

May 23, 1947

Mr. Dolph Simons  
c/o Colonel George S. Eyster  
Chief Public Information  
Hq. EUCOM, APO 757  
c/o Postmaster  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Dear Dolph:

I went to the last meeting and banquet for the J. R. Holmes class and was delighted to find that Leo had brought Marie down. Truthfully, I had not thought about it. I then accompanied her to dinner, but did not sit with the class, although she did. It was a very nice affair - with good talks, a good dinner and a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Everything is running along according to schedule at the office. Today will be the third 16-page paper in a row. The first two days, we had ten pages each. So far as I know, the only one out of the office this week has been Agnes, who has been sick. Mrs. Skinner is filling in for her. This has been a busy week for job printing. Some of the work has been beautiful and some of it not quite up to standard, because we could not get the proper paper for the job and had to do the best we could with the paper available.

Many persons ask about you, and frankly, we have reached the point where we think we ought to hear from you pretty soon. Today is the eleventh day since you took wings and flew away.

The auditors are here and seem to be making good headway. Janet and Mike came in last night and I think Mac will join them here. He had a paper at the meeting of the bar in Topeka.

After about eighteen or twenty days of dry weather, we have had considerable rainfall, not in the way of heavy rains, but of frequent showers. Everything looks fine. We pulled radishes from our garden yesterday, at least nine inches long. They were the longest I ever saw for edible vegetables. Marie was out this morning to gether a few flowers, as her mother and family are expected down today.

I was interested just now in learning that Eugene Johnson had been elected superintendent of the Sunday School in the Church of God. I think it might be nice



if you would drop him a line, expressing appreciation for the way he is starting out in life. Maurice Barker was in for a little while this morning. I think he is now with the Kansas City Kansan.

I do not think of anything else of special interest.

We miss you but are very glad that you have been given the opportunity to serve your country, and at the same time, enjoy a visit to distant lands.

Your loving father,

W. C. Simons



May 20, 1947

Mr. Dolph Simons  
c/o Colonel George S. Eyster  
Chief Public Information  
Hq. EUCOM, APO 757  
c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

Dear Dolph:

This is Tuesday, the 20th and have taken Gertrude down to see the dentist for the fourth time. We go down again a week from today to have the impression of her mouth taken, and then after the plates are made, she will have the rest of her mouth cleaned out. She is taking it like a good soldier, but was rather miserable last week.

Dorothea and Jon Dolph are with us, and we are enjoying them. He is one of the finest little chaps to have around that one could possibly want....always good natured. Dorothea and I went to the Episcopal Church Sunday to witness the confirmation of candidates. I presume Marie has written you about it.

There is nothing new at the office. The job department is very busy, and believe it or not, all five presses have been running today; of course, not constantly, because it takes them time to put on new forms and make-ready. Ten pages yesterday, ten again today, and several large papers are due for later in the week as we have four page ads, I think, for Gambles for one issue. We also carry a half page one day this week for the local gas company announcing the new and reduced rates, which will make a substantial saving to you.

Many persons ask about you and they are waiting with a good deal of interest for first word that we have from you. This is the tenth day after you left home. I think you arrived in Berlin a week ago today, or tomorrow.

The telephone strike has ended, as you may already know. School will soon be out.

We love you very much, are proud of you, and will be happy to have you return.

Lovingly, your dad

W. C. Simons

WCS:jm



May 15, 1947

Mr. Mike McMalley  
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Mike:

Your good letter of the 6th should have been answered sooner, but we have been pretty busy. On the 9th, Dolph and I gave a dinner for Sigma Delta Chi, a newspaper fraternity, at the hotel. Saturday night we had Dolph and family for dinner, and Sunday noon we were Dolph's guests at dinner at the Eldridge. He left Sunday evening for his trip to Europe as the guest of Secretary of War Patterson. A message received today states that they arrived safely in Berlin.

Belatedly, I came to the conclusion that a part of your grandmother's lameness was due to the condition of her teeth and after discussing the matter with our physician we decided to have something done about it. An X-ray showed that she still had a root on the lower left-hand side of a wisdom tooth, pulled when she was about twenty or twenty-one years old. There was infection there and also in some of her other teeth. She has now had the root removed and six teeth extracted. They hope to follow this up until her mouth is thoroly cleaned of infection. The last operation in which the root was removed was rather severe, but she is recovering nicely and was at the table with us today, although she is not cracking any nuts or eating popcorn.

We are much interested in your work in track. That was fine that you could win second in the 880 yard dash. I think it quite likely that you will be able to make still better time after more practice. I haven't told him about Pascha of



Mr. Mike McNalley

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Marysville, but I will let him know at once.

Your grandma received a letter and package from Janet this noon, with which she was much pleased.

I am sorry that your peach trees went bad on you, but they yielded so heavily that perhaps they sapped the strength of the tree so that it was unable to withstand the cold weather. I believe I should replant them.

We are expecting Dorothea and Harry here tonight with John Dolph. We shall be very glad to see them. Come down and see us any time you can. We always have room for you and a friend.

Give my love to your mother and dad.

Lovingly, your grandfather,



May 13, 1947

Mrs. Fannie Sanders  
Room No. 3  
1013 New Hampshire St.  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Sanders:

I am very glad to know that you are again able to work. Just the other day as we drove down the street, Mrs. Simons wondered as to how you were getting along, and was sorry that she had not been able to see you.

You have been a patron of ours for a good many years, and we take pleasure in running each of the ads you sent us for a week without any charge. We, therefore, herewith return to you the check for one dollar (\$1.00) which you sent us.

Hoping you continue to improve, I remain,

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

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May 15, 1947

Dr. J. Russel Wickey  
29 Public Square  
Belleville, Illinois

Dear Russel and Mima:

We are glad to reach both of you with one letter. We enjoyed the good letter that we had from Rusty.

It is my understanding that the first baby in your family named Charles, was born with a cleft pallet and had a silver plate to close the opening. I do not think he lived very long and the only record that I have is a letter written by your mamma, my Aunt Julia, to her brother - my father - Dolph Simons. At this time she appeared to be in poor health and heartbroken because of the death of the little boy. I think she had no other children at that time.

Papa died October 29, 1877 and your mamma died about six months previously. I think that letter is in the Simons family Bible and if you would like to have it, I will send it to you, as you have so little to remember your mother by.

Of the Mason line, I can give you a complete record beginning with Samson Mason who located at Swansea, Massachusetts, as I recall, at a very early date. Our great grandfather on the Simons side was Ezra Mason, who was the father of Wealthy Ann Mason, who married my grandfather Alfred Smith Simons, who was also your grandfather, being the father of Aunt Julia.

You and I are both rather short of relatives. Of my brother and three sisters, all I have left are Mary Jule Stough, my grandniece, and her little



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daughter Vera, now living in Lawrence. Etoile was never married. Louis had one daughter who was weaned away from him by her mother and with whom we have no contact; and Grayce, although married, has been childless. However, Gertrude and I have four living children and ten grandchildren. Dorothea, our youngest, her husband and her youngest, John Dolph, will arrive tonight from Wymore, Nebraska for a short visit.

I started working on my genealogy a few weeks ago but doubt if I shall be able to do much until after Dolph's return from Europe. By the way - you may not know that he arrived in Berlin today as one of twelve men invited by Secretary of War Patterson to make a tour of investigation in American occupied Germany. They left by plane from Washington shortly after lunch Tuesday, the 13th, and will spend about thirty days in Europe. While our office is well organized, and each one has his duties to perform, I am nevertheless, kept quite busy.

Give my love to Mima.

Lovingly, your cousin

WCS: jm



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Mr. Dolph Simons  
c/o Colonel George S. Eyster  
Chief Public Information  
Hq. EUCOM, APO 757  
c/o Postmaster  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Dear Dolph:

We received a wire today of your arrival in Berlin. The Star will carry a picture today, but we were unable to get a cut before tomorrow. The picture shows the group with windblown hair, perhaps on the gangplank as you entered the plane.

Everything is running along nicely. Business is keeping up. Everyone seems to be happy, and we have a 16-page paper today.

Tomorrow will be your mamma's birthday and the birthday letter you left with the Hollingberry's arrived today. We see Marie briefly every day, but I haven't had much contact with the boys - you know how busy they are.

Your mamma was due for the extraction of the root of a wisdom tooth which had been in her mouth for close to fifty years. I didn't dare permit her to take a general anesthetic, so they blocked off the jaw and the dentist very deftly and swiftly operated to remove the root, which was found to be infected and which in itself, could be the cause of much detriment to her general health. Four other teeth were removed, making a total of six teeth and the root, which had been removed. We have another appointment for next Tuesday. The last operation and extraction bruised her face a bit and caused some swelling. She is recuperating rapidly, however, and sat at the table with us today, both for breakfast and lunch.



Mr. Dolph Simons

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The best of feeling prevails at the office. Everyone seems to be much interested in your trip, and I think you will be rather deluged with requests for talks before various bodies upon your return.

Jessie has been keeping you informed and has been sending clippings.

Personally, I think Patterson made a very wise choice in you if he wants an honest and intelligent report and interpretation of conditions in American occupied Germany.

I wrote Scrivner yesterday, asking him to support the passage of the Mason Bill for the restoration of rights taken from the news-gathering organizations, including the Associated Press, by the action of the Supreme Court. I told him that both Capper and Reed, I am sure, would be glad to inform him regarding the merits of the bill.

The weather has remained dry. A few drops of rain have fallen today, but not enough to do any good. Drouth conditions, however, do not prevail, as the subsoil is still moist.

I hope you will have a real interesting and profitable time.

I am, as ever,

Your loving father,

WCS:jm



May 17, 1947

Mr. Dolph Simons  
c/o Colonel George S. Eyster  
Chief Public Information  
Hq. EUCOM, APO 757  
c/o Postmaster  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Dear Dolph:

Just received from the Associated Press, an 8 x 10 picture of the group as they were entering the plane. You will be interested in knowing that you are one of the few members of the party who do not seem to be squinting as you face the light. I think your picture is one of the best in the group - perhaps the best; at least, it is the best for me.

We are having slow and easy rains that are going to be mighty good for garden, potatoes, and the corn that has been planted. You will be interested in knowing that the telephone strike is ended. I have not asked what the settlement was. On the whole, we have gotten along quite well without the phones.

Joe just this minute, informed me that the cut we had made for the newspaper of your party, arrived this morning and as it is a little late, we will not give it first page; but I told Joe to select one of the pages that prints up the best if there should be any choice. Otherwise, it will be top column, page 2. We will carry on the first page, the picture of the planes over Washington yesterday.

The boys are both attending the track meet at Manhattan. Your mamma is improving. Dorothea is with us with Jon Dolph, for perhaps ten days, and Bus returned to Nebraska this morning. Your mamma had a very happy birthday, being remembered from breakfast on down until dinner time at night, when Dorothea supplied a cake with candles. The boys received their cards yesterday from Bermuda. Be sure and make copious notes.

Much love,

WCS:jm



May 16, 1947

Mr. Elmer F. Beth  
Journalism Department  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Mr. Beth:

Your letter of the 15th is so alluring that it makes me sad that I do not know how to dance. However, Mrs. Simons is having some dental work done and would not be able to accompany me even to the dinner, so we will have to pass up this opportunity with the expectation of being with you at some future date.

Thanking you, I am as ever,

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

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May 14, 1947

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Mr. Dolph Simons  
c/o Colonel George S. Eyster  
Chief Public Information,  
Hq. EUCOM, APO 757  
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Dear Dolph:

You and your delegation doubtless are now picking your teeth around the secretary's table.

We saw Marie briefly last night and I think possibly she is in Kansas City today, having gone down with someone. We got up early and were in Kansas City in time for a 9:30 appointment with the dentist. We decided not to permit a general anesthetic to be given. She got along very well, the dentist removing the hidden root of the wisdom tooth, which showed infection, and four other teeth. We have another appointment for next Tuesday.

Everything is moving along smoothly at the office. Your letter from Chicago, I understand, was picked up this morning by Marie. It is now just past one o'clock and I am at my desk.

I know you will have a glorious time, and we shall try to keep you informed. Sent you a wire last night which we hope you received today.

Lots of love,

WCS:jm



May 8, 1947

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

Dear Pat:

I am now reading the letter you wrote to Dolph, dated May 6.

You know, I have been quite a bug about the many ills that come to the human body through the presence of bad teeth. Very belatedly, I connected Gertrude's trouble to the condition of her teeth, and we are going to have her mouth cleaned out entirely. Three teeth were extracted yesterday by Dr. Webb in Kansas City.

I wonder if you have a crown tooth, or a filled tooth, that may have a pus pocket connected with it. I think that with the trouble you have had with your stomach, one of the wisest things you could do would be to have your teeth x-rayed to see if they have a part in your trouble. The x-ray taken of Gertrude's teeth indicates that she is still carrying a root from one of the four wisdom teeth extracted when she was about twenty-one years old. Her next hard problem will be having the gum split open to remove that root.

Twice, the presence of a bad tooth has caused me stomach trouble, and twice a bad tooth caused Louis to have rheumatism in his shoulder and arm. Knowing what I do about the influence of bad teeth on one's health, I marvel that the doctors and dentists do not give more attention to their removal. Wouldn't it be glorious if you could find that there was a bum tooth somewhere in your head that is causing all your trouble and that quick recovery would follow its removal?! After having had twelve years of very serious stomach trouble, it disappeared in a week following the removal of an infected tooth, and its recurrence five years later was immediately stopped by the removal of another infected tooth. I am sure that Gertrude's health will be vastly improved by the removal of the teeth that Dr. Esterly had been treating for many years.

I will now go ahead and finish reading your letter. Gertrude will go back to Dr. Webb at Kansas City next Tuesday morning for further extraction.

Love to you and yours,



May 5, 1947

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

Dear Pat:

Yesterday I looked over the mail at the office and also looked through the mail in our box at the postoffice and found nothing personal, so I was greatly surprised and pleased last night when Dolph and Marie, after their return from a short visit to Auburn, brought your letter and one from Janet.

It was mighty fine of you to write me that nice long letter, and it did me a lot of good. In the ratio of percentages, I think you have rated about 120 or maybe 150 as compared to the average, in the fight that you have been putting up for the return of your health, and I feel like you, that you have won the fight - at least, you have won these rounds and you will be mighty careful to guard against another coming up.

What little our family has been able to do, we have been extremely happy in doing, because as you know, you are a real member of the family. The word in-law plays a mighty small part in our family. I look upon the husbands as sons and Marie as a daughter. And, of course, you are particularly close to us because you were the first, and we were associated together for so many years. You have been a grand boy - a good husband and a good son, and we are for you one hundred percent.

I wrote to Dr. Kierland at Mayo's, trying to find out if the location of your office so near your welding plant had subjected you to a continuous exposure to electrical rays, which might have had something to do with your trouble in the first place. In his reply, he said that while the body was subject to the effect of rays, he would be unable to give an opinion in this



case. As one drives a car with his radio on, and passes under electric wires he immediately notices the effect of the electric rays on his radio. That is again borne out by the fact that a stiff load of electricity finally peters out if the line is long enough without any power having been turning. Where your office is located, a detector of electric rays would certainly find a continuous bombardment. Not knowing anything definitely about it, but simply acting on suspicion, I think it would be well for you to absent yourself from your office just as much as possible, and to transact your business very largely from your home. This would simply be as a precaution, and while it might be a little inconvenient, it could be done.

I don't know whether we told you or not, that Mr. Drake, or his son, has built a house perhaps a hundred yards South of the street entrance. The only approach now would be through the Drake property. There have been so many small homes and even larger homes built in Lawrence in the past few years, that the town would look strange to you. Here's hoping you will be able to come up and familiarize yourself with it soon.

Much love to you and yours,



May 5, 1947

Dr. C. B. Johnson  
6 West 11th  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I have come to the conclusion that quite likely a great part of Mrs. Simons' trouble, both in regard to the pain in her left leg and knee, may be attributable almost entirely to the condition of her teeth. I do not think that she has any cavities, but she has been afflicted with pyorrhea for several years and has been treated every three months by Dr. Esterly and since by Dr. Johnson. I don't know why I have been such a chump as to not connect the two before, because I realize that pyorrhea can cause rheumatism, stomach trouble, heart trouble and doubtless other serious disturbances. I understand that Art Weaver lately had his teeth removed and a new set made almost immediately. I am informed that he is greatly pleased with the result and that the work was done in Kansas City. While the charges, I understand, are quite heavy, I am perfectly willing to do whatever seems best for Mrs. Simons.

While I am writing you, I might call to your attention that I don't believe I have had a checkup this year, and although I do not feel that I need it in any way, yet it might be desirable to follow the practice that I began a good many years ago.

Please advise me in regard to both of these matters, or, if you have time, we can talk it over.

Sincerely,

WCS:jm



April 25, 1947

Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
Route 3  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grace,

I think that you probably owe me a letter, but I shall write you again anyhow.

Dolph and Marie expect to return Sunday from New York where they attended the annual meeting of the Associated Press and of the A.N.P.A. The boys have been staying with us and we have enjoyed having them. If you were to see either one of the two, you would hardly recognize him because of his size. Dolph, who already has a letter in football, rather expects to receive two more letters; one for basketball and the other for track. John will be in high school next year and Dolph in the University. Dolph has been shown a lot of attention by the fraternities at K. U. and has had invitations to visit fraternities in other towns. We confidently expect him to enroll in K. U.

Mary Beth will complete her work at Monticello this year and expects to enroll in K. U. in the fall. A letter from Blanche today says that Marilyn very greatly enjoyed her trip to Biloxi, and said that her work there has been complimented. Pat apparently is improving gradually, but very slowly.

Gertrude has not been like herself physically since Sunday afternoon, April 13. She has been up every day, but lacks her usual pep and energy, and has been under a doctor's care. As we have no telephone service, I have written the doctor asking him to tell me what he thinks has been her trouble. So far the only word he has given us was that she was dieting too rigorously.

Janet will return from Rochester tomorrow and will be with us for a least a little while. She never stays as long as we would like to have her. I rather think that Marilyn is coming up also. A letter today from Dorothea said that Lance has played a piano accompaniment for a man who sang "Home on the Range", and said that he performed creditably.

Our season has been backwards and does not promise well for good crops in many lines. The old world seems to be hard hit.

Lots of love to you and Don,

Lovingly,



April 25, 1947

Dr. C. B. Johnson  
6 West 11th  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I would like to have had a personal talk with you in regard to Mrs. Simons. What is the matter with her and did her first trouble indicate anything of a serious nature? It is so hard to see you and now that we have no phones, it is necessary to write.

She has followed carefully and regularly, the treatment you have prescribed, but she seems rather sluggish. She slept well last night - did not get up until perhaps 8:30, and yet, immediately after breakfast, said that she still felt sleepy. Yesterday morning, she having complained of her back hurting, I found the left leg to be shorter than the other, which indicated a misplaced Sacroiliac. Dr. Eustace adjusted it for us and made her more comfortable. I am afraid the Sacroiliac had been out of position for some little time.

If I really knew what was the matter, I should know better what to do. Dizziness, which is not bothering her much now, I realize, can be occasioned by an upset condition of the ear, although she has made no complaint. It will be two weeks Sunday afternoon that her first trouble began - that is, excepting a soreness in the back.

I can't help but worry about her and naturally, the children feel in the same way. I shall be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely,

WCS:jm



April 25, 1947

Mr. August Krehbiel  
St. Luke's Hospital  
Kansas City, Missouri

My dear August:

Both Mrs. Simons and myself are extremely sorry to know that you have found it necessary to be hospitalized. Mr. and Mrs. Andy Klapis are staying with us and they received a little ~~booklet~~ *pamphlet* from the First Baptist Church, *which told of your illness.*

Mrs. Simons and I always look back with a great deal of satisfaction and pleasure to the acquaintance we had with you and Dena when you were students at the university, and members of our Baptist Church. Dena was one of the youngest of my Sunday School girls and you know that I have always greatly appreciated your singing voice.

We have had the pleasure of keeping more or less in touch with your daughters while they have been at KU, and they have all been fine girls and a credit to their parents.

It is rather hard to think of you as being laid up even temporarily, and we sincerely hope that it will not be long before the physicians get the best of your trouble, which, we understand, to be an infection of the leg. Such troubles frequently do not heal any too readily, but we know that you are in good hands, and feel sure that you will come through all right, although it is hard for all of you to have to bear it.

You have our prayers and best wishes and we wish to be remembered to all members of the family. With wishes for your speedy recovery, we remain,

Cordially, your friends

WCS:jm



April 25, 1947

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

Dear Blanche:

Your letter addressed to your mamma, arrived this morning and I have opened and read it.

I am rather nonplused in regard to Gertrude's condition, and I have just written Dr. Johnson for the lowdown. She indicated that she thought her Sacroiliac was misplaced and I found yesterday morning that the left leg was shorter than the other, which indicated a misplacement. We called on Dr. Eustace, who gave her an adjustment, and will give her another tomorrow. She doesn't seem to suffer from any pain, or nausea, but is just sort of sluggish. I think that is largely the result of the medicine she is taking prescribed by Dr. Johnson. Just what condition he is seeking to improve by the treatment, I don't know. He certainly has succeeded in giving her a general relaxation. I know that some of the medicine is given to make her sleepy and it has succeeded in causing her to doze and sleep a good deal. She is not confined to her bed, but gets up in the morning and remains up until night, although I think she frequently lies down on the bed and rests. I don't believe it is anything serious, but I don't like the way it is hanging on. I will keep you advised.

I got a letter back from Professor Towne, which was only fairly satisfactory. In it, he tried to indicate that he was already trying to cooperate with Eileen. I have always felt that he was a good deal of a nut. It seems a pity



Mrs. O. W. Maloney

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that every school has more nuts than you can find in the average hardware store. I think probably, it is an indication that men of ability usually find greater interest in other lines, and simply teach because it is the best job they can hold. Undoubtedly, there are exceptions, but even the exception may lack the drive and courage necessary to engage in business for themselves.

Some way, I have the idea that Jaundice is more or less associated with troubles similar to that of Pat's. What do the doctors say about it?

I am happy that Marilyn is doing so well and is enjoying her work. Also, that Owen is taking hold in good shape. I am sure that Eileen will come through to our full satisfaction.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do at this time.

Lots of love,

WCS:jm



May 20, 1947

Colonel R. R. McCormick  
Tribune Tower  
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Colonel McCormick:

We have your kind invitation for myself and wife for the reception to be given on the eighth of June. We should be very happy to be present, but it will not be practical for us to do so.

The Tribune is a great paper.

The Journal-World, published by The World Company, of which I am president, succeeded two papers, each published once in 1854 and published regularly after January 1, 1855, with the exception of the times when it was destroyed; first by Sheriff Jones, a Missourian, and in 1863 by Quantrill, a guerrilla. Over forty papers have been consolidated to make the Journal-World of today, and the World, which accounts for the hyphenated name, was established March 1, 1892 - fifty-five years ago. We too, look forward to a centenary edition in 1955.

Respectfully yours,  
THE WORLD COMPANY

W. C. Simons  
President

WCS:jm



Have  
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Mr. & Mrs W. C. Simons  
Lawrence Journal-World  
Lawrence, Kans.



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1847-1947

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IN TRIBUNE TOWER

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, THE EIGHTH OF JUNE

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FROM SIX TO SEVEN-THIRTY

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COLONEL ROBERT R. MCCORMICK

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

INFORMAL

*Clear return*

*In calling  
attention to  
your call well  
that in Jan 1955  
would count  
100 years -  
except that  
we have  
never been  
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counting  
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and again*



# THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT CO.

MARTIN L. DAVEY, PRESIDENT



MAIN OFFICE • KENT, OHIO

April 29, 1947.

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

Dear Mr. Simons:

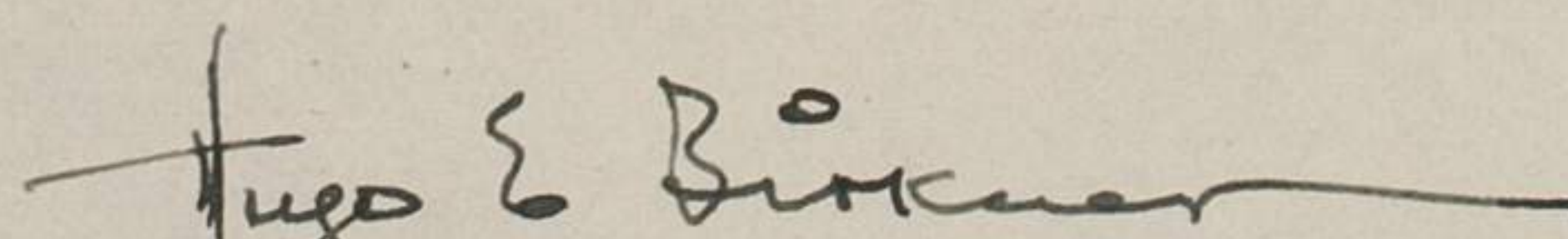
Your letter with reference to the trees at Lawrence, Kansas, is very much appreciated and we are glad of course to immediately refer a copy of it to Mr. J. F. Allen, 100 Gorelock Bldg., Webster Groves, Missouri, who is in charge of our work in your section.

Mr. Allen will get in touch with you the first time he is over your way.

Thanks very much for writing.

Sincerely yours,

THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY

  
Hugo E. Birkner,  
Vice President.

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DR. J. RUSSEL WICKEY  
29 Public Square - Phone 131  
BELLEVILLE, ILL.

3-1-47

Dear Corrie <sup>and</sup> Gertrude -

I just received your letter and while reading it the phone rang - It was Art in Cal. Yesterday I received a wire <sup>10 yrs old in Feb.</sup> Russell struck by car while leaving school bus - He died at midnight last night. I couldn't get much out of Art <sup>his father</sup> as he couldn't talk. I just returned from there so



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29 Public Square - Phone 131  
• BELLEVILLE, ILL.

don't think I will go out-  
nothing I can do.

Tuesday AM. I had a pleasant  
surprise- while eating my  
breakfast- some one reached  
over my shoulder and kissed me.

That was Lillian. She and the daughter  
who called upon you Mr and Mrs Lemon<sup>th</sup>  
were driving to Wash. D.C. to see Grace  
her daughter- They will be back there  
here later. They came thru Lawrence and  
I told Lillian if they went back that way



DR. J. RUSSEL WICKEY  
3 29 Public Square - Phone 131  
BELLEVILLE, ILL.

To stop and say hello -  
Open up put some flowers  
in the shell's and then see the beauty -  
nothing like it -

I am well nothing wrong with  
me -

Love  
Russel -



Believe it  
or not  
it was.

It's a mug that gives us courage,  
Makes us feel the world's all right!

Impossible  
as it seems  
it is.

Dear Mary!  
I am writing  
to you from  
my old room  
in New York  
and hoping  
to see you  
soon.  
With much  
love and  
affection,  
your mother



April 24, 1947

Dr. F. C. Allen  
831 Louisiana Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Upon second thought I felt that it would be entirely unfair to you to ask you to treat Mrs. Simons so soon after your return; so I made arrangements to have Dr. Eustace adjust her sacroiliac. In checking her this morning, I found that the displacement was apparent.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:jl



April 23, 1947

Mrs. L. A. McNalley  
Kahler Hotel  
Rochester, Minnesota

Dear Janet:

I found your letter at the office when I came down and thought I would write immediately.

From my own experience with the skin department at Rochester, I think you might make a little headway and certainly would do no harm if you rather insisted that Dr. Kierland talk shop with you. You know, my experience was that they kept me there a week doing nothing and then I cussed them all out like a crazy man and they got busy and put me through seven tests and examinations in one day. Handling thousands of cases, yours is just one case, but when you tell your doctor that the success of your case might mean considerable patronage from your community, and that inattention and failure certainly would not be to their advantage, they might snap into it a little harder. It might be better to use just my first suggestion about the success in your case meaning a good deal in further business from your community, rather than anything that looked the least bit like a threat. I know that with certain things, when they find what causes the trouble, then they can make up some kind of a dope that they can give you that will counteract it. Dr. McConnell one time fixed up something in the way of poison ivy to try to cure somebody, and gave them a terrible case of ivy poison, but whether that was the final attack, I do not know.

I am glad that you got a better room, and I felt sure they would try to care for you as quickly as possible.

Mary Beth was here, and having no phone connections, I went to the house to see if she were there. She told me that if I would come for her about three o'clock



Sunday, she could visit with us until time to go to Kansas City for her airplane; your mamma, not feeling very well and insisting that she accompany me if I went, we arranged with Pat and Andy to take our Buick and to take Mary Beth down. Traffic was so heavy that they had little time to spend after reaching the airport, but she got away all right. We enjoyed her visit. She is sweet and charming and I think, had a very good time. From one remark she made, I know that she had not forgotten the seeming inattention that she got somewhere else. I like your children very much and I hope that Mike will be successful in his track work. John is working at track, but so far as I know, with no reportable results. Dolph was in a track meet the other day with Olathe, which is a smaller school, and came off with a 2nd in one event and a 3rd in another. Last night he was playing ping pong for some school contest, and won his game so that he will have the opportunity to play someone else. It seems a far cry from a guard at football to success at ping pong, and looking at Dolph's heavy frame, it is rather hard to imagine that he can be quick and spry enough to play table tennis.

Dorothea reported that when the teacher at Wymore asked the children to bring in old sweaters for the needy of other lands, that Charles spoke up and said he didn't believe he could bring any because he wore Lance's and soon Jon Dolph would be wearing his, so he didn't think there would be any worth giving away. It was rather amusing.

I presume you remember Mrs. Gano before she was married, when she gave violin lessons to Blanche. As *Mrs.* you doubtless know, she is the sister of Dean Schwegler. It seems to us that she and her husband lived rather a listless life. He formerly, I think, was employed by the Standard Oil and has a retirement pension. They live very quietly, seldom go out, and rarely entertain any but members of their family. They are both very kindly and courteous when you meet them. I am now referring to both Mr. and Mrs. Gano.

Gertrude is better, but is rather slow in regaining her pep. Just what the original trouble was - what it threatened, etc., if anything - I don't know, but the doctor's treatment is evidently for the purpose of keeping her rather sluggish and causing her to sleep a great deal.

Looking at your letter, I think Mary Beth's grades were fine. She is a darling anyhow. I am glad that Mac is writing often. I wouldn't be surprised to know that he loved you a lot, and appreciates you perhaps even more than is apparent.



Mrs. L. A. McNalley

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4-23-'47

For myself, I am not kicking off anybody's hats, but I might if ~~you~~<sup>he</sup> were not too tall. Seriously, I am in good health, in which I consider myself fortunate indeed.

With a lot of love in which I know Gertrude would join me, I remain, as ever,

Your loving

WCS:jm



April 21, 1947

Mr. Wallace Weekes  
Marshall County News  
Marysville, Kansas

Dear Wally:

I find that I am somewhat behind the times in not knowing that you are now in charge of the News.

I have looked over the paper of April 17 and I wish to compliment you upon a number of good things in the paper. I like the style of makeup; I like the way you handle your news and your advertising, and I cannot see very well how there is room for further improvement, although, I recognize Marysville as being one of the unusually good towns of its size in Kansas. My youngest daughter, Mrs. H. F. Johnson, is now living in Wymore, Nebraska, so that I frequently have occasion to drive through Marysville.

I enjoyed seeing you briefly yesterday, and was happy to see the wife and delighted to see the twins. They are certainly charming children.

Cordially yours,

WCS:jm



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# COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

April 21, 1947

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Simons  
Hotel Roosevelt,  
Madison Avenue at 45th Street  
New York 17, New York

MOTHER IMPROVING STEADILY. WE ARE ENJOYING  
THE BOYS. EVERYTHING OK AT OFFICE. GLENN  
CHARLTON DIED LAST NIGHT. SENT FLOWERS.

LOVE

W. C. SIMONS



April 18, 1947

Mr. H. W. Sherman  
444 Ohio Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Sherman:

Thank you for your letter of April 16.  
I too will cooperate as fully as I can with  
Mr. Selichnow if he will make the care of  
trees a fulltime job.

Sincerely,

WCS:jm



# SHERMAN TREE EXPERTS

H. W. SHERMAN

444 OHIO STREET

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

April 16th 1947

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

Dear Mr. Simons;

As you state my time is taken up with the work for the Kansas Electric Power Co. I have difficulty enough trying to get help sufficiently competent to work under my direct supervision. It would be out of the question to try to run two jobs at the present time. However I have been trying to persuade Mr. Selichnow that he should make tree care a full time job. I have offered to teach him something about tree surgery and hope that he can see his way clear quit his present job and devote all his time to tree work.

Yours very truly,

*H.W. Sherman*



April 18, 1947

Morgan-Mack Motor Company  
609 Massachusetts Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Gentlemen:

I hope you are now in a position to deliver the mower attachment which I bought a few weeks ago. It is time now that we began cutting grass.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:jm



April 16, 1947

Mayse and Huffman  
212 West 8th Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Gentlemen:

I see by your advertising that you handle termites. I shall be very glad to have you look over my house at 2500 Vermont, which is the large white house South of the intersection of Vermont and 23rd street. I had a load of wood in the basement, which developed termites and we sprayed with DDT and may not have any termites there. There is another spot that indicates that termites have been working and I shall be glad to have you look this over and take care of the situation for me.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:jm



April 14, 1947

Dr. Kierland  
c/o Mayo Clinic  
Rochester, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Kierland:

My daughter, Mrs. L. A. McNalley arrived in Rochester today and will seek aid through your department in which I hope she will be successful.

A few years ago my son-in-law, O. W. Maloney, was treated at the hospital, as I recall, for an impacted nerve in the shoulder which required an operation. The same gentlemen has been suffering from pemphigus for nearly a year. He has been outside once, and had a relapse from which he is now recovering.

I understand the bad reputation that this disease has and in any illness I always try to ascertain if possible, what may have caused it. One thing that has seemed possible to me, and I should be glad to have your opinion on it, is whether pemphigus in his case, may have been occasioned by the rays from his electric welding plant. He manufactures tanks of various kinds which require electric welding, and while he has no occasion to operate such a machine, he frequently walks through the plant, and his office, perhaps 75, 100, or more feet from this department, which doubtless still might be subject more or less to its rays.

Maloney has led a clean life, is not addicted to bad habits and naturally, we do not know how he came to contract this trouble. I know that my son, Dolph Simons, called your Clinic by telephone from Brainerd last summer regarding the matter, and talked with Dr. O'Leary and stated that Maloney was being treated by Dr. VanCleave who had been a Mayo man.



Dr. Kierland

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I think that he has done his best in this case and with at least fairly good results. In addition, Maloney has had the constant attention and the best efforts of Dr. Fred McEwen, heart specialist of Wichita, who was one of his fraternity brothers at the State University.

One reason for wanting to know whether it was likely that these rays were in any way responsible for this case of pemphigus is that I want to guard him from returning to his office at the plant if the rays do have a malignant effect.

My niece, Mrs. Charles D. Stough returned from your hospital Saturday and feels quite encouraged.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:jm



April 14, 1947

Mrs. Amy Oettershagin  
18900 Western Avenue  
Homewood, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Oettershagin:

We have enjoyed a short visit with Charles and Mrs. Hoinville who left for Chicago this afternoon. They drove to Rochester, Minnesota where they picked up Mary Jule Stough, who had been in the hospital a few weeks for the treatment of a skin trouble. Their coming reminded me that I wanted to write to you but did not have your address.

I remember your telling me that you were a member of the Lane family. My father's only sister, Julixette Simons, married a Mr. Wickey and they lived, as I recall, at Wilmington, Illinois. After the death of my aunt, Mr. Wickey married a second time to a very excellent lady whose name I do not at the moment recall, but I understand that she was a second cousin of my father and of Mr. Wickey's first wife. I also recall that her name had been Lane and the only way in which I can figure that she might have been a cousin would be through connection with the Mason family - my grandfather's wife being Wealthy Anne Mason and her father being Ezra Mason. I have the Mason line developed back to Samson Mason, an early settler of Swansea, Massachusetts. I have wondered if her Lane connections might have been related to yours.

Mrs. Wickey died a good many years ago, leaving two children, a Mrs. Lillian A. Gooding, 328 Galloway Street, Weiser, Idaho and a son, Roy, who was adopted, I think, by a family named Mason. I know that neither of these children have much of an idea of their background.

Mrs. Simons and I have enjoyed your acquaintance doubly so because of your long friendship for my sister.

Cordially yours,

WCS:jm



*The Photographs* which you ordered recently are now finished. You may call or send for them at your convenience. If you did not order enough to give to all your friends, you can get additional copies on short notice. We also keep in our files the proofs from which you did not order finished photographs. You can have photographs made from them at any time.

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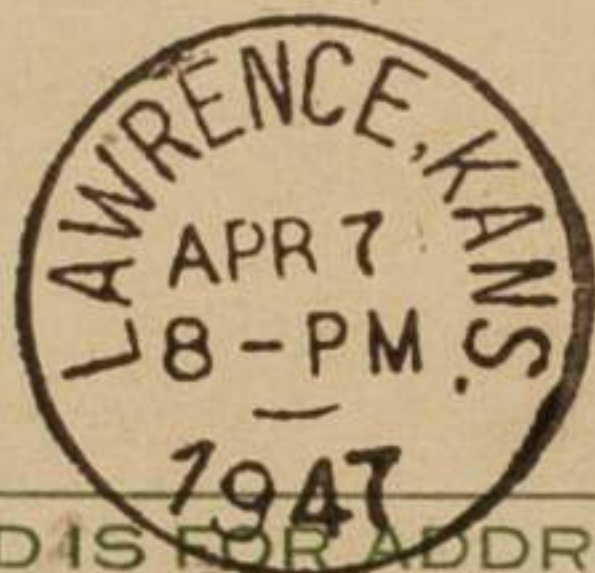
*Hixon Studio*

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Telephone 41

*J. H.*





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



W. C. Simmons

Journal World

Lawrence, Kansas



April 11, 1947

Dear Mr. Sherman:

I know that you are a fulltime employee of the Kansas Electric Power Company. I also recognize the urgent need for competent tree surgery in Lawrence.

Had you ever thought of establishing such a service, furnishing the management and oversight, and hiring workmen to carry out your orders? I think Lawrence needs that kind of service and it may be that it will be necessary to try to bring someone in from the outside if we cannot secure it otherwise. It is possible that the Davey people of Ohio could recommend such a man for us.

We shall be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. H. W. Sherman  
444 Ohio Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

WCS:jm



April 11, 1947

Mr. Marvin Selichnow  
622 Alabama  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Selichnow:

You will recall that perhaps ten days ago I called you, hoping that you could find time to do some tree trimming for me. I have not since heard from you.

There certainly should be enough tree work in Lawrence to make it a good job for someone. Do you think the Journal-World would be justified in making the statement in the paper that there was a real opportunity for a capable tree expert to come to Lawrence? While trees are not human, we learn to love them and we want to see them properly cared for. Unfortunately, great injury can be done to trees through the carelessness or ignorance of the worker, and great damage can come to the trees through neglect on the part of the owner.

I shall be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely,

WCS:jm



April 11, 1947

Mrs. L. A. McNalley  
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I have just read your good letter and note that you dread going to Rochester. Just get rid of that dread for there is no occasion for it. They are very cooperative and if you meet Dr. Kierland who is next to the head in the skin department, he knows me and I am sure he will give you every attention as a friendly and capable man.

I really enjoyed the fine pictures that you sent me as an Easter present.

I am glad to know that Mike has a good singing voice, because I am not sure that I have ever heard him sing.

We are expecting Mr. and Mrs. Hoinville to be with us Saturday night and over Sunday.

We shall be happy for some of us to take Mary Beth to her train, and shall be very glad indeed to see her.

Much love,

WCS:jm



April 9, 1947

Mrs. Charles D. Stough  
2120 Vermont  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear niece:

I sent you yesterday a copy of a photograph of myself made since our return from Florida. Friends said that I looked rested and well and I thought it was a good time to have a picture taken. Hope you will like it.

I hope that your visit to the Mayo's will prove well worthwhile. You certainly have gone through a lot. We shall be glad to see you on your return, which we understand, will be late this week with Mr. and Mrs. Hoinville bringing you back.

We received from Vera a few days ago, the greeting cards that she sold us in her efforts to help the Girl Scouts. I think it is mighty nice for a little tad like that to show a practical interest in affairs.

Love and best wishes.

Your uncle

WCS: jm



April 9, 1947

Mrs. Kathryn Drought  
1417 N. Blackstone  
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Kathryn:

I sent you in yesterday's mail a copy of a photograph taken since our return from Florida. My friends said that I looked well and rested, and I thought it might be a good time to have a picture taken. Undoubtedly, my hair has whitened up a lot since you saw me.

I hope that you are improving in health. Give my love to the other members of the family.

Lovingly, your cousin

WCS:jm



April 9, 1947

Dr. J. Russel Wickey  
29 Public Square  
Belleville, Illinois

Dear Cousin:

I sent you yesterday a photograph that I had taken since our return from Florida. If you have any photograph of me whatever, it must have been taken a good many years ago. We have a good photograph of you, taken some years ago, but it is still a fine picture.

I am always glad to hear from you.

I am working on the publication of a family tree, ie., blanks upon which family records may be kept. When completed I shall be glad to send you a copy with data regarding the Simons and Mason ancestral lines. I think your father's initials were T. J., the T probably standing for Theodore. Your mother was born just three years to the day after my father's birth, which would make it, as I recall, February 12, 1838. We have at home, a rather pitiful letter written by Aunt Julia after the death of their firstborn, whom, I think, was named Charles. She died in 1877 I believe, six months before the death of papa.

Lovingly, your cousin

WCS:jm



April 9, 1947

Mrs. H. F. Johnson  
213 North 12th  
Wymore, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea:

Thank you for your Easter gifts which were  
much appreciated.

We sent you yesterday, four copies of a  
photograph taken since our return from Florida.  
I think it is as good a likeness as I have had  
in recent years. One copy is for you and Harry  
and one each for the three grandsons. I am  
afraid that if immediate delivery were to be  
made to Dolph that he wouldn't have much to  
remember his granddad by later on, so you will  
please take care of the picture for him.

We called upon Eileen last night and she  
reports that her father is still improving,  
although we realize that he is far from well.

We shall be glad to see you.

Lovingly,

WCS:jm



April 9, 1947

Mrs. L. A. McNalley  
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I sent you yesterday three pictures of myself taken since our return from Florida. I have never been able to try to smile and look other than a fool - perhaps I look that way always, but to me a more sober expression is better. The three copies are one for you and Mac and one each for Mary Beth and Mike.

Thank you for remembering us at Easter time.

Things are beginning to look better around home with jonquils and hyacinths in bloom.

Love to all of you,

WCS:jm



April 9, 1947

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

Dear Blanche:

Thank you for remembering us at Easter time. We called upon Eileen last evening and found that in her estimation, her father was improving when she left, which was very pleasant news for us.

I sent you yesterday, four copies of a photograph I had taken immediately upon our return from Florida. People said I looked rested and well and I thought it might be a good time to get a photograph so that my family could remember me before great age had bowed my head and brought my chin and nose together. One copy is for you and Pat, and the others are for the three children. I think there are two different views so that you can decide between yourselves who gets which.

Love to all of you,

WCS:jm



March 13, 1947

Mrs. Don Freeman  
Treetops, Route 3  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grace:

I am glad that you received the birthday gift because I was a little afraid that it might not have gone through.

I am sorry that you have been sick and hope that the treatment will put you on your feet again. On the whole, you have had mighty good health and have retained your youth unusually well. I shall be glad when the time comes that you can hire competent household help to relieve you of that responsibility.

We are leaving in a few moments for Wymore, Nebraska to spend two or three days with Dorothea and family.

I am very glad that Charlie cashed up on your Louella stock, as I am sure the money will come in handy. In regard to the balance on the amount advanced on Louie's request, the total balance is \$375.00, but please forget it and let it stand, as we do not need the money and you can use it advantageously. I kinda like to have you have enough so that you could feel free to get what you wanted to for awhile. Most of your life you have been on easy street and it is mighty unpleasant to have to meet other conditions. However, you are now out of the woods and from now on, you and Don should be in a position to enjoy life.

Love to you both,

WCS:jm

Colbie  
J



March 18, 1947

Parsons, Building Contractor  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Parsons:

I hope you are now in a position to carry out your promise of last year, to put casement windows in the front porch of our Gull Lake cabin. You can get the keys from Mr. or Mrs. Don Freeman who live just East of our property. If there is anything you do not understand, please advise us.

Sincerely,

W. C. Simons

WCS:jm



March 21, 1947

Mr. Clint Kanaga  
Land Bank Building  
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Dear Clint:

I was glad to have your letter of the 17th and to look at your good looking "phiz" in the Jenkins publication. I am mighty sorry that you met with your accident and am glad that you are on your way to recovery.

When Mrs. Simons and I went up to Wymore, Nebraska last week to visit our youngest daughter, Dorothea, now Mrs. H. F. Johnson, the name Seneca reminded Mrs. Simons of your good wife Ruth and her sister, who were formerly Kappas. That again reminds me of the long face you wore when I informed you that your check was to be \$5.00 a week less than it had been regularly. The expression was somewhat changed when I explained that I was going to add another \$5.00 to it and deposit \$10.00 a week to your credit. I think the \$300.00 that your mean old boss compelled you to save came in handy at the time of the wedding. I think you two must have been intended for each other by nature, because you have three such fine children.

You need not have remarked that the sleeping business was a joke, because it was your good mother who called my attention to the fact that one of my employees was spending more time in his room than he should, and she was willing to risk her rental of \$10.00 a month, rather than see me bunkoed.

You ought to come up sometime, bring Ruth along and have a little visit out at the old home-stand. We are very pleasantly situated this year, with a GI who is a pre-medic at KU and whose wife, a splendid little girl, is housekeeper for Mrs. Simons.



Mr. Clint Kanage

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3-21-'47

They have been with us now for pretty nearly eight months and Mrs. Simons is delighted with the arrangement.

Outside of Joe, Dolph and Farris, I hardly now if there is anyone here that you would know. Bob Price may have been with us, for he was in "World War I". The force is somewhat larger than it was in the old days. I just signed fifty checks for the regular weekly payroll, and that does not include eight or ten heads of departments who are paid monthly instead of each week. On top of that, there are about twenty-five carriers. We are crowded for room and must arrange for it in some way as soon as materials and labor are available.

Best wishes to all.

Cordially yours,

WCS:jm



March 19, 1947

Manager of Kahler Hotel  
Rochester, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Myself and wife have stopped at your hotel at least a half dozen times in the past, and you have always been so courteous to us that we feel sure that you will do what you can in the following.

Our daughter, Mrs. L. A. McNalley of Minneapolis, Kansas, has an appointment at the clinic for April 14. She will arrive in Rochester the morning of the fourteenth and would like very much to have a room at your hotel.

If you have no vacancies, will you please try to locate a room for her in some other hotel? If you will, we shall greatly appreciate it. Please inform me of results by telegraph, collect.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Very truly yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:jl



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March 18, 1947

Mrs. Don Freeman  
Tree Tops  
Route 3  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grace:

Gertie recalls the statement that you made sometime last year, or the year before, that if you had some money, you thought of giving it to St. Joseph Hospital. Personally, I think that would be a worthy impulse, but a foolish thing to do. I have never heard of Catholics contributing any funds outside of Catholic control, and I believe that there are other places that you can use your money to much better advantage.

Pardon me for giving you this unsolicited advice, but you are still my baby sister and I am your senior. I hope that Don and you will make efforts to clear yourselves of all indebtedness rather than to try to branch out further. At your time of life and the more or less precarious condition of Don's health, I think it would be a whole lot better to move safely and conservatively rather than to plan for a bigger income later on. I have followed this principle in my own affairs for a good many years. Outside investments might have made me money, and on the other hand, they might have crippled my business and left me in bad shape.

With love to you and Don, I am as ever,

Your loving brother,

WCS:jm



Mr. Owen C. Brown  
77 E. La Crosse Ave.  
Lanodowne. Pa.



March 1, 1947

Mrs. J. B. Wiggins  
Route # 1  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Wiggins:

I appreciate very much the opportunity  
you gave me to read the letter from Mrs. O. C.  
Brown.

The prayer was one of the finest that  
I have ever read or heard, and I have kept  
a copy for my file. I shall write Mrs. Brown.

Thanking you again, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

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March 10, 1947

Mrs. C. D. Stough  
2120 Vermont  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mary Jule:

I am enclosing a letter I received this morning from CHH. I sincerely hope that Mayo's may be able to do as much for you as they did for me.

With love,

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Enc.



March 5, 1947

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

My dear Grace:

Not having heard from you I wonder if you received a birthday gift I sent you. I mailed it on Sunday, I think the 23rd, which would be the day after your birthday, and not being able to weigh the box, I put nine cents postage on it and mailed it at St. Augustine. It was addressed to you. It was a little box about three inches square and three-fourths of an inch thick and contained a pin and earrings in pansy pattern - somewhat similar to the set I gave Gertrude last summer which you admired. If you have not received it I think it might be well if we would send a tracer through the St. Augustine Post Office. The package contained no writing and nine cents should have been an adequate amount of postage.

We left St. Augustine on the evening of February 25 and arrived here on the 27th. Counting the day we left and the day we returned, we lacked but one day of making it six weeks. We had an enjoyable time and I think that the change and rest was good for both of us.

We love you and hope that everything is moving along nicely with you and Don. We are expecting Blanche and Marilyn here for the weekend, and probably next week we shall drive up to Wymore to see Dorothea and family.

Much love,

Your brother

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March 5, 1947

Mr. M. S. Winter,  
738 New Hampshire,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Ship:

I was sorry that Mrs. Simons and I were in Florida when you had your opening, but we were interested in the favorable reports that we heard regarding it.

A fitting answer to the prayer of Lawrence would be "more men like you and more industries like that which you have". The trouble with Kansas as a whole, through the years, has been that we have not kept enough of our fine young men in the state. If you had located elsewhere, perhaps the Chevrolet would have much smaller representation in Lawrence today and the city would have been much poorer for not having you and your family. The same is true of The World Company - had Dolph gone away, like so many others, and had he accepted some of the flattering offers that had been made to him from outside sources, it would have been a great loss to us, and to the community.

We appreciate you, your fine family and the remarkable business you have developed in Lawrence. I am sorry that Mrs. Simons and I were not here to have a personal part in it.

Cordially yours,

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DR. J. R. WICKES

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Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Simons,

~~St. Augustine,~~

~~46 Bay Street,~~ Florida.

~~Valencia Hotel,~~ The Journal World  
Lawrence, Kansas.



DR. J. RUSSEL WICKEY  
29 Public Square - Phone 131  
BELLEVILLE, ILL.

2-26-47

My Dear Ethel <sup>and</sup> Gertrude -

I received your letter just last week from Florida. I returned from Cal. on the eighteenth stood as long as I dared to. My secretary had instructions to send no mail - thus the delay in receiving your letter.

I flew out and back - spent several days in San Diego - several days in Los Angeles & Long Beach. Then some time with the children at Pass Robles about



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DR. J. RUSSEL WICKEY  
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One hundred <sup>and</sup> forty miles north  
of L.A. we drove up to San Francisco  
was there three days - Then drove over  
to Yosemite Park spent four days there  
So you see I got over the state  
pretty much.

I hope you get some pleasure from  
the shells - You will notice both have  
a patch on them so they will hold water  
and they are certainly beautiful with a few  
flowers in them - The Government punches holes  
in all the shells - I was given some I could



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BELLEVILLE, ILL.

cement the holes so took along some  
cement to try it it works.

Collier you certainly know about  
what I need - and sure appreciate  
your advice - I figured on getting  
something out there - and found  
nothing. The girls gave me a long  
list of things to get and send out.  
and I'm doing that to day as we  
close on Wednesday - and I'm going to St. L.  
Julia had an operation the day  
before I got there - was pregnant and was forming



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on the outside tube - she is getting  
along nicely - And the rest of the family  
is well -

I'm the same as ever as  
always - nothing new to tell me.  
I will set down and write a long letter  
when I have more time -

Love  
Russell



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## DR. OWEN BROWN BURIED MONDAY

### Baptist Leader Dies in Hospital After Brief Illness

Funeral services for Dr. Owen C. Brown, retired executive secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society and widely known Baptist leader, were held Monday



**DR. OWEN C. BROWN**

afternoon at the Lansdowne Baptist Church. The Rev. Milton C. Westphal officiated, assisted by a number of ministerial friends of the deceased. Interment was in Arlington Cemetery.

Dr. Brown, who was 75, died last Thursday in Fitzgerald-Mercy Hospital, after a brief illness. He resided at 77 East LaCrosse avenue, and was well known in the Lansdowne community.

Dr. Brown had served as executive secretary of the publication society from 1933 to 1938, when he retired.

He was born in Cato, Kansas, spent his early life on a farm and attended ungraded schools for about six months of the year. At 18, he attended a teachers institute and then taught school for six years.

Dr. Brown was graduated from Kansas Normal College in 1898, and from Ottawa University in 1902 with a bachelor of arts degree. He received a doctor of divinity degree from the same institution in 1919. He was graduated from Newton Theological Institute in 1905.

He was pastor at Emporia, Kan., from 1905 to 1907, and at Lawrence, Kan., from 1907 to 1917. In that year he came to the publication society in Philadelphia as editor of adult publications.

From 1924 to 1933 he served the society as editor-in-chief and for the last five years of that period he was secretary of the joint departments of Christian Education and Sunday School Publications.

Dr. Brown was a member of the International Council of Religious Education and served on a number of interdenominational boards and committees.

He is survived by his wife, Lois; a son, Carl, of Chicago, and two grandchildren.



CARL N. BROWN  
122 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE  
CHICAGO 3, ILLINOIS

February 10, 1947

Dear Dolph:

Thanks very much for your letter of February 1 which I found on my return home Saturday morning. I appreciate the thoughts expressed in your letter and I know that Mother will be glad to know that we heard from you.

It occurred to me that you might be interested in the attached clipping which was taken from the "Delaware County Times" and which is the same article that appeared in the "Philadelphia Inquirer" and in a couple of the New York papers. The people at the Baptist Church were very thoughtful in sending a very lovely basket of flowers for the funeral.

As you and your Father probably knew, Dad had a stroke about two and a half years ago and since that time he failed rather rapidly. The immediate cause of his death was Hemorrhage of the Colon. These hemorrhages started Saturday night, the 25th, and continued more or less spasmodically until the time of his death Thursday morning, January 30. Fortunately, however, he did not suffer at any time while he was in the hospital.

Again let me thank you for your expression of sympathy and I will send your letter on to my Mother.

Very sincerely yours,



Mr. Dolph Simons, Publisher  
Lawrence Daily Journal-World  
Lawrence, Kansas



February 16, 1947

James A. McNalley  
304 Mellett Building  
Canton, Ohio

Dear Mr. McNalley:

I find that the medicine Dr. Johnson is using for Mrs. Simons is Teropterin which, he informs me, is a still later remedy than the Diopterin.

The main thing is that Mrs. Simons was operated on five weeks ago last Saturday. She seems a little slow in regaining her strength, but this is not strange as she had been running down for several months before the operation. I am glad to say that she is not suffering pain nor soreness and, as yet, has not had to use any narcotics. She was troubled for a few days with gas on her stomach, and that has been overcome, and the doctor is giving her Wyeths Vipeptolac. The dosage, I think, is three table-spoons full in a glass of milk twice a day.

We are going to Kansas City tomorrow where Mrs. Simons will be in the convalescent ward of Saint Luke's Hospital while taking a series of x-ray treatments.

I appreciate very much the interest you have shown in her behalf, and I shall be very happy to have you keep her in mind. Apparently, she is doing remarkably well. I have taken her out riding twice, and we were out about two hours and a half yesterday.

Again thanking you for your kindly interest, I remain

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

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February 13, 1948

Mr. L. A. McNalley  
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Mac:

I have your letter containing another letter from your brother, Jim. It is difficult for me to tell you how much I appreciate his thoughtfulness and yours in passing on his letter to me.

Mrs. Simons is responding splendidly to the treatment she is receiving which includes one of the latest drugs that has been developed for such cases. It may be that it is Diopterin and I shall find out as soon as I see Dr. Johnson. Gertrude's appearance, her attitude, her general interest and her lack of pain and soreness indicate that she is improving. It is a marvelous case in which we hope that the will of God is working through the skill of medical science.

Preparations are now being made for X-ray treatments which will probably take her to Kansas City sometime next week and will keep her at St. Luke's. The doctors do not believe that her strength would warrant making daily trips as she did two years ago. Everyone is pulling for her.

Lovingly,

Your father

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February 13, 1948

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

Dear Blanche:

I am happy to write you that your mamma is making steady improvement and from all appearances seems to be winning out in her fight for recovery. She neither suffers pain nor soreness and yet is not being drugged in any way. She is using proteins with each meal and other medication. She has not had to use any drugs for pain or to help her sleep.

As you doubtless know Dr. Johnson is using one of the new drugs that has lately been developed and which is not yet on the market, but is secured through special agencies which require daily reports on the progress of the case.

This morning I received a special delivery letter from Leo McNalley in which he enclosed a letter from his brother Dr. James McNalley, with the recommendation of another new drug that is having remarkable results in similar cases. I shall refer the letters to Dr. Johnson.

Everything is moving along beautifully at home. Dortha is spending the week with us and you know how much your mamma loves these visits from her daughters. We had your recent letter and we hope that Pat is still improving.

Accept my love for all the family.

Lovingly,

WCS:cb

Dad



February 13, 1948

Mrs. Kathryn Drought  
1417 North Blackstone  
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Kathryn:

I am glad to inform you that "the lady with the smile" is surprising us all with her recovery. She has had the benefit of the best that medical science can offer and has responded wonderfully well. She is living a happy life at home, and apparently is gaining in every way. I wish that I knew something that could act equally well in your own case. Medical science has made wonderful progress in many lines.

Please give our love to the other members of your family.

Lovingly,

WCS:cb

Your cousin



February 13, 1948

Charles H. Hoinville  
7539 Colfax Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Charlie and Mary:

I want you to know that Gertrude is surprising us all with her rapid recovery. She has the attention of skillful doctors, who are giving her the benefit of their latest improvements in treatment that has been developed in recent months. She has a good color, is gaining in strength, has a reasonably good appetite, and is not suffering from either pain or soreness.

Probably next week I shall take her to Kansas City where she will remain for a few weeks for X-ray treatments. On account of the weather it is not deemed wise for her to make trips back and forth to Kansas City for this treatment.

We hope that you and Mary are thoroughly enjoying life and we shall be glad some day to see whatever changes you have made in the home.

Lovingly yours,

WCS:cb

W. C. Simons



February 13, 1948

James A. McNalley, M.D.  
304 Mellett Bldg.  
Canton, Ohio

Dear Dr. Jim:

Leo has just forwarded to me your recent letter to him and the carbon to Dr. Haidy. I am enclosing a carbon copy of a letter I have just written Leo and I will show your correspondence to our Dr. Johnson when I see him today and will again advise you as to what he is using. It is some new treatment that cannot be purchased in a regular way but which he has secured in return for making reports of the progress that is being made.

Please give my best regards to your sister with whom Gertrude and I had a very pleasant visit recently.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

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JAMES A. McNALLEY, M. D.

304 MELLETT BUILDING

CANTON, OHIO

Monday P.M.

Dear Leo & Janet:-

I am enclosing a copy of a letter to Teduk. I am sure it will explain. Anna told me Janet's mother had Ca, and that prompted me to inform you of Dioptrin. Teduks are very reluctant to release this substance, but we have a nurse at Mercy Hosp who is getting Dioptrin and doing very well. Several of the doctors here have tried to get it without results. So I thought I would try.

It might be worth a try, but pressure applied through correct channels is necessary to obtain it. W.C., & his doctor could do that I believe. Will let you know how I come out.  
As ever, Jim



February 9, 1948

Stanton M. Hardy, M. D.  
Lederle Laboratories, Inc.  
Pearl River, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Hardy:

I am writing you to see if it is possible to obtain enough Diopterin for clinical trial on a carcinoma patient who is hospitalized in Mercy Hospital in Canton, Ohio.

This patient had a hysterectomy on February 10, 1944, which revealed a Carcinoma Grade 4 in the body of the uterus. Following the hysterectomy, the patient received radium and has recently received Deep X-ray Therapy for metastatic lymph glands, which are obstructing the venous circulation of the right leg.

I shall be glad to submit any clinical and laboratory data that you may wish following the administration of Diopterin.

Yours very truly,

JAM:BFF

James A. McNalley, M. D.



May 4, 1948

Doctor James A. McNalley  
304 Mellett Building  
Canton, Ohio

Dear Doctor McNalley:

Jamet, Mac, and Mike spent Sunday with us and, while here they said you believed that Diopterin was a more efficient remedy for Mrs. Simons' trouble than Teropterin. Of course, we as laymen, have to depend entirely upon the physician's skill and knowledge, but while our Doctor Johnson acted under the belief that Teropterin was an improvement over Diopterin, he may be in error and I shall be very happy to have you tell us more about Diopterin. Naturally, you will hesitate to interfere in any way with the treatment given by another, but I can assure you that we will handle the matter in a way not to offend or to put you in a bad position. The main thing with us, naturally, is for Mrs. Simons to get well.

She was operated on sixteen weeks ago last Saturday. Later she took twenty-X-Ray treatments under Doctor Scarpelino at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City. Doctor Johnson has shown a lot of interest in her case and started out using everything in the way of improved treatment that could be secured. She had a few doses of Tertesterone (I have probably misspelled this word, but you will know what I mean) and then we began with the Teropterin. She feels a little tenderness occasionally in the left side, which is probably caused by the after effect of the operation or possibly by a continuance of the old trouble. This soreness is of a mild nature. Fortunately, she has not had to take any kind of a sedative for sixty days or more. Her appetite has greatly improved, although it is still light and her weight has remained steady, whereas prior to her operation, she was losing some week by week. We are endeavoring to give her the best of care, keeping her from physical exertion, and taking her out riding almost daily. I think, perhaps, the longest trip was to Tulsa and return. Her spirits are good and she is a very cooperative person. For the past two or three weeks she has been giving herself the hypodermics. Her color is better and



James A. McNalley

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she has more energy. She is looking forward to going to our cabin in Minnesota.

I have written at great length trying to give you a clear picture of her case, and I shall be very happy to have your advice.

We enjoyed our acquaintance with your sister and were happy that we had the opportunity to know her. Please give her our kindest regards.

Mary Beth is a beautiful girl and, as you know is a freshmen at K.U. Mike has another year in high school, and what will happen after that no one is quite sure. His parents and I have finally succeeded in making him conscious of his round shoulders and I am sure that he is trying to improve his stature. In the hope of further improvement along this line, Mac and Janet are thinking of sending him to Culver for the summer vacation. The children are fine children and we like them very much.

Appreciating all that you want to do for us, I remain

Cordially yours,

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March 5, 1947

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Scott  
815 New York  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Eddie:

You were taken sick while I was away and I didn't know about it until my return. I hope that you are very much better by this time and that you will soon be able to resume your work, which you have carried on so well through the years, not only making our feet look better, but creating a friendship that we have enjoyed. I have always found you sound in your opinions and kindly in your attitude toward others.

I hope that your health will be fully restored.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Scott.

Sincerely,

WCS:jm



Thank You  
So Much

A little  
message  
just to  
help  
express







*My thanks to you  
for all your  
thoughtfulness*

*Eddie & Nellie Scott  
815 New York St.*



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Mrs. Nellie Scott : 815 New York St. : Lawrence, Kansas

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March 5, 1947

Mr. J. B. Eakin  
Box 283  
Cheyenne Wells, Colorado

Dear Jess:

As I have remarked before, you write a good letter and I never have considered myself to be a good letter writer.

A few months ago a man named Eakin opened a bakery in Lawrence and has been doing an excellent business because he has a fine product. I think that he is distantly related to your family, just how I don't know.

We often think of you and wonder about the health of your good wife. I notice in your letter that you state that her health is not very good and so you are now near your daughter and her family. As I remember, your daughter is a nurse and in that case, it is mighty fine to have her near you, both because she is your daughter and you love her, and because of her training and ability.

The 1946 part of the winter was mild, with the exception of a very few days. One day it registered 73 degrees of temperature and within two days it had dropped to 19 below... one of the coldest spells we had had for many years. But January and February have not been exceedingly bad, but colder, I believe, than usual.

Mrs. Simons, because of lameness - the result of breaking a leg some years ago, wanted to go to Florida where she could get more sunshine, so we left here on January 17 and had a pleasant visit of nearly six weeks there, although we found very little sunshine. It has been a very disastrous year for Florida, great damage having been done to citrus fruits, flowers and early vegetables. The 26th of February, the temperature at Birmingham, Alabama and at Kansas City was identical - 18 above.

I think many times of Western Kansas, and of your family.



As I have remarked before, I remember the very sweet little sister with the red hair and fair complexion. Julia knew all of the family better than I did. I only met the family now and then as I would be looking after stock or gathering fuel or something of that sort. Ed, who is now gone, was successful in building quite an estate. I don't know whether he had children to leave it to or not.

The loss of stock due to the storm reminds me of the early days in Kansas when people felt that cattle and horses, like the buffalo, could find food for themselves, forgetting that the buffalo roamed far to the south during the winter and far to the north during the summer months. Feed was hard to raise, barns were insufficient, and livestock must have suffered cruelly. Eastern Colorado has been quite largely broken up since the days when I drove over it so frequently.

I hope that we shall continue to have good seasons with good crops of wheat. Quite a number of persons in Lawrence of my acquaintance have invested in wheat land in Western Kansas and Colorado. A son-in-law of mine, Mr. McNalley at Minneapolis, Kansas, has invested quite largely in Solomon River Valley land which is valuable and productive. I was interested last year to learn of the fine melon crops raised in Southwestern Kansas. I understand that these melons were raised by the use of Artesian wells and that the quality was equal to that of Rocky Ford.

Julia Simons Hoinville died in October 1943 and late last year her husband, C. H. Hoinville, married a maiden lady, Mary Symons, perhaps fifteen or twenty years his junior, but a very nice young woman that he had known well and who also had been a friend of Julia Simons. However, she is not a relative of ours.

We are rich in family. We have four children and ten grandchildren, the youngest being one and a half years old. They are all bright, attractive children and we are proud of them.

I note you say that the political situation is improving. As I remember, your father was a Democrat at a time when nearly everyone else was a Republican. I have forgotten whether the boys followed the father's politics or not, but you are correct in thinking that the political situation is improving. I think that it is well to recall that governments are supported by the people and that for the government to support the people is putting an unfair burden upon those who pay taxes. However, no fair minded man or woman would wish to have anyone suffer because of their lack of means.



Mr. J. B. Eakin

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My son Dolph who is now carrying a major portion of responsibility here at the office, has frequently said that it would be impossible for him to duplicate what I have done - not because of ability, but because of taxation. When I was building up, any money that I made, I could and did put back in the business. Now, when you make money the government takes the larger part of it and unless this is corrected, it may lead to very serious consequences for future generations.

I too, feel that it would be far better for farmers if they had greater freedom in managing their own affairs.

Liberal, Kansas where your son is in business, is a good town. I was there about twenty years ago.

I am glad to hear from you, because you are my only touch with the days of my youth, with the exception of my sister Grace - Grace and I being the only two members of our family now living.

I don't know whether your brother Byron would be interested in reading this letter or not. He is not far from my age, as I was born in July '71.

This is a long letter, but I have enjoyed writing it to you.

Best wishes to you and yours.

Your friend



March 5, 1947

Dr. J. Russel Wickey  
29 Public Square  
Belleville, Illinois

Dear Russel:

I am always glad to hear from you. You write a good, newsy letter and a very pretty hand. I presume that your work requires a steady nerve and you must have it. With me, I have done so little writing at longhand that my writing is not good.

Your letter was sent to us at St. Augustine to the two places at which we stayed and then was forwarded back to us at Lawrence. We left Lawrence on January 17 and arrived home on February 27, having been away a little less than six weeks. Gertrude had planned the trip with the idea of getting a lot of sunshine, which she thought might improve her walking, which has not been good since she broke her leg some years ago. We missed the sunshine, because Florida is having a very disastrous season which has destroyed millions of dollars worth of citrus fruit and spring garden. But in spite of the cold we did a lot of walking - I think probably she walked more during the time we were in Florida than she has in all of the time since she broke her leg some years ago.

I am always interested in hearing of the family. Apparently, Julia has no children; and Grace has several which we remember as being very pretty and attractive. I don't know your sister, aside from our correspondence, but she impresses me as being a mighty fine woman and one that I should like to know personally. As you know, one of her daughters with her small child, called on us briefly a few years ago and we were very glad to see them. As neither your half sister nor your half brother are related to the Simons side, they would not be interested in our genealogical background.



Dr. J. Russel Wickey

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I hope you will plan to come and see us. You and your children are the only relatives outside of my immediate family that I have on my father's side and Grace and I and my children are the only relatives that you have. The last statement is not quite true because Louie had a daughter but she was weaned away from her father by her mother, so we have been denied close friendship with her.

Grace has no children, Etoile never married and Julia's only child, Vera, died, leaving one daughter, now Mrs. C. D. Stough, who has a very bright little daughter, Vera, ten years old.

The shells you sent us have occupied a place on our mantle ever since they arrived. We have never seen any others as beautiful and it makes us think of you often.

With love and best wishes, I remain,

Your cousin,



Cheyenne Wells Colorado  
Box 283 February 15<sup>th</sup> 1947

Mrs. W. C. Simmons  
Journal World Lawrence

Kansas

Dear Collie: Thought I would write you some today  
We left the asphalt mine near Santa Rosa New Mexico  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The mine sold out their equipment to the  
place low enough so they decided they would not  
~~tongers~~ need a caretakers services later than October  
1<sup>st</sup>. Being as Mrs. Eakins health was not very good  
we decided to coming here to be near our second  
daughter and family. She is much better than when  
we left there as she was in a rather weak condition.  
The doctor <sup>here</sup> seems to understand her condition and  
is helping her quite a little.

This is somewhat colder <sup>here</sup> than where we lived in New  
Mexico although we do not consider a real chilly winter.  
November was a snowy muddy month but not  
very cold. Side roads were nearly impassable and  
would have been had it not have been for the rubber  
tired farm tractors which were used to pull stalled trucks  
out of snow <sup>drifts</sup> and mudholes.

The loss of stock was not very heavy due to the storm.  
December was a <sup>real</sup> pleasant month and January and  
this month so far not so very cold.  
Wheat looks good and there is plenty of moisture  
in the ground.

There has been some dust storms but not severe  
enough to cause much if any damage to the growing  
wheat.

The land values are booming here about one third  
of the pastures are plowed.

They have had several wheat crops in a row  
and the prospects good for another <sup>crop</sup> this year.



The elevation here<sup>is</sup> about 4300 feet.

Seasons are a little shorter than around Garden City but wheat does well.

Most rowed crops do not mature early enough to make good grain crops so they claim here. Land values running from  $\$16^{\frac{00}{100}}$  per acre to thirty five or forty dollars for improved land.

Our folks sold out in Finney and Lane Counties in Kansas and bought here about a year ago.

They like it very much they are close to highway forty six miles from town and the children go to school there.

This is an open range country which causes land owners to have to fence their crops.

We got a Christmas book from Mr. Hinville if I may ask who is Mary Symons Hinville How is all of your family I met only Mrs. Simmons and your youngest daughter, Dorothea I think you wrote Dorothea married since I visited with you and is the mother of two children.

The political situation seems to be improving, in our move here we lost our vote at the November election, but generally speaking it was a good thing most people believe that we will have a change in politics.

Whether our rights will always be retained on our farming and business activities is a question but it might be we can get away from so many restrictions imposed on farmers and business men or firms <sup>generally</sup> ~~as~~ what we nearly all hope.



money seems plentiful and there is quite a rush for eastern Colorado farm land.

We are located nearly due west of Sharon Springs Kansas and twenty one miles west of the Kansas Colorado line. 173 miles east and south of Denver.

Our son is in the insurance business at Liberal Kansas.

Our daughter who is a nurse has been employed at the Veterans hospital at Albuquerque for a year or more.

Her husband who was wounded at the battle of Guadacanal has practically regained his health he was never confined in government hospitals only about six months after he was incapacitated <sup>for duty</sup> in that engagement.

Received a letter from my brother Byron who lives in Oakland California he sold out his store went into the real estate business then he said values were so high they seemed perfectly ridiculous and that he changed to the vegetable commission business that was several months ago.

He has lived in California for many years. He is now past seventy six years of age.

I guess this all for now  
Write us some time

as ever your Friend,  
Jess



March 10, 1947

Dr. J. Russel Wickey  
29 Public Square  
Belleville, Illinois

Dear Russel:

Both Gertie and I were shocked to hear of the death of your grandson. It must be terribly hard on Grace and her husband, as well as on you and Mima. I saw the little boy twice, once some years ago at your home in Belleville, and a few years ago when you and the family stopped briefly at our home.

We can sympathize all the more with you and with his parents, because we too lost a son who passed away as suddenly as if it had been an accidental death.

You have both our sympathy and our love.

WCS:jm



Lawrence, Kansas, March 28, 1947.

Dear Grace:

Your good letter received and I hope you will pardon me for not having thanked you for the payment of \$375.00, which was duly received. We are all well and two weeks ago enjoyed a visit with Dorothea in her Wymore home. The boys are smart as tacks and little Jon Dolph would make your heart happy. He is one of the happiest little chaps you ever saw. Strong, good looking, and bright, but does not talk a great deal.

On our way home we drove out of our way to visit Marie's folks at Auburn and to see Frances Holmgren's little daughter, Mary, who is very sweet. You will remember that Frances is Marie's niece.

O. W. Maloney, (Pat) is still having his ups and downs. Visited his home about a week or ten days ago and perhaps consumed too much energy in walking around and telling his yard man what to do. Then company visited him at the hospital and altogether, it gave him a setback for a few days, but I think he is again improving. We think that his doctors are on the right track in trying to build up his system by transfusions of proteins. Blanche sometimes gets pretty discouraged.

Marilyn is doing well with her job with the Gas Company at Tulsa and has been selected as one of two girls, out of seventeen considered, to represent the company, all expenses paid, at a big gathering at New Orleans, Biloxi, or parts south. Owen Jr. represented his father's interests at the recent meeting of the corporation held at Tulsa. He is assuming more and more responsibility and apparently will be a great help to his parents.

It has been cold and unseasonable here, with freezing temperatures nearly every night. Today it has warmed up and we hope that spring is really here. We have bought a small tractor outfit with plow, cultivator and mowing machine attachments and plan to bring the power mower we bought last year to Gull Lake. Dolph and family are counting a great deal upon their summer vacation, altho Dolph wants to engage in arduous work to condition himself for football next fall. He received an offer today, which I presume he will accept, for work in the Forest Service in Colorado. He graduates from high school this year.

This is a long letter in my own handwriting per machine.

Lots of love to you and Don.

Your brother



March 26, 1947

Mr. O. W. Maloney  
St. John's Hospital  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Pat:

I want you to know that you are very dear to me - that your recovery has been the burden of my prayers for a long while. I think your little setback at this time may be a blessing in disguise in warning you that you must be extremely careful not to overdo for some little time yet. Perhaps you could have stood the effort of walking around at your home, but when you had company piled on to you, that was too much.

There was one source of comfort in Gertrude's conversation with Miss Nigg. She seemed to feel that there really was hope in the matter of building up your resistance through the protein.

You have had splendid courage - courage that would far surpass anything that I could put up, I am sure; but you are fighting the greatest fight of your life, and the victory will be wonderful. Just keep up the good work, as I know you will, and with Dr. McEwen's careful attention, I believe you're going to make it. Wouldn't it be fine if you could set a pattern for recovery to the many others who may have this trouble.

We called Blanche the other night and she told us about the setback you had. I told her at that time that if she would like a check, just to let me know. We are back of you for all we're worth.

Much love

WCS:jm



March 24, 1947

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please excuse John for being absent,  
as I invited him to be my guest at Rotary  
today so he could see the pictures of the  
East-West football game of 1945.

Signed:

W. C. Simons

*5-24-47*

WCS:jm



March 21, 1947

Mrs. L. A. McNalley  
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I am sending you herewith a wire just received from the Taylor Hotel. You advise them immediately that you will take the room, and then you may leave the word with them to give you a room with bath as soon as one is available. This is the way we did, and it worked out all right.

We arrived home at nine o'clock Sunday evening. We were in a heavy snow storm between Auburn and Sabetha. After that the road was wet, but we had no difficulty.

We had a nice little letter from Mary Beth this morning. She is a sweet child. You have two lovely children.

Lovingly,

Dad

WCS:jl  
Enc.



Form 3813-B

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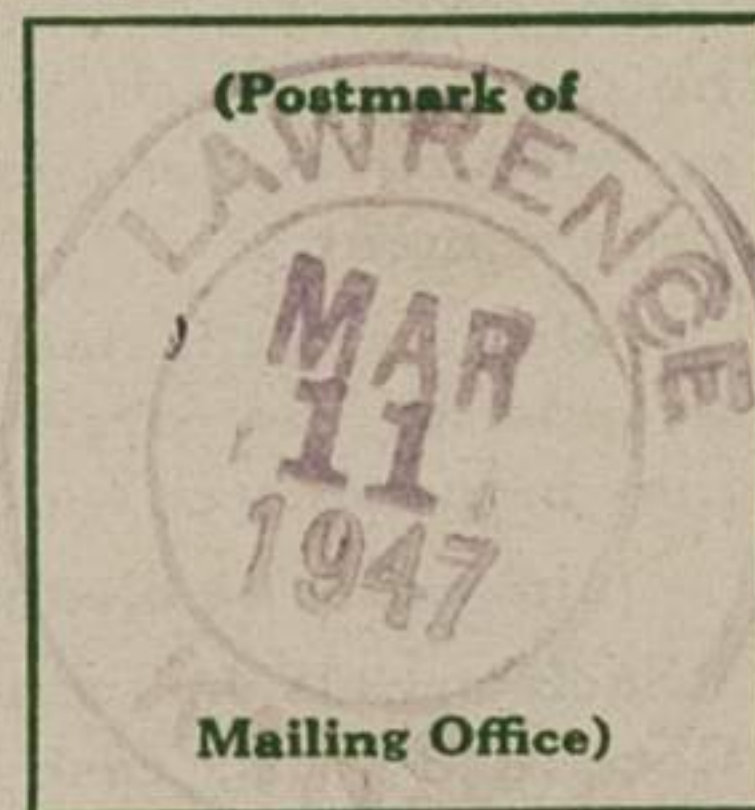
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March 17-47-

Dear Mr Simons - nice of  
you to draw me the note from  
the South - Have trouble keeping  
over my cast, to write - and a  
pencil seems to go better. Am  
enclosing the little monthly  
Gentle's house organ - or employees  
letter which I always get out  
and which they issued in  
my absence. Fred Jr who wrote  
my biography thought it would  
be a joke to say I used to nap  
in the day time but couldn't  
do that now since I now worked  
for gentle's. Like the jokes of all  
ultra-serious men - it didn't  
seem too funny to me - but he

thought it pretty good.

Well I'll be back to work  
in another month & it will  
seem pretty good. I guess I was not  
meant to loaf - not too much  
anyway.

I had a fine note from JF  
Frazier - Editor of the Inland Pioneer



The fall was beautiful here and we have had some real cold spells since, but they did not last long. It is time now for Gertrude and me to hike out for the South, and as yet we are undecided whether to make the fifteen-hundred mile trip by auto or to go by rail. I dread the drive a bit, but reservations on the trains are hard to get, especially to southern points at this time.

Our last word from Blanche is that Pat has again apparently turned the corner and is getting better. His ankles, legs and back all show recent improvement. We are praying daily for his recovery, and I fully believe that the art of healing is as possible now as it was when Christ was upon earth. If faith in healing counts, and I believe that it does, -- then, Pat will recover.

I should hate to try to keep our cabin warm these days with a fire in the grate. Wow, but it would be cold!

Remember me to your other families. We hope that their health will improve. Now is Mrs. Jack's boy, who looks so much like his dad? Picar had asked me to write him, so for Christmas I enclosed two one dollar bills and asked that he give one of them to his little niece who helped him last summer.

Dolph and family had a pleasant few days in New Orleans, and enjoyed the game. Both Dolph Jr. and John are playing basketball and enjoy it.

Our helpers at home, Pat and Andy, are working out most satisfactorily. It has taken a big load off of Gertrude.

I presume that you know that the second and smaller operation which Gertrude had last spring was not successful in getting the little hard spot under her skin, so December 13th Dr. Johnson went after it again and got it. The tissue was sent away for analysis and proved to be inoffensive, so we are glad of that. The wound has entirely healed with little discomfort.

This is a long letter for me and it brings you gobs of love and best wishes. I appreciated the loving letter just received from you. You mean a lot to me. Give love to Don.

Your Loving Brother,



January 15, 1947

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

Dear Grace and Don:

I have just received your good letter and am sorry if I have been neglectful in writing you. I wrote a bunch of Christmas letters and that is about all excepting business letters.

My list of correspondents has greatly decreased in the past few years. With the loss of our own brother and two sisters, Blanche Reineke, Callie Potts and Lillian, there are very few left. Of course I write to my three daughters, but Gertrude carries on the bulk of our correspondence. Calla Gowdy Gregg, seldom writes and I fear that old age and disappointment in Norma's advance, or recognition, have soured her. I do not believe that she answered the last letter I wrote.

I still write occasionally to Dr. Wickey, who is now in California, and now and then to his half sister, who is in reality a third or fourth cousin. She apparently, is a fine woman and a year or two ago, her daughter, a fine looking woman with her baby, called at our home, while enroute to or from home.

I recall that after the death of Aunt Julia, Mr. Wickey married a second time to a woman who as I recall, was a cousin, or second cousin to Papa and Aunt Julia. I think that the relationship came thru someone named Lane, and probably dates back to the Mason line. As they came from somewhere in Central Illinois, I have thought that possibly she may have been related to Julia's good friend, whose husband was connected with the management of the port or pier, in Chicago. She had a Lane background of which she was proud.



Prayer given by Dr. Miles Smith at the funeral of O. C. Brown.

Almighty God, Eternal Father, strong to save: we now come to thee in prayer, because we stand in the presence of one of life's great mysteries. One whom we have long known, honored, and loved has been taken from us, and our hearts seem strangely lonely and greatly bereft. In our perplexity, weakness, and grief, we need thy help. Sometimes, when our hearts are overwhelmed with sorrow, we find it difficult to think aright. Our tears blind our eyes to any rainbow of promise that may be in the sky. Our sobbing shuts out from our ears thy words of love and comfort.

We need to remind ourselves, therefore, that thou art the Ruler of this universe, and that everywhere and always it moves in accordance with thy will. Thou art still present and active in this world which thou hast made. Thy tender care still surrounds all thy creatures; and if not a sparrow may fall to the ground without thy knowledge, surely thou wilt mark the fall of thy servants. Thy purpose is in everything, and thy purpose always is good. We have no grounds for challenging the wisdom of thy government; if we experience mental difficulty, the difficulty lies wholly within ourselves, for we are incapable of comprehending thy plans in all their wondrous height and depth and length and breadth of love. But we have the faith to believe that even this trial will work ultimately for the good of all who love thee.

Let us not think that this good life was left unfinished. No life is ever left unfinished that has been lived for thee. The discovery of love, to love and to be loved, gives meaning to life; to serve glorifies life. Nor let us make the mistake of thinking that death means an end to life. Death merely marks a change in



life's condition and location. It is but the opening of a door which admits the Christian believer into a fuller, richer, freer life in Christ than he had ever known before. This is our Christian hope. This is thy promise. Our faith lays hold upon thy faithful word in this hour of grief.

We recall that it was for our assurance and encouragement that our Lord traveled this way before us. For this he endured the reproaches of men and died upon the cross of Calvary. Because of his victory over death, the tomb can no more hold the Christian than it could hold him; for

"Life is ever Lord of death  
And love can never lose its own."

Now, our Father, we thank thee that it was our privilege to have known this servant of thine. How many of us here this afternoon could testify that he was a true friend, a ready helper, a wise and inspiring leader! Above all, we thank thee for the example of Christian devotion which he set before us. We could see the high purpose in his every act, the truthfulness in his every word, the sincerity in his geniality, the greatness in his simplicity. May these lessons not be lost upon us, but may the memory of his life be to us a constant inspiration to nobler living.

We pray that we may dedicate all our talents and strength to those causes which were so dear to his heart: to the championing of truth and right in all the areas of life, to the preaching of the gospel of grace, to the teaching of the word of God, to the churches of the Northern Baptist Convention, to the Sunday schools throughout our land, to the evangelization of the world.