

December 20, 1944

Mr. Gerald Hesse, President
Lawrence Rotary Club
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Gerald:

Please accept my thanks for the attractive Christmas calendar which comes to me from Rotary each year.

I am taking it home this evening to Mrs. Simons, who always looks forward to having this calendar on her desk.

With best wishes to you and yours for a happy holiday season, I am

Sincerely,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df



LIBERTY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL



Ralph E. Graber, Principal

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

December 15, 1944

W.C. Simons
Journal World
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear W.C.:

Please find enclosed complimentary season tickets for our home basketball games, 1944-45. You will be admitted upon payment of the tax. We will be happy to have you as our guest and hope it will be possible for you to attend the games. I assure you that we appreciate your loyal support and fine cooperation that is seemingly prevalent at all times.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Sincerely yours,

Ralph E. Graber
Ralph E. Graber

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Encs.

December 20, 1944

Mr. Ralph E. Graber
Liberty Memorial High School
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Ralph:

Thank you for your December 15th letter
enclosing complimentary season tickets for
our home basketball games, 1944-45.

With best wishes to you and yours for a
happy holiday season, I am

Sincerely,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

December 18, 1944

Mrs. Walter Gregg
Gregghaven
Montrose, California

Dear Calla:

I have your Christmas card before me, and I can take every part of it with satisfaction excepting the looks of the cactus. I think I stepped on every variety of cacti grown in Kansas when I was a boy, and while I had a very pointed relationship with them, I do not include them among my intimate friends.

I think you are wrong about my owing you a letter. Quite a long while ago you wrote me a letter that indicated you were somewhat down in the mouth at the time you wrote it. You intimated that it might be the last time that I would hear from you or words to that effect, and in reply I wrote you rather of a short letter with the idea of cheering you up a bit. Now I thank you for the card, send you love for you and your family and the very best of wishes for the holidays and for the year to come.

I keep in touch with Lillian who is in very bad health, and with Kathryne Drought, the daughter of Callie Cowdy Potts.

We had a wonderful Golden Wedding reception at the Baptist Church at which every member of our immediate family--the children and grandchildren--were present with the one exception of Owen, Blanche's oldest boy, who is a navigator on a bomber and is now in the fighting zones somewhere, possibly in the Italian sector, but we have had no direct word from him since he went over about a month ago.

I think we all must keep our chins up, maintain our courage and do our best to restore sanity and freedom to our nation.

Lovingly,

Your Cousin

WCS:df

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.
—
LAW SCHOOL

October 27, 1944.

Mr. W. C. Simons
or
Mr. Dolph Simons
Lawrence Daily Journal-World
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. S. (or Dolph),

Had a spasm this morning, after perusing the newspapers for the last couple of days, re the Thousand Club. The following sang itself through my head. Hope you are still religious enough to recognize the appropriate tune without further prompting. Use it if you want. If you do, send me a couple of copies,

OFFERTORY OF THE THOUSAND CLUB

One thousand times one thousand,
A million smackers bright!
Oh Demmies flush, see that the slush
Lies on the line to night.

We want in at the finish,
So come through with your tin.
Help Earl and Sid back up their bid
To keep old Franklin in.

With best wishes to all, in which Amy joins,

Thos. A. Larremore
Thos. A. Larremore

*Mailed
2 copies 11/3/44
D.H.*

December 16, 1944

Mr. C. B. Holmes
801 Missouri Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Charlie:

I am sorry that you are ill and
hope that your recovery will be rapid.

We shall miss you at the club.

Sincerely,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

Col. Karl F. Baldwin

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December 13, 1944

Rotary is a live organization. I doubt if any other club in the state has as many changes in its personnel. It is a live going concern, and we have been fortunate in putting our new members to work.

Dolph has just received a good letter from Robert Haggart, a captain in the Maritime Service, and master of a cargo ship, indicating that when the war is over, he would like to come back to Lawrence to live. When he entered the service, he sold his property here with the idea that he would probably never come back. While California is mighty nice, and while you have a very beautiful place to live judging from pictures and descriptions, we still have the hope back in our head that we may sometime again have you as a resident of Lawrence.

With kindest personal regards from Gertrude and myself, I remain

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

December 11, 1944

Miss Lillian Gowdy
3751 Aldrich Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Lillian:

We were glad to hear from you and realize that you still have your brave spirit and your kindly attitude towards life in general. I hope that you will have a Merry Christmas, and I am sure that Mrs. Olson will do everything in her power to make you happy and to feed you well on that day. While it seems too bad that we have to get old, yet it seems to me that we could pretty nearly do away with having a hell if we could make people live forever. Of course, if we could live as rocks without particularly aging, it wouldn't be so bad, but if we had to hang on for century after century, I think it would be pretty tough going.

I don't know that I told you that Gertie lost her last brother just after the celebration of our Golden Wedding. He was 78 years old and had been in frail health for some little time. We had looked after his health and comfort and Mr. Hoinville had been very kind in looking after him for us. He was buried in the little cemetery at Shawnee, Kansas, beside his parents and a brother and sister. This leaves Gertrude as the last living member of her immediate family.

The ground is covered with several inches of snow, but the grass underneath is still as green as it is in summer. The leaves have long since fallen from the trees so that shrubs and trees have gone into the winter in decent shape.

We shall not be able to have our family together this Christmas but inasmuch as we were all together on our anniversary, it does not seem so bad.

Thursday of this week will be the 53rd anniversary of my coming to Lawrence.

With love and best wishes, I am

As ever,

WCS:df

Your Brother Cousin

December 11, 1944

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

Just a few lines to let you hear from your old dad. The Christmas season will soon be here, and we will certainly miss having the family together, but we are still happy over the fact that we had you all here for our anniversary. Maybe some day after Hitler, Himmler, and Co. have gone to hell, we shall have greater freedom of activity and can use our cars again to come and go. I don't think any ordinary hell would be quite suitable for the demons I have just mentioned.

Everything is moving along in about the same old way and your mamma keeps you informed of the news. We presume you have snow as we have here--several inches of it. The thermometer went down to 18 last night at our home.

I think your mamma has just about completed our Christmas buying--purchases being somewhat limited by the scarcity of goods.

Eula was out in the country yesterday until about 5:30, and your mamma and I had a nice day at home-refraining from going to church in order to give me time to shovel away snow from the house.

We love you a lot and think of you and yours often.

Much love to all,

Dad

WCS:df

December 11, 1944

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

Dear Blanche:

Your mamma is my social secretary, but I like to drop you a line once in a while so that you will know that I still have a very warm place in my heart for my first baby. You have been a mighty good girl and a comfort to us thru the years. We are anxious to get word from Owen and hope you will let us know quickly after you hear from him.

The ground is now covered with several inches of snow, and your dad took a workout yesterday morning cleaning off the approaches at home. I felt no bad effects from the exercise and believe that something of that sort from time to time may be good for me rather than otherwise. Eula was spending the day with her folks in the country so your mamma and I had a very enjoyable day at home--a substantial breakfast fairly late in the morning and then nothing more until 4:30 or 5:00 o'clock when we had a good dinner. Later Eula came in time to do up the afternoon dishes.

We had a very delightful time Saturday evening at Dr. and Mrs. Allen's to greet Mr. and Mrs. Mons, the parents of Jane's husband. Jane has a darling little girl about a month old, with real dark hair about two inches long, and I think she is a very pretty baby. We had an excellent dinner and a very pleasant evening.

A week from Tuesday we attend the Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Spencer of Iola which will be held in Lawrence where they were married. It will not be a large gathering.

Christmas arrangements are a little uncertain. Uncle Charlie expects to drop in on us on the 22nd, leaving Saturday morning, the 23rd. If he comes as expected, your mamma and I will accompany Dolph and family as far as Dawson where we will spend the night with Dorothea and family, returning Sunday evening.

We see Marilyn every now and then and hear good words in regard to her.

Love to all the family,

WCS:df

Dad

December 6, 1944

Mr. C. H. Hoinville
908 Railway Exchange
Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Charlie:

I read your Christmas story with
interest. I think it is well written.

Please advise us by return special
delivery how many copies you wish.

Love and best wishes,

Your Brother

WCS:df

"SO HELP ME GOD"
by Ray L. Dudley

I stood in the blazing sun at Ellington Field, in Texas, last Monday and watched the cadets file by, fine manly chaps, watched them come into the hall in which they were to receive their wings as commissioned officers in the United States Army Air Force. My third and last boy, a lad of 19, was among them.

Two years ago his mother and I had seen a similar group file into the chapel at Ellington to receive their wings, and our second boy was among them. Today he and his elder brother, who had chosen Navy Air, are memories, precious memories, it is true, but boys to be spoken of in hushed tones as boys who would have made good citizens, two boys whose memories will never be dimmed in the eyes of their father and mother. They, with thousands of others, have made the supreme sacrifice for America as they knew it and loved it.

Then Monday we heard again the prospective officers take the oath necessary to their commissions: "I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter: SO HELP ME GOD."

For a moment my thoughts drifted from the son whose burned body lies somewhere in France and from the other son who lies in native soil...

Our forefathers who wrote the Constitution knew that they were giving to future generations a document so precious that it would be worth the loss of American lives to preserve...and they knew that there would arise enemies in it, domestic as well as foreign.

Then my mind went back to a time nearly three years ago, when my first two boys volunteered, and the pledge I made them then:

"To the best of my meagre ability I shall do all I can to defend against foes at home the institutions you boys have enlisted to uphold...and I shall do that without fear of sacrifice if it costs me everything I have, including my life, so help me God."

It was not necessary that I pledge them my fullest efforts to help prosecute the war...they could have expected no less of me as an American and a father.

The casualty lists over the country name thousands of parents whose boys have been lost and whose sons are as precious to them as mine were to me. I claim no distinction as the parent of boys who have died in the service. I can only claim to be among those to whom this war is a deadly serious thing, and I wish my claim to be listed among those who resent with every atom of their being, the efforts which are being made by the Hillmans, the Browders, the Murrays and others, including our President, to nullify the sacrifices of thousands of American boys.

As I heard the oath to defend the Constitution repeated by the young men at Ellington, I could not but remember the remarks which have been made about it by Americans of foreign birth who would seek to destroy it..."a scrap of paper...an outmoded document...a bill of property rights rather than a bill of human rights." And these are the men who are asking that we trust our country to them.

The situation under which the Communist Front in America is trying to wield control over our country through the capture of one of our great political parties, is so preposterous as to be almost incredible. But make no mistake-the threat is a real one. That a Russian-born radical, with all of the class hate of his native land should aspire to control this country is so fantastic that many cannot believe it. But it is true.

That he and his fellows have openly boasted that their organization, the CIO, is raising millions as a war chest to help keep Roosevelt in power, indicates a blatant confidence in their victory. That this money should be extracted from hundreds of thousands of members whose membership was forced on them, is a disgrace. That they get away with it is a shameful tribute to the close association they have with our Department of Justice.

"SO HELP ME GOD" (cont'd)

Who was it who climbed the stairs, hat in hand, to Hillman's suite in a Chicago hotel to learn the wishes of the boss as to who would be Democratic candidate for the vice presidency? It was our United States Department of Justice head-the man sworn to uphold our laws (including the Smith-Connally act which makes it a felony for a labor party, or a corporation, to contribute to a political party). Yes, it was Attorney General Biddle, and the man with him was the person who later was named by Hillman as the Democratic vice presidential nominee, Harry Truman.

With Hillman and Browder and their ilk as arrogant as they are now, what will their attitude be if they succeed in re-electing Franklin D. Roosevelt? Where will their power end? What will happen to the rights guaranteed under our Constitution? If our interests should ultimately clash with those of Russia at what point will these men make up their minds as to where their first loyalty shall lie? If Englands' interests should clash with those of Russia, will our country's armed forces be thrown against a nation whose kinship to us derives from a common parenthood?

This is a long way from the ceremony at Ellington last Monday...The field has widened until the lives of a large group of fine boys seem but a drop in a great ocean.

But it is not a long way from the pledge I made my boys.

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POSTMASTER,

By [Signature]

December 5, 1944

American Historical Society, Inc.
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

I have been looking thru the genealogy arranged and published by you in 1938 for Elbridge Amos Stuart.

I have secured a large amount of data concerning my genealogy, and I presume I could arrange the matter for publication, being guided somewhat by genealogies published for others. We also have a publishing business of our own. I should like to know, however, what would be the approximate cost for you to take the matter that I have and edit it for publication.

I have the matter now in alphabetical order which would aid one in preparing the data for the various families.

I shall be pleased to hear from you.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

December 5, 1944

Mr. C. H. Hoinville
908 Railway Exchange
Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Charles:

I have your letter of December 4th. If you come to Lawrence the evening of the 22nd, we want you to come to our house. We shall be glad to have you stay as long as you can, but if you have to get away the following day, we will understand it.

Under the circumstances it would not be necessary for you to write Mrs. Stough. I know they would be glad to have you although they are much more crowded than we are.

With love,

Your Brother

WCS:df

December 2, 1944

Jayhawk Creamery
834 Vermont Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Messrs. Wagstaff:

Mr. Moody sent you our check in payment of the bill for the punch, and I wish to thank you for the excellence of the punch that you furnished.

Everyone was pleased with it.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

December 2, 1944

Wakefield, Mantel and Tile Company
1811 Baltimore Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri

Gentlemen:

We send you herewith a portion of a tile. It so happens that this comes from directly in front of the fire and neither the green nor the red are quite as distinct as they are in the tiles farther from the fire. We think, however, this might enable you to decide if you have anything like it or very nearly like it.

While there are not more than a half dozen tile that are badly cracked, there are several more that are cracked so that we can use ten or twelve. The tile are 3 x 6.

Please send bill with same and we shall remit promptly.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df
Enc.



Wakefield Mantel and Tile Company

INCORPORATED 1886

ORIGINAL DESIGNS IN MANTELS AND PARLOR CONSOLES

FIRE PLACE FURNITURE

1811 BALTIMORE AVE.

Kansas City, Mo. 12/1/44.

W. C. Simons,
% Lawrence Daily Journal,
Lawrence,
Kans.

Dear Sir;

If you will send us a small piece of the broken tile from your Mantel hearth, we may be able to match it no doubt there is a piece loose, if you will do this we will be glad to see what we can do.

Dealers in

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Yours very truly,

Wakefield Mantel & Tile Co.

E. L. Postley
Pres.

EEP/P

November 30, 1944

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

Dear Charles:

The package of John's letters arrived today. Thank you very much for looking after these matters.

I am sending you herewith a pair of pigskin gloves which I trust you will find useful in driving the car back and forth on these cold days. This is in remembrance of your birthday which occurs on this date.

The thermometer in Lawrence this morning registered at eleven above zero in most places and was thirteen above on our front porch at home. The sun came out so that the day has not been unpleasant, but it will be the end to outdoor plants. We have had an unusually long and abundant season.

I am glad you had the opportunity to visit your sister and hope that you will be with some of your family on Christmas Day.

We appreciate very much indeed the many kindnesses you showed to Brother John.

We shall be glad to see Mary Jule and Vera; also the Lieutenant if he is lucky enough to be here.

With love,

Your Brother

WCS:df
Atch.

November 29, 1944

Wakefield Mantel & Tile Co.
1811 Baltimore
Kansas City, Missouri

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a letter written to Hargreaves
and Company, Topeka, Kansas, which is self-
explanatory.

Please advise whether you can supply
us with this tile.

Cordially yours,

W.C. Simons

WCS:jl
Enc.

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34.35 auto app ✓

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Tuning Piano	800	we	
Clothesline	300	we	
Putting out dock	500	we	Del
Motor Fuel	1.75	we	
Cutting grass - entire back	1600	we	
Cleaning Cabins	600	we	
Wood	800	we	
Fishing License W.S.	300	we	
Mimosa	300	we	
Up to Get Car fixed	100	we	
Tickets C.S.W. Ry	5574	we	
Auto to Minneapolis	2500	we	
Porter	1.50	we	
Taxi to see Lillian	250	we	
Gorddery on Pumpch	1200	we	
Hayes Lucas Paint for boat	255	we	
Gas & Oil for car	260	we	
Gasoline	103	we	
Gasoline	267	we	

Gertrude	1000
Eula	1200
Lunch at Minneapolis	2.20
Dinner on Train	4.20

Checks

Min Power & Light Co	we	11.38
Model Market	we	17.34
Min Power & Light	we	6.43
Model Market	we	14.76
Fairway	we	621.5

S.A. Freeman on car Rental	60.00
Walter Frampton for cash	25.10
Brainerd Nat Bk	100.00
Fairway	35.00

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7/24/44 for 100.00 to First Nat.

Cost of 1 sec and 1 loan
Chicago & Western
Minneapolis to KC

July 11-44	Danta & Ry Co.	101.32	✓	Chgd - Gen. Exp.
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Aug 2-1944	Model Meat Mkt	14.26	✓	Charged wbs.
~ 2-44	Fairway Store	62.15	✓	Charged wbs.
~ 18-44	Don & Freeman	60.00	✓	for me I can chg to office in transportation
~ 18-44	Walter Frampton	25.10	✓	How shall I
~ 26-44	Minnesota Power & Light Co.	11.38	✓	I charge
~ 26-44	First National Bank	100.00	✓	
~ 28-44	Fairway Stores	35.25	✓	Personal
~ 28-44	Model Market	17.34	✓	Personal
July 28-44	Minnesota Power & Light Co.	6.43	✓	Charged wbs

There are checks written
for Gull Lake trip.

7/24	100
8/18	25
8/26	100
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Deduct total of that to be
divided between Dolphin & me
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DETAIL OF MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT

INSTALLMENTS & MISC. PAST DUE

INSTALLMENT DUE THIS MONTH

REPAIRS

TOTAL MDSE. DUE (INCLUDED BELOW)

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NOT YET DUE

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MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT
COMPANY

Proby men

METER READINGS

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K. W. H.
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NET BILL

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W. C. SIMONS

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THIS BILL
COVERS SERVICE TO AUG. ²² 1944

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LAWRENCE, KANSAS

DATE THIS BILL
BECOMES PAST DUE SEP. 20 1944

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IN PAYING ABOVE BILL DEDUCT PAYMENTS, IF
ANY, MADE SINCE DATE OF METER READING

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building experts

LUMBER - BUILDING MATERIALS AND FUEL

5399 Brainerd, Minn., 6/26 194 ✓

Sold to W.C. Simon

Address c/o - Don Freeman - Rt. 3

PCS.	DESCRIPTION	FEET	PRICE	AMOUNT
1 qt	#40 OS white			1.00
1 qt	white Saco			1.55
	Paint for boat			2.55
	By Don Freeman			
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Driver

Signature

No. 7628

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HAYES-LUCAS LUMBER CO.

building experts

LUMBER - BUILDING MATERIALS AND FUEL

Brainerd, Minn., _____ 194_____

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N. C. Simons

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8/11	Phrst	104
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AUG 29 1944
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In case of error, return this statement for correction

Brainerd, Minn., 7-12-194

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H. C. Simons

Lawrence Kansas

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The Model Meat Market

T. H. SCHAEFER & SONS, PROPS.

PHONE 65



323 So. 6th St.

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	Ham	184
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November 27, 1944

Mrs. Chas. Stough
7539 Colfax Avenue
Chicago 49, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Stough:

Mr. W. C. Simons would be pleased to
have you send him the birth date of Mr.
Hoinville.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Secretary to W. C. Simons

DMF

November 27, 1944

Hargraves and Company
1820 Topeka Avenue
Topeka, Kansas

Gentlemen:

Being unable to get tile replacements for my fireplace in Lawrence, I thought it might be possible to order some from your company.

This fireplace was built about twenty years ago of glazed tile, red shading into green. They are 3"x6". If possible I would like to get about ten or twelve of these. I am sending you a crude drawing to show how the tile is shaded.

Will you please advise me whether this tile is available.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:jl

Minneapolis, Minn. Oct. 23, 1944.

My dear Brother-Cousin;-

We have had a strange summer and autumn, just three days as high as 85, and the rest of the time cloudy and damp, with a chill in the atmosphere. It was very unfavorable weather for Mr. Cook and me, and we have suffered an unusual amount of pain. I have not felt like sitting at the typewriter for any length of time, until the last few days when I have written to Kathryn, who is so faithful about writing me; and to Calla, whose letter written two months ago, had not yet been answered. She was so anxious for fear I was going to vote the wrong ticket, that I thought I had better write and assure her.

I am not entirely satisfied with Dewey and Bricker, but I feel that even their uncertainty as to their views on the International situation is preferable to the following of the Prest., the Hillman-browder and Pendergast supporters. I read all the political news and listen to the speeches over the Radio on both sides. I thought Roosevelt's speech sounded very weary, and far from his usual delivery. Some of it I lost, his voice was so feeble. Gov. Dewey will be here ~~this~~ ^{this week} early, and I hope he will be able to clarify his position in such a way as to gain many votes. Our Senator Ball seems to be going over to the President's side. It is a blow to many of his friends here.

My views get no sympathy at home, for Mr. Cook and Mrs. Olson are both on the other side. We have three Radios going every night each with his particular program.

Mrs. Olson is very much concerned about her two grandsons, one in the Navy, one with the Marines. A letter from the latter this morning, a boy of 17, says he is not in the danger zone as yet. I had a letter from Kathryn Saturday, enclosing a picture of her son, Willard, a very nice looking boy, about the age of our George. It is just possible they may meet somewhere in the South Pacific, as they are both in the Navy. Mr. Cook's grandson, Phillip, is also in the Navy, has served two years. With all these interests, we are much concerned.

It is a fine day, and I am going to walk out a short distance. All the leaves are off the trees, the flower beds dismantled. We may expect Winter any time now. I am dreading the next few months. Shall probably not leave the house before next April.

I am glad you thought I was looking stronger. Sometimes people come to see me whom I have not seen for years, and they always tell me I have changed little. I can see changed myself, especially in the past year, but I must expect that. My Grandmother Cook lived to be 96 and Father 94, but I have no desire for a long life like ^{that}. I do not want to outlive my sight and hearing, or the ability to look after my business.

May God watch over you and your dear ones.

With love,

Lillian.

*I see by the mistakes
I am not up to par
this morning.*

*3751
Albion Ave. S.*

Jan. 5 - 1944

MRS. EUGENE DROUGHT - 1417 N. BLACKSTONE STREET - JACKSON, MICHIGAN

Dear Cousin:

Thank you very much for the Christmas present you sent me. I do appreciate it and shall use it wisely. One thing I shall have one of those triangle back rest pillows I long have wanted. I can't put a back rest up for myself but can adjust one of those pillows - they are light.

I am pleased that anything I said was worth commenting on in your paper. It's absolutely untrue that the unions don't tell their members how to vote. In the past three years I have encountered some queer things in hospitals; sick folk that are

union folk tell many of their troubles - nurses and
visitors talk - Did you ever hear of the C. I. O. losing in
an election? Eugene had to join A. F. L. to keep his work.

Our winter is so much milder than last year - it
helps the coal situation but farmers don't like it as
well. Snow is the poor man's fertilizer. Rec'd birth
announcement card from Loren Gandy they have a boy
born Dec. 23. Lloyd Collins Gandy. Leland was 17 Dec. 5.
They are now living in Palo Alto, California. Willard showed
Betty last night from Camp Peary. They want him to stay on as
an instructor, he may not be sent overseas. I liked your
Christmas card so much - I am sending it to a dear niece to see
and return. She (Edith) and her sister are giving an altar in
mother's memory to the new Salvation Army auditorium in Rome N.Y.
Again I do thank you. Your loving cousin Katharine -



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FUEL OIL PURCHASING AGENT

HOUSTON 1, TEXAS

November 8, 1944

Personal

Mr. Chas. H. Hoinville,
c/o General Purchasing Agent,
A. T. & S. F. Railway Company,
Railway Exchange, 80 E. Jackson Blvd.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Charlie:

Attach herewith clipping from the Oil Weekly.
This piece was written by Mr. Ray L. Dudley, President and
publisher of the Oil Weekly, and I think it is one of the
best pieces that I have read in a long time.

According to the latest election returns, your
state and mine did not do very much good for Mr. Dewey.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

RWS:fmw

att.

November 21, 1944

Dr. J. Russel Wickey
Belleville, Illinois

Dear Russel:

I enclose herewith a letter that I presume was written by your stepmother who was a most excellent woman.

I have enjoyed reading these old letters found in the effects of my sister, Etta, but I am impressed with the sorrow, sadness, and trouble in most of them. In letters written by my father to his wife and babies, I find that he was away from home a great deal of the time of his married life, and apparently no man ever loved his wife and family more than he did, and it was a great sacrifice to him and undoubtedly to mamma that they could not have been together day by day. Letters from my grandfather and uncles--all of them had the same note--telling of trouble. Perhaps we today could write in the same way were we so inclined, although generally speaking, I think that ~~our~~ people as a whole are better off than they were seventy-five years ago, and that health conditions are much better now than then.

If my father and your mother could have been transplanted into southern states, I think their lives might have been extended for many years.

I wonder if it were at Wilmington where the Masons were located.

I am glad you are going to be with your family for Christmas.

Love and best wishes to all of you,

Your Cousin

WCS:df
Enc.

November 21, 1944

Mrs. Kathryne Drought
1417 North Blackstone
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Kathryne:

I enclose herewith a picture of the farm home of your grandfather, Wm. C. Cowdy, which I think was not far from Camden. Others of the family will know exactly where it was and perhaps is.

The old board fences are of interest as is also the muddy road. I cannot understand just what the tall poles are because we didn't have electricity nor telephones at the time this picture was taken. Perhaps they represent young trees that had been planted.

I trust you will find the picture interesting.

Lovingly,

Your Cousin

WCS:df
Enc.

November 21, 1944

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

Dear Grayce:

By your silence I am afraid that Don was unsuccessful in his political campaign, but I cannot grieve much about it because I think his health will be so much better off than it would be were he forced to spend a couple of months away from home looking after the interests of the state.

I have kept my eye open for a pin for you ever since I have been here, but the pins with variegated stones are perhaps no longer as stylish as they were. Those that I saw were clumsy and inartistic in appearance so we are sending you under separate cover a pin that I think you will like, and I see no reason why you could not wear it with the earbobs that you have. I just got it today, and I am going to take it home to let Gertie see it before mailing it to you. I hope you will like it.

Your absence from our Golden Anniversary was not overlooked by us even though we had the good fortune to have all of our children and grandchildren present with the exception of Owen. While it was a beautiful affair with elaborate decorations, and everything was handled beautifully, we did miss you because you are the only person living, so far as we know, who was present at our wedding besides ourselves.

I hope that everything is well with you, and if I were you and could get Mrs. Martin to stay there regularly, I would take her. You are only going to live but once so why not live as freely and as comfortably as possible now. We happen to know of an old lady who must be about ninety, who is living almost in squalor because she is unwilling to spend her money to make life more pleasant, and the pity of it is she has no children and no relatives who really care about her.

It soon will be three months since we were with you last and it will not be so many months more until the vacation season is once more with us. Here's hoping that by that time the war

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will either be over or at least will be over as far as Germany is concerned. With nests of Japs scattered all over the Pacific, we have a problem on our hands. Perhaps if the "son of heaven" is sent to hell with his clothes on and a lot of his minions with him, it may release the living Japs from religious, mental and physical servitude.

Give our best regards to Mrs. Jack and her charming little daughter.

Lots of Love

Your Brother

November 13, 1944

Mr. R. W. Shaw
Fuel Oil Purchasing Agent
Texas and New Orleans R. R. Co.
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Bob,

I have your letter of the 8th and read with interest the article by Ray Dudley and I believe he has cause to fear the Communist front in America. Although most people are belittling its power we all are having to fight against its infiltration, as you can see the tendency towards Communism even in people who do not believe in it but who are gradually adopting the attitude of Communism without realizing that they are doing so.

I feel complimented for Illinois being aligned with Texas even though we both lost out in this last election.

Sincerely yours,

CHH:lsr

October 12, 1944

Mrs. Eugene Drought
1417 North Blackstone
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Kathryn:

In going thru the accumulation of books and letters, I have run across a letter from your grandmother and some poems which I send to you herewith.

I don't know how cordial the relations were between your mamma and her mother, but your grandmother's life was very unhappy and not entirely without cause. I notice that she was originally known as Hannah and afterwards as Lavina and her maiden name was Hall.

If you do not care for the matter, you may destroy it.

I haven't had time to get the letter of recommendation copied for you, but will do so at a later date.

With very best wishes to you and yours,
I am

Lovingly,

Your Cousin

WCS:df
Encs.

November 21, 1944

Mrs. Chas. Stough
7539 Colfax Avenue
Chicago 49, Illinois

Dear Mary Jule:

I am sending you under separate cover a number of things found in your Aunt Etoile's effects in which I think you will be especially interested. There is a very excellent picture of your grandfather when he was a young man, a darling picture of your mamma when she was in her early teens, and a very beautiful little picture of her when she was perhaps only eight or ten years old. I know that you will value these things and that you should have them. I don't expect to find anything else, but if I do, I shall be glad to send it to you.

Enclosed find a check for \$10.00, --\$5.00 as a birthday present for you and \$5.00 for Vera. There were so many things on hand that the actual days went by although not without our knowledge.

I know you would have had a good time attending our reception. It was beautiful in its setting, and although formal dress was not requested, I presume that nine out of ten present were in evening dress.

I hope that the word from Charles continues to be good.

Love to all,

Your Uncle

WCS:df
Enc.

November 17, 1944

Mr. H. W. Wilcox

625 Rhode Island

Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Wilcox:

You handled things at the church
beautifully for us and we wish you to
accept the enclosed check as an evidence
of our sincere appreciation.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

Enc.
WCS:jl

November 16, 1944

Mr. C. H. Hoinville
908 Railway Exchange
Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Charlie:

Gertie's telephone talk with you this afternoon broke off so abruptly that at first I thought we had lost connection. My second thought was that perhaps you were rather overcome in thinking about Julia.

We had been out to the cemetery this morning before we heard of John's death and had placed flowers from our Golden Wedding on Julia's grave. The geraniums are still in full bloom although this is the 16th of November. I am afraid we may have a freeze tonight.

You will remember that when Etoile and Julia died that we were unable to secure a metal vault and had to use concrete vaults so I was somewhat surprised when I talked with Mr. Funk, the undertaker, to learn that metal vaults were now obtainable and at exactly the same price charged for the concrete. While the concrete will outlast the metal vault, we are more accustomed to the use of the metal, and I think would probably prefer it when it is obtainable.

We regret that John's sickness has taken so much of your time and care, but we certainly do appreciate it. No one would have been kinder nor more attentive. Tuesday we received a very beautiful letter from Mrs. Barnes in regard to John and having read it, we were not surprised at his passing today, because she indicated that he had difficulty in swallowing and was a desperately sick man. You didn't say over the phone whether the Union wished to have any services in Chicago or not, but I presume it did not. We shall have graveside services at the cemetery, taking with us Mr. Thomas, who has been so helpful in our several periods of trouble. The death of John leaves Gertrude as the only living member of her immediate family.

Tell Mary Jule that Mrs. Stough was at our reception and looked very nice.

Lovingly,

WCS:df

Your Brother

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

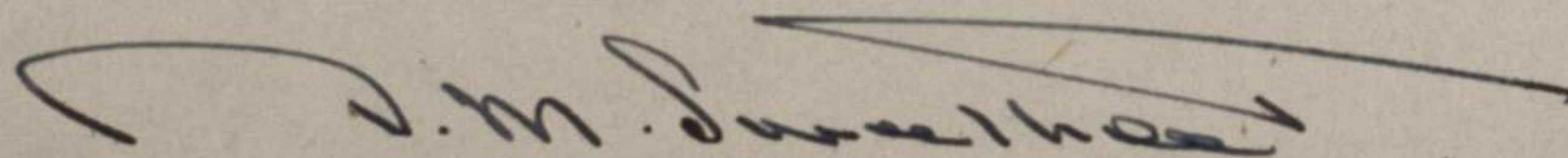
Dear Mr. Simons:

We are happy to set aside for you four complimentary tickets for the Gershwin opera "Porgy and Bess" on November 21st and shall be glad to have you call for them at the Fine Arts office at your early convenience. There will be the usual federal and state tax to pay which we are required to assess against all tickets.

We know you will greatly enjoy this splendid musical attraction.

With best wishes.

Cordially yours,



D. M. Swarthout
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70 Journal-World.



November 7, 1944

Mr. Brown B. Smith
P. O. Box 186
Henderson, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Smith:

We received today your letters of November 2nd and 3rd. We have contacted practically all of the rental agencies in town and they are on the lookout for a house for you. We had the opportunity today of securing a ten-room house at \$60.00 per month, but we doubted that you would want anything that large. We shall do our best to secure a place for you and will advise you as to the progress being made.

Orders have been given the contractor and Mr. Love and Mr. Hines of the Goodyear people have been checking the plans making a few small changes.

In case your household goods should arrive in Lawrence before we have been able to secure a house, we shall try to secure proper storage. At the present time we might be able to put them in one of our own buildings. It would not be desirable to attempt to store the goods in your business location unless the new front were in place.

Lawrence is a good town, and we believe you will like it here.

Find herewith the further information that you desire.

Sincerely,

W. C. Simons
President

WCS:df
Enc.

11-7-44

County Attorney — John Riling
 Clerk — J. P. Gerhart
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 Supt of Schools — Mrs Margaret Hurley
 Treasurer — Fred Kahn
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City Clerk — Harold Fisher
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Lawrence Nat'l
Irving Hill

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Just Nat'l

~~Wm. Docking~~

Geo Docking

Henderson, Ky.
P O Box 186,
Nov. 3, 1944

Dear Mr. Simons:

Would you please furnish me with the
information as follows:

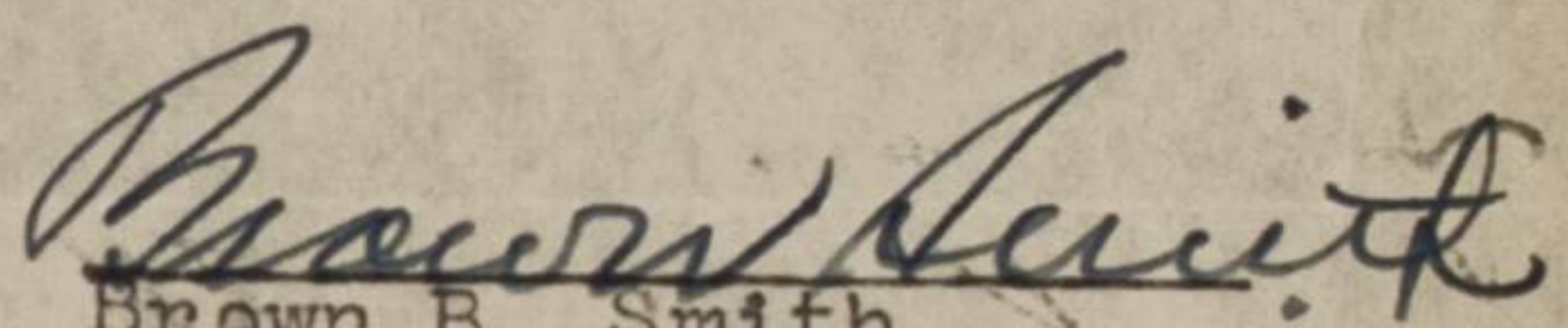
A roster of the main city and county
officials of Lawrence.

Names of officers of your civic
clubs, as Rotary, Kiwanis or Lions.

Name of your City school superinten-
dent.

Names of the president or cashier
of your banks.

Thank you!


Brown B. Smith

Henderson, Kentucky
P O Box 186,
Nov. 2, 1944

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

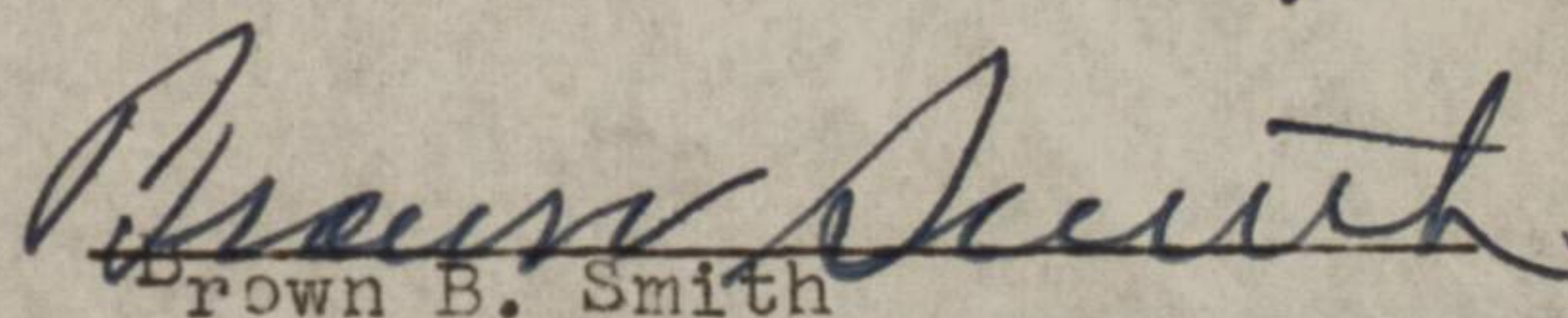
Dear Mr. Simons:

Have just talked to my son, Jerry, with reference to lease deal in your City and concerning our move there as early as we can get away. We should like to move within the next ten days or two weeks.

Please let me know just what is available in the way of a house, say about six rooms. After we have been there a few months we shall be interested in building or buying a home to our individual liking, but if we could have something for the next several months so we could move our furniture soon, it would certainly facilitate matters for us.

My son tells me how nice you have been to him. I feel very sure we shall like Lawrence and enjoy all our contacts with the people of your wonderful little City.

Cordially yours,


Brown B. Smith

Henderson, Ky.
P O Box 186
Nov. 3, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Simons:

You will render me a great service if you can locate a house for us into which to move by Nov. 15. We are loading our furniture here on the 13th and shall arrive Lawrence on Tuesday night or Wednesday of that week.

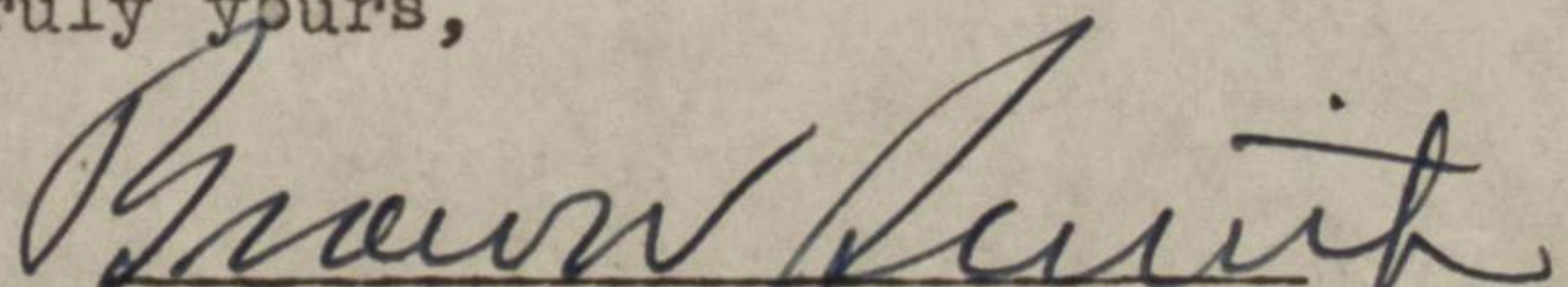
I appreciate the fact that in most communities houses are not readily available at the present time, and that a new-comer has to take what he can get at least temporarily.

If you can engage a house for us we shall appreciate it, especially if you can find one available by Nov. 15. Please write me the prospects as to this.

In event a house cannot be found on such short notice we shall then want good storage place for our furniture, for it we shall at any rate move our furniture when we come. We might could put our household goods and furniture in our store building for two or three weeks should it be necessary, and provided it would at the time be where we could lock the building.

Thank you in advance for any service you may render in this connection.

Very truly yours,


BROWN B. SMITH

November 3, 1944

Mr. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Mc:

Thank you very much for the check sent me,
which I have signed and deposited.

There should be something coming to you for
looking after this matter, and I will gladly pay
it if you will let me know how much.

I appreciate your promptness in looking
after the account and presume now that it has
been finally settled.

It won't be long now until we will be see-
ing you.

Love to all,

Your Father

WCS:df

November 3, 1944

Mr. Joe W. Turner, Lawyer
Avoca, Iowa

Dear Mr. Turner:

Find herewith signed voucher.

Thank you for your promptness
in looking after the matter.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df
Enc.

November 1, 1944

Mr. Robert Laptad,
Route 3,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Bob:

I think it was Tuesday that I was backing out from the curb when your daughter drove into the space to my left, mashing my front fender. I told her that in all probability you had insurance and I knew that in that case you would be very glad to take care of the damage to my car. I asked her to report the matter to you and presume that she has done so.

It was almost worthwhile getting hit to have the opportunity of becoming acquainted with your daughter who is a very attractive girl.

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM

December 11, 1944

Wakefield Mantel and Tile Co.
1811 Baltimore Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri

Gentlemen:

We think the suggestion made in your letter of December 8th to use a border tile in a leather shade in front of our fireplace would work well.

The tiles are 3 inches by 6 inches. The length of the tiling in front of the fireplace is 6 feet-5 inches and the depth $21\frac{1}{2}$ inches. This would require 3 tiles 3 inches by 6 inches on each end and $12\frac{1}{2}$ tiles on the front--a total of $18\frac{1}{2}$ tiles.

We shall be pleased to have you send us same although there is no special rush.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df



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W. C. Simons,
Lawrence,
Kans.

Dear Sir;

We received your sample of tile, and we do not have any thing to match this, we have taken this tile to all of the other Tile places, and they do not have any, the only thing we could sugest, would be for you to remove enough of the tile from the hearth next to the wood floor, and use this to repair the hearth, and then use another color for a border, as we have a 6 X 3 in a leather shade, that would go nice with the color you have.

Yours very truly,

Wakefield Mantel & Tile Co.

E. E. Trolley
Pres.

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CAMP CROWDER, MISSOURI

Tuesday 12 December, 1944

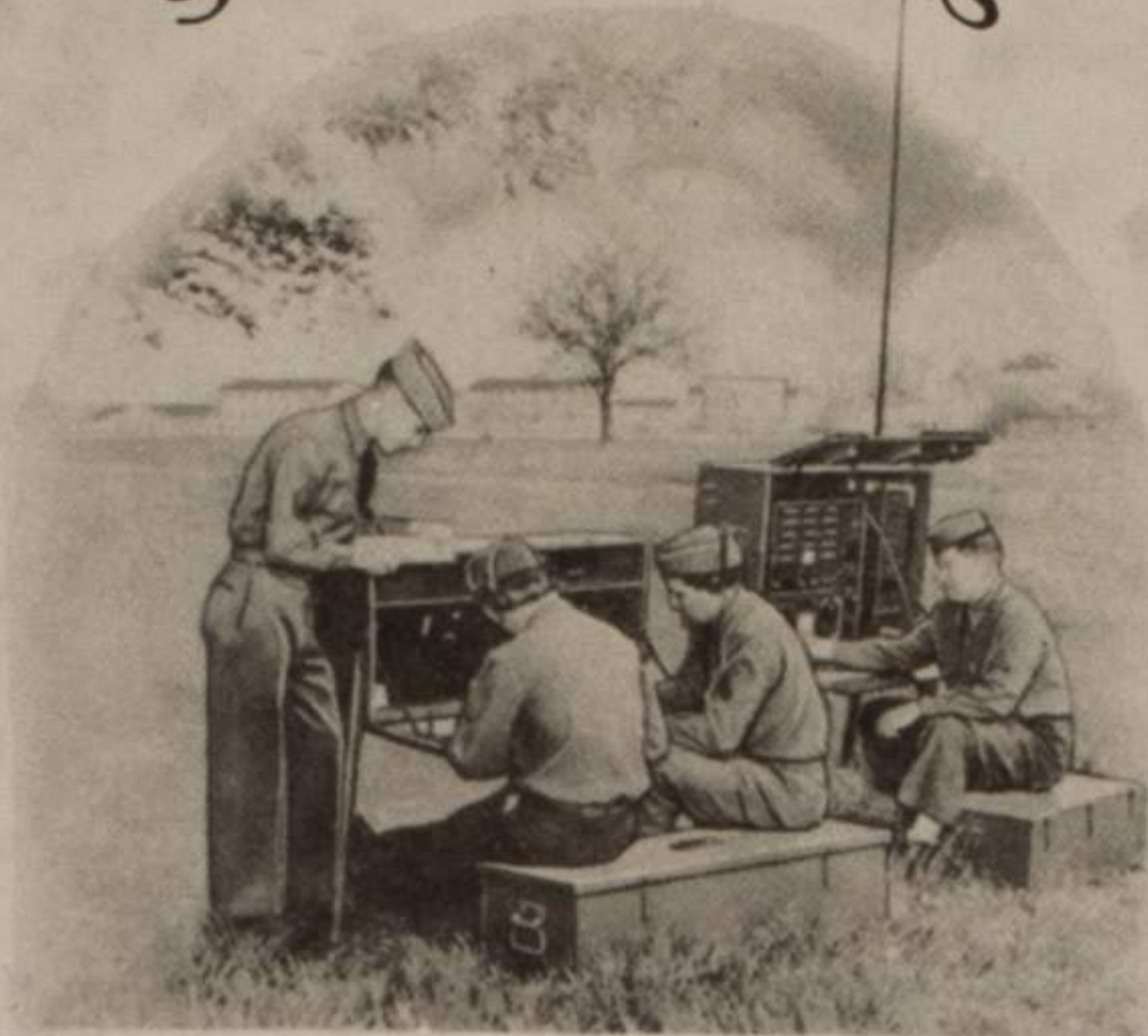
Dear W.C. and Dolph :

Again I take my hat off to the two men who always do just the right thing at the right time. Your letter was received and the inclosure was sincerely appreciated. Receiving your gift at this time makes me more than ever realize the true value of friendships and what they have always meant to me. This last year has probably meant a little more to me than to the run of men in uniform because it has given time to weigh the true assets of life and a greater sense of appreciation of the things that are good.

Thursday of this week is to be a big day in that it should forecast pretty definitely what the next year has in store for me. I am to have my profile screening which will definitely place me available for overseas shipment or classify me for permanent cadre assignment. Being in the best physical condition since high school days, my chances for seeing a bit of this world are very good.

Hope to have the chance of seeing you personally this weekend and thanking you in person but only time will tell; last week was my first miss in being with the family since April—that has been the best of

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CAMP CROWDER, MISSOURI

breaks. We know many who would have liked to trade any one of those opportunities.

Sincere greetings of the season to you and yours from one who values the privilege of knowing you and working for you.

Sincerely

Ernie

Law Offices of

Walton S. Kenyon and Elfrieda Kenyon
(DECEASED)

Jetmore, Kansas

December 11, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Simons:

In going through some of mamma's papers recently I found the enclosed letter to you, and it was in the envelope in which this is enclosed, addressed in her own hand. It was written about the time she became ill, and she died April 14, 1943. So you will see why it was not mailed. But I believe she thought she had mailed it, for she told me of writing to you at the time.

You already know of the regard and affection which mamma had for the Simons family, and I wanted you to have this further bit of her appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

Elfrieda Kenyon