

March 16, 1945

Col. Karl F. Baldwin, U.S. Military Attache
APO 924 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Dear Colonel Baldwin:

Your good letter of March 1st reached me a few days ago, I think being received in San Francisco on the 6th.

I enclose clipping regarding Lt. Col. A. H. Buhl, who leaves Lawrence tomorrow for the east coast after having been in Lawrence nearly three years. Dolph's and Marie's friendship for Commander and Mrs. Buhl has been quite comparable to that of Mrs. Simons and myself for you and Mrs. Baldwin. He is certainly a splendid gentleman, a member of a prominent and wealthy family in Detroit, who has been liberal in support of Red Cross and other drives, but otherwise makes no effort to show his wealth or position. They live in the Ellis home immediately across the street from Dolph and Marie.

Regarding Rotary, our membership is keeping full, but there have been numerous changes. You doubtless heard of the recent death of Van Bruner who had long been a member of the club and was well liked by all. He was the manager of the Lawrence Steam Laundry. We have good programs.

I think that Mrs. Aszman has quite thoroughly regained her health. I have seen her on a number of occasions and she looks well.

I think you may know that our grandson, Owen Maloney, has been missing since a mission on January 31st which took him to Moosbierbaum, located about twenty miles west and north of Vienna. He was navigator on the plane, and when last seen, his plane was lagging somewhat and at a lower altitude than the other planes, but still under its own power and apparently under control. Of course, anything may have happened after that, but they were so close to the Hungarian border that we are in great hopes that he landed in territory controlled by the Russians. He may be a prisoner of the Germans or the plane later may have been shot down, but we still have a great deal of hope that we shall hear from him.

I know the great shock it must have been to you when you learned of the sinking of the hospital ship. I think it wise and proper for you still to hope for the best. Some 600 as I understand were not destroyed and your boy might well have been one of them. I wonder if the Japanese leaders are now repenting of their desire to conquer the world. They have certainly lost many soldiers and civilians, more than 1,000 ships, and a vast amount of property. I shall be happy when the war ceases, but I am convinced that we should fight to a definite conclusion.

I sincerely hope that Mrs. Baldwin will be able to join you, and believe that the trip could now be made with a large degree of safety. While you are sixty years old, I think that it is in years only and perhaps in the wonderful well rounded experience that you have had.

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Mrs. Simons and I have been fortunate in enjoying good health, and when the war closes, we anticipate traveling a bit more, and should we visit the west coast, we should certainly make it a point to see you and Philena.

In our recent city primary, we renominated for mayor, C.B. Russell, who has already served three 2-year terms. I look for a reasonably active future for Lawrence following the war. We are planning to take care of our returning soldiers and hope to make Lawrence a better town in which to live, in which to rear a family, and in which to conduct successful business and industrial enterprises.

God bless you and keep you.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df
Enc.



On my
90th birth -
day anniversary -
Mary & J. D.

SEASON STUDIE
CONCORDIA, KANSAS

DON A. FREEMAN POSTER CO.

TREE-TOPS --- GULL LAKE
BRainerd, MINNESOTA



April 17, 1945

Dear Collie:-

You might know by this time it takes a lot to jar a letter out of me. Well to be truthful, you folks have us worried. You have not mentioned coming up this summer in any of your letters for months. We would miss having you up here for the summer and if there is anything we can do before you get here and while you are here, all you have to do is give us the word. I know the transportation isn't the best while here but you are certainly welcome to what we have in the way of a car. My car is running a lot better and my tires are pretty good. We probably can't do as much riding around as we would like to but both motors are in good shape so we could do a lot of fishing.

I intend ^astaying at home more this summer than ever before because there is so much to do and no one to do it but myself. I have one bunch of young chickens and expect to get several hundred more in a few days. I bought 200 day old chicks on the 27th of Feby. and have only lost three. They are all feathered out and will be ready for the pan the later part of May. We have about 70 or 80 laying hens but only about 35 are laying so we are culling them out. I sold 8 yesterday, weighing 42# and got 33cents a pound. I killed one of the capons yesterday and it weighed 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds, I got 45cents a pound for it. I will cut the old flock down to about forty so as to make room for the young ones.

The Iron mine did not do much last year and the prospects are not good this year. The mining company is changing their washing plant so as to treat the iron some new way, as their recovery will be so much more. My posting business is good for the summer and I am getting contracts for 1946 at the present time.

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While the posting business will be good for the balance of the summer the help propostion is terrible. As you know Jack never was a real good man, he is much poorer to-day. He does not get the work out on time and it is very poor posting. He has moved back to his place now so we are here alone. I am after a man, whom I will hear from in a day or so, that is well recomended. Grayce has no girl so we are without any help except Mrs. Jack does the washing and helps clean once in a while.

I have not made my payments to you and I do not want to go into this by letter, but if you come up I will explain every thing.

Now again as to your coming up, of course I do not know the conditions, but if you possibly can make it I know it will certainly be the best for all of you. I know Grayce feels you are the last one in the family and she can not see enough of you. She just waits for summer to come so you folks will be here. I still feel you are entitled to take time out to have a good time and get away from the grind of business. Gertrude is always better off in the hot weather when she is up in her cabin. Now think it over and write us as soon as you can that you are coming.

Oh yes, I think I am going to get you a different rate on your electricity, one that will cut out the service charge and not raise your rate. I will see the company again soon.

I will send you and Dolph each a capon in a couple of days as I promised for last Christmas. Seems I am a little late on everything. If you like them I will send you more.

Lets us hear from you as we will be anxiously waiting.

Love to all the family from us both,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'D. A. Freeman'.

April 30, 1945

Mrs. Harry Johnson
Dawson, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea:

Dr. C. B. Johnson, our physician and good friend, who has been living for many years in Eudora, was in to see us last night in regard to the purchase of your five-acre tract. He may not have in mind wanting to buy the whole tract, but he wants the most desirable part of it, and I doubt if you could afford to sell simply a building site which includes the trees where the old house was located. This would come right out of the middle of your frontage and would destroy the possibility of selling it for an estate.

He would be a very desirable neighbor, and if he would pay for the whole tract, I know of no one I should rather have as a neighbor.

In speaking to you before about selling off a portion of the front, you will recall that I priced each tract high enough so that you would get more than the \$5,000.00 for the frontage alone and still have the pasture, which, however, would have little value for the present. I believe I should price the whole tract to him at \$5,000.00, and you could tell him that to sell out the center portion would largely diminish the value of the other frontage. However, if he bought the whole tract, he doubtless could sell the vacant part, both north and south of him, for a substantial amount.

He is very much pleased with the lots, and I went up there with him last night and walked back a couple hundred feet. I found that you have at least two pear trees that are now loaded with little pears about the size of acorns. I presume they should be sprayed, but there is absolutely no way to get that work done, and we never have sprayed them and yet they produce well. Unless we should have a freeze or hail or something of that sort, you will have quite a crop of pears.

Lots of love,

Dad

WCS:df

In checking up today I find that I paid \$4,000⁰⁰ cash for the tract to Basil Green who I think paid \$5,500 for it, but he wrecked the house

April 30, 1945

Mr. W. T. McKeown, Treasurer
Cass County
Walker, Minnesota

Dear Mr. McKeown:

Find herewith check for \$27.42, payment in full for the tract 275 feet east and west and south to the south line of Lot 5.

Here's hoping that you have one of the finest tourist seasons for many years.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df
Enc.

April 30, 1945

Mr. George A. Flory
138 North Milton Avenue
Whittier, California

Dear George:

I was mighty glad to get your letter of April 26th, and while you say that you are not as young as you were forty years ago, any increase in years is not indicated by your handwriting which might be that of a youngster of twenty. I remember you well and during the years that have passed, I have occasionally told someone from California that I wanted to be remembered to you.

Roy Roberts, now the managing editor of the Kansas City Star, and the one who has presented President Truman in such a favorable light, is the identical Roy Roberts you knew here. He never worked for but two papers--The Journal-World and the Star. When we were paying him \$25.00 a week, a princely salary for that time, he went to the Star for \$22.50 in order to gain experience on a metropolitan paper. I consider him one of the brightest men Kansas has produced.

After being with the Star in Kansas City for a while, he was made Washington correspondent where I think he remained for ten years or more. With the reorganization of the Star following the death of Col. Nelson and his heirs including Kirkwood who married a daughter of Nelson, Roberts became identified with the ownership of the paper and has since rendered excellent service as its managing editor. I do not see him often, but I still hold him in high regard.

If you ever have occasion to visit the old home place in Douglas County, I shall be very glad to see you.

Cordially yours,

WCS:df

W. C. Simons

GEO. A. FLORY

RESIDENT AGENT
138 NORTH MILTON AVENUE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

April - 26 - 1945

Mr. Simmons
Editor Journal - World
Lawrence, Kansas
Dear Mr. Simmons:

This is the same George Flory
who was Co. Clerk of Douglas County
in the early part of this century
and during my years in office there
was a young reporter from the Lawrence
World who made the rounds of my office
by the name of Roy Roberts.

Is the Roy Roberts who is now
Managing Editor of the Kansas City Star
and said to be a personal friend of
President Truman the same man
referred to as the Cub reporter of the
World about ~~half~~ forty years
ago? I am not as young as I was then
but am ^{reasonably} in good health.

Thanking you for the requested
information, I am yours
afely,
Geo. A. Flory

Agricultural
Insurance Company
of Watertown, N.Y.



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432 CALIFORNIA ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.



Mr. W. C. Simons,
9^o Journal World,
City.

MRS. RALPH CASTEEL

736 Maine Street

Lawrence, Kansas

MRS. RALPH CASTEEL
736 Maine Street
Lawrence, Kansas

April 21, 1945

Dear Friends:-

Just a note, which I should have written long ago, to tell you how much it meant to me, your sending flowers, at the time of dad's death. I knew I thought the world of all of you folks but I never expected this, and I do appreciate it so very much.

Until I was 15 years old, and started to high school, I was always dad's boy, so consequently spent most of my time with him. He was always the one I went to with all my problems, even up to now.

I have always tried to be broad-

MRS. RALPH CASTEEL
736 Maine Street
Lawrence, Kansas

minded and understanding, but this is something I just can't seem to understand. I feel like dad will walk around the corner just any minute and at times I feel I can hear him calling me at the door.

We all want to thank you so very much for your kindness.

Sincerely
Mabel

April 28, 1945

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

Dear Grayce:

We just can't make any real plans for the summer although we have not given up the idea of being up there at least a part of the time. Should the war in Europe come to a sudden close and Owen be released from captivity, we should all look with greater interest upon the vacation season.

I know that the care of the chickens and garden ties you down a bit and means considerable hard work, but at the same time, I know how much pleasure you take in it all, and really if you went to town every day, you could not have the choice fresh fruit and vegetables that you have been getting from your own garden, and I know those fat chickens are mighty fine eating.

I want to have both you and Don get your affairs arranged so that you can have real enjoyment for your remaining years. I would chuck that idea of being buried on the place, and I should not give very much thought to death at all aside from trying to keep my affairs in reasonable shape. I think the less you dwell upon such matters, the healthier and happier you are. With the background of both families, you two ought to be out crappie fishing twenty-five years from now.

Have you seen Eddie Collins' baby? Eddie himself is nice looking and so is his wife and they should have a very pretty baby. The Lord only knows, he may be a governor of Minnesota, a member of the United States senate, a diplomat in foreign service, or the head of our armed forces. That is the beauty of our life in America.

God bless you both.

With love,

Your Brother

April 28, 1945

Miss Lillian Cowdy
3751 Aldrich Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Lillian:

The spring has been so spotted here that I feel it may be the same in Minneapolis. Our warmest weather was in March. April has been wet and most of the time cool.

We have made no definite plans in regard to Gull Lake this summer. Gertrude always likes to go because she enjoys it very much, and I hate to deny her the pleasure. Grayce and Don are very kind in offering us the use of their car, but it is hard for one car to serve a home, a business, and a couple of tourist cabins, although we got along very well last year. We think if we go at all, we shall try to engage a car for such time as we are there.

I can imagine your pretty white house surrounded by shrubs all in new leaf and perhaps some of them in blossom, and I hope that your health is such that you can really enjoy it all.

We are still anxiously awaiting news from our grandson who is a prisoner probably somewhere not very far from Vienna. The Allies are over-running so many of these camps that we are hopeful of hearing from him at any time.

I think of you often and hope that you are still carrying on with your somewhat-stoical tendency to take things as they come.

I wish we lived where I could see you more often.

Lovingly,

Your Cousin

WCS:df

April 28, 1945

Mrs. Kathryn Drought
1417 North Blackstone
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Kathryn:

It really looks as if the war in Europe were nearing a close. I think we may hear good news at any time, but we realize that possibly we shall have to dig the German rats out as we would a pack of coyotes. I think it might be nice to run bulldozers over the mountain hide-out of Hitler's and leave him to rot in his rock-hewn tunnels. If a more vicious character ever inhabited this earth, I do not recall who he was.

I hope that you will get good news from the boy and that he will get back to join his wife and baby. I wish it were possible for me to know you and your family better.

We are hoping every day to receive word that our grandson, Owen Maloney, has been released from captivity.

Give my love to the other members of your family.

Lovingly,

Your Cousin

WCS:df

April 28, 1945

Dr. J. Russel Wickey
Belleville, Illinois

Dear Russel:

I think of you every time I put on the socks you sent me for Christmas because they are the best socks I have. They are the Earl and Wilson brand, the firm that for many years made the finest linen collar to be found anywhere. If they are represented here, I don't know who has the line.

I hope you have reached the point where you can find a one-leg or a one-arm dentist who can do most of your work and give you a chance to relax a bit. I think you are entitled to take it a little easier than you have in the past.

We have been busy, rather short handed, but at times when it seems like it is almost impossible to get along without more help, we have been fortunate in getting additional workers.

Gertrude speaks so often of Grace's sweet baby. We were happy to have you and your family with us and hope you can come again.

With love,

Your Cousin

WCS:cf

April 28, 1945

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, KANSAS

Dear Janet:

We are always very glad to receive your letters, and I like the way you have of addressing them to both your mamma and to me so that I don't feel like a sneak in opening them.

If Mc finds that that lawnmower is really worth the money, you might find out if the chap could build one for us. We happen to have two small motors that were connected with our Nokol oil burner. I think perhaps the larger of them would be powerful enough to operate the machine. If the maker will tell Mc what power is required, I can easily ascertain the power of the motors we have. To me, your lawnmower looked rather fragile, and I am afraid the blades might be damaged if they came in contact with a little sapling or a heavy weed. Mc can tell me about that.

Give my love to Mary Beth and to Mike. Mike is going to have a birthday pretty soon, and maybe he might tip me off to an essential need. Mary Beth's birthday comes first, but I let Gertrude do most of the worrying about presents for the girls. Give them both my love and include Mc in the bunch.

Our housekeeper seems to be willing, is a fairly good cook, but so far it seems to take quite a little while for her to get things done. Maybe later she can handle the job more easily. She was all the forenoon practically in making a batch of two or three dozen cookies. That might be a week's work for me, but I imagine it wouldn't have taken you much over a half-hour.

We are still having a lot of water.

Hope you can come down soon and stay with us for a good visit.

Lots of love,

Dad

WGS:df

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company

Railway Exchange, 80 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, 4

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Chicago, April 21, 1945

Dear Collie,

I have your note of the 19th and am leaving tonight on #5 for Houston arriving there Monday morning. I expect to leave there Tuesday night if everything goes regularly which would put me into Lawrence on the night of the 25th, however, I shall wire you from Houston. I will have to leave Lawrence either on the streamliner or a bus as I have an appointment in Kansas City which must be kept and from there will return to Chicago arriving here on the morning of the 27th. 26th

We have had considerable water and the line was seriously effected but #5 went over yesterday for the first time in several days, the bridge having been repaired. We have had to detour not only over the Union Pacific but the Rock Island and Frisco Lines but we carried through very nicely considering all the trouble.

Love brother,

Chris.

April 28, 1945

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

Dear Blanche:

We are expecting every day to hear that Owen has been freed from captivity. All kinds of rumors are going over the battle fields in England in regard to unconditional surrender. More and more of the high ranking generals and officers of the Nazi party are being apprehended. It cannot last long and oh how glad we shall be when we hear good news from Owen.

I wish Pat would give me the lowdown on the business situation, about which I think I am informed at least in part.

I don't know when your mamma can come to you. I don't like to have her go alone, and I don't feel like being away very long.

Our housekeeper is a small woman and still somewhat lame from a leg broken some years ago.

Dolph and I drove out last night to where a highway bus had been wrecked just east of Kanwaka. A tire had blown out causing the bus to go into the ditch at the side of the road. It remained upright and doubtless could have been stopped without any damage had it not struck a culvert leading into a farmer's home. With a capacity of about 35, it had 54 passengers. Some 8 or 10 were injured and one young woman may have suffered a broken shoulder. That also made me feel that I should hate to have Gertrude make a bus trip alone because she would not be in very good shape in case of an accident.

Give my love to Eileen and Pat.

I will remember what a beautiful little youngster you were.

Lovingly,

Dad

WCS:df

April 28, 1945

Mrs. Harry Johnson
Dawson, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea:

Mrs. Edmonds called me last night, and apparently they are interested in buying all of the lot rather than a portion, but I believe the ground is worth \$5,000.00. There just isn't any more ground available in South Lawrence, and your lot is ideally located.

We are glad to hear from you, are interested in the boys and in Harry, and I am glad to know that he has been deferred again until July. I hope that before that time comes, the war in Germany will be at an end.

We sent you yesterday the coat that had been altered by Mrs. Wright. I presume she will send you the bill direct because she did not give it to me.

Come see us whenever you can and stay as long as possible.

With love,

Your Father

WGS:df

April 28, 1945

Mrs. Ralph Casteel
736 Maine Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Casteel:

We appreciated your good letter of April 21st. While we did not know your father well, we did know you and knew how much he meant to you. I know I have always been very fond of my daughters and I am sure he was fond of you.

I think it is all right for you to think about your dad that he might walk around the corner, because you can still have that intimate sort of relationship with him. Life is fleeting now and the time comes soon or late when we all have to listen to the call.

With very best wishes, we remain

Your friends,

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Simons

WCS;df

April 23, 1945

Mr. Chas. H. Moinville
908 Railway Exchange
Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Charlie:

Regarding the bill for printing your booklets, \$35.00 will cover the cost including postage. I would much rather not have you pay this bill, but inasmuch as I promised to let you know, I will. Julia used to be quite urgent in wanting to have me bill her for work, and I think finally had her work done in Chicago because I would not let her pay for it. She may have paid for some work, but I am sure she did not pay for all.

We have always had so many favors from you and have felt so at home in your house that we were glad to have an opportunity to serve you in some small way.

We have had more rain since you left which hinders us in getting anything done.

With love,

Your Brother

WCS:df

April 19, 1945

Mr. J. L. Frazier, Editor
The Inland Printer
309 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago 6, Illinois

My dear Frazier:

I was glad to receive your letter of March 20th, but very sorry indeed to know that your son was missing in action as of July 8th, 1944. I can understand how distraught you must be over not knowing where the boy is. The same is true in our case. Owen Maloney was captured with the entire crew of his bomber by the Germans on January 31st. The War Department has been advised that he is a prisoner of war, but we have had no direct word from him.

We have written thru the Red Cross hoping to reach him but have no assurance that we have done so. If he was captured not far from Vienna, he may have been in the concentration camp over-run yesterday in which some prisoners were released and others had been taken farther south by the Germans. Owen is a manly boy and rather discreet. While I know he would not kowtow to his captors, neither his looks nor manners would tend to aggravate them.

It is a frightful thing that the world is being subjected to at this time, and there is hardly a family to which grief of some kind has not come.

The eastern third and perhaps half of Kansas has been subjected to spring floods. Thanks to a substantial dike put in a year ago, and to some permanent work on the Union Pacific tracks, the water did not go out over Grant Township, but it did spread over lowlands in many places. The Wakarusa, a little stream to the south of Lawrence, was out of its banks for several days. Spring planting has been greatly delayed, and undoubtedly the oat and potato acreage will be largely curtailed. The state has thoroughly recovered from the dehydrating it had ten years ago and now is as full of water as a sponge.

Give my regards to Mrs. Frazier, and please let me know as soon as you hear from your boy, and I will let you know about Owen Maloney, who is the son of our daughter Blanche.

With pleasant memories and a deep regard, I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:df

W. C. Simons

April 19, 1945

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

Dear Charles:

We are hoping to have you drop in on us in the near future and will be glad to have you let us know what train to meet.

We have had no direct word from Owen Maloney. The way we are hammering the Germans, I fear it may be a dangerous time for prisoners of war.

I understand that the Stoughs are quite comfortably located, Gertie having their address.

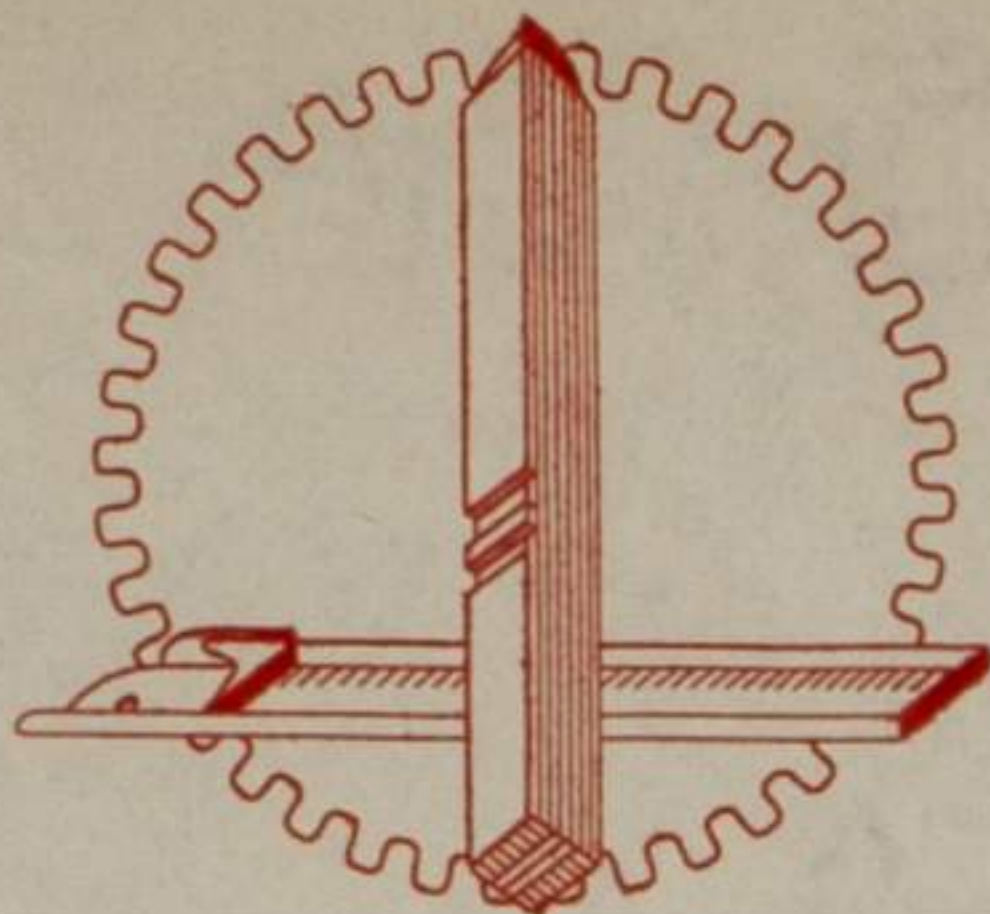
We have had lots of water as you are well aware. I presume the Santa Fe is using its own tracks today after having to depend upon Union Pacific tracks for several days.

Don't forget to let us know when you are coming.

With love,

Your Brother

WCS:df



The Inland Printer

J. L. Frazier, Editor: The Leading Business and Technical Journal of the World in the Printing and Allied Industries

309 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago 6, Illinois

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

Dear Mr. Simons:

I've been extremely busy recently--and there have been interrupting events to take time--or I would have replied to your letter of the second long before this. It has been often in my mind. I deeply appreciate your thinking to write me as you did.

I do have my hands full but have had better assistance the past year or two and some things have been taken off my shoulders.

One of these days I'm going to take a little time off and go over issues of three years ago. I'm of the opinion you're entirely right about the change.

You feel just as I do in the matter of time. It doesn't seem possible that I'm thirty-one years removed from the "Journal-World." I recall some things as if they were yesterday. I can see the old colored man who ran the paper on the drum cylinder coming upstairs, saying the old mill was broken down again but "I's doin' the best I kin." I can still feel my head whirling as I went into the only fainting spell in my life as a result of your probing a bit of steel that went through a finger nail while I was using a monkey wrench on the old press. Time surely flies.

It appears that Blanche's son must be a prisoner at the worst. I do hope you have had word he is interned in a neutral country.

We have been on the anxious seat now for almost a year. It seems ten. Early last August we had a telegram from the War Department to the effect our son was missing in action as of July 8th. For nine weeks we were very, very low. Then we had word he was a prisoner of the Germans. While being a prisoner, we knew, was no bed of roses, still we got a lift, feeling in time he'd come back to us. After a while we began to get letters and cards from him. The last word we've had was a card to his sister dated January 10th. Ten days after that the Russians overran the camp (Oflag 64) where he was held. The story is that the

Mr. W. C. Simons,

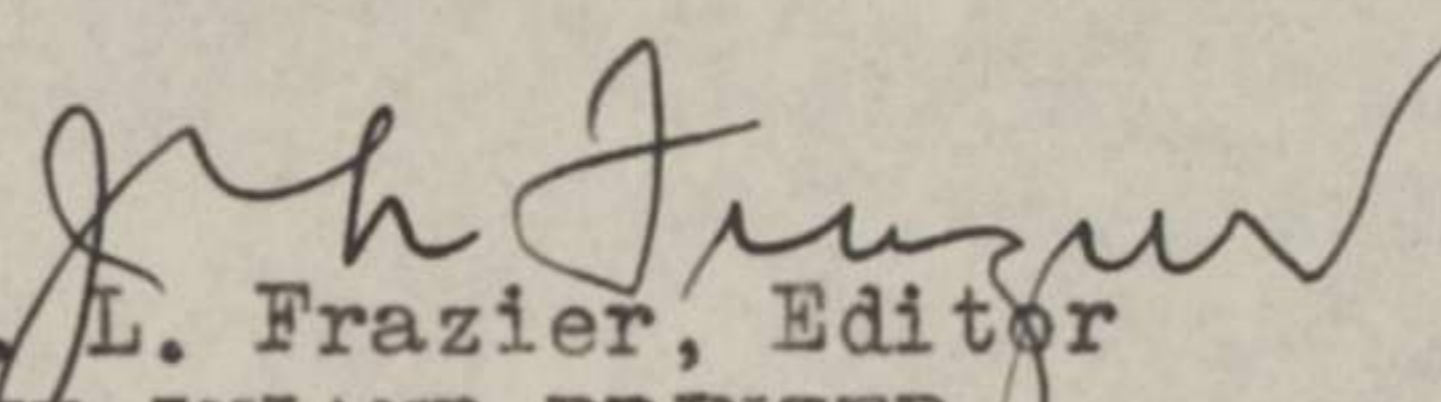
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Germans got some of the men there away before the Russians arrived, that the Russians liberated some. We're hoping and praying we'll get word he was among those liberated by the Russians.

Well, I hope if you get to Chicago you'll make it a point to see me.

Thanks again for thinking of me in such a nice way....and "hello" to everybody there.

Sincerely yours,


J. L. Frazier, Editor
THE INLAND PRINTER

March 20, 1945

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No. _____

F. J. STEINBERGER,
Asst. General Purchasing Agent

Chicago, March 17, 1945

Dear Collie,

I have your letter of the 5th and assume there is no news from Owen or you would have written me. I do go over the Lawrence Journal World very closely but sometimes I might miss an item.

I am enclosing herewith a check for \$25.00 for the Lawrence Memorial Hospital to take care of the telephone I had installed for Julia as I want them to continue having it.

I understand from correspondence last year that they have moved it out of the room into the hall as a convenience for the nurses but considering how they all worked hard during the time she was there I appreciate the opportunity of saving them some steps.

As you know the telephone company would not let me pay this direct so I am handling in this manner.

I am attaching a letter from Mr. Harry Thieme of the Egg Inspectors Union in regard to John's insurance and trust that it will come through soon. I wrote them requesting further information so that I could get them in writing.

Yours truly,

Lucy Brown

*Please let me have
bill or amount
of charge for my
Christmas cards,
Julia would want it
so.*

THE LAWRENCE, KANSAS, JOURNAL-WORLD

April 11, 1945

Mrs. Harry F. Johnson
Dawson, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea:

C Your tract of land is a choice piece of ground, and it is worth, in my judgment, every cent of \$5,000.00. Basil Green paid \$5,500.00 for it. This may be a good time to make a sale, and on the other hand, it might not be. There has been little fluxation in the value of this land for quite a number of years, but if you could sell it for \$5,000.00, and have a place to put the money, all right.

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April 11, 1945

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April 6, 1945

Geo. B. Peck, Inc.
Eleventh & Main Streets
Kansas City, Missouri

Gentlemen:

I have just taken from the post office a c.o.d. parcel addressed to Mrs. W. C. Simons.

For your information I will state that I am president of The World Company of Lawrence and have been identified for many years with the organization.

I believe that upon referring to your Dun & Bradstreet report, you will find that few, if any, institutions in Lawrence, Kansas, have a higher credit. The World Company and W. C. Simons have taken every cash discount for forty years, and it is very distasteful to have a package come thru c.o.d.

I shall be glad to have an answer to this letter.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

March 29, 1945

Miss Mabel Schendel
1608 Lake c/o Earnest Martin
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Mabel:

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April 2, 1945.

Dear Mr. Simons,

I am looking for a place where I can build a new home after the war and I was interested in the land joining J. Underwood on the south. I would need approximately one acre of ground to build the type of home we want.

Could you sell that acre of ground and what would you want for it?

I now have a nice home and grounds but I would like to build a larger home and have less ground to take care of.

I would appreciate your
letting me know about that land.

I have had several chances
to sell my present home but
do not want to do so unless
I can find a suitable site
for another home.

Thank you -

Yours very truly,
Norman S. Edmunds

April 3, 1945

Rev. C. W. Thomas
1124 Mississippi
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In glancing thru the Watchman-Examiner for March 29, I found a paragraph on page 294 complimentary to Bacone College.

This reminded me that it might be very much worthwhile if you would write a short sketch of our Baptist work at Haskell, giving a general idea of the number you have baptized thru the years, and mentioning several of the outstanding ministers like Rev. David (?) Owl and others.

I am trying to think of a rather brilliant student leader, who, I think, rode a pony in our 75th Anniversary parade in 1929.

I think you will find references in the Bible reflecting upon the wisdom of putting a candlestick under a bushel and recommending that your light be placed where it may be seen and be helpful to others. I presume you have a Bible.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

April 3, 1945

Mr. Norman S. Edmonds
621 East 15th
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Norman:

The five acres immediately south of the Underwoods was given by me a few years ago to my daughter, Dorothea, now Mrs. H. F. Johnson, Dawson, Nebraska, whom you probably knew when you were in school.

I doubt if they would want to sell a part of the tract, but they might sell it all--that I don't know. In any event, there would be no harm in your writing her.

We own all of the lots on the east side of Vermont Street from Underwood's south. They are beautiful lots, well drained, and with a fine view to the south. I should be pleased to make you a reasonable price on one or more of these lots. I have just declined to sell one of the lots to a party who wished to use it for gardening as I thought possibly it might detract from the value of the other lots as building sites.

While there is no alley back of these lots, the sewer is already in.

We should be glad to have you as neighbors.

Very truly yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

April 3, 1945

Mrs. Don A. Freeman
Rural Route 3--Gull Lake
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce:

I don't know whether or not I told you we took Gertrude to the hospital last Wednesday and brought her home yesterday which was Monday. She had had an attack of sciatica and we could not give her proper care at home and a nurse of any kind was unobtainable. She is feeling much better. Dr. Johnson thought that her attack was partially due at least to a lack of Vitamin B-1 in her diet and has prescribed accordingly. Gertrude sort of laughed at me last night when I told her she looked frail. It really described her appearance.

Hoping that everything is moving along nicely with you,
I remain

With love,

Your Brother

WGS:df

April 3, 1945

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

Dear Charlie:

Your flowers came in several days ago, but I have kept them at the house as a frost was predicted, and I would like to keep the plant blooming. However, I shall put it out at the cemetery very shortly.

We brought Gertrude back from the hospital yesterday. She had been there for 5 or 6 days on account of an attack of sciatica.

We shall be glad to have you visit us on your next trip.

With love

Your Brother

WCS:df

April 3, 1945

Mrs. H. F. Johnson
Dawson, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea:

Your letter came in this morning, and after having opened it here, I was glad to know that you had given permission for me to read it.

We brought your mamma home late yesterday afternoon and she seems to be feeling well. She looks rather run down and her hair needs servicing so badly that I advised her this morning to tie it up in a knot at the back of her head in the good old fashioned style, and received the answer that there was not enough to knot it.

I think I told you that the Laudons discovered the error, but said they would be glad to let the double payment apply on next year's use of the garden.

Your pear tree is in full bloom and unless killed by frost, you should have a good crop of pears.

Lots of love to you and yours,

From Dad

WCB:df

April 3, 1945

Mrs. L. A. McNealley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I will just drop you a line to let you know that we brought your mamma home late yesterday afternoon in an automobile and that she enjoyed her supper, her room, and her breakfast.

We shall watch her carefully, and I hope there will be no return of her trouble. Dr. Johnson felt that it was partially due to a deficiency in her diet and has prescribed accordingly.

We had a nice letter today from Mary Beth. Tell her that her grandad loves her.

We are very sorry about the Musgraves. In such a case, there is little room for hope.

Lots of love to you and
yours,

From Dad

WCS:df

April 3, 1945

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

Dear Blanche:

We found out yesterday that Mrs. Fovey Hanna Jr. is at Rosedale Hospital, Kansas City, Kansas, and we asked Ralph Ward to have either a tulip or a hydrangea delivered to her at a cost of \$5.00. It takes about that much to get anything that is really good.

You will be glad to know that we brought your mamma home yesterday afternoon and brought her in Dolph's automobile. She spent a nice night and was feeling well this morning. The hospital fare, although good, is not as satisfactory as eating at home, and I think she enjoyed both her dinner last night and her breakfast this morning. Dr. Johnson is being very careful of her and has advised her that she was not getting enough Vitamin B-1 in her diet. He is therefore giving her some vitamin pills and has prescribed a tonic which I have threatened to drink because it looks like a bottle of port wine; however, so far I haven't even sniffed it.

I think Pat is probably one of my most incorrigible children, and while I know it is a good thing for him to get out, I am not so sure whether playing a game of golf would have been prescribed by his doctor or not. I am glad, however, that he is better. I feel that it would be a whole lot better though for him to discipline himself a bit in regard to what he does and what he eats rather than to be subjected now and then to these rather serious spells of sickness.

I had a nice letter from Eileen this morning which I shall take home to Gertrude at noon. Also had a nice letter from her cousin, Mary Beth. They are both fine girls.

The temperature this morning was 44, the coldest it had been all night and in fact the coldest for quite a spell. It is cloudy today and we are fearful that a frost might come tonight which would certainly be very hard on fruit and on gardens. It has been so wet that customary spring planting has been greatly delayed, and now if we have a frost, the chances for gardens and farm crops will not improve.

I know your mamma will write you frequently and will plan our trips.

Love to you and yours,

Dad

March 28, 1945

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

Dear Charles:

The check for \$300.00 from John's Union has been received and deposited. Please ascertain, if you can without too much trouble, when the payment on his insurance will be completed. He was of the opinion that he was insured for \$600.00. If there is any more coming, I think that Gertrude is entitled to it, but if not, we shall not worry about it.

We have recently heard that Owen is a prisoner of war, presumably in southern Germany. All his folks have so far is the report from the War Department to that effect. The wire stated that a letter would follow, but this letter has not yet been received. Of course, we are all thankful that he is alive and sincerely trust that he will be returned to us in the near future. If supplies can keep pace with our galloping armies, the war in Germany may be over in the near future.

We have been having real spring weather. The spirea in front of our home is in blossom, jonquils have been in bloom for a week, and the Redbuds are out and nearly in full bloom. It has been so wet, however, that farm work has been greatly delayed. Very few oats or potatoes have been planted and practically no spring plowing has been done.

Gertrude is now having an attack of sciatica, and we took her to the hospital late yesterday afternoon. How long she will have to remain, I presume no one can tell at this time, but we are in hopes that the doctor will soon get the best of it.

A little later so as to be safe from frost, I think we had better again plant geraniums on Julia's grave, because they bloomed so splendidly there last year. Last Monday was her birthday.

Lovingly,

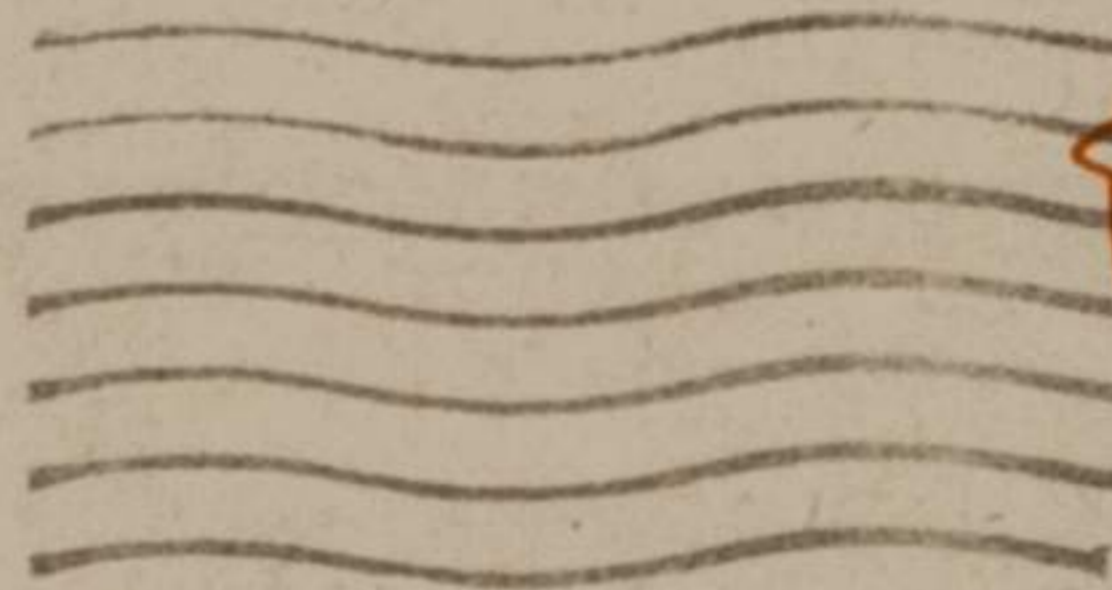
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Col. Karl F. Bolderman
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AMERICAN LEGATION
OFFICE OF MILITARY ATTACHÉ
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

1 March, 1945

Mr. W. C. Simons;
Journal-World,
LAWRENCE, Kansas.

Dear friend Simons:

I appreciate very much your kindly and newsy letter of December 13th. Like all other messages from you, it was a very cheerful one and pleased me so much. I was also delighted with your Christmas greetings showing Gertrude and you beside the family fireside. Gertrude is thinner but she looks very well to me and I could see little change, if any, in your appearance.

My friends were very good to me in sending me Christmas cards and greetings. I felt almost like I was back home. The kindness was unusual because Mrs. Baldwin told me that she had received nearly 200 cards at that time.

I enjoyed the Rotary Christmas list, which contained all your names and I will treasure this and keep it for my den when I settle down after a while. I keep my interest in Rotary here. Yesterday we entertained an Indian Trade Mission which is visiting Australia.

I am glad to hear that K.U. at last defeated Nebraska in football. We were a great many years waiting for that victory, and I am happy to know we have set up well in basketball as well. One expects considerable uncertainty in war time.

Someone sent me quite an account which you had in your paper about Sergeant Kollender and his new work. I was anxious to get him out here, but I think the War Department has so many men available who are up on the present war situation that its almost impossible to get a new man in. I know he will do well in his present position.

I was sorry to hear about Mrs. Aszman and her ill-health. I received a nice letter from Ted just a day or two ago and I am glad to know that Jean is better.

We are very sorry that we are losing the American Minister, Mr. Johnson, soon. He is going home on leave and I doubt if he will return to Australia, but he may be of use in Washington. He is perhaps our best authority on China. We have hopes, perhaps thin hopes, that we may make a trip to Manila during March. I would like very much to get up to Corregidor where there are the remnants of batteries which I mounted in 1912 and one of these

in particular gave excellent work against the Japanese.

The latest on my son is that he left Manila by Japanese boat for Japan on December 13th. I notice a report from Washington that a transport containing 1,600 of our boys was sunk by air attack off Northern Luzon on December 15th and that only half of the boys were able to get ashore. I am, of course, very deeply worried, because the chances are that this was my son's ship. He lost his two best army friends in a previous sinking by our submarines in a transport carrying prisoners of war which was sunk off Mindanao last September. We can hope and pray of course. At last reports he was physically and mentally excellent and his morale superior.

I have taken up the question of Mrs. Baldwin coming to Australia and am waiting action by the War Department on this. I hope she can come for it she doesn't I shall be inclined to come home myself in the next year.

I am 60 years old on the 12th and will be retired on the 31st for age. I have been advised that orders are already out placing me on active duty the next day and I am to remain on here as Military Attache, which is an excellent position, I think.

I had a little round at the hospital with a bursitis in my right shoulder. I will ask you the same question that I asked the head of the Australian Women's Air Force last evening. When I was 41, 18 years ago, this shoulder had an attack of bursitis and it took me six weeks to get out of the Walter-Reid hospital. This time I went to the Heidelberg, an Australian hospital here, and I was out for good in 25 days. The question is, am I getting younger? The lady advised me in reply, that I was getting more intelligent, which is the correct answer. Previously I wouldn't go to a hospital until compelled, this time I went at once when I realized what was coming. Except for this my physical condition is excellent and I feel quite young indeed.

I hope we are going to have you visit us in California after I have settled there. I'm not absolutely sure that we will stay there. I think we will, but I am likely to be a bit restless for the first little while and perhaps hard to suit. I always did like Lawrence immensely.

Give my very best wishes to Gertrude and all my friends.

We are doing wonderful work in the Philippine Islands and I am extremely proud of our people, the part that they carried on.

Yours faithfully,

Col. Baldwin

Chicago March 13th 1945

Dear Collie:

My nephew, Dick Colton, 19 years old, was in today and we went over to the passport bureau. He has joined up with the American Foreign Service and is destined for India in the Hospital, Ambulance Corps. Will leave within the next 30 days.

Mary Jule is in Albertville, Alabama with Mrs. Brady and Charles is in Miami and will look for a place for them to live. It may be April or May before he gets located and I asked her to come home and told her I would send her back when he sent for her.

I just called the bank and they told me that they had taken in about \$30,000.00 of the bonds. Keating family had \$11,500.00 and Jordon \$3,000.00 so one of them has come in. They *are* the two that fought me throughout, and it is possible they may think they have had a good investment and want to hang on to it and if so, I have the interest for a year deposited as we cannot force them to give up the bonds until the termination, 3/13-46 Hope they choke or fall and break a leg.

No other news, except I noticed that Narka Marie broke into print in the society column. Julia and I always looked it over to see the family news, but it is scarce as I very seldom see the names mentioned.

Working as usual, but will relax on the Panama Limited Sunday the 25th. Next day would have been Julia's birthday

Love Bro. Chas.

March 16, 1945

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

My dear Charlie:

I have your letter of March 13th, and I am glad to know that everything is moving along satisfactorily with the apartment building. You have certainly struggled hard and undoubtedly with success.

We have not heard anything further in regard to Owen, but have been assured that the plane was under control when last seen.

I hope that Mary Jule and Charles will find a place to stay in Miami. She told me she was planning to visit Mrs. Brady in Alabama.

A week from Monday will be Julia's birthday and I think many, many times of what a wonderful sister she was.

Lovingly,

Your Brother

WCS:df

March 16, 1945

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

Dear Grayce and Don:

I have thought of you many times before and since your birthday, but as it is almost impossible to buy anything worthwhile now no matter what you pay for it, instead I am going to send you a small check which you can put away to use when merchandise is more available.

Gertrude and I drove out to Minneapolis last Monday, and on the following day Janet accompanied us to Concordia. I spent the afternoon with the Board of Directors of Sunset Home, while the women, true to form, put in the time visiting the shops where Janet was able to buy a wedding present that she had been unable to find either in Minneapolis or Salina. We spent the next day with them and returned yesterday.

Eula, our excellent girl, remained at home and had one of her Dunkard girl friends spend the evenings with her. I think they had a very nice time.

The last we have heard about Owen is that his plane was last seen near Moosbierbaum, Austria, which is about twenty miles west and north of Vienna. The plane at that time was lagging behind the others in flight and somewhat below them and was then lost from sight by clouds or mist. As the plane was seemingly under control and being a short way from Hungary, now in the hands of the Russians, we have a great deal of hope that the plane landed safely in friendly territory. Of course, it may be that it was forced to land in unfriendly territory, in which case Owen would be a prisoner of war.

The last few days have been warm with rains until lawns are green and almost ready for the lawnmower. The ground has been a little too wet for gardening, but the work will be pushed with a rush from now on.

Lots of love to you and Don,

Your Brother

WCS:df
Enc.

March 16, 1945

Mrs. Harry Johnson
Dawson, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea:

A few days ago the Laudons were so anxious to get the lot again, they called me up and sent me down \$10.00 for the rent. I am not sure we charged \$10.00 for the small tract last year, but they seemed to think that was right and paid me the money, so I am sending you a check herewith for same.

We had a very pleasant visit with Janet and family. I understand that Mary Beth is giving very serious consideration to attending Monticello. Her dad mildly favors a Catholic school, but I think Janet is right in saying that Mary Beth does not need to go where she would be repressed, but rather to a place where she would expand and become less self conscious. I think she is a darling girl, and I am very fond of her.

We had so much alcohol in the Ford car that it heated up on us and caused us a little trouble, but we finally got it adjusted so that it did not mar the pleasure of our trip to amount to anything.

Give my love to Bus and to the boys.

Lovingly,

Dad

WCS:df
Enc.

March 16, 1945

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

Dear Blanche:

I mailed you a letter today from your mamma, but wanted to drop you a line too, because I am greatly interested in keeping in close touch with you.

When I was in Parsons Jewelry Store the other day, Mrs. Evans said that in a letter from Clement (Boots), he had asked her to send his regards and sympathy to you. He said he did not want to wait to try to get your address and write you personally.

We are still hopeful that we shall hear from the boy. I think that I told you in my last letter that C. C. Stewart said that about nine out of ten of the members of the Air Force reported missing have been returned to our lines.

I love you a lot, think of you often, and hope that Pat is on his way to recovery. Give my love to him and to Eileen.

Lovingly,

Dad

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March 9, 1945

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

Dear Blanche and Pat:

Being unable to locate Moosbierbaum here at our office or at the University, Dolph called Dan Anthony at Leavenworth, who found thru the War Department there, that this town is located about 20 miles west and a little north of Vienna. It is 10 miles south of the Danube River. This location is 125 to 150 miles from Budapest which is in Russian hands. It is therefore possible that if the plane could have been kept aloft, a flight of an hour or less would have taken it to territory in Russian hands. If the ship had to land, it would make the crew prisoners of the Germans.

In any event no one has described the plane as having been badly damaged so it may have continued its flight or at least may have landed in comparative security. This location makes it improbable to think of the ship having made Switzerland. It will continue our uncertainty for some time, but I have been informed that of those reported as missing, 90 percent finally are recovered.

I shall suggest to Dolph that he call upon the Red Cross to see if it can get any word in regard to this plane. You might make the same effort thru your local Red Cross.

We hope and pray that he is safe and still feel that the chances are in his favor.

Lots of love to you both,

Your Father

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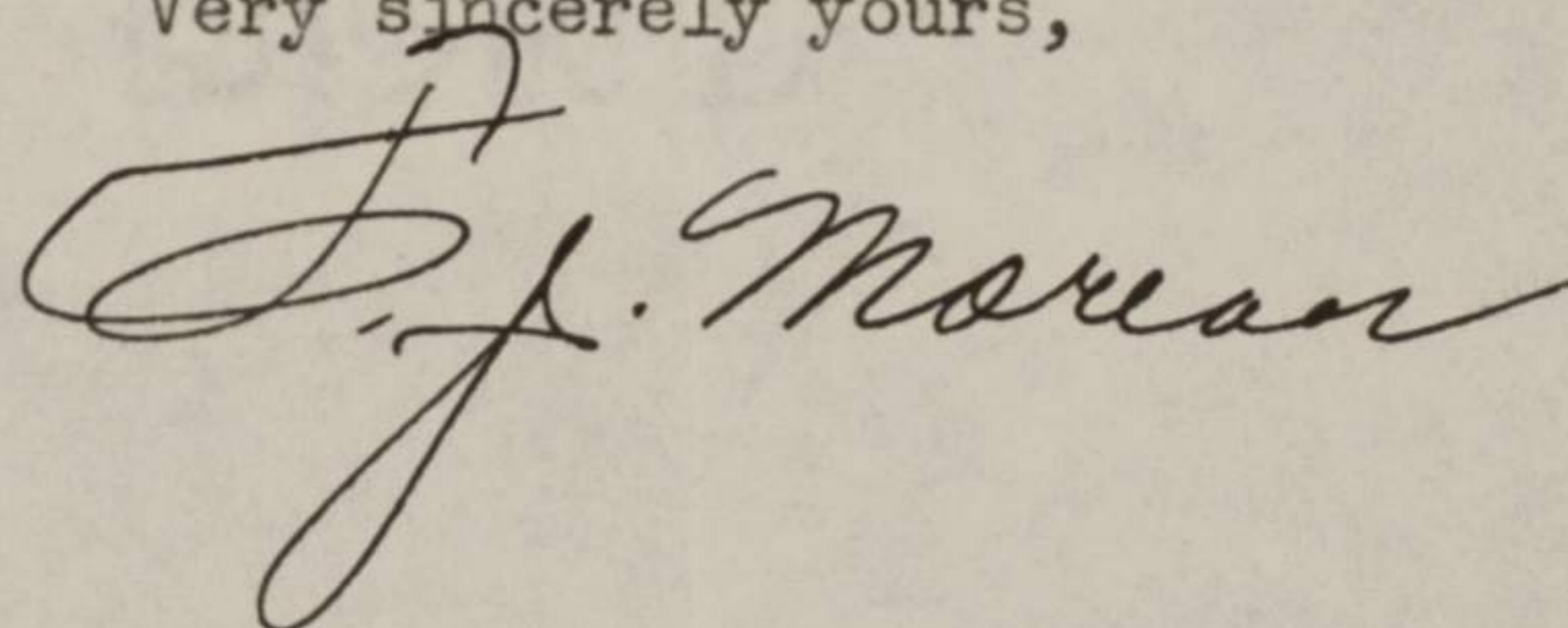
March 6, 1945,

Mr. W. C. Simons,
2500 Vermont St.,
Lawrence, Kans.

My dear W. C.:

Your note concerning the Saturday Night Club proves again that we can always depend upon you to do the noble and magnanimous thing. There is merit to the idea but I think I shall reserve to myself the pleasure of calling the group some Saturday when I feel that everyone is likely to be free.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "F. J. Moran". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

FJM:MD

March 5, 1945

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

Dear Charlie:

I am mighty glad to know that you have been able to refinance the Luella account, and I hope it will work out in fine shape for you. It has been a long, hard drag.

We received a letter this morning from Mary Jule, and in answering it, I told her that you had completed the re-financing of the building.

I don't know of anything special to tell you. The second of this month was the second anniversary of the death of Etoile.

Dorothea and her youngest boy, Charles, were with us for a few days last week, and her husband and older boy, Lance, were here Saturday night and for dinner Sunday. We enjoyed having them very much.

Blanche telephoned us last night that she had received a copy of a letter from a man in the same squadron with Owen, who used the expression, "perhaps it was a blessing in disguise", which may indicate that Owen was interned in Switzerland. If he landed there, he would be interned for the duration. Blanche feels very much encouraged over the news, but has heard nothing direct.

Come and see us when you can.

With love and best wishes,

Your Brother

WCS:df

March 5, 1945

Mrs. Chas. B. Stough Jr.
3530 St. John's
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mary Jule:

Was glad to get your letter and was interested in hearing about the success of the Kuersteiners. I always felt that Kuersteiner was an outstanding man in his profession and a mighty nice gentleman to know.

I doubt if the Simons in the old cemetery at St. Augustine was any direct relative of mine--quite likely was a collateral relative and if we would go back several hundred or a thousand years, we might find common ancestors. The name Simons is quite a common one and in the Scandinavian countries it is equivalent to Sigmund or Sigismund.

We had a telephone call last night from Blanche which is very encouraging. It seems that round-about information has reached them bringing to them a copy of a letter from another one of the squadron who used the expression that "it may be a blessing in disguise". To me it indicates that he may have landed in Switzerland where he would be interned for the duration and would therefore be out of the war. I feel certain that that would not be to his liking because I think that all of these young men in the service want to give everything in their power for the winning of the war. The writer of the letter mentioned that he could say very little because the letter would be censored. No direct word has been received from Owen, and I have no idea how soon word might be expected from one who had been interned. Anyhow it gives us further hope that he is safe.

I hope that Charles will be able to find residential quarters for you in Miami. I don't know that he could do you any good, but John Montgomery, publisher of the Daily Sun Tropics, is a very good friend of Dolph's, and I am sure he would be glad to aid you in getting an apartment if it were possible for him to do so.

We are still having nasty weather. Yesterday, I think, was the best Sunday we have had perhaps in three months, but not entirely bright and clear. Last night it rained, and today we are confronted with the promise of snow with perhaps zero weather.

Mrs. Chas. B. Stough Jr.

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March 5, 1945

I had a letter today from C. H. Hoinville indicating that he had been successful in his refinancing of the Luella property. It seems that the indebtedness will now be carried as a mortgage, and the bond holders are to be paid off. I am very happy if he has made a satisfactory settlement because it must have been quite a source of worry to him.

You have our love and best wishes, and we are always glad to hear from you. It is hard to sense the fact that Vera is now eight years old.

Love to all,

Your Uncle

WCS:df

March 3, 1945

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

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of an order sent to you
by Mr. W. C. Simons almost three months ago.

Since Mr. Simons has had no acknowledge-
ment of this order, he is wondering if it came
to your attention.

Your reply will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to W. C. Simons

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