after that work, I will get the
wire.

Very truly yours,

W. C. Simons.

WCS:dl

June 24, 1943

Miss Eileen Maloney
2712 East 31st Street
Tulsa 5, Oklahoma

Dear Eileen:

Your letter really floored me. I know that you look and act like a young lady and yet you are only fourteen years old, but if Marilyn could write any better letter than you did, she would be a dandy.

Your penmanship is good and so is your construction.

We shall be very happy to have you and Marilyn with us often. I wish you or some of you would give us Owen's present address because we are unable to write him.

I have always been very fond of you and I think you are a splendid girl and I am glad that you are trying to cut out the frowns. Smiles are worth so much more and a smile makes us happier every time.

Thank you a lot for your good letter.

Lovingly,

Grandad

June 23, 1943

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

Dear Julia:

As soon as I received your letter yesterday in which you spoke of returning to Lawrence for hospitalization, I had copied the portions of your letter concerning your condition and Dr. Liddy, and sent it to him. It is so difficult to find him when he would have time to discuss the matter with me that I thought it best to write him, and as soon as I hear from him, I will let you know.

I also called Mrs. Dunden, and while your room is now occupied, she thought it could be vacated later if you want it.

I am hesitant about advising you because I know how terribly hot it can be in Lawrence, and none of our rooms aside from the baby ward have permanent airconditioning. I want you to do whatever is best for you. I think that it still might be wise for you to investigate the possibility of hospitalization in a Catholic hospital in Chicago. In such a hospital the Sisters work without pay so doubtless the hospitals are fully supplied with help. You have always gotten along so well under the care of Catholic nurses that it would not be strange to you. This would leave you at home where Charlie could be with you often. That covers the matter of hospitalization, but the matter of whether Dr. Liddy can do more for you than somebody else is entirely a different matter, and therefore I will await with interest Dr. Liddy's reply to know what his opinion is.

It is almost impossible to secure the proper kind of help, and I believe you might as well quit looking for it.

While we love to get your letter, I wonder if you do not over-tax your strength a bit in writing us so fully. Just a line two or three times a week letting us know how you are getting along will answer for the present, and we can have an exchange of good long letters later on.

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Mary Beth has gone to Camp Hubert on Gull Lake. Dolph Jr. is at Camp Cheley in Colorado, and I understand Michael is to have six weeks at camp somewhere this summer.

We have been invited to dinner by Mary Jule for one night this week. I depend upon Gertie for keeping track of those things.

Lots of love,

Your Brother

June 23, 1943

Miss Lillian Gowdy
3751 Aldrich Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Lillian:

I haven't time to write much of a letter, but I want to say hello and God bless you.

I had a letter from Grayce the other day which referred to a fine letter she had received from you. All of us admire your spirit and your gracious way of carrying on in spite of your physical discomfort. When it comes to that matter, you must be a regular Yogi.

I know that your home looks pretty now, and later you will be having the beautiful hydrangeas that we are not able to develop here.

We are not going to be able to come north this summer.

Love and best wishes from your

Brother Cousin

June 23, 1943

Mrs. Kathryne Drought
1417 North Blackstone
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Kathryne:

I have not written you for some time and hope that you are enjoying much better health.

The days and weeks have been busy ones with us. My sister, Mrs. Hoinville, is not making as rapid a recovery as we wish and she is considering the possibility of returning to Lawrence for hospitalization.

A letter from Grayce (Mrs. Freeman) tells me that Lillian Gowdy is still keeping her chin up in splendid shape in spite of her physical suffering.

The first three months of the year which started out dry turned into a very wet May and June. Floods have been prevalent in portions of several states, and there has been considerable damage to growing crops.

Sometime when the war is over, I think you would enjoy coming back to your native state.

Love and best wishes,

Your Cousin

June 22, 1943

Dr. E. D. Liddy
747 Massachusetts Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Liddy:

I enclose herewith excerpts from two letters. The first is from Mr. Hoinville.

"Dr. Maher, in conferring with Dr. Ante, said that it would be necessary for Julia to go to a hospital for a week or ten days. He seemed more concerned about the anemia than the heart, but he wanted a check up which could not be had while she was at home. Dr. Ante said the blood count showed anemia but not a serious condition, and that the liver capsules taken did not seem to assimilate and Dr. Maher said possibly hypodermics would get the result desired. Julia is writing you and we will have a talk with Ante and know more about it tomorrow. I believe Julia would rather go to Lawrence under Dr. Liddy than to be in a hospital at Chicago."

My sister writes as follows:

"Do you think it would be possible to get my old room at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in a week or ten days? It would probably take that long to get a reservation. I am sorry to leave to go back to a hospital in such very hot weather, but I really believe if I have any chance to get well or better, I'll have to put myself again into your Dr. Liddy's care. They all want to see daily improvement, but I really am very weak and have not the strength I had two weeks ago. The specialist wants me to go to a hospital here, Passavant preferred for two weeks. He seemed to be more anxious about my anemia. I've been taking liver capsules, 6 a day, but without effect. I have eaten three meals a day religiously, but they have not been assimilated in the right way. When I lie down on the back of my head, my whole world swims."

June 22, 1943

"To go back to Dr. Chauncey Maher, he seems more anxious about the low condition of my blood than he does the heart. He claims it is not pernicious, but still secondary although bad, but I don't know whom to believe. My weakness does alarm me, although am not so strong as I was two weeks ago. My blood pressure has risen from 100 to 140 which has been normal for me for several years. I'd stay two weeks or a month if Dr. Liddy thought best. We have not written to him. I hope he will not take his vacation in July. I'm tired, very tired and must stop. I love you both and shall not go to Lawrence to make you any trouble, but I don't believe I have much chance to get better unless I have Dr. Liddy who knows my case and doesn't have to start from the beginning again."

It naturally would be better for her here than it would be in Chicago. The only thing in favor of bringing her here would be your opportunity to care for her.

I have previously written them suggesting that she try to secure a room in a Catholic Hospital under the presumption that such a hospital would be more apt to be properly staffed with capable nurses because the Sisters do not receive a salary.

I am writing this to you because I know nothing about her condition excepting the word I get from them. If you feel hopeful that she would respond to your treatment, it might be well for her to come here. Otherwise it would mean one or two trips and if it should be exceedingly hot, it might also be dangerous.

I am not trying to influence you either in favor of her coming or staying away, but I am trying to look at the facts as I see them.

I shall be glad to have you give this letter study and let me know as early as possible. I think it probable that we could secure the same room which she had before.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons.

WCS:df

June 22, 1943

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I had a nice card from Mc today, and understand thru Dolph that he is now at home where I am sure he will be more comfortable than at the hospital.

I am sending him by mail a cane that I carried at the Rotary Convention at Emporia 12 years ago. I don't believe that it will harm a Lion to receive whatever support he can get from a Rotary cane.

I took your good letter home with me today and I am sure that your mamma will answer it shortly.

Don't work too hard. I hope that Mc improves rapidly.

Lovingly,

Dad

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June 21, 1943

Dolph Simons
Trail's End Camp for Boys
Glen Haven, Colorado

Dear Dolph:

I have had the pleasure of reading your good letters to your dad and I am glad that you are having such a pleasant time at the camp.

I think that you are a mighty fine grandson in every way and I am proud of you.

Grandma came home Saturday night after a pleasant visit in Dawson.

I presume your daddy has told you that we took your mamma and brother to Holton with us and they went on to Dawson where the Nordlunds will call for them to take them to Auburn. We hope that your Grandmother Nelson is now much better.

Lots of love,

Grandad

WCS:df

June 21, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Johnson
Dawson, Nebraska

Dear Children:

I want to thank you for the very
pretty socks that you gave me for
Father's Day.

It is really worthwhile to be the
father of young folks like you whether
we get any presents or not.

Hope you had a pleasant ride home.

Love to Butch and Beefie.

Lovingly,

Dad

June 21, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Maloney
2712 East 31st Street
Tulsa 5, Oklahoma

Dear Children:

Dolph carried out your wishes and presented me with a fine box of candy as coming from you and with the statement that he thought he got the last box of candy there was in Lawrence.

I hope that you received my letter in regard to your 25th anniversary in due time although the letter may have been a day late. We want everyone of you to be happy.

I met Gertrude at Holton Saturday evening and took Marie and John with me who accompanied the Johnsons back to Dawson because of the illness of Mrs. Nelson.

Gertie had a pleasant time, but says that both Dorothea and Bus are very busy--he in getting in three carloads of lumber and Dorothea in looking after her boys and her garden.

Thank you a lot for remembering me on Father's Day.

Lovingly,

Dad

June 21, 1943

Mrs. U. S. Guyer
Route 4
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Guyer:

Just a few weeks ago, upon hearing that your husband was sick, I sent him a telegram and also ran an editorial in appreciation of his services. I got a nice letter in reply in which he said he thought his sickness had been exaggerated. I am very glad that I wired him when I did.

Mrs. Simons joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your husband. It will be especially hard for you because you have been so closely associated with him in his public life, but on the other hand you have the satisfaction of knowing that he departed this life in the full strength of his mental powers and without the breakdown which so often comes to those of his age.

I am sure that he would not want you to grieve deeply, but on the contrary would want you to carry on as best you can. I am sure you have many friends all over this district and also in Washington who sympathize with you and wish you well.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons.

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Banington, R. I.
May 31, 1943

Mr. W. C. Simons and Son
Office Daily Journal-World,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear friends

I call you friends because you were very dear friends of my son, Howard. His friends are my friends, and I am very glad of the pleasure of having known you personally.

Also I want you to know my gratitude for your regard and kindnesses to him all through the years of his ministry with you there in Lawrence. I would too, express my appreciation of your thought and favor to Priscilla and the children, since Howard was taken from us.

However, I am writing at this time particularly to thank you for your kindness, generosity, effort and time in compiling that lovely book let, - in commemoration of my Howard, and giving to Priscilla to distribute to her and Howard's family and friends. We deeply appreciate all you have given, and I would add a word of what it meant to me and my personal appreciation.

Though, I was present at both services. The funeral and Candle Light Memorial, I felt I missed so much, not being able to hear. Your booklet gave me the privilege of reading what I could not hear, I thank you so much for this favor.

Ms. Simons, I have been glad to hear through Priscilla's ^{letters} that Mrs. Simons had recovered

from her fall and able to be out among
her friends. I trust she may enjoy better
health. Please remember me to her with
best wishes, and accept the same for your
self and other members of your family

Very sincerely
Caroline E. Koelb

June 17, 1943

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I received your letter this morning and immediately called the florist to have some flowers sent to Mc because you have always been so thoughtful in remembering us on every occasion. I have also written Mc and enclose carbon copy herewith.

I am sorry you are having to work so hard. After Mary Beth has gone on vacation, why don't you and Michael come down for a longer visit with us?

Dolph Jr. got away the other night and there were quite a bunch of young folks going to the Cheley Camps. Most of them were girls.

Gertrude is expecting me to meet her in Holton for dinner Saturday evening. Dorothea's folks will bring Gertrude down that far and will join us in having dinner. It is barely possible that the water will be so high in Topeka by Saturday that I couldn't make it.

You will be interested in reading the flood story in tonight's paper. At noon the river was gauged at 23 feet which was one foot below the high water of 1908 and four feet below the high mark of 1903. The underpass is full of water and is impassable because of a stoppage of the pumps. They apparently became fouled with the drift.

I had a letter from Blanche today, and she was a little disappointed that none of us had reached them on the 15th, the day of the anniversary of their wedding, but I wrote them on the 16th so that they will have my letter today. They have been married 25 years.

Three members of our force are members of the Home Guard and were called out today for guard duty on the river.

Much love to you and the children,

Dad

June 17, 1943

Mrs. W. C. Simons
Dawson, Nebraska

Dear Gertrude:

It hasn't rained for 24 hours, but was rather cool last night. The river was gauged at 23 feet this morning, only one foot below the high water of 1908 and four feet below the flood of 1903. We are hoping that it will not go higher.

I did not get a letter from you today, but have no doubt there is one in the mail which may possibly come tonight.

As Dolph and Marie are very anxious to work in their garden this afternoon to pick peas, I have asked them to take a pickup dinner with us tonight and telephone Mary who will prepare sandwiches and drinks for us. I bought some sliced ham and liverwurst and cookies and she already has several other things.

The underpass is full of water because of a stoppage of the pumps and there is some fear that the flood gates may go out under the Union Pacific tracks in North Lawrence, but efforts are being made to strengthen the gates with sand bags. A break thru would cause a lot of damage. I went down to the foot of Tennessee Street today and the current in the middle of the river was exceedingly swift. I hope that the waters will have receded enough by Saturday to make it possible for me to meet you.

Dolph and I had a good chicken dinner and a pleasant evening last night at the Jakosky's. Their home is wonderfully delightful--a beautiful place--but almost as lonely as a hone on a rocky island in the St. Lawrence. No one passes by and no one can see the house and lawn to get any idea of it from any passing road. The only way you could get a bird's eye view of the place would be to go up in the air. It is far lonelier than our place in Wakarusa because some people do come down our road, and we can see them passing at 23rd Street, a quarter of a mile away. One other thing, the noise from the railroads and the whistles of the trains are much louder than they are at our home.

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Brown was out cleaning up a bit this morning and Boles may have come later, I don't know.

I sold the lumber and the mowing machine last evening before I went out to dinner. Also sold our oldest lawn mower. I think that the churn, the downspout, the metal pipe, the cornplanter, harrow, road drag, and roller are all that is left.

Mary has done a good job of keeping house. She told me yesterday that she had washed down all of the walls in the kitchen and it really looks neat. I think she is going after the cellar floor today and I have cautioned her several times about using very great care.

I had pancakes for breakfast and they were good.

I love you a lot and will be glad to have you home. Give my love also to Dorothea and family.

Lovingly,

Dad

THE LAWRENCE, KANSAS, JOURNAL-WORLD

June 17, 1943

Mr. L. A. McAlley
St. Joseph's Hospital
Concordia, Kansas

Dear Ma:

I had a letter from Janet this morning telling me that you were in the hospital for a minor operation. I went thru the same operation about ten years ago, and money couldn't influence me to return to the former condition. They used an electric cutter and burned me a little bit severely in one spot, but after I used benzine on the spot to thoroughly cleanse the wound so that medication could be applied, it healed up very quickly.

I have no doubt that you are having the best of care and I certainly wish you well.

I asked one of our local florists this morning to see that you had a nice bright flower of some kind for your room.

With love,

Dad

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June 17, 1943

Mr. L. A. McHalley
St. Joseph's Hospital
Concordia, Kansas

Dear Mr:

I had a letter from Janet this morning telling me that you were in the hospital for a minor operation. I went thru the same operation about ten years ago, and money couldn't influence me to return to the former condition. They used an electric cutter and burned me a little bit severely in one spot, but after I used benzine on the spot to thoroughly cleanse the wound so that medication could be applied, it healed up very quickly.

I have no doubt that you are having the best of care and I certainly wish you well.

I asked one of our local florists this morning to see that you had a nice bright flower of some kind for your room.

With love,

Dad

June 16, 1943

Mr. Ebon Anderson
Office of County Engineer
Court House
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I gave a great deal of thought last night to the matter of our pasture, and it would seem almost a crime to destroy that fine lot of blue grass and leave the ground naked for several years until the chlorate had been entirely washed out.

I have discussed the matter with others and it seems strange to me that we find little or no bindweed where the grass is thin, but that it is rather abundant where the grass is heavy and luxuriant.

I favor at this time postponing the treatment of the ground until a later date and meanwhile will try to secure enough stock to pasture the ground quite thoroughly to keep any of the bindweed from going to seed.

With the amount of water now in the ground it would seem rather difficult to kill the bindweed at this time even if we tried to do so.

Please do not begin the treatment of the ground until you see me further. Thank you very much for the interest you have shown.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

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P.S. We are raising more than 100 chickens and I am afraid the poison would be destructive to them. There is no way to keep them entirely up because it is impossible to get chicken wire.

W.C.S.

June 16, 1943

Mr. Jack Fritzel
Route 6
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Jack:

After giving a lot of thought to the matter of trying to kill the bindweed in my pasture, I have decided that it would be wiser to pasture the grass and defer the chlorinating of the ground until a later date.

The thing that particularly distresses me is that I now have one of the finest stands of blue grass to be found anywhere. Furthermore, I find that where the grass is greenest and thickest, is where I find the bindweed.

The result of chlorinating would be to destroy my blue grass and turn my fine pastures into weed patches. This would take away the pleasure of living where we are.

Would you like to make any kind of a deal with me to put enough stock in the pasture to eat the grass down before the bindweed goes to seed? It is so wet now that you couldn't cut the hay and save it anyhow.

Please give the matter consideration and let me hear from you. If you think best, come over and walk thru the pasture to see what it is like.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons.

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Miss Margaret Ice Stough...KU graduate '38.

Beauty queen '36 and '37.

Member Alpha Delta Pi...Mu Phi Epsilon
Teaching in St Johns, Kansas '40-'41
At Topeka Bomber Base this year.

Daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Stough,
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Lietenant John J. Metz, Pilot, Army Air Corps.
son of Mr and Mrs John William Metz,
St John, Kansas.

married June 4..Friday...8 pm/..in Lawrence
stationed in Oklahoma City, Okla.
Will fly A20-a Bombers.

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Glass from
Office

June 15, 1943

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

Dear Roy:

I am asking the Missouri Photo Engravers to deliver to you a gloss picture of Lt. and Mrs. John J. Metz, and you would please quite a group of Lawrence persons if you could use same in the Star.

Here is the data for the story: Miss Margaret Ice Stough, K. U. graduate of 1938; beauty queen in 1936 and 1937; member of Alpha Delta Pi and Mu Phi Epsilon; taught school at St. John, Kansas in 1940 and 1941; was employed at the Topeka Bomber Base; she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas Stough, Sr., of Lawrence. The groom is Lt. John J. Metz, pilot Army Air Corps; son of Mr. and Mrs. John William Metz, St. John, Kansas. They were married Friday, June 4th, at 8 p.m. in Lawrence at the home of the bride's brother, Charles Stough, Jr. Lt. Metz is now located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and will fly A20-a Bombers.

The best of luck to you. Don't work too hard.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons.

WCS:df

June 15, 1943

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

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Lots of love

Your brother

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Mrs. W. C. Simons
Dawson, Nebraska

Dear Certie:

There is nothing new excepting more rain. It was about four o'clock this morning when the wind came in almost directly from the west with a heavy fall of rain amounting to .64 of an inch. The field to the south of us was again covered with water. I think there is no danger of a serious flood on the Kaw unless heavy rains continue.

I had dinner at home last night and breakfast this morning. I had Dolph Jr. take lunch downtown with me today and tonight I dine with Dolph and family. I had an invitation a few minutes ago to take lunch with Ray Nichols which I declined on the account of the previous engagement. It was to meet someone whose name did not mean anything to me at the time.

I had a 20-page letter from Julia which was well written and in which she sent me the deed to Etoile for the Macedonia property which never went thru the hands of Dr. Cowdy. It was deeded directly to Etoile by the owners of the property to satisfy the mortgage they had given against it. The deed was given in October, 1928, and it will have been fifteen years this next October, so that there should be no flaw in the title. I have sent the deed on to Mc, whom I have no doubt will follow it up. You can read Julia's letter when you return.

Both Brown and Boles were out yesterday--Brown working all day and Boles until noon.

Dolph put out over 100 strawberry plants last night and the rain should have put them in splendid condition.

Mary gave me milk toast for breakfast, and believe it or not, the old red hen laid an egg yesterday.

I bought some more rat poison today, but probably won't get it out today.

Mrs. W. C. Simons

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June 15, 1943

I discovered yesterday that the grates that we have had for several years for the furnace are missing. I wonder who swiped them? They had been carefully stored inside of the rear of the chicken house, brand new, never having been used.

I don't know of any other news to tell you.

Love to you and the family,

June 15, 1943

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

Dear Julia:

I know it was a big job and a sad one for you to go thru Ettoile's things, and yet, I think you can dismiss from you mind any thought of violating her confidential matters. The time comes to all of us when someone else has to perform a like duty.

I am of the opinion that Ettoile may have signed some notes with Joe; certainly he made reference to the possible need for her so doing in some of the letters that I have.

I feel sure that Grayce wanted to do everything in the world to help you, but while she can sit up for one night, she has to make it up in the morning. Apparently she is quite dependent upon having adequate sleep, and at home she arises quite late. She, too, was worried about your talking too much, but apparently did not know how to bring the conversations to a close without the danger of hurting your feelings.

I am quite sure you need not have any fear about taking the sedatives that the doctors prescribed. I think Charlie is doing splendidly in trying to prepare food that is appetizing and also suitable for you.

I was very glad to receive the deed for the Macedonia property and I am sending it on to McMalley who is looking after the matter for us. I think it puts things in a very different light. She has had the undisputed control of the property for nearly 15 years and there seems to be no question that she was the proper and sole owner of the property.

I am sure you are doing your best to cooperate with the doctors and with Charles, and I am happy to note the improvement. Try not to worry about anything. I think it is fine that you could be on the porch and to superintend the planting of your flower boxes, and I am also sure that it made the labor seem much lighter for Charles.

Mrs. C. H. Hoinville

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I hope your little colored girl will prove to be a veritable "Topsy" in disposition, but perhaps with a little clearer idea of what she should and should not do.

In regard to the quilted robe and Spanish shawl, I think I should not be in a hurry to do anything with them. I know that none of us would want to have anything in our possession that was in any way connected with Joe, and if later on it seems best to return those articles to him, that might be the best thing to do.

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Once more I want you to remember there is no necessity for trying to divide things with me excepting as to those of no intrinsic value but of great sentimental value. I do not recall that Etoile ever gave us one of mamma's spoons nor the German silver spoon, but Gertie will know about it when she comes home. I don't think there is anything in your letter that should make you hesitate to have Gertrude read it.

Your writing seems to improve with every letter which indicates that you are indeed making recovery.

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Lots of love

from your brother

June 14, 1943

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

Dear Charlie:

I was very glad to get your special delivery yesterday.

Evidently the situation is much better than I had feared. I know you will do everything that you possibly can to bring Julia out. Your breakfast menu makes me think that I might like to sit in with you myself.

Dorothea and boys returned home yesterday after being with us about two weeks, and Gertrude accompanied them because Dorothea wished her to show our South American pictures and to make a talk to some group at Dawson.

Don't know of anything special to tell you.

Your brother

June 14, 1943

Mr. Jack Fritzel
Route 6
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Jack:

I have had my fencing put in shape so that I think it will hold the calves without any difficulty.

Do you have anything that would be of any value for meat in six months from now if properly fed?

I have about ten acres of lush pasture going to waste.

Sincerely,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

June 14, 1943

Mr. T. R. Gerhart, County Clerk
Douglas County
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Tom:

In spite of all of my efforts, I still have some bindweed on my tract of land on south Vermont Street. I will be glad to pay the expense of having the man in charge of bindweed extermination look after it for me.

I have tried without perfect success the chemical method and with practically no success, the salt method, and have continually worked to keep it down. Now, I need help.

The patch of ground infested, I think, is rather small.

Please advise me.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

June 14, 1943

Michael McNalley,
Minneapolis, Kansas.

Dear Mike:

I told your mama to buy you a pair of shoes at Obers and to charge them to me, as I wished to give them to you for a birthday present. I just called Obers and found that the purchase was not made. Of course, it is possible that she may have bought them somewhere else and charged them to me, but I doubt it, so am sending you herewith, \$5.00 to help celebrate your twelfth birthday.

Your old grandad loves you and will be glad to have you visit with us this summer if you can.

Love,

WCS:JM
Enc.

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June 12, 1943

Mr. Harold McNeil,
Route 6,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. McNeil:

We sold our hay rake this morning for \$15.00 and the purchaser took it with him. I checked up this week on the price of a new one-horse mower and find that it would be approximately \$100.00. If you are interested in the mower as it is, we will sell it to you for \$45.00, the same price that we listed it at with a Lawrence dealer. There are, I think, at least two extra sickle bars and a pair of shafts for single horse, one shaft of which is cracked, but the metal part is okay. If interested, let us know.

Yours very truly,

W. C. Simons.

WCS:JM

June 11, 1943

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

Dear Julia:

I was very happy to receive your letter today. I could see by the progress of the letter that you tired a bit at times, but the writing was good and very much like the beautiful hand that you have always had. I have gone over the letter thoroughly and will take it home to Gertie.

The reason why Etoile did not visit you at the hospital in the two or three days before she passed away was that she was afraid her coming while you were so ill might upset you. She was very much interested and kept in touch with your condition thru me.

I am very glad that you found the receipt for the goods in storage. By going thru her correspondence here I made the recovery of \$12.00 upon the return of some medicine. I think there was nothing in any of the letters that she would not have wanted me to see unless perhaps it would be certain calls for money. I think that the property at Macedonia, having been deeded to Etoile, puts a different light on the matter there and under the laws of Kansas, the others named in the will would have lost their right to contest the legality of the deed by having waited so long without doing anything. Just what the laws of Iowa are in such a matter, I do not know, but McNalley will soon find out.

I am sure that Grayce enjoyed being with you, but I am sure that she felt at times as if the long conversations that you had together, while pleasant in one way, were not beneficial to your recovery, as you need to have rest of body, nerves and mind.

I have suggested to Charlie in a letter that I wrote him, the advisability of having you hospitalized in a Catholic hospital in Chicago. My reason for suggesting the Catholic institution being that the Sisters serve without pay and would not be called hither and yon by the high wages that have been offered to secular nurses. The advantage that I can see of the hospital is to take you away

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from the responsibility of running the home and the greater selection and regularity of your food. Most important of all, perhaps, would be that you could be induced to sleep during the evening hours.

I think there is no particular hurry for you to try to go thru Etolle's things. As I have said before, I am perfectly willing to have you and Grayce divide what she has, only so you let me have some of the old keepsakes and heirlooms and some of mamma's and papa's precious letters. If mamma's music has been preserved, I would be very happy to have that and have the sheets repaired as necessary with transparent tape. I presume collections of music of that period are quite rare.

If your basement is thoroughly dry, I think it would be well to save the storage charges by having the boxes moved into your home. If you do so, it would be well to have each box placed on blocks so that it could not absorb dampness from the cement floor.

While I don't know that Mrs. Blackhurst has any real interest in things belonging to her father's family, I think she is entitled to some consideration--not for what she has or has not done--but because of what her father did for Etolle. While I let a week or more elapse without writing you, it was because I was momentarily expecting word from you or Grayce, and I had become quite worried before Grayce's letter reached me yesterday and yours today.

When we look at it practically, we three children have lived about the normally allowed span of years and we cannot any of us or should not look forward with great expectancy for a long number of years. I would like to have you regain your health and I think you could look forward to ten years of pleasant and useful life.

Dorothea is still here, but expects to go home next Sunday, and Gertrude will accompany her as Dorothea has billed her for a showing of our South American pictures and a talk. She will probably be away for perhaps a week.

Our housemaid left yesterday for a few days at her former home in Parsons, Kansas and expects to be back Sunday. Now that we have chickens at home, it is almost necessary to have someone there who can look after them.

We have had a great deal of rain since early in May. If you notice the Journal-World, you will see comments upon it. The river now is practically at a flood stage and the intermittent rains which have been falling every day occasion worry. The prospects for crops are a little uncertain on account of the wet weather. It is most too late to replant corn.

With a great deal of love and hope for your complete recovery,
I remain

Your loving brother

R. A. SCHWEGLER, JR., M.D., PH.D.
OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY

MARY S. BOYDEN, M.D.
PEDIATRICS

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INTERNAL MEDICINE

TELEPHONE 544
747 MASSACHUSETTS ST.
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

May 8, 1943

Mr. W. C. Simons
c/o Lawrence Journal World
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Simons:

Your physical examination, as I told you the other day, was entirely normal with the exception of a blood pressure of 180/110. The findings on urine analysis were completely within normal limits. The blood count was also entirely normal, revealing no evidence of anemia, infection, or other disturbance of blood.

The only suggestion I might offer upon reviewing your examination and laboratory work is that your blood pressure be rechecked at intervals of every few weeks for the next few months.

Sincerely yours,

Eugene D. Liddy
Eugene D. Liddy, M.D.

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Lawrence, Kansas, June 9, 1943

Dear Charles:-

I had not heard a word from you for more than two weeks until this morning when I received a letter from Grace. From her letter I fear that Julia is not making much progress towards restored health and yet I know that you are doing everything that you possibly can to help her.

Her condition is such that I believe she should be in a hospital where she can be encouraged to eat and to sleep and to avoid so many little things that she insists on doing and in my opinion she should not do. She needs rest of body and mind. A first class practical nurse might be able to handle the situation, but it is extremely difficult to find such a one.

I am afraid that she will slip away from us, if we cannot do more to build her up. I do not believe that the "old lady" idea that we have had would work out for she would be unable to secure the sort of cooperation from Julia that I fear is absolutely necessary for her recovery. What I refer to is the type of person for which we advertised in our paper.

While it would be difficult for you to be with her, she probably would be better satisfied at the Catholic hospital at Rice Lake. I am sure she would be if Dr White were there. Anyway she knows and likes the Sisters.

Catholic hospitals have an advantage now in that the Sisters are not attracted elsewhere by higher wages. Other hospitals have had a hard time keeping a crew of nurses. Why not enlist the aid of some of your Catholic friends in Chicago to ~~get~~ get her cared for in a hospital not far from you?

As you know Blanche and family have moved to Tulsa. Janet and children were with us for a few days and Dorothea and boys are spending a couple of weeks with us. Dolph and Marie are always near us and very considerate.

The one thing that matters right now is to get Julia well, if there is any possible way to do it. Much love to you and yours.

Your Brother

W. C. Sigons

June 7, 1943

Mrs. Caroline E. Koelb
4 Woodford Road
Barrington, Rhode Island

Dear Mrs. Koelb:

Dolph and myself and our wives enjoyed your letter of May 31st.

We are happy in the memory of anything we may have done to have aided you son and his family. Our friendship for them was and is exceedingly warm. All that we could do seemed very little.

Your son was doing a great work here and it is a pity that his life could not have been spared for many more years of successful work.

At the request of Mr. Thomas, I recently wrote a letter to the Baptist Church in Washington that Mrs. Koelb expects to join.

With very best wishes to you and yours, we remain

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons.

WCS:df

June 1, 1943

Mrs. Chas H. Hoinville
and
Mrs. Don A. Freeman
7539 Colfax Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sisters:

I had a good talk with Mc in regard to the Macedonie property. It has been my opinion ever since the death of Dr. Cowdy that Etoile had inherited the property under the will and therefore the bequests in the will rested against it. Mc is now of the opinion that the deed to the property was given to Etoile and was filed before the death of Dr. Cowdy, in which case there could be no lien against it. However, not long after Dr. Cowdy's death, someone got permission of the court to contest her ownership, but so far as Mc is aware, no action was ever taken to break her title. There should be an abstract to the property somewhere in Etoile's possession, or at least there should be the deed. Of course, it might be that she had sent the deed to the registrar's office to be registered and it had never been returned. Mc would like to have you hunt for any papers concerning the property and let us know as quickly as you can as he would like to follow the matter up and dispose of the property.

I hope you girls have been having a good time together, but for some reason neither one of you has taken occasion to write us since Grayce came.

Mc attended the State Bar meeting in Topeka last Friday and Janet and the children came on down. Mc and Michael went to Kansas City yesterday to spend the night and to have Mike's eyes examined today. Janet and Mary Beth are still with us and we are enjoying them. I think that Mary Beth is now just a trifle taller than her mother and she is a mighty sweet and pretty girl.

Dorothea and her two boys came in last night, and I think it is their intention to be here about a week. We are very happy, indeed, to have our children with us.

Crops of all kinds including gardens look exceedingly well. We have had sufficient moisture and enough warm days to make things grow.

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We have purchased some chickens and now have, I think, 112. They are mostly young roosters and when it is time to do so, we shall kill them and put them in our locker. We took over Pat's locker, for otherwise we should have been unable to get one at this time.

I hope that Charlie's trip to Houston was pleasant and profitable.

Much love to you all.

Your brother

June 1, 1943

To Whom It May Concern:

I am glad to say a good word for Miss Mary Jane Elliott.

I know her parents well and esteem them highly. Mr. Elliott has done construction work for us in a satisfactory way.

Miss Elliott is a member of a large family of children and I am sure she has been well trained.

Respectfully yours,

THE WORLD COMPANY

W. C. Simons
President

WCS:df

May 27, 1943

National Baptist Memorial Church
16th & Columbia Road
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Words are inadequate to express the fullness of the Christianity of Mrs. Howard E. Koelb or the value of her life to the First Baptist Church and the entire community of Lawrence, Kansas. Her life here has been ideal.

The terrible strain of the sickness and death of her husband who was our pastor did not diminish her service of love within and without the church.

She was beloved not only by the members of the church, but by her neighbors and all who knew her.

Still young and vigorous, she will undoubtedly prove to be a valuable member of your group.

We had hoped that she would continue to live in Lawrence, but we can see the wisdom of her joining her mother in her own home in Washington.

May God bless her work with you as He has blessed it with us.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons, Moderator
First Baptist Church

WCS:df

May 23, 1943

Priscilla I. Koelb : 808 Tennessee Street : Lawrence, Kansas



Dear Mr. Simons,

Any attempt to thank you
and your family for your
graciousness toward us is
too weak to express
my full feelings. You all
have been so very, very
kind. Please know I
am deeply grateful.
I leave Lawrence reluctantly,

but with many happy
memories.

I have no idea the cost
of the Memorial books.
The envelopes cost something.
I do want the Journal
should send to me I am
enclosing check to cover
cost of the latter & at least
to pay for envelopes. Thank
you for all.

Mrs. H. E. Koelt
3602 - 13th St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Gratefully yours,
Priscilla H. Koelt

May 26, 1943

Mrs. H. E. Koelb
3602 Thirteenth Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Koelb:

Your card of May 23rd together with check was duly received and we asked our Mrs. Farris, who is in charge of circulation, to put your name on the mailing list and to give you credit for the amount paid.

One of the beautiful elements of your character is the sincere appreciation you always show for any kindness that has been extended.

We are sure that you will be happy in your new home and we are also quite sure that you will not forget the multitude of friends you have in Lawrence.

Dolph and I and the whole force have always been glad to grant any favors that we could. You have already paid in your innate goodness for anything we have tried to do for you.

Please remember us to your mother.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons.

WCS:df

May 26, 1943

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

Dear Blanche:

It seems odd to be writing to you, but instead of grieving over the fact that you are no longer in Lawrence, we are happy in the remembrance of the many years in which we had you next door, your very presence there bringing us joy and satisfaction.

I went home to lunch today noon and the thought came to me that I no longer need to keep my eyes open for Eileen or Marilyn who might be on their way home.

Your mamma and I enjoyed taking Eileen to Ottawa last night and afterwards took dinner at the American Hotel. Since the shortage of gasoline and rubber, we make very few trips of this character.

Dolph got a letter from Pat today saying that your goods had arrived and that they had come thru in good shape. I hope you will not find it too difficult to get everything arranged in good order.

We love you a lot, and in spite of our missing you here, we think you have done the right thing, and I am sure that the united family will be happier than when you were commuting from one place to the other.

Lots of love

from your old dad

May 20, 1943

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

Dear Julia:

It seemed mighty nice to receive letters from you in your own handwriting. I know that you must be improving and we are very happy to know that Grayce will be with you. She has had quite a problem in recent years on account of Don's poor health.

We have enjoyed the many summers that we have spent together and regret that we cannot make the grade this year. We have a good sized garden and hope to have products to can and to put in our locker. We have never had a locker until now. Dolph has two and Pat and Blanche had one and we have taken over theirs. They have not left Lawrence yet, having been delayed a couple of weeks by the failure of the former owners to vacate the property in Tulsa, and by the flooded condition of roads for the past week or more. They expect a truck, I think, today, but with the flooded condition of Southeastern Kansas and Northeastern Oklahoma, to say nothing of Missouri and Arkansas, travel by highway has been suspended.

The rains have seriously delayed our efforts to get things cleaned up at home. The muss from our burned buildings and from the demolition of two small buildings has been considerable and now we are faced with the necessity of putting a new roof on our chicken house. Gertie has bought 100 young roosters of mixed varieties which we are feeding out for their food value. We shall probably eat a good many ourselves this summer and our housekeeper understands canning them, so we may can quite a number for use next winter. After we get the hen house in better repair, we may add some laying hens.

The only help we have now at home for yard work is Boles who worked for us a good many years ago. He has but one hand which seriously handicaps him in his work, but it is the best we can do at present.

May 20, 1943

Dolph, Jr. is now out of school and had an advertisement in the paper last night for yard cutting. His parents are giving him a six weeks' vacation in Colorado, but he is trying to earn his own spending money and hopes to amass \$30.00 before he goes. Both of the boys have been thrifty and have invested in bonds.

On account of the desire to limit travel by rail, I wish that you and Grayce would go thru Etoile's effects. I shall appreciate having some of the letters from papa to mamma and other things of sentimental value. I think I shall send on to you the several grips that Etoile brought to Lawrence with her. One thing that was left with me and which I deeply prize is papa's dress shirt, the one in which I think he was married. It has always been a regret to me that I did not have a greater opportunity to know and to profit by the companionship of my father.

As I have told you, I have asked Mac to see what can be done with the property in Macedonia. I think that I should be able to recover the amount paid for funeral expenses for Dr. Cowdy, but I doubt if anything more than that can be secured from it on account of the several bequests that Dr. Cowdy made in his will. Mac believes he will have to make a trip to Council Bluffs in order to look after the matter.

I had a long letter from Lillian. She does not expect to get away from home this summer. Her health has not been good, but she continues to have a kindly and philosophical viewpoint of things and is keeping her little home in repair.

I don't know of anything in the way of news to tell you, especially as both you and Grayce receive the Journal-World and know about the general happenings in the community.

Blanche's friends here certainly have been wonderful in giving parties of various kinds for her. I think that Marilyn intends completing her education at K.U., but I am not definite in my information. Pat has been doing a very successful business, and I am sure it will be fine for him to have his family with him once more. Owen seems to be doing well in Chicago, but has three months or more work still before him before entering into active service.

I certainly hope that your health will continue to improve and that you will soon be able to come and go with Charles. Gertie is of the opinion that perhaps Grayce can aid you in securing help while she is in Chicago. We have not had a great deal of success from this end.

Lots of love,

Your brother

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Col. Karl F. Baldwin, Military Attache
American Legation
375 Collins Street
Melbourne, Australia

Dear Col. Baldwin:

I enjoyed very much your good letter of April 23rd which reached me in good time.

The last week has been a busy one winding up the close of the year for the University and the beginning of continued work for the summer. Mrs. Simons and I attended a dinner given by Col. Washington and his associates at the University Club. They had a very pleasant gathering indeed, and we enjoyed meeting our friends.

Several houses have changed hands recently. Col. M. A. Cross has bought the house owned and occupied for many years by I. J. Meade. Dr. Liddy, associated with Dr. R. A. Schwegler, Jr., has bought the house owned by Hargiss, just south of the University. Mrs. Whitnah, I understand, has bought the Gwinn Henry home, formerly the home of T. J. Sweeney, Sr. Mrs. Simons called the purchaser's attention to your home as she understands that you want to dispose of it. Personally, we should be very happy to have you return to Lawrence to reside and perhaps to again head the military work on the Hill.

After a long delay, the Military Science Building is now under contract for completion.

Construction work has been largely completed at the Sunflower Ordnance Works and the Hercules Powder Company is coming more and more into production. Our acquaintance with the army engineers, the men in charge of construction and the representatives of the Hercules Powder Company has been pleasant.

I think some thirty, forty or fifty small homes have been constructed in Lawrence during the past year by Happy Homes, Inc., the smallest to sell at one cent under \$4,000.00 and the larger ones at an increased price. Apparently only a few of them are occupied.

The closing of the war will bring many adjustments, and we hope that day will come soon. Lawrence has undoubtedly been benefited

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by the presence of so many persons earning good wages, but our young men have been taken away and are now serving in many distant lands.

I just started last night to read Wendell Wilkie's book "One World". I read it one-fourth thru and it seems to me that for the first time in the world, one man, because of peculiar opportunities and making use of travel by air, has been able to visit many lands, interview many peoples, and to form judgments that could hardly have been arrived at under the old and tedious method of travel. Wilkie may not be a church member, but he approaches the problem from a Christian standpoint. He sees the unrest existent in ancient land, and advances the opinion that unless something can be done to improve the condition of such peoples, who after all are very human, they will provide a following for some other fanatical Hitlerite leader who promises much and gives nothing but disaster and death in return. If you have not read the book, I believe you would find it interesting.

I don't know how much general news from America you get in Australia, but during the past few weeks, John L. Lewis, as the head of the United Mine Workers, has threatened a strike unless there is a general increase of \$2.00 a day for miners. His hand has been called in the matter and it has been stated with authority that any settlement made must be made with the War Labor Board. Lewis has become quite a frankenstein, aided and abetted for the political aid he could give until he has now become a threat. However, I do not believe that anyone man or any group of men can long successfully obstruct the ongoing of our nation.

Rains have been copious since the first of May. The first four months of the year showed a deficiency of some five inches in rainfall, but nothing suffered because the subsoil had been soaked by the rains of last fall. However, this month the rains have fallen. Southeastern Kansas, Northeastern Oklahoma, Southwestern Missouri, and Arkansas have experienced tremendous floods, the water in the Ozark regions being at record breaking height.

Andrew Schoepel, the new Governor of Kansas, comes from Ness, a western county, and is actively engaged at this time in trying to secure adequate farm laborers for harvesting the wheat crop. He is proving himself to be a man of ability and with a keen mind. The Governor and his wife were here for Commencement and Dolph gave his time for the day to the Governor and Mrs. Dolph Simons to entertaining the Governor's charming wife.

Bruce Cameron has made a very faithful and intelligent head of the Draft Board and has been wise in his selection of associates.

The town is a unit in the support of the war and oversubscribed its quota for Red Cross and for the purchase of bonds. We are all doing what we can, and while rationing has changed our food supply, as a rule it is being taken without complaint and in a full spirit of cooperation.

Col. Karl F. Baldwin

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I think you would be pleased with the way the town is getting behind every movement for the support of the war.

Shortages of help have been quite a problem for the household, and I am afraid that a good many workers may have been spoiled by the excessive wages that have been paid. Our negro yard man at home and janitor at the office, who made about \$25.00 per week, has been drawing more than double that amount at the Sunflower Ordnance Works and speaks of his old wage of better than \$100.00 a month, as starvation wages. Whether time will restore his mind to a normal condition, I do not know.

Everyone has a garden. The rains have been hard on them as weeks are growing rapidly, but they will aid materially in creating a supply of food. The trees and lawns of Lawrence look beautiful, and we shall be happy when you and Mrs. Baldwin are again able to enjoy them with us.

I haven't referred to your letter in writing this reply, and I may have overlooked certain things in which you were especially interested, but I try to give you a general picture of things as they are.

For numerous reasons in which are included tires and gasoline, we do not expect to spend any time in Minnesota this summer. Frankly, even though we had tires and gasoline, I should feel rather useless to withdraw myself from the work of the moment to enjoy an outing.

One of the most popular columns we have in the paper today is headed "With the Armed Forces", and deals with the present whereabouts, advancements, etc. of the Lawrence men in the service. In none of these items do we violate the voluntary censorship under which every newspaper is now conducted.

Your boy, Chandler, is less than three months younger than our boy, John Louis, who died when he was thirteen years old. He was born on February 4th, 1915, while your boy was born on the 23rd of April of the same year. I hope that he is as well as can be expected and that you have heard from him. We, too, are glad that you did not encumber him with a Japanese name.

I am writing from the office, but I know that Gertrude is glad to join me in expression of deep regard for you individually and as a soldier.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons.

May 14, 1943

Mr. Arthur J. Paakkonen, Assessor
Route 5, Gull Lake
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

We have received a personal property statement which we return herewith.

The list of property as given for 1942 should apply at this time subject to any discount for depreciation. To the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no additions to our personal property, Route 3, Gull Lake, since our last assessment.

It would be extremely difficult for me to list the property there from memory.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons.

WCS:df
Enc.

May 11, 1943

Mr. Charles Hoinville
7539 Colfax Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Charles:

Upon receipt of your letter of May 10th, I called Mrs. Dunden at the hospital and asked her to send you the two cardiograms taken while Julia was at the hospital. I gave her your address so you may receive them as quickly as you get this letter.

I am glad to know that Julia is improving and I do hope that we shall be able to find someone to work for you, but the chances are none too good here.

I think that Dr. Liddy did not want to write you directly, but I have passed on to you in a former letter the information that he wanted you to have to wit: that he felt it would be best for you to have a heart specialist in Chicago to advise Dr. Ante.

This is the first sunshiny day we have had for several days and the rain has put the ground in fine shape.

I think I told you that I sent your other letter on to Grayce asking her to be with Julia May 22nd to 29th if possible. I have not had time to hear from her.

Give my love to Julia.

Your brother

May 10, 1943

Mrs. Don A. Freeman
Route 3
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce:

I am enclosing a letter I just received special delivery from Charlie. It seems that he must be in Houston, Texas from May 22nd until May 29th. This would leave Julia alone with the exception of Katie, and Katie does not spend the night there. It is absolutely essential that we have someone who can be with Julia for that week.

Would it be possible for you to spend the week in Chicago? Hoinville says he will pay the railroad fares and any other expenses. We are advertising in the Journal-World in the hope of securing someone, but it will be difficult to find anyone willing to go to Chicago at this time.

If you can go to Chicago, you had better wire Charlie to that extent.

Will not write more now. All are well. Blanche leaves for Tulsa in about a week.

We are fortunate at present in having a competent maid at our home.

Love

Your brother

Enc.