

March 5, 1947

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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.