

April 27, 1946

Mr. Louis Bromfield,
Malabar Farm,
Lucas, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Bromfield:

Some time ago you had an article, I think, in the Rotarian, concerning an abandoned farm, originally owned by Ezra Mason. It so happens that my great grandfather was Ezra Mason, for whom my father was given his middle name, Adolphus Ezra Simons. My father died when I was six years old, so I do not know where the Mason family lived after it migrated west from Massachusetts.

I should be much pleased if you can tell me where this abandoned and badly eroded farm is located.

I wrote you following the publication of the article, sending letters to two addresses, but received no reply, and probably the letters were not received, or either overlooked by your secretary. Please find enclosed stamped self-addressed envelope for reply.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:jm

April 25, 1946

Lt. Col. Neal M. Wherry,
1819 G St. N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Colonel and Friend:

I appreciated very much your letter of the 8th. I am always glad to hear from you and of the activities of yourself and family.

We had hoped that you would come back to us as superintendent of our schools, and perhaps that will come in the future. I think things only partially ironed out in our schools here, but I trust that the coming year's work will be more satisfactory than that of the present.

With every good wish, I remain,

Cordially yours,

WCS:jm

April 25, 1946

Mr. Bert H. Dale,
911 Alabama,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Bert:

I appreciated the card you sent me very much indeed, and the scriptural quotation was timely.

I think maybe we have to get swatted once in awhile ourselves in order to fully sympathize with the infirmity of others. Fortunately, I responded very quickly to the treatment given me by the Mayos. They seemed to put their finger on the right spot and I was dismissed from the hospital in four days, well on the way to recovery.

It was mighty nice of you to remember me.

Cordially yours,

WCS:jm

April 25, 1946

Mr. Brown Smith,
916 Massachusetts,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Smith:

Thank you a lot for your good letter of April 4 received while I was in Rochester, Minnesota. I was happy to find that there was no serious derangement of any vital organ, and that my dermatitis was attributed to overworked nerves. I am coming back good and strong.

Thank you very much for your letter and for your friendship.

Cordially yours,

WCS:jm

April 25, 1946

Mr. A. D. Weaver,
737 Indiana,
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear A. D.:

I was greatly cheered by the good letter I received from you while at the Worrall Hospital. It was an interesting and cheerful letter, and did me a world of good.

Apparently, there was nothing fundamentally wrong with me - all vital organs are functioning properly and my dermatitis was caused, according to the Mayo's, by over-worked nerves. They put me to bed and said it might take two weeks to break the cycle, but I made such rapid improvement that they dismissed me from the hospital after four day's treatment. I am coming along fine, and getting stronger every day.

Thank you a lot for your good letter.

Cordially yours,

WC:Sjm

April 25, 1946

Dr. George W. Wise,
Executive Secretary,
Kansas Baptist Convention,
310 Crawford Building,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Wise:

I greatly appreciated the letter I received from you while at Rochester, Minnesota. My trouble crept upon me in such a way that I didn't realize how serious it was until it pretty nearly swamped me. After giving me a thoro examination that one gets at the Mayo's, they said that all of my organs were functioning properly and that the cause of my dermatitis was undoubtedly the effect of too much nervous strain. After they recognized what it was, it took only a few days to start me on the way to recovery, and I am coming along fine. I have always been busy. I started to school when I was four, and I assumed a lot of responsibility as a young boy, and I have always been busy as a man, both with my own business and with public affairs, but I had no idea it was giving me a swat in such a way as to make me ease up a bit.

I think our church is getting along nicely. It was packed for the Easter service and about twenty young folk were baptised. I think our committee is quite pleased with what they have learned of Reverend Mr. Miller, and I think have tendered him an invitation to make us a visit. We have a good church and I hope that we shall be able to secure the right leader.

I was interested yesterday in learning that a son of Elmer Kirkpatrick has opened a sports goods store, almost across the street from us and is doing quite well. I had a nice little visit with him yesterday.

With very best wishes to you, I remain, as ever,

Your friend

April 25, 1946

Mr. H. B. Hungerford,
1503 Crescent Road,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Herb:

Your cheerful greeting card and letter was received while I was at Mayo's and I want you to know that I appreciate it very much.

It is queer how quickly one can have the "props" knocked from under him. There was but one other time in my life that I was hospitalized, and that for six days. It is remarkable what the hospitals can do for a man now days.

Please give my regards to all the members of your family.

Cordially yours,

WCS:jm

April 16, 1946

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

Dear Grace:

We returned home on the 10th and today I have felt the best I have in three months. The skin trouble was practically conquered while in Rochester, and now I am using skin cream like a dainty lady; as a matter of fact, one of the doctors at Rochester, said I had a "sissy" skin.

I hope that both you and Don are feeling first-rate and that you have someone to help you.

Give my best regards to Mr. and Mrs. "Paing".

We shall be very happy to see you again.

Love,

WCS:jm

April 16, 1946

Mrs. Kathryne Drought,
1417 North Blackstone,
Jackson, Michigan.

Dear Cousin:

I haven't written you for some time.

I am now almost fully recovered from a Dermatitis that bothered me for about four months, and Gertrude underwent a major operation on January 31, from which she has apparently made beautiful recovery. As a precautionary measure, she is now taking a course of x-ray treatments at Bell Memorial Hospital, Kansas City, Kansas. We drive down in the morning and return about noon.

I hope that you and yours are well, and I presume that you are having an early spring there, as we are here. I noticed grain crops this morning which must have been well over a foot tall. This country looks beautiful, with practically every foot of ground under cultivation.

I presume that Willard is now back, and I know you are happy to have him and that his wife and children are also delighted to see him. Give him my love.

Lovingly,

Your cousin

WCS:jm

April 16, 1946

Miss Louise Towne,
1147 Ohio,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Miss Towne:

I wish to thank you and the Flower Committee
for the lovely hydrangea sent to my home.

While I have had a tough experience, I am
happy to say that I feel the best today that I
have in three months, and I hope that I shall soon
feel my normal self.

Mrs. Simons has recovered perfectly from
her operation of January 31, but is now going to
Kansas City each morning five days in the week
for x-ray treatments, purely from a precautionary
standpoint.

I have always thought that your committee
was one of the most efficient organizations in
the First Baptist Church, and I shall be glad to
have you express my thanks to the members.

With very best wishes, I remain,

As ever,

Your friend

WCS:jm

April 16, 1946

Miss Lillian Cowdy,
3751 Aldrich Avenue S.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Lillian:

Gertrude and I spent two weeks at Mayo's, returning home on the 10th. I had a bad case of Dermatitis, which the doctors attributed to over-taxed nerves. I am very happy that their treatment was so successful, and today I have felt the best that I have in three months. We went up and returned by air. I didn't write because I felt rather weak and trembly.

We look forward to going to Gull Lake, and will see you when we do.

As I think I told you previously, Gertrude had a major operation on the 31st of January, from which she has made a remarkably complete recovery. However, as a precautionary measure, she is now undergoing x-ray treatments, which will continue throughout the next three weeks.

I hope that spring has now arrived in Minnesota, as we found things pretty well advanced in Rochester.

Your loving brother cousin,

WCS:jm

April 16, 1946

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

Dear Dorothea:

Your mamma has now taken two x-ray treatments, one yesterday and one today at Bell Memorial, Kansas City, Kansas, under the direction of Dr. Tice. She has had no unpleasant reactions whatever. They recommend that she take a total of twenty treatments, not more than five in any one week. This is purely as a precautionary matter. Personally, I have felt better today than I have at any time for the last three months, or longer.

We are glad to know that Dolph is improving, and we are getting homesick to see all three of your boys. Hope you will soon be settled in your new home. I still believe your advertising in the Lincoln and Omaha papers may find you a buyer. People are almost desperate for homes.

While we had a slight frost in spots a few days ago, no damage has been reported.

Lots of love,

Dad

WCS:jm

April 16, 1946

Mrs. L. A. McNealley,
Minneapolis, Kansas.

Dear Janet:

Your mamma took her first x-ray treatment yesterday, and a second today, and there was no unfavorable reaction whatever. The doctors recommend that she take twenty treatments, taking not more than five in any one week. She felt so good this afternoon that she went out to her bridge group.

We are mighty glad that you are so much better. Personally, I have felt better today than I have at any time for the last three months, or longer. I am still avoiding the use of soap, and I am depending upon the creme lotion.

I am sorry that we missed seeing Mary Beth. I hope that Dr. Denne will be able to clear up her complexion.

Love to all the family,

WCS:jm

April 16, 1946

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

Dear Blanche:

Your mamma started her x-ray treatments yesterday. Dolph drove us both down to show us the easiest approach to the hospital, and this morning I took her down. No unpleasant reactions whatever from the treatments. The doctors reiterate that they doubt that it is necessary, but advise it as a precautionary matter. Gertrude is out to her card club this afternoon.

The treatment I received at Mayo's has proven very satisfactory, and I was very happy today to find myself feeling the best that I have for at least three months.

Marilyn dropped in for a little visit with us Sunday, and Owen is getting along nicely. We shall be glad to see you, both here and in your home, but we cannot hope to be in Tulsa within a month, as your mamma will require eighteen more treatments with a limit of five a week.

Everything is moving along nicely with Dorothea. Dolph has improved a lot and they are getting their new home in readiness in Wymore. A letter from Janet indicates that her skin trouble is very much better, for which we are happy.

Give our love to Pat.

Lovingly,

Dad

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S DANGEROUS FOR S GENERATION

U.S. Diplomat's View Of Japan

The main reason for the Japanese mis-treatment of Allied prisoners of war was their desire to humiliate the white races to the greatest possible degree, said Col. Karl F. Baldwin, US military attache to the American Legation at Canberra, in an address at the reception by the English Speaking Union, which was attended by His Excellency the Governor (Sir Willoughby Norrie), in the Adelaide Town Hall last night.

Col. Baldwin was US Military Attache in Tokio for six years.

"We must realise that there are good Japanese as well as bad—they are not all inhuman," he said. "We have proved that we can make a good American citizen in one generation of the children of parents born in Japan."

He felt a pride in these Japanese-American citizens, of whom about 17,000 had contributed no small part to the defeat of Japan. Many of their parents had gone to internment camps, but had told their sons to be loyal to America, where they were born. For people born to think in the Oriental way, it was no small achievement to have accustomed themselves to thinking the way westerners did.

Australians and Americans admired honesty, truth and love, but the Japanese way of life called first for loyalty to family, country and the Emperor. Many ghastly crimes could be committed in the name of loyalty. *They will not*

"We shall live down the very dangerous feeling of revenge in less than a generation," he said, "for it begins right back in their school primers which makes heroes of men who kill for most trivial reasons. This feeling goes very deep among the average military men."

The barbarities and atrocities which had been inflicted on our own men had been practised on Chinese and Koreans for 30 years. Hundreds of incidents were reported to London and Washington, but Britain and America had been too blind to take note.

Faith In Gen. MacArthur

He believed that many of the Japanese still had the idea that their army had not been defeated in this war, for there was a large army in Japan which had not fought, and therefore had not been beaten.

The air bombardment had knocked Japan flat, and production was almost stopped, but a very aggressive propaganda campaign had told the Japanese that although they were going to lose the fight, they could get out—by unconditional surrender.

With excellent men like Gen. MacArthur in control, the problems would be solved. An education policy would have to be launched, but we would get help from the Japanese themselves. A Japanese POW had told him that he would do anything to smash the military clique. Probably it would be necessary to change the Constitution through the Emperor. Acceptance of the Emperor with his status had caused much criticism, but by doing so half a million Allied lives had been saved.

In introducing the speaker, the president of the ESU (Sir Mellis Napier) said that we must not allow ourselves to confuse two questions—first, the punishment of Japanese guilty of war crimes, and secondly, the course of treatment to purge Japan of the power and will to do evil in years to come.

Col. Baldwin addressed the Commonwealth Club at its luncheon yesterday, and will be the speaker at the Rotary Club today.

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SAINT CLOUD, MINNESOTA

March 27, 1946

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

Dear Mr. Simons:

We have your letter of March 25th with reference to the monument you purchased some years ago.

We note that you wish to order a marker to go on the same lot and that you will place the order through the Lawrence Memorial Company of your city.

The Lawrence Memorial Company will, no doubt, send us the order for the marker and we assure you that when this is received we will take care of it to the best of our ability. We are somewhat behind with our deliveries and there may be some delay in furnishing the marker but we will get it out at the earliest possible date.

With kindest regards, we remain

Yours very truly,
MELROSE GRANITE CO.

[Signature]
W. J. BOHMER
President

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April 12, 1946

Mrs. Harry F. Johnson
Dawson, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea:

I am returning herewith copy of your advertisement as revamped by our classified experts.

I believe as it is now written, it should attract the attention of someone who prizes a home above city life. If you think it would do you any good, we could add the words, "in Nebraska," and run the ad for you in our paper in which case you would have to return copy as we do not have it.

Hope to see you soon.

Lots of Love,

WCS:jl
Enc.

Copy of adv.

For sale: Completely modern home in small thriving community. 6-room house built in 1937, 2 baths and full basement with finished bedroom and recreation room. $\frac{1}{2}$ -Acre ground. Located on Hwy. 75.

April 12, 1946

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

Dear Grade:

You have undoubtedly recalled that today is the anniversary of the birth of our little mamma. What a darling little girl and young woman she must have been. Dr. Gowdy used to say that she was one of the prettiest girls he had ever seen and that her singing voice was beautiful. What a lot she had to go through - the long wait of the war before her marriage, the birth of her children, the occasional sickness of self and family, the death of papa and the care and responsibility that fell upon her. It seems like an act of providence that we had such good health during the ten years we were in western Kansas. I don't know what would have happened had mamma or some of we children been seriously sick. I sometimes wonder if any mother was ever loved more than we loved our beautiful and precious little mother.

I responded very quickly to the treatment in Worrall Hospital, so much so that at the end of four days I was able to leave the hospital and Gertrude and I spent several happy days together at the hotel awaiting reservations for an air trip home. Altho this is the first time that Gertrude had made an air trip, she enjoyed it very much, especially our daylight trip home, a part of which was in the clear air above the white clouds which seemed like a blanket of snow below us.

Eula was at home to greet us. I am still being a sissy, using cleansing cream instead of a good old fashioned bath. One of the first questions asked by the various doctors was how often I bathe, and when I told them every morning, they said that was one of the fundamental causes of my trouble - that the frequent baths with soap robbed my skin of the oils necessary for its preservation. I have my rub both morning and night, so I can call myself a Sissy with a capital S.

Mrs. Don A. Freeman

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April 12, 1946

I didn't write very much while in Rochester, because I am so familiar with dictating letters that it seems quite a chore to write them by hand.

I am sorry that Irene blew out on you, but how in the name of Heaven she could have stood her husband as long as she did is a wonder to me. It seems to me that native life has a tendency to stagnate and frequently retrogrades, rather than to improve. Whether some live school teacher would reawaken ideals up there in the woods or not, I do not know.

We think of you often. Gertrude was wonderful in looking after me.

Give my love to Don.

Lovingly,

Your brother

WCS:jm

3/25

Guy De Long, mgr. -

Hotel Kahler -

Rochester, Minn.

Sorry unable arrive until late
plane Tuesday night. Hope you
will have private bath for us.
Thanks.

Mr. + Mrs. W. C. Simons

March 25, 1946

Mr. William Bohmer,
Granite Works,
St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Bohmer:

You may recall that about eighteen years ago we bought a very beautiful monument from you made out of the granite which has a flowing effect. I think it comes from a single quarry that you have of that type. This stone was engraved "Simons". I have been wanting a marker of the same material for my sister, who is buried on the lot. Please tell me if this stone is now available. We shall order through the Lawrence Memorial Company, who will give the size. They will probably do the lettering here.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Bohmer, and your son and daughter.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS: jm

March 20, 1946

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W.C.*

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

Dear Collie:

As I understand your recent letter you are recommending that there be nine members on the board, but that we change to ten. Oscar Stauffer sent me a copy of his letter to you in which he urges that the ten be made eleven, and the name of Brock Pemberton added to the list. I am in accord with both of these suggestions. So far as I can see a board of eleven or even thirteen would be as satisfactory as one of nine.

In fact I have been wondering whether it might not be well to agree in general that the board could be increased to thirteen or fifteen if we found it necessary to add others. Even with nine members I suspect that eventually we will develop an executive committee which will look after the more important details, so the size of the board may not be important.

As a matter of fact I can think of a very good reason for keeping everyone named on the board except that man Bailey. If it becomes necessary to hold the board down to nine I would be willing to be counted out in order to make a place for Brock Pemberton or some of the others who might be able to do more for the William Allen White Memorial fund. To me it seems particularly important that Emporia should be represented and Everett Steerman will be satisfactory. If we must stick to nine we might make Karl Klooz secretary-treasurer, but not a member of the board, or an ex-officio member just as is proposed in the case of Chancellor Malott. Any one of these solutions would be acceptable to me although I think Oscar is right in thinking Brock Pemberton should have a place. With my best

Sincerely

Roy

Roy F. Bailey-f

March 20, 1946

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

Dear Dorothea:

Enclosed find check for \$10.00 for rental of your South garden patch. You will recall that last year the parties using the North patch paid \$10.00 instead of the usual \$5.00, which covered last year and this year.

This check is from Professor Hankins of the University, and other University men may use part of the ground with him.

Will write you later.

Much love,

WCS:jm
Enc.

March 14, 1946

Dr. Mary S. Boyden
1704 Mississippi Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doctor Boyden:

In a letter received today from my daughter, Mrs. H. F. Johnson, I quote a paragraph:

" Would one of you mind calling Dr. Boyden to ask her to let us know about Dolph. She has never answered Mr. Johnson's letter and we would like to do something for the baby. He is fine but still wheezy, coughs more I believe, and is broken out some days".

Having recommended you to our daughter, we regret exceedingly that you have not reported your findings in regard to their baby boy or made any recommendations as to treatments. I know you are busy but nevertheless we are disappointed in your failure to communicate with our daughter. Of course, it is possible that you have attempted to reach her through a wrong address. I repeat her name is Mrs. H. F. Johnson. The address is Dawson, Nebraska, telephone 18.

I called you this morning and left word for you to call but as you have not done so, I have written this letter.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:ss

DR. CHARLES C. DENNIE

1524 PROFESSIONAL BUILDING

KANSAS CITY 6, MO.

March 9, 1946

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

Dear Mr. Simons:

Perhaps the new suit is aggravating your condition and I think it would be a good idea to send it out and have it cleaned, then wear it and see if it irritates.

We shall be glad to see you again anytime you may wish to come in and see if we can help you further.

Sincerely yours

L. B. Mello H. M. M.

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March 13, 1946

L. B. Mellott, M. D.,
1524 Professional Building,
Kansas City 6, Missouri.

Dear Dr. Mellott:

I think it is very nice of you to drop me a line.
I have been thinking of writing you.

Today I will take my third shot of Thiamine, but after giving a lot of thought to the situation, I find it difficult to accept the diagnosis of "Contact Dermatitis." Going back through my life, the Eczema for a time as a baby, and with my susceptibility to irritation, I am convinced that we see our symptoms, rather than the cause, and that we shall never eradicate this trouble until we go after it with internal medicine. I don't know just what effect the Thiamine is presumed to have.

My condition has forced me to seek local aid, and I have called upon Dr. Monti Belot, who found high blood pressure, and, it is my opinion that at least a part of this excessive blood pressure is due to the trouble which externally, is termed "Dermatitis." He gave me a shot of penicillin Monday, and I would have seen him again yesterday, but it happened to be his day at the clinic, so I had to postpone it until today, at which time another shot of Thiamine is due. It may be that the second part of your prescription is the more important, but I simply mention the name that comes to my mind.

I am reminded of the statement of the famous Doctor Hunter of London many years ago, who said that Eczema was of three types - one that could be cured by sulphur, another by some other ingredient, which he named, and the third, which the devil couldn't cure. So I think through the ages it has been difficult for doctors to determine the cause and the necessary treatment of skin trouble. I have a lot of confidence in Dr. Dennie, but I certainly have had a heck of a time in the last two weeks since I saw you.

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It is rather interesting to me and may give a clue to you to know that in the early days of my trouble, I had Mrs. Simons bathe my back with alcohol, and I would indicate certain spots that itched, and she would tell me that the skin was just as smooth as a child's, and that there was no visible irritation whatever, and so the matter has progressed. I wish you would give it serious consideration from the standpoint of there being an internal disturbance of some kind which has caused the outer manifestation.

I had been troubled for a month or more with this irritation before it went wild on January 31, when I was with my wife in a room in which an inhalator was giving out fumes of Benzoin. At that time I was wearing stockings with ordinary elastic garters, and, although that was very nearly seven weeks ago, that irritation is still manifest on both of my legs, although it is undoubtedly much better than when you saw it two weeks ago.

I have tried to give you a better picture of the situation, but may have succeeded none too well in doing so. Meanwhile, my general health has been seriously impaired, which is indicated by a general weakness. I have either got to whip this case, or it will whip me.

I don't believe there would be much advantage in making another trip to your office until Dr. Dennie's return. I don't blame Dr. Newsome, or whatever his name is, for his snap judgment in designating my trouble as "Contact Dermatitis". That is probably what it looked like to him.

If you think best, I shall be glad to have you show my letter to your associate, as I certainly need the benefit of good advice. I have been unable to sleep without taking aspirin and amytal upon retiring, and then getting up in the middle of the night for more of the same. Another feature which may have some bearing on the case to you is that this internal heat, although, it may not show in a thermometer, has caused me for the past two months, to sleep with practically no cover other than a sheet. That, in itself, seems to me to be abnormal.

One more thing which is a source of worry is that within the last week or ten days, there has been a swelling in my ankles. I have continued to take the starch baths each morning, which have started me out more comfortably for the day. An odd thing about my condition is that my face and hands, which are exposed to the weather, have not suffered in the least, and that I am more comfortable in my garments for the day than I am when I disrobe at night. That may have significance to you.

Yours very truly,

March 12, 1946

Mrs. Harry F. Johnson,
Dawson, Nebraska.

Dear Dorothea and Bus:

We were glad to hear from both of you and also interested in the sketch made by Bus. I don't know whether Lance could have done as well or not, but I'll bet it won't be long before Lance can draw a better picture than any of the rest of us.

I took your mamma out for a nice ride Sunday, and she seems to be coming along very nicely - in fact, she said she felt about normal, with the exception of being a little weaker than she ordinarily would be. She has not yet attempted climbing stairs, or even steps, to amount to anything - for instance - she has not entered Dolph's house, although we have stopped in front of it and they have been out frequently.

Mrs. Nelson and Frances have been here for several days - I think are soon going home, perhaps today. Last night Marie surprised Dolph with a wonderful birthday dinner, to which she had invited three boys and four girls. They had a delightful evening.

It is raining a little today. I should like to see a good rain that would soak the ground, because it is rather dry.

I believe I have finally succeeded in getting Dr. Belot to believe with me, that my trouble is not of a contact or superficial nature, but is the outward evidence of an inward condition that needs treatment. As a result, he gave me a shot of penicillin yesterday, which, I am sure, has made me feel much better.

We appreciate your frequent visits. I should have mailed a letter to Lance yesterday, but carried it home in my pocket, so will put it in the mail today. I think he writes remarkably well for one of his age. Keep after that little boy of yours, and I hope that before long you will find out whatever it is that has caused that trouble.

Lovingly,

Your dad

WCS:jm

March 12, 1946

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

Dear Blanche:

Mrs. Huling and Nell Weaver very kindly called upon us after the sorority initiation Monday night. They found our room somewhat disheveled, because I had taken the spreads off the beds and had gone upstairs and undressed. I didn't come into the room, but they came into the dining room where I was waiting, and we had a little visit. I knew that Mrs. Huling is sensible enough to understand the situation. She looked very sweet - and Nell, has certainly been wonderful all through Gertrude's sickness. Your mamma told me yesterday that she felt about normal, with the exception of being a little weaker than she otherwise would be.

I believe I have finally succeeded in getting Dr. Belot, a young doctor, just out of the service, who married Martha Cameron, one of Dorothea's friends, to believe with me, that my trouble is not of a contact or superficial nature, but is the outward evidence of an inward condition that needs treatment. As a result, he gave me a shot of penicillin yesterday, which, I am sure, has made me feel much better.

Had a little call from Marilyn the other day, and she was wearing her new coat very jauntily. I think it is becoming to her and she likes it.

Janet has been miserable with her skin trouble, and if you haven't written to her lately, I suggest that you do so.

Give my love to Pat and Eileen.

Lovingly,

WCS:jm

March 12, 1946

Mrs. L. A. McNalley,
Minneapolis, Kansas.

Dear Janet:

I believe I have finally succeeded in getting Dr. Belot, a young doctor, just out of the service, who married Martha Cameron, one of Dorothea's friends, to believe with me, that my trouble is not of a contact or superficial nature, but is the outward evidence of an inward condition that needs treatment. As a result, he gave me a shot of penicillin yesterday, which, I am sure, has made me feel much better. I am inclined to think that your trouble is the same. If I were not a Christian gentleman, I would say, "To h with the allergists." I don't believe they know enough to come in out of the rain - although, the doctor at Topeka did discover that my billfold was causing ~~the~~ trouble. You knew that I carried it in my right hip pocket.

Your mamma is doing beautifully, and told me yesterday that she felt about normal, excepting for being a little weak. I hope you are better, and if not, get after your doctor and suggest that he try to treat your trouble from the inside, rather than from the surface.

Marie gave a birthday dinner for Dolph last night, to which she invited three boys and four girls, and I understand they had a very delightful evening.

Dolph, Sr. is now in Tampico, and his vacation is pretty nearly half over. A wire of congratulations to Dolph, Jr. yesterday said that everything was going fine and that fishing was good.

Nothing else new to tell you, because you know that I love you.

Lovingly,

WCS:jm

Your dad

March 12, 1946

Mrs. Don A. Freeman,
Route 3, Treetops,
Brainerd, Minnesota.

Dear Grace:

I hope that this finds you both in better health. I think Gertrude has written you direct. She said to me the other day that she felt practically normal with the exception of being not as strong as usual.

I had a good night's rest last night - took a shot of penicillin yesterday, the first medicine that I have taken to overcome the evident cause of my trouble. I believe it did me good. I am not putting in very much time at the office, although Dolph is now in Tampico.

Marie surprised Dolph, Jr. last night by having three boys and four girls in for a birthday dinner. They had a very happy time, so we are informed.

It is raining today rather lightly, and a good rain would probably be valuable, as we have had a scarcity of moisture during the winter months.

Janet has been having a skin trouble of a different type, and although she has been following the suggestions of the allergists, I think she is quite miserable, and is not making much progress.

We love you and will be glad to see you.

Lovingly,

Your brother

WCS:jm

March 5, 1946

L. P. Engel, M.D.
Plaza Medical Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Dr. Engel:

I can never fully express to you my great appreciation for your promptness in coming to attend to Mrs. Simons and your skill in performing the operation. It was just another instance in which friendship and skill united in carrying a patient through a difficult moment.

Mrs. Simons has done remarkably well. It will be five weeks Thursday since the operation was performed, and apparently she is having a perfect recovery. Dr. Johnson is taking a much needed rest at Mayos but visited Mrs. Simons just before leaving Lawrence.

She has been riding in a car twice and has walked around home a little but has not attempted to take walks outdoors nor to climb stairs. We fitted-up a downstairs apartment for her in which she is very comfortable. My daughter, Mrs. Dolph Simons, took charge of rearranging the room and did a perfect job.

We have not yet received a bill from you but will be glad to take care of it when ever it comes. Again expressing my deep appreciation to you, I remain

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:va

March 7, 1946

L. P. Engel, M. D.,
Plaza Medical Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Dr. Engel:

I enclose a clipping from last night's Journal-World about Dr. Johnson, which is self-explanatory. We sincerely hope that he will attain full recovery, because no soldier on the battle field has given his all more than Dr. Johnson, who has worked beyond human endurance to care for the sick.

Dr. Johnson had said that it would be desirable for Mrs. Simons to take some x-ray treatments, perhaps a couple of months after her operation, which occurred on January 31. So far as we are aware, there are no unsatisfactory indications, no bumps, no soreness. She feels quite normal, excepting that she still feels somewhat weakened by her experience. In the absence of Dr. Johnson, I wish you would advise us regarding the x-ray treatments, and make such arrangements for them as may deem necessary. If this is asking too much of you, perhaps we could ask some local physician to attend to it, but we are glad to trust to your judgment.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:jm
Enc.

March 7, 1946

Dr. Mellott,
c/o Dr. C. M. Dennie,
Professional Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Dr. Mellott:

I have been following your suggestion and can report some, but not marked, improvements. I had another shot yesterday.

I enclose a clipping from the Journal-World of March 6, concerning the health of Dr. C. B. Johnson, who has been our physician for some time. On account of his absence, I have been consulting Dr. Monti Belot.

I have been racking my brain, trying to find the cause of this trouble. Last fall, in November, I got a new suit of clothes made to my measure, by a very outstanding firm in Rochester, New York, a firm whose merchandise I have used for a number of years, buying it through a local store. This suit is all wool, and would probably be termed a midnight blue, as it is almost black. I happened to be wearing this suit about the middle of January, for perhaps, four days while away from home, and at a time when this trouble flared up. I wore it again last night for a few hours, and finding a little more irritation on my shins, I wondered if there could be anything in the dye that would cause my trouble. The seat of the trouble may be due to something still further removed, but it may have been aggravated by wearing this suit, and then flared up frightfully while I was in the room at the hospital with my wife, when an inhalator was filling the air with the fumes of Benzoin.

I am telling you this because I want your advice as to whether sending this new suit to a cleaning establishment might do away with any irritating product that it might have. The suit does not need to be cleaned, because it has probably not been worn a total of more than a week.

I am following your directions, excepting that I am not using the salve, because I found that it set me on fire. I am using the starch baths. My shoulders and chest are much better.

I shall be pleased to hear from you.

Sincerely,

WCS:jm

W. C. Simons

C O P Y

February 27, 1946

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Mr. Simons has a contact dermatitis,
and we should like for you to give him
100 mg of thiamine Hydrochloride every
week. Dr. Dennie will be back about
April 1.

Sincerely,

L. B. Mellott

February 27, 1946

Dr. V. C. Wiksten
National Reserve Building
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Dr. Wiksten:

I took the tablets three times yesterday--before lunch, before dinner, and before going to bed. Apparently they did not agree with me, as my stomach and bowels seemed to be boiling. My itching became so intolerable that I finally took two of the tablets given me by Dr. Johnson which enabled me to sleep.

My family, rather alarmed at the continuation of my trouble, called Dr. Dennie's office; and I had an emergency appointment at nine this morning. It is their belief that the matter will respond to shots to be given once a week, the first one being given me while there.

I appreciate what you tried to do for me, and I am sure that your advice in regard to the billfold was helpful; but I have had four weeks of acute trouble now, preceded by a few weeks of similar but lesser trouble.

Dr. Dennie has handled a number of cases for our family successfully, and I felt it wise not to delay seeing him any longer.

I think the druggist put up one hundred of the tablets of which I used nine. If the other ninety-one are of any value to you, I shall be glad to send them to you without charge.

Please bill me for services already rendered, and cancel the appointments put down for me. Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:jl

February 27, 1946

Dr. C. B. Johnson
Eudora, Kansas

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I made my second visit to Dr. Wiksten at Topeka, yesterday. While he is undoubtedly earnest, I think the field in which he is working is so large that one gets bewildered. He gave me further tests, ordered me off a lot more food, and prescribed some tablets which I took according to instruction yesterday afternoon and last evening, but found that it had a tendency to be upsetting in which case he told me to discontinue it.

Meanwhile, my condition, while slightly improved in some parts, is generally speaking, worse; and I am beginning to feel its effect on my general strength.

Mrs. Dolph Simons telephoned Dr. Dennie's yesterday and told them it was an emergency, and secured an appointment for me from nine to nine-thirty. Dr. Dennie is away until April 1, but Dr. Mellott went over me quite thoroughly and then called in the doctor who is in charge during Dr. Dennie's absence.

They diagnosed my trouble as "contact dermatitis," which they said was not contagious, and I need have no fear of giving it to anyone else. They ordered me to use no soap whatever, and instead to use some starch and (or) bran in my bath water. I was given a prescription for an ointment to use to allay itching. The doctors at Dr. Dennie's said they did not believe that I need restrict myself in regard to the use of certain foods, but could continue to eat as I have normally.

They gave me a shot, and wrote the enclosed note to you. This being Wednesday, the 27th, another shot would be due on Wednesday, the 6th of March. Will you be back on the job by that time?

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:jl
Enc.

WCS

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WORK THE ONLY HOPE

Commenting on the suggestion of an Emporia Chamber of Commerce director that rental property be reassessed at higher valuation where rentals are sky-high, the Lawrence Journal-World feels this would not solve the housing needs of returning veterans. Lawrence has had rent ceilings during the war and the Journal-World editor says that the present number of rental units actually is fewer "because of the low ceilings prescribed by the OPA."

Property owners in Lawrence considered remodeling to provide more apartments but were not allowed a rental charge that would cover such an investment and no new housing units were provided. The editorial adds that the whole construction industry is in such confusion that relief through the fabrication of new dwellings is pushed even further into the future. Strike-bound America has many years of hard work ahead to make up for the wartime suspension of home building. The two suggestions mentioned in Emporia, higher valuations and actual OPA ceilings would not help, according to what happened in Lawrence, where it is emphasized that the only satisfactory answer to the rent and housing problems is to get to work.

4118 River Park Drive
Louisville Ky. 2-10-1946.

H) Mr. W.C. Simons,
2500 Vermont St.,
Lawrence Kansas.

Dear Friend

We are in the land of Cotton, so called, at least south of the Mason-Dixon line, and we are enjoying a nice snow storm 4 in. in the past 2 1/2 hrs. Not too cold just about thawing and streets melting in car paths. Margaret just going out to do a little sledding and playing in the snow.

Yes we went to Sunday school and Church. I've been pulled in to teach her women's class 3 times 2 before in the past month, a very nice Church away out here on West Broadway. Their Sunday school rolls show 1156 and Church membership some 1950. Their budget sheet came out 2 wks ago for \$36,000. Special drive about Thanksgiving for Baptist orphans home netted \$3126⁰⁰. There are at least 2 dozen Baptist Churches besides missions in town. This one ranks about third for size. There are 6 other denominations in a 2 block radius of the West B.B. so much for Churches + 3 Seminaries. Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Presbyterian Seminary and Ursuline + St Boniface Franciscan Monastery. For every public school there is one or more Catholic schools. High schools have Girls H.S. and Boys H.S. no co-ed High schools. Not like Kansas.

John says come on over for dinner having fine chicken.
Industrially speaking, This is one of varied types. None of the
character where there a low percent work in any type of plant.

There are 87 Metal working plants employing some 23,170

6	Public Service Companies	13,193
57	Metal working or products plants	8,400
82	Food and non alcoholic plants	7,780
40	Chemical plants from Fertilizer to penicillin	8,457
13	Tobacco and products	4,840
9	Distilleries	3,659
31	Textile and Garments etc	2,804
43	Printing and Publishing	2,670
25	Ceramics Pottery Tile - Clays	953
256	Miscellaneous employing 10 operations	2,383

Value of manufactured products estim. 1943 \$800,000,000.00

Merchandizing, Wholesale, Retail & Service

8,432 establishments 567 Wholesale, 5,639 Retail

2226 service, employing 40,874 value \$415,963,000

The larger employer companies include Reynolds Metal Co with 7
plants in the city producing aluminum from the foil that is used
to wrap cigarette packages, aluminum furniture, castings, forgings,
to airplane engine bodies to window frames and doors employing
some 4,500 at this time; A Merion Radiator Co, some 2500 employees;
Wenger Co from church pews to Radio Cabs to shipping boxes 2000;
B.F. Goodrich Rubber plant 1,200; National Carb & Carb Co Rubber 1,000;
Brown Williamson Tobacco Co 2300; Brown Forman Distilling 800; Ford
Motor assembly plant 1,600 now down on strike, L & N Railroad
1000 in shops 1100 in General Office Bldg, B.F. Avery Co Farm
Tractors and machinery 1,550, Naval Gun plant now shut down
DuPont plant across river in Jeffersonville Ind now making pre fabricated
houses. Also may mention Colgate's Soap & perfume Quartermaster Store
Medical Depot, as well as Brown Field and Camp Knox in suburbs
Four large abutment bridges to span this 3/4 mi wide stream.
Probably you think of Louisville as Tobacco and Distilling Products.
Producers but they rank relatively low.

Mr Simons the pattern of things have changed and just how far the super duper Communistic trend will swing is hard to tell. I suppose so. till it hits a very stubborn obstacle. Each new politician coming to the throne adjusts his glasses and gets a sigh of what now can I do to make my job bloom more colorful and see if we can pull a few more stunts on Santa Claus. Surely we are not blind and paralyzed as to what Great Britain is having an experience with a Labor Govt. which starts in fighting with its bad fellows the true Communists in Russia. They put over the Labor Govt in England now are arguing over the spoils in the policies in the Balkans. I think it serious. Tell me how far the strike process is affecting Kansas? It is quite obvious that many shelves are drained and how much longer the financial embarrassment of nothing to sell can be borne. Several plants have had to shut down because of no steel besides the Ford assembly plant.

I had much time, no customers. Induction Center called me to examine Cars and Simons I went. They have also re-enlistments, and, Volunteers for Regular army. They were set up for 100 to 150 a day, but, the re-enlistments are coming in faster & faster. Volunteers faster until it is up to 300 to 450 a day. The commanding officer said this old strike situation certainly is having a great influence. I believe him.

Our maladjustment is housing, and, we are still con-
fined in this four room with ather. The price on
old houses has doubled and trebled. Very few new ones are
in the process. Dealers laugh at you when you talk about
building a house. Some are going to do nothing but just
exist and quit trying to buck this set down.

My business is slow and by jumps like this war our
pavement over this city. No rugs, no desks available so
just forget about fixing up my private office room, waiting
room and three other rooms can carry all I will have to have.
Hospital problem is the other menace, No beds and
still they are on selling more hospitalization. Only the
old timer big shots have beds available. New men
in town can't get an emergency in let alone the oppor-
tunity of exercising his technique, let alone getting a
few cases out in the public so they can refer and
send him more business. Well I am not going to sit
I am going after them by a pull here and there if I can get it.
I am going to put some pressure on the Baptist Hospital
It is fine place but the manager is an independent cranky
sort of a case, but, may bring him to a smiling point some day.
We are enjoying regular health in this most foggy Ohio valley.
Hoping you and Mrs Simmons are even doing better.
Mrs. Vic Hurt has had Mrs. Merew Chasing over to
see some of her friends here. Very fine people. She has been
out to P.E.O. meetings a few times. Give Dr. Schenckler and
Rev. Thomas and all my friends our best regards
Sincerely H.A. Mercer



UNITED STATES ARMY

16 Aug 45

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

Dear Mr. Simons:

The other day I happened to read your editorial "Looking at Life" and was struck by the idea of how much it reflected the unspoken philosophy of my father. So tearing it out, I sent the clipping home to mother, asking her if it was about dad; for I wanted to use it in my scrapbook.

Sure enough it was, and it prompted one of his quite rare personal replies to me from which I quote:

"I think it's a wonderful piece. I told Mr. Simons and thanked him for it — that even if Abraham Lincoln had written it, it could not be worded any nicer. I know, yes, that I have



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read it over more than a dozen times and will read it again that many times. Try it, and I know you will see just a little more in it each time and realize how nicely it is worded. I am enclosing a clipping showing it was an editorial, which makes it a still better item....

As you can see, he was thrilled — and for that matter so was I. For a man who has resigned himself to a lifetime of sacrifice and a diet of hard work in order that his children might get ahead, there is all too little praise ordinarily extended. And when such an unexpected heartfelt compliment, such as your nice editorial, appeared in the paper, I know his confidence in himself and his trust in mankind could not help but be renewed. Your article, I know, was for the dozens of fathers — and mothers too — who share in their magnanimous way this wonderful



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~~manifest~~ philosophy of living.

Sincerely,
Lester B Kappelman

Hammond Gen Hosp
Modesto, Calif.

February 22, 1946

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

Dear Grace:

We have not forgotten that this is your birthday, and I have been looking everywhere for a nice Peacock pin for you, but haven't as yet, found one to suit. If we can't find that, maybe we will have to get something else. Perhaps we will wait until we get up to the Lake and then buy one of the capon.

I think Gertrude is doing quite well, in fact, I will use a stronger adjective and say, "real well." She was operated on three weeks ago yesterday, has good color, gets around in her own room, and comes to the table at least for dinner. The doctor has recommended that she get out in the sunlight, even if it is to sit on the porch. The children have been mighty good to come in and see us, and we are expecting them to drop in on us for the weekend. Dorothea, and I presume, the three boys, will be in, I think, today, and Janet, Mac, Mike and a friend, will be here for the basketball game on Monday night. Blanche has been up a couple of times since Gertrude has been sick, and doubtless, will be here again. The children have all been fine.

I have remarked a number of times that it seems rather queer that the whole United States should make such an effort to observe your birthday.

Lots of love,

WCS:jm

February 19, 1946

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

Dear Grace:

I am very sorry to hear that you had been ailing. I think it possible that you may have the mumps. Possibly you have a wisdom tooth that has never come through. I hope you have already seen a physician. Remember, you are all that I have left, and I want you to take care of yourself.

Gertrude is getting along beautifully - nine letters for her in this morning's mail, and her friends keep sending flowers.

Lots of Love,

Your brother

WCS: jm

February 19, 1946

Mrs. Harry F. Johnson,
Dawson, Nebraska.

Dear Dorothea:

Just a line to tell you that your mamma is recovering, I think, as rapidly as one could hope. She has good color, and a reasonably good appetite. Everyone has been so nice to her - nine letters for her in the morning mail. Yesterday, Mrs. Malott came around, and while she didn't enter the house, left some beautiful Passion flowers and some other flowers, evidently from her own greenhouse. Everyone has been lovely to her.

Lots of love,

Dad

WCS:jm

February 19, 1946

Mrs. L. A. McNalley,
Minneapolis, Kansas.

Dear Janet:

Just a line to let you know that your mamma is getting along nicely. Among the letters received this morning, and not yet opened, is one from you and also one from Mary Beth. There were nine letters, all told, in the mail this morning. It was mighty nice of you to come down, and we enjoy having you. I think that your mamma is recovering as rapidly as could be expected.

Hope you are feeling better.

Lots of love,

Dad

WCS:jm

February 19, 1946

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

Dear Blanche:

Your mamma was glad to have your telephone call the other day. We are sorry about the death of Jack Tomlinson. Originally, my sympathy was largely with his wife, but considering subsequent developments, I am inclined to think that she may have driven him to drink.

Your mamma is getting along nicely, and will soon be able to write her own letters. Last night she wanted to walk through the house, so as we left the dinner table, we walked through the library and living room, and then back to her apartment.

Lots of love,

WCS:jm

January 22, 1946

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

Johnson Lumber Co.

Dear Bus:

While I have a printed copy, of what presumes to be the statement of the plant at Wymore, Nebraska, as a matter of fact, there is nothing to identify it with that plant. The name Wymore, Nebraska does not appear on the card, and there may be more than one Farmer's Grain, Lumber & Coal Company in Nebraska. While I presume that it is all right - you must have the matter positively identified.

It requires 429 shares to make fifty-one per cent of the stock. Did I understand you correctly to say that you had offered \$70.00 a share, or \$35,700 for fifty-one per cent?

Better consult your lawyer as to the kind of a statement you should require, to show the present capital worth of the stock of the Wymore plant and its coal yards at Blue Springs. I think that it should be sworn to before a notary. Also, have the company furnish you with an abstract showing title, taxes due and unpaid, and whether the records in the office of the Clerk of the District Court, show any suits, judgments or liens. He should know what is required to make you absolutely safe in making the purchase.

With love,

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With love,

WCS: jm

February 15, 1946

Dr. H. A. Mercer,
4118 River Park Drive,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Dr. Mercer:

I don't believe I have it in me to write as interesting a letter as that written by you on the 10th of the month. We are very happy to know that you are finding things enjoyable in Louisville, and apparently are feeling a needed place in the life of that thriving community.

From a religious standpoint, I have long felt the influence of the Louisville Seminary. I don't know how it is farther east and north, but a great many of the leaders in the Baptist denomination in Kansas and surrounding states, *have* ~~are securing~~ their training at Louisville.

We are again without a pastor. I am of the opinion that Snodgrass is an opportunist, that he came to us because it was a better job than he had in Michigan, and he soon began scouting around and located a job with a non-denominational, or an inter-denominational Church in Chicago. He made this announcement to me and a few others before our Christmas Service, but didn't make it public until the first of the year, and yet he left us in February, lacking two months of completing the year's service for which he had been engaged. I do not believe that he built a very large place for himself in our Church, or community, but Mrs. Snodgrass is a charming lovable woman, who has the respect and admiration of all.

The most important news that I have to give you is that Mrs. Simons underwent a major operation on January 31, an operation that was found to have been very necessary, and fortunately, to have been in time to avoid any serious consequences. She responded most satisfactorily, and we were able to take her home last evening, although she will be confined largely to her room for some little time, and we have a good woman to look after her. We are very happy that the results were so satisfactory.

Please give my very best wishes to Mrs. Mercer and to your darling little daughter.

Cordially yours,

WCS:jm

February 15, 1946

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

Dear Grace:

I am happy to tell you that we brought Gertrude home last evening. She is getting along nicely, but naturally, is still rather weak from her operation, and it will take some time for her to regain her strength.

If you remember the apartment we built for Mother Reineke, and afterwards changed into a library, you will know where Gertrude is now. Marie, with wonderfully good taste, took entire charge of remodeling it into a bedroom apartment, and she and Nell Weaver worked all day yesterday, putting on the finishing touches. It is a beautiful room, and will add so much to Gertrude's comfort. I am really astounded at her rapid recovery from so serious an operation, and I look forward to her regaining perfect health.

Among the other cards or letters she received yesterday, was one from Mrs. Purinton, which we appreciated very much. I suspect it will be some days before she feels like writing, and then a big job will await her, for she received 150 or more letters and cards while at the hospital.

I know she is planning to spend more time at the Lake this year.

Incidentally, the smoked fish were excellent.

Lots of love to you both and best wishes for good health,

Lovingly,

Your brother

WCS:jm

February 15, 1946

Miss Mary Beth McNalley,
Monticello College,
Godfrey, Illinois.

Dear Mary Beth:

We took your grandma home last night to a very beautifully appointed room which Marie had arranged in what had been our library for several years. I think she is recovering splendidly, but will have to be careful for some little time until she regains her strength.

We love you and are proud of you and wish you every happiness.

Lovingly,

Granddad

WCS:jm

February 15, 1946

Mrs. Harry F. Johnson,
Dawson, Nebraska.

Dear Dorothea:

The picture of your darling boys came in this morning, and was opened out home. I am astounded that your artist could catch such good pictures of such lively youngsters. Little Dolph certainly showed off to wonderful advantage for a five months old baby.

We took your mamma home late yesterday afternoon, and she was delighted with the magnificence of her new apartment. Both Marie and Nell Weaver worked practically all day yesterday, getting the room in readiness. Mrs. Kellen is spending the day with her, and while she was up, I think, nearly all the morning, she is spending the afternoon in bed. I have written the other girls about her.

I hope you will have success in securing a comfortable home in Wymore. I suspect that Bus is a very busy man.

Gertrude received, I think, more than a hundred and fifty cards and letters since she was operated on. Her friends and relatives have been very kind.

I love you a lot and I hate to think of your taking a trip alone with baby as you did last time. When you have to do that again, please try to secure some girl from Dawson to be with you in case an emergency should arrive.

Tell the boys that finally, I did think of buying valentines, but it was too late to get any. The dealers were all sold out.

Lots ov love, .

WCS: jm

February 15, 1946

Mrs. L. A. McNalley,
Minneapolis, Kansas.

Dear Janet:

I am very happy to tell you that your mamma came home late yesterday afternoon, riding in one of our cars. She was able to dine with us last evening, but has taken her breakfast and lunch in her room today, where Mrs. Kellen is with her, but looks forward to dining with us again tonight.

The room surpasses my greatest expectation, and is a delight to your mamma.

As I recall, Mike is counting on seeing the basketball game on Monday, February 25 - Iowa State at Lawrence. I am sorry that he could not have seen the game tonight, but I am sure the game with Iowa will be well worthwhile.

Lots of love,

WCS:jm

February 15, 1946

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

Dear Blanche:

I am happy to tell you that Gertrude came home last night in Dolph's Buick, and sat at the table for our evening meal. However, she has taken breakfast and lunch today in her room, where Mrs. Kellen, whom you engaged, is looking after her, but she hopes to dine with us tonight. I think she has made a wonderful recovery.

I am sorry that I have not written you more often.

I think we have finally persuaded Owen to continue to room with us. Marilyn was over for a few minutes last evening, and like the rest of us, was rather overwhelmed with the beauty of Gertrude's new quarters.

"Come up and see us sometime."

Lovingly,

Dad

WCS:jm

February 15, 1946

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

My dear Frazier:

Just read your good letter of the 14th to Dolph. I am glad you had a vacation. You must have carried a great weight of responsibility during the war.

I am very happy to tell you that Mrs. Simons, who was operated on January 31, was able to be taken home last night. We have a woman with her, but she is getting along real well and we are very thankful.

If we have to have a Democrat president, I wish we could resurrect Grover Cleveland. It would not take him three days to straighten out the strike situation in the nation. We can never continue to be a strong country as long as we are too weak to protect our own citizenship from marauding racketeers.

Kindest regards to Mrs. Frazier.

Cordially yours,

WCS:jm

February 15, 1946

Miss Lillian Gowdy,
3751 Aldrich Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Lillian:

I enjoyed reading your good letter of February 11, and I am answering a little earlier than usual, thinking that you might hear of Gertrude's operation and be worried about it.

She underwent a major operation on January 31, and has responded so satisfactorily that we took her home late yesterday afternoon. Naturally, she is still weak, and will require some care, but we have a kindly and capable woman to look after her.

The operation was of a serious nature, also very unexpected on our part, and yet, was done in time to avoid more serious consequences.

I enjoy reading your letters, and I think that if everyone, as they grow older, could follow your practice of making friends and being friendly, it would aid much in making this a better world. It is so easy to withdraw into ourselves and to become grouchy, that when one shows the kindness, sympathy and care that you have exercised, it seems outstanding and extremely commendable. Bless your heart, and bless you in your good work.

We are planning for a longer stay at the Lake this year.

Please give my regards to your Mrs. Olson.

With love,

Your brother cousin

WCS:jm

Minneapolis, Minn. Feby. 11th, 1946.

My very dear Brother-Cousin;-

As always, I was pleased to receive your *Letter*.
You are a busy man, and it is kind of you to take time to write me.

We are having the most severe weather in many years, the thermometer hovering around zero most of the time. Fortunately I have not had a cold this winter.

We are getting along very nicely, with our large family. Philip, Mr. Cook's grandson, bought a roll-away bed, so he could stay with his grandfather. They take their meals out, and having the room next to the entrance, they slip in and out very quietly. I rarely see them. Philip is taking an eighteen months Electrical Engineering course at Dunwoody Institute. We are all wishing him success. He is a handsome young Marine Sgt., six feet 2 inches tall, and carries himself proudly.

"Our boys", as we call Mrs. Olson's grandsons, are seemingly very happy here. George, the Navy Mechanic, is one of the finest young men I ever met. He has been back with his old firm for several weeks. They seemed very glad to have him with them again. Had been keeping track of him all during his service. Milo, the younger boy, has not entirely recovered from the severe experience in Okinawa. He is very quiet, never talking about those difficult times. It is often quiet impressive to see three automobiles parked in front of our door, as the boys all have their own cars. Mrs. Olson has plenty of help about doing the marketing.

After dinner at night Mrs. Olson and the boys go up to their rooms, and listen to their private radio. It is then that Mr. G., my Railroad retired renter, comes out into the dining-room and sits with me. He never has anything to say to any of the others, but he seems to like to talk to me about stocks and bonds and political matters. I turn on the Radio to whatever he likes. He is a very peculiar man, but temperate, does not even smoke, and keeps his rent paid up about two months in advance. The boys are also very prompt, and I have everything I need to do with. I am thinking of buying new bed linen and curtains. I have not been out of the house since November, but will have to see about my taxes in April.

Tomorrow would have been Jean's birthday. We always celebrated. I shall be writing Grayce for her birthday next week..

I have written too much about ourselves, but I thought perhaps you would be interested in hearing about our family.

Two or three years ago, when I visited at Gull Lake, I remember meeting a young lady who interested me quite a little-- Marea's younger sister, and I have often thought of inquiring further about her. It was reported that a short time before she had broken her engagement to a young man in Kansas, but she never told anyone the circumstances. She was the very antithesis of a broken hearted girl. I heard that the young man vowed that he would yet win her. How did it end?

I hope it will be possible for you to spend more time at Gull Lake. In my dining-room I have a picture which reminds me of your cottage home. There are a bunch of birches that look like those in your front yard, and the curving shore of the lake is like that between your home and Grayce's. What do they call that arm of the lake, Ship something? I have forgotten.

I do have a lot of pain such weather as this, but I feel calm, and poised and serene. I am willing to live, if I can be doing something worth while.

God keep you and your dear ones.

With sincere affection,
Lillian.

February 15, 1946

Colonel and Mrs. Karl F. Baldwin,
691 The Alameda,
Berkeley 7, California.

My dear friends:

You will be happy to know that we took Gertrude home last night, and she was able to ride in an automobile instead of an ambulance. I think her recovery has been astounding for one of her age. No one in their early years could have responded more satisfactorily. The operation was indeed serious, but fortunately was made in time to avoid more serious consequences. We had our friend, Dr. C. B. Johnson, assisted by Dr. Larry Engle, a Lawrence boy, who has become perhaps the best known surgeon in Kansas City.

The fact that Gertrude likes so many people, was beautifully shown by the letters, cards, flowers, etc, received by her. I think that all together, she received about one hundred fifty such tokens of friendship.

You will doubtless recall that when Mother Reineke came to us about ten years ago, we built an apartment in the rear of the house for her. The spot was chosen because it fronted the flower garden, both on the north and the west. After Mother Reineke's death, we used the room for a library. For some years, however, Gertrude has wanted a downstairs bedroom, so Marie asked if she could go ahead and fix it up to suit herself. I was very happy to have her do so, because she has excellent taste and judgment, so we ushered Gertrude into a room last night with new paint and paper, new drapes, an awning to the window, new lighting arrangement, and everything to make it a beautiful and modern room. You may recall that a complete bath was attached to this room on the south; not only that, but the back porch, which had been a sort of a "catch all" was also renovated, and a table and a couple of porch chairs were placed there so

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that ~~any~~one coming to see Mrs. Simons, would be ushered directly into the hallway leading to her room, instead of having to come through the front of the house.

I am writing you completely, because I know how interested Gertrude and I have been in your welfare, and in the many things you have done, and I feel sure that you will enjoy with Gertrude, the comforts that have been arranged for her.

At the hospital, although we are very short of help, and it was impossible to secure private nurses, she was given such good attention, that she really fell in love with all of the nurses, and naturally, they responded in doing for her all that they could. Her room was so filled with flowers that we had to remove some of the Hyacinths because of their heavy fragrance.

We shall be very happy to have you visit us, and you may be sure that should we go to California, that we would count on seeing you in your new home.

I hope that Colonel Karl will regain full vigor. You, Philena, have proved to be an equally brave and courageous soldier.

With love from us both, we remain,

Your sincere friends,

WCS:jm

Feb. 5/46.

My dear Gertrude: -
I just read that you were
sojourning in the Memorial
Hospital, having a major operation
in Memorial Hospital. I do hope
all has gone well and that 5 days
later you are on the high road
to a complete recovery. - I shall be
anxious to know what took you there
and I am pulling hard for you.
In your recent note you did not
mention anything about being
ill and I hope by now the worst
is over & you will find real
fast. Please let Collie or someone
write us as we do want to know
how you are. I was thinking
only a day or so ago that maybe
you might be taking a trip out this way
this spring. and we would be so glad
to see you. We have no plans
yet. Karl is still in the hands
of doctors, when he is completely re-
- tired we shall plan what we can
do - and if we do not plan a

trip to Australia - the late Autumn
we shall play our East for several
months and shall hope to see all old
friends there. We attended
the K.U. Banquet last Friday night
in S.F. Had a nice Chat with
the Chancellor & Fred Ellsworth &
Prof Hall, & Fred came to spend
Sunday with us which gave us
much pleasure. Our southern
trip did us a lot of good. It would
have been better if we could have
staid longer as the Sunshine was
good for us both - Karl was recalled
by the Medical Board so we came
3 days earlier.

I shall be hoping to hear from
you real soon & love are in
your family & with every good wish
and much love - which Karl
joins.

Devotedly Yours
Philena.

February 16, 1946

Mrs. Elmer W. Ferris,
2206 Sherman,
Evanston, Illinois.

Dear Minnie:

Mrs. Simons and I were shocked and grieved to hear of the death of Eleanor. She had grown up with our children and seemed so young and full of life that one can hardly adjust himself to her being taken. How fortunate it was that you had your family gathering when you did.

You will be interested in knowing that Mrs. Simons underwent a major operation at Lawrence Memorial Hospital on January 31, but made such rapid recovery that we were able to take her home on the 14th. It will be perhaps some weeks before she will have regained her normal strength, but the operation was undoubtedly necessary, and was skillfully performed.

Again expressing our sorrow over the death of Eleanor, I remain

As ever

Your friend

WCS:jm

February 1, 1946

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

Dear Blanche:

Owen will be with you before you receive this letter.

I was at the hospital a few moments ago, and was pleased to find your mother quiet and clear minded. Marie is with her now, while I am doing a little work at the office. We have a private nurse with her at night, but have been unable to find one for day duty, so some of us are with her all the time during the day.

I told Owen this morning he would have to make his own arrangements about making the train to Kansas City, or to arrange with someone to drive him down, and if it were Marilyn, I wouldn't want her to go alone.

The operation was performed none too soon, but, we hope it was in time.

Lovingly,

Your dad

WCS:j

February 1, 1946

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

Dear Dorothea:

Your letter came this morning, and I read it to your mamma. I found her resting more easily than I had expected. I think she is being given excellent care. Marie is with her now, while I am taking care of a few things at the office. Janet will arrive at 11 o'clock, and Dolph will meet her.

Owen will leave tonight for Tulsa, between terms.

We were interested in the report on Dolph, and hope that the treatment will be effective.

With love,

WCS:jm

After 5 days, return to
JOHNSON LUMBER COMPANY,
DAWSON, NEBRASKA.



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

Jan. 28, 1946

Mr H. P. Johnson,

Dawson, Nebr.,

Dear Bus:-

Your letter received today seems complete and evidently nothing has been overlooked. It is quite a mouthful for one to take, but with the fine financial situation of all of the several yards in which you are interested, I feel sure that you can handle it satisfactorily, and providing you get the lumber ~~is~~ look for largely increased sales for 1946.

You have not stated when you wish to have the \$8,000.00, but I can take care of it anytime, altho later it may call for the conversion of some bonds.

We hope that you and Dorothea will have two fine days in Omaha and that the boys will be Okeh. Please give our regards to your mother.

Love Dad.

W. C. Simons.



HARRY F. JOHNSON

JOHNSON LUMBER COMPANY

DAWSON

NEBRASKA

January 27, 1946.

Dear Dad:

I want to acknowledge your letters of the 22nd and the 24th. I made the trip out to Wymore Friday accompanied by Dan J. Riley and Carl. I will attempt to review what we examined. First we went to the Lumber Yard office and had Mr. Purdy come over. He went over the insurance policies, and they are all in proper order. They carry \$30,000 insurance on the lumber plant and inventory in 6 policies of \$5000 each made out for three years each making \$10,000 mature each year. There are a total of \$12,250 carried on the warehouse and coal sheds and contents, and they are made out for one year. They carry a \$5000 policy of public liability. They carry workmens compensation insurance and employer liability in another policy. The policies on the trucks carry \$25-50,000 liability which had just been recently changed from 5-10. We verified the cash in the bank as of Oct. 31 and checked the bank record on the same. We also checked all checks written since that time till the present to see if there were any other than ordinary withdrawals made, and found everything in that respect to be in order. Their cash balance as of the present date is considerably larger than at that time as a result of selling or reducing their inventory, as they have not been making any purchases to speak of with the exception of coal. We verified their present cash balance with that of the bank, and found it to be correct, and also verified the bonds which are carried in their box in the bank.

Mr. Riley made an examination of the abstract, and we then went to Beatrice to check the records in that respect and found everything to be in order. I also checked the real estate that they had owned in Blue springs and found that the ground had been transferred by a quit claim deed so there could be no recourse as to guaranty of title. We also made an examination of the articles of Incorporation.

I forgot to mention that a \$5000 bond is carried on the manager and a \$1000.00 on the bookkeeper, so if anything should be irregular in the records from Oct. 31 until the present it should be covered.

*Coal sheds
are on Ry Co.*

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of course there may be more than that

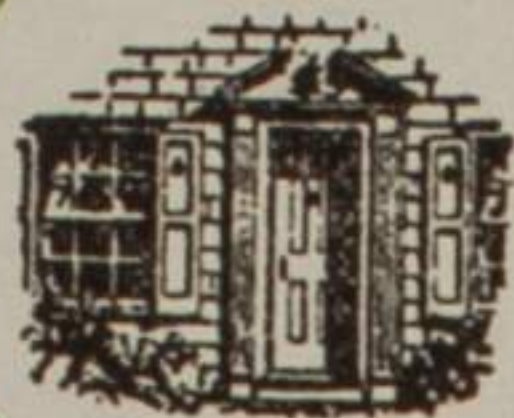
The manner in which the sale is being made is for the stock owner to assign his stock to the Wymore National Bank or rather assign the stock to me c/o of the Bank with the understanding that I would make the purchase provided I receive a minimum of 51% of the stock. There were 469 shares in that were in shape to be transferred, and I purchased 400 in my name, 30 in Dorothea's name; and Carl purchased the balance. We are to pick up the balance of the stock shortly before Feb. 11th which is the deadline. for the stock to be turned in. Mr. Riley as well as Carl and myself made an examination of the stock certificates to see that they were all right. They know of approximately 100 additional shares that are coming in. Mother is going to take a portion of that additional, and Carl expresses a desire to take all that is left. I have never discussed with D. his taking an interest, and have made no decision as to my taking additional stock over control, and can decide that between now and when we take over the balance of the stock that comes in.

I discussed with Mr. Cumro and Judge Ellis the President and Secy. respectively as to who would serve on the Board of Directors and as to my compensation. They felt that that matter was entirely up to us, and would naturally expect us to have a majority on the Board. The present articles of Inc. call for nine directors and we were all in agreement that the number should be reduced to five with the idea that possibly Dorothea, Carl, and myself would make up the directorate along with two of our choosing from Wymore.

I feel rather badly that I did not get a signed statement from the President as to the assets, but Mr. Riley felt that it was unnecessary and as a matter of fact the President owns only three shares of stock. We also made an examination of the records as to those that held stock and found them to be as represented. After our examination I do not see how there can be a misrepresentation as to the assets.

I believe that I have covered the principal points of our trip. I went over the invoices of the past year and find that they received only two cars of lumber during the year and no shingles and both cars were what I would consider undesirable. They could not have had over \$6000 of strictly lumber sales which makes it all the more surprising that their sales were as great as they were. Both of these cars were loaded and shipped from a Omaha distributing yard. From the auditors report it does not indicate that their earnings were great, but I can see where they could be improved considerably as they were very inefficient in the operation of the business from my observation.

HARRY F. JOHNSON



JOHNSON LUMBER COMPANY

DAWSON

NEBRASKA

I am mailing you under separate cover a copy of the auditors report which you can return after having examined it. This firm of auditors have a very fine reputation. I had previously examined this report before entering my bid, and had not based it on the printed copy of the statement I had given you.

I surely appreciate the suggestions you made as to making the examination, and we followed them all with the exception of getting the signed statement, and I hope that I have not made any mistakes.

Dorothea and I plan to go to Omaha this afternoon and attend Lumbermens convention Monday and Tuesday. Mother came up with Carl and Dorothy Thursday night and is going to stay with the children while we are gone. Dorothea is planning on just getting a good rest while in Omaha, which she certainly needs, and I know she will not have the children on her mind with mother here to supervise them.

*but do feel that
it will work out
to our betterment*

I cannot help but feel some misgivings on entering into a deal of this size involving the putting out of that much money as well as the complications of moving and getting settled in a new community. The 430 shares cost \$33,970.00 or \$79 per share. If we do not purchase any more of the stock I will owe mother approx. \$4000. Dorothea and the boys have approximately between \$6000 and \$7000 in bonds purchase value. . We still have the problem of purchasing a home in Wymore if we are unable to rent, but of course have our home here which we hope to be able to turn ~~our home here~~. I feel that the rest of the yards I am interested in ~~are~~ adequately financed so do not feel that I am getting in an overextended position. As soon as we can get things running smoothly we will be looking for you and mother up again.

Love,

Bus

January 25, 1946

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

Dear Blanche:

I stopped for a minute to open your letter which just came, thinking that it was addressed to me, but believe it or not, finding that it is for your mamma, I have returned it to its envelope, and will see it after she gets through reading it, providing you haven't said some real mean things about me that she won't want me to see. I have told you many times what a fine daughter you are, and how much I love you.

I suspect that your mamma has written you about the very enjoyable dinner we had at the Practice Home, as the guests of Marilyn. Owen is still doing fine work and we enjoy having him with us. He is so easy to have around, and helpful in many ways. He showed me another paper yesterday marked 100, and told me that Professor Tate had informed him that he would not have to take a final examination in that course because of the excellence of his work. The boy really knows what he is in school for, and is undoubtedly making fine headway. We shall be glad to have him stay with us through the entire school year, if such an arrangement seems desirable to him.

Your mamma and I went to Dawson Saturday afternoon, rode around the country quite a bit with Bus on business trips, and had an excellent dinner Monday evening with Mrs. Nelson and the Nordlund's in Auburn. Little Dolph has not recovered from the sort of sniffles that he had, but is better, rather than worse, and we hope, will soon be entirely over the trouble. He is a darling baby.

I am sorry that I didn't get to see Eileen, but having her picture enables me to remember what she looks like.

Love to all,

Dad

WCS:jm

January 25, 1946

Miss Lillian Gowdy,
3751 Aldrich Avenue South,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Lillian:

Just a note to let you know that we are thinking of you and are hoping that the winter season is not too hard on you.

I think it is a very happy arrangement that you have with Mrs. Olson and her grandson. It is fine for them to have a real home, and it is good for you to have someone you like and in whom you are interested.

The winter, which actually begins December 21, is nearly half over, and in a few months, we shall again have flowers and the warmth of spring.

We are not making any plans, but the probabilities are that we will spend more time in Minnesota this summer than we have in recent years.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Olson and accept the love of your brother cousin.

WCS: jm

January 25, 1946

Mrs. L. A. McNalley,
Minneapolis, Kansas.

Dear Janet:

I am mighty sorry that you are having so much trouble with your skin. For several months, as you probably know, I have been troubled more or less, by a skin irritation which is practically invisible to the sight. Feeling that it probably was caused by something that I was eating, I began experimenting by cutting out honey, eggs, coca cola, pears, and various other things. While at Dawson, visiting Dorothea and Bus, we took a ride, and at one place, I bought a sack of apples. I ate one of them, and very shortly after, I felt the effect on my skin. Later, Monday night, I ate a piece of a delicious apple pie at the Nelson's and Nordlund's in Auburn, and again felt something of the same effect. I am therefore, of the belief that the acid of the apple may be the cause of my trouble inasmuch as I have been eating them very freely. I am very much better, and hope to be entirely over my trouble soon.

It may be that your trouble lies in some very simple thing that you are doing every day. Maybe it is the fumes from the oil or gas burner, or the slight dust arising from your household work. While I was connected with the Building and Loan, and had to examine houses, I found myself allergic and very sensitive to the very fine dust that would arise when we walked through a vacant house. You have a sensitive skin, and there is still another suggestion which came to me through Dr. Johnson, and that was that my practice of using alcohol as a rub at times, removed the natural oils necessary for keeping my skin in condition. Of course, perfect elimination has very much to do with securing good health.

The only reason that I am not a quack doctor is not because of inability, but because of greater interest in other things. You may recall that I was the one

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who called the turn on my distant cousin, Kathryn Drought, who thought her trouble was tuberculosis, and perhaps it was partly that, but it was certainly aggravated by the condition of her teeth.

Tell Mike I am always glad to hear from him, and feel sure that he is a grandson in whom I can always take pride.

Your mamma has been in bed with cold most of the time since we came back from Dawson Tuesday. She was up for dinner last night, and again for breakfast this morning.

Owen just showed me another grade of 100 on a paper in Mechanics last night. Out of five papers he has shown me, so far, there have been three marked 100, one 98 and another 95. The boy is certainly doing good work.

Lots of Love,

WCS: jm

January 25, 1946

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

My dear Dorothea:

We had a mighty nice time and enjoyed every minute of our visit with you and your charming family.

Hope Dolph will soon overcome the little difficulty that he has had.

I took your shoes into the Royal the other day and asked them to send you a pair of 5's.

I have scribbled two short notes to Bus regarding things which I had not noticed or thought about while I was with him.

Give my love to Lance, Charles and Dolph.

Lovingly,

WCS:jm

January 25, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nordlund,
Auburn, Nebraska.

Dear Carl, Maude and Mrs. Nelson:

I don't know when we have had a nicer time
than we had in the few hours spent with you.

We had not yet left your premises when Bus' car refused to generate any power. It was not in the starter, but apparently in the gas feed. Two or three young men, seeing that we were in trouble, gave us wonderful assistance. One took his car and drove around to the Chevrolet garage, and finding it open, came back and pushed our car there. In some way, there was water in the gasoline, which was evidenced by flakes of ice in sufficient quantity to clog the fuel line. It was necessary to blow out the line and clean the fuel pump, after which, we had no difficulty.

The garage man's charge was very reasonable, and the young man who had helped us so willingly, didn't want to take anything for it, but Bus insisted on giving him a dollar. I asked him if he knew you, and he said he did, and I told him we had been at your home, but I didn't get his name. I shall always have a very kindly feeling for the general public in Auburn because of the very great kindness that was shown us.

Dolph and family are well, and are sporting a new Ford. Dolph is looking after business in Kansas City today.

With kindest regards to all, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

WCS:jm

Miss Lillian M. Gowdy

3751 Aldrich Avenue S., Minneapolis, Minnesota

Feby. 26 - 1945.

My very dear Cousin Collie:-

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the kindly thought which prompted you to send me the beautiful plant - a lovely Azalia in full blossom. It will give me pleasure for weeks to come.

It is still cold, and I am not feeling quite up to par, as you can tell by my handwriting.

I have been sitting in the Oriel window and reading some of the lovely booklets sent me. If I could only live up to their fine ideals, but when I look back, it seems as if my life had been pretty much of a failure. I hope the next life may give me some opportunity for reparation.

Do not think me depressed, dear. I am very thankful and glad.

God bless you.

Lillian.

wharves to await the infrequent ships.

Mexico was slow to feel the rubber shortage. United States tourists could hire Mexican tires at the border and save their own while driving south of the Rio Grande if they desired, until the signing of the United States-Mexican rubber agreement early in September. Now we hope to purchase Mexico's extra tires, and increased transportation costs may soon boost Mexico's steadily rising cost of living.

There is every indication that if the war lasts as much as two years longer, one-crop economics will be a thing of the past in Central America. Diversification of agriculture to meet national food requirements, and cultivation of products vital to the war effort are the new trends. They have met with such approval that postwar policy will undoubtedly favor a continuance of self-sufficiency whenever possible, if for no other reason than protection against changing market demands for exportable produce.