

November 29, 1948.

Dear Mr. Simons,

The Journal
World came to me through
the thoughtfulness of Kathrynne
Stevens. Little did I dream
that an instrument always
a pleasure to me could
bear such sad news. My
feelings are beyond restraint.

Mrs. Simons had
a capacity for friendships
rare indeed in one with
such a full family life.

We have
named our New Jersey farm
"Wakarusa" for the

She was the kind to
make people care.

Amy Farrenore.

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will be in that name
with me here.

I still have some
of her letters. She would
write of each one of you
and once a year of little
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THE PLAYERS
16 GRAMERCY PARK
NEW YORK 3, N. Y.
PHONE: GR 5-6116

November 28, 1948.

Dear Mr. Simons,

A letter from Kathryn Wilson Stephens, and a couple of issues of the Journal-Wald, received only a day or two ago, brought Amy and me the first news about Mrs. Simons' passing - and, indeed, about her long illness. Naturally we were both flabbergasted and overwhelmed. Amy spent most of yesterday afternoon in tears about it. Somehow it has seemed to us as if you folks were going to go on, together, forever - as immutable parts of the Kansas we still love deeply, so that we would always find you there when we make our too-infrequent returns. It's all very saddening to us. We seem to be losing so many of those who, in one way or another, have become indispensable to our sense of continued existence.

There is so little we can say, in such a situation, that I'm not going to try to say more than that we realize, very keenly and poignantly, we have lost a dear and loyal friend and that we know all too well how it must have hit you - and only wish we might be able to soften the blow and cushion the shock for you - a mite's worth. Future returns to Lawrence, now, can never be quite the same - for there will always be missing - at ^{your} ~~the~~ end of ^{the} term one we always looked forward to seeing and who, apparently, reciprocated

You will have to forgive us for being desultory in correspondence—and in acknowledging or reciprocating as to Christmas cards. Perhaps we are even worse than desultory. Amy has her hands full looking after her mother, now 84 and almost wholly dependent on her physically and spiritually, altho; ~~not~~ fortunately, not an invalid. We can get nobody to stay with her, or to look after her, except a friend who comes in, a night or so at a time, as a "baby-sitter", on those rare occasions when we can get away for a few days. On top of all that, we finally bought what we believe will be our long-say-it permanent home, a year ago last August—an old stone house, with 35 acres of land, out in west-central New Jersey. Between that place and Jamaica Amy has ~~the~~ all she can do, especially with one other house needing attention (and—astome-sale) and with the usual coterie of tramp animals—mostly ~~strays~~ snatched from the ash heap to clean the gas tanks of the S.P.C.A. On top of all that, I am back at work, as Legal Consultant, for the American Social Hygiene Association—handling just about all the legal work incident to the resumption of war-basis activities of the Association in connection with the program assumed at the request of the armed services and the Federal Security Agency. So there is little chance for Satan to find mischief for our active hands. But all this entails correspondence—and we have to ask our friends' charity and indulgence. As for Xmas cards, we have sent out none since 1941—for half a dozen reasons. We hope to resume this year—but———"when you see that blessed day, then order your Ascension Robe."

As ever—sincerely—and this time grievously—

—Tom Lawrence

Nelson
Hotel

Hotel Muehlebach



KANSAS CITY 6, MISSOURI

Nov. 26 - 1948.

Dear Collie -

It was a great shock to me to read in the Kansas City Star of Gertrude's death. I had not heard ^{even} of her long illness, but being in Ottawa at the time, Jeannette and I drove up for the funeral. Sorry we did not have a chance to tell you how much we sympathize with all the family in the loss you all feel so deeply.

Gertrude was such a wonderful woman, and accomplished

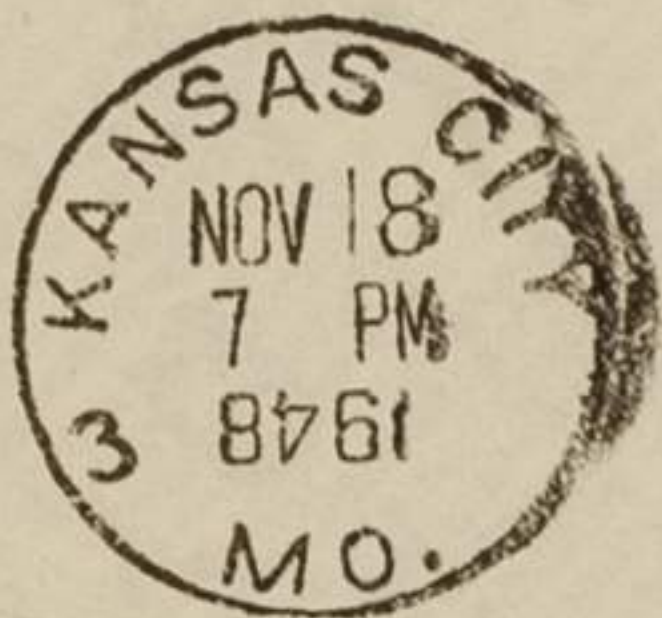
so much in her home and
in her church.

I grew to love her very
much when she was in
Minnesota the summer she
and Janet took one of our
cottages. I always regretted
not seeing more of her but
trips to Ottawa, while Mother
was living were involved
with family problems and
left little time to get them
done. What a tower of strength
Gertrude was in the musical
life of her church!! and
such an understanding Mother.

Please remember me to
Blanche, Janet & Doratea and
my sympathy & love go out
to all of you. Sincerely

Inez Nicholas

Pack Lane Hotel



Mr. W. C. Simons
25th and Vermont St.
Lawrence
Kansas.

address.

Dear Mr. Pinon.

Miss Bulkeley was
good enough to keep me
informed of Mrs. Pinon's
final illness, of which
I had known nothing
until shortly before
her death.

Please accept my
great sympathy for you
and for all of the family.

My mother always
had a feeling of especial
friendship for your
wife, and that regard
was added to my own
fondness of Mrs. Simons.

I grieve to see old
friends leave, but I
know that your wife
was one of the fortunate
women who gave
Reysiners, and received
Reysiners all of her life.

Most sincerely,

Helen Shilton.

November the seventeenth

Mrs. Carter H. Harrison

58 Victoria Avenue

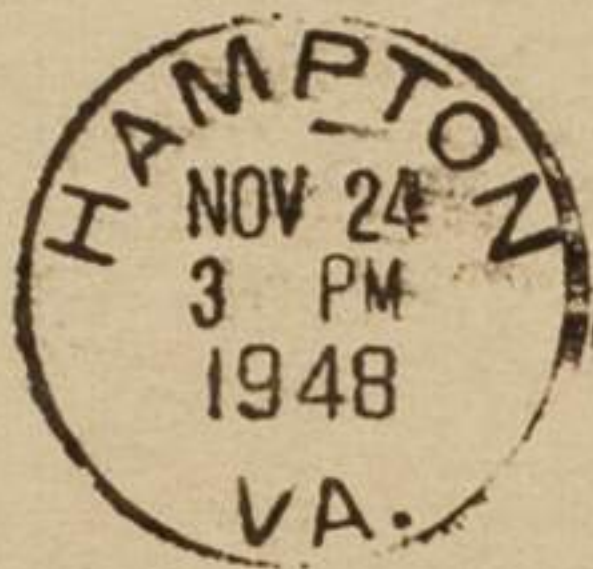
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Mr Simons,

Thank you for your letter. I have written Miss Hattie Belle Gresham at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel in Richmond and asked her if she knew of a good genealogist to help you. You ought to be hearing from her soon.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Harrison

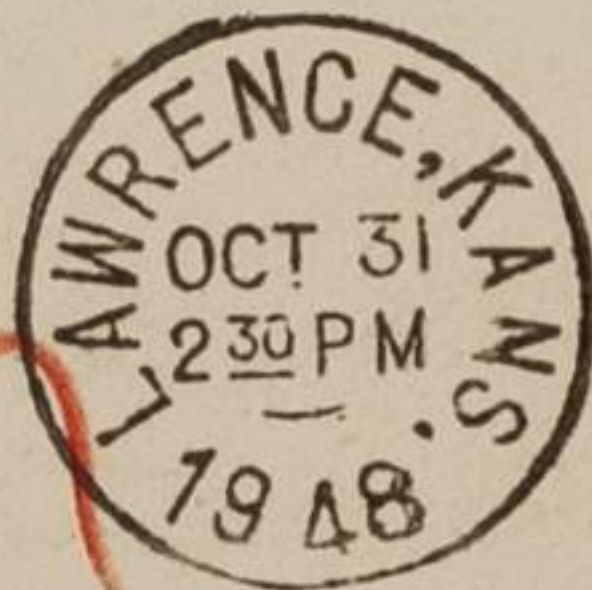


THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

W.C. Simons

Lawrence, Kansas

Mr. W.C. Simons



Mr. W.C. Simons, & Family,
Lawrence,
Kans.

address?



With Deepest
Sympathy



Dear friends;

I rejoice with you that
the sufferings of your loved one is
over.

She was such a lovely
sweet friend to me as she was
to so many others and I shall
feel her loss deeply.

In spite of her many illnesses
her years were so full of kind
and thoughtful deeds, and for
you who shared her life so
intimately, her life must have
been a real benediction.

May you all be given strength
and courage for this hour of
sorrow and to live the kind of
lives she would wish for you
in the future.

With understanding sympathy,
Grace Bruner.

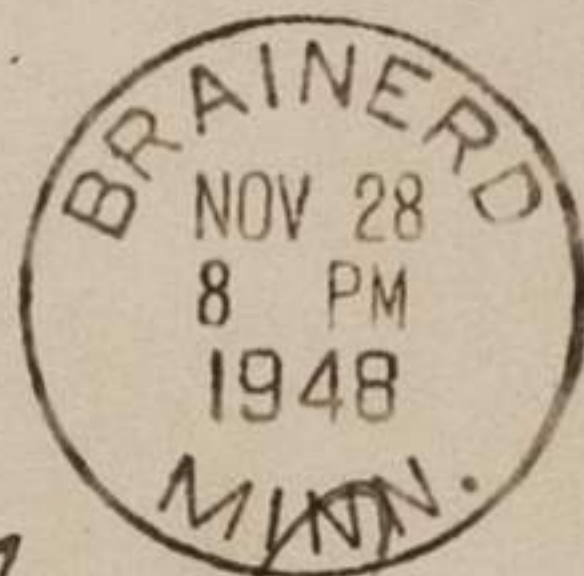
In this, your hour of shadows
When your loss is
hard to bear,
May you find comfort knowing
There are those
who truly care.

A HALLMARK CARD
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**TREE-TOPS—GULL LAKE
BRAINERD. MINN.**



*No answer
necessary*

*Mr. W. C. Simms
The World Company
Lawrence
Kansas.*



MRS. DON ALFRED FREEMAN
TREE TOPS, GULL LAKE
BRAINERD, MINNESOTA

Nov 25 - 45

My dear Brother -

I have written you each Sunday since I last saw you so do not wish to break the rule although I am making Olieb House sand-
wiches in the kitchen - I am also making
gravy, turkey etc. wish you were
here to have me with you.
Glad you are with Blag^{and} and
family. Hope the Kansas matter is
not too close yet.

Ruth is home now but has to
be very careful for sometime.
She had an appendicitis and
it had ruptured and thrown pieces
into her system. She will be better than

She has been for years after she
gets me. in hope - Mr. had her
and family for Thanksgiving
dinner and I have been sending
our things to eat everyday milk
we have there our here -

Mr. went in to see Ruth the night
of her operation and Don got on
wired of the air saturated with ether -
and it upset him so that a little
later he had to vomit. and his stomach
was upset for several days afterwards.

That all is well that ends well
and Ruth said she was so happy
it was over and she at home again
I love you very much -

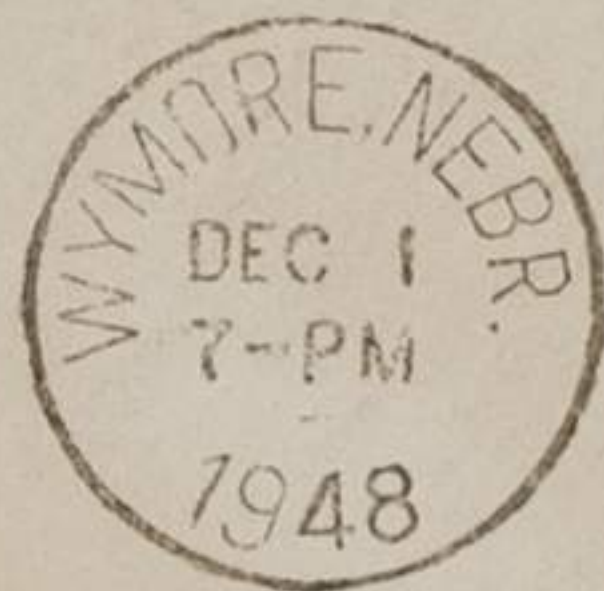
Don tells me to look ahead in-
stead of into the past - Don to work
and families and any of the ones who are with
you - affectionately G.

MRS. DON ALFRED FREEMAN
TREE TOPS, GULL LAKE
BRainerd, MINNESOTA

Our weather is 20° above tonight
lake still open and a beautiful
flock of northern ducks were
feeding in our bay yesterday.
Only a light snow on the ground
so far - but where the wind
blows in from old man winter
is near -
Glad the navy was on Army
yesterday. The husband & I came
just first a very exciting game.
Am waiting for the Monday J-7P
to see how John's team came
out at Hayes - I enjoy sports
so much but do get excited
which is not too good for the heart.

Answered
12/2

Mr. W. C. Simons
2500 Vermont
Lawrence
Kansas



MRS. HARRY F. JOHNSON

213 NORTH TWELFTH STREET

WYMORE, NEBRASKA

MRS. HARRY F. JOHNSON
213 NORTH TWELFTH STREET
WYMORE, NEBRASKA

December 1

Dearest Dad;

We were so glad to talk to you the other evening. The boys enjoyed their conversations with you. They all went to bed when I hung up the receiver.

I'm glad you had a nice visit with the Mc Nalleys; and that Minneapolis won their game. Too bad Laurence and K.U. lost, but they both had a good year. You have reason to be proud of your grandsons.

Incidentally, do you realize that Jon Dolph is your only grandchild who is not remembered in the division of property list? If you want him to be included, I can think of a few things that were not mentioned for anyone. Of course, all the nice things have been designated for others; so, to be fair, you could give him a choice of everything that is not listed. Although he is the youngest, still he is as much a grandchild as the

others are; and I know that someday he would be happy to have some of his grandparents possessions. He is really getting cuter every day, and says and does so many cunning things.

Bus and I are planning to go to see you sometime soon. We'll go on to Kansas City for a day; so probably won't bring the children.

Lance brought his report card home today, with 1 B+, 1 B, and all the rest A's. Charles will bring his this afternoon. I hope it will be a good one too.

Yesterday I received a nice letter from Aunt Grayce. I believe she loves you and your children and their children.

Bus and I went to Lincoln yesterday for the first time in weeks. We picked up Jack Beck and his wife, Barbara; and the boys visited business and wholesale concerns while Barbara and I shopped. I inquired about having Mother's wedding picture restored. I'll tell you about it when I see you. They

MRS. HARRY F. JOHNSON
213 NORTH TWELFTH STREET
WYMORE, NEBRASKA

can do it, but it is quite expensive. I found the other pictures of Mother that I have, and shall bring them down for you to see.

I have to make 3 apple pies this afternoon; so must get busy.

I hope you have someone at the house with you. I see your ad is still in the paper; so am afraid the young couple didn't "pan out".

Loads of Love,
Dorothea

O.W. Maloney, Jr.
MALONEY TANK MFG. COMPANY



~~GENERAL OFFICE AND FACTORY~~

~~P. O. BOX 659~~

~~TULSA 1, OKLAHOMA~~

P.O. Box 2608
Odessa, Texas -

*Answered
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VIA AIR MAIL

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

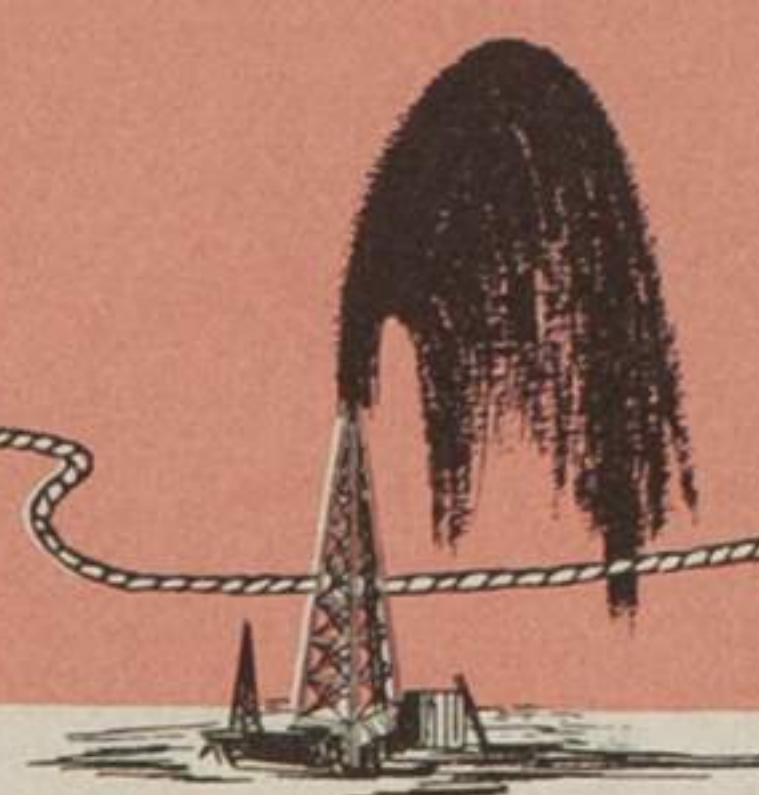
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The Elliott

ODESSA, TEXAS



Monday night
November 29, 1948

Dear Granddad,

I have wanted to write to you ever since I left Lawrence. However I have really been working hard since I have been out here and I haven't been able to find time to write you as I wanted to.

Business has been wonderful and for a change I have been having more work to do than I can possibly take care of but thank goodness another man is here to take care of the things I am not able to get to. It is a matter of distance more than anything else.

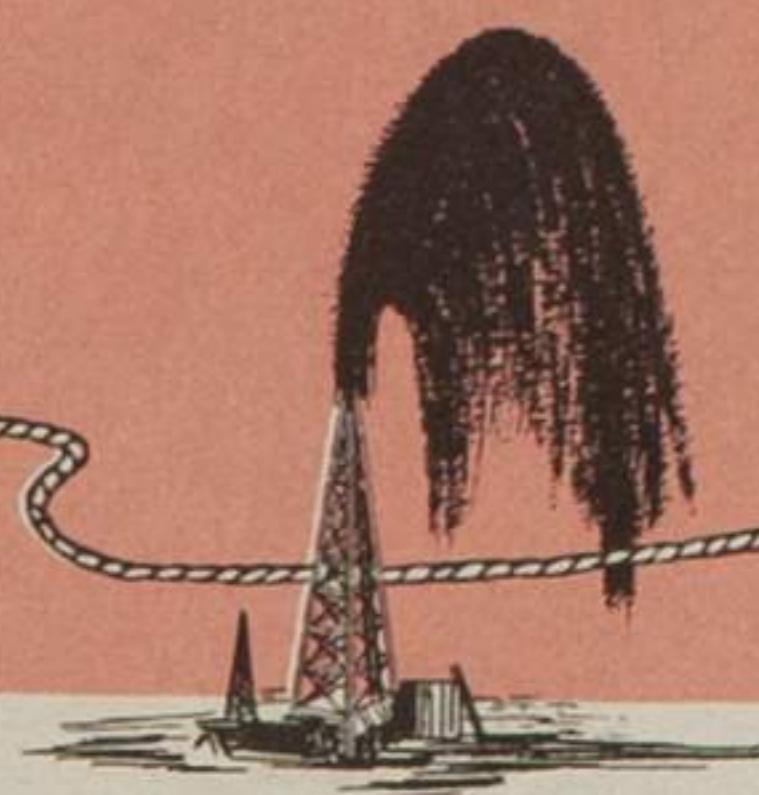
I wanted to tell you again how much I enjoyed the months that I spent with you and Grandmother in Lawrence. I feel that I was the luckiest of all the grandchildren in that I was able to be with you and closer to you than any of the rest. I can't tell you how much it meant to me and how I appreciated being able to be so close to you both. I will always remember it and cherish the remembrance for always.

I suppose you have heard about my marriage plans by now, but in case you haven't, Marie and I are announcing our engagement Christmas Eve and plan to be



The Elliott

ODESSA, TEXAS



married on January 22. It is something that happened in a hurry but I am so very much in love with her that even that length of time seems forever. We will be married in Philadelphia, Miss., Marie's home, and I hope very much that you can be there. It won't seem entirely right without Grandmother but if you can possibly come it will make things much more wonderful. You will love Marie and I would love for you to meet her now rather than later. She will come to Tulsa to spend Christmas and we are looking forward to the few days together then.

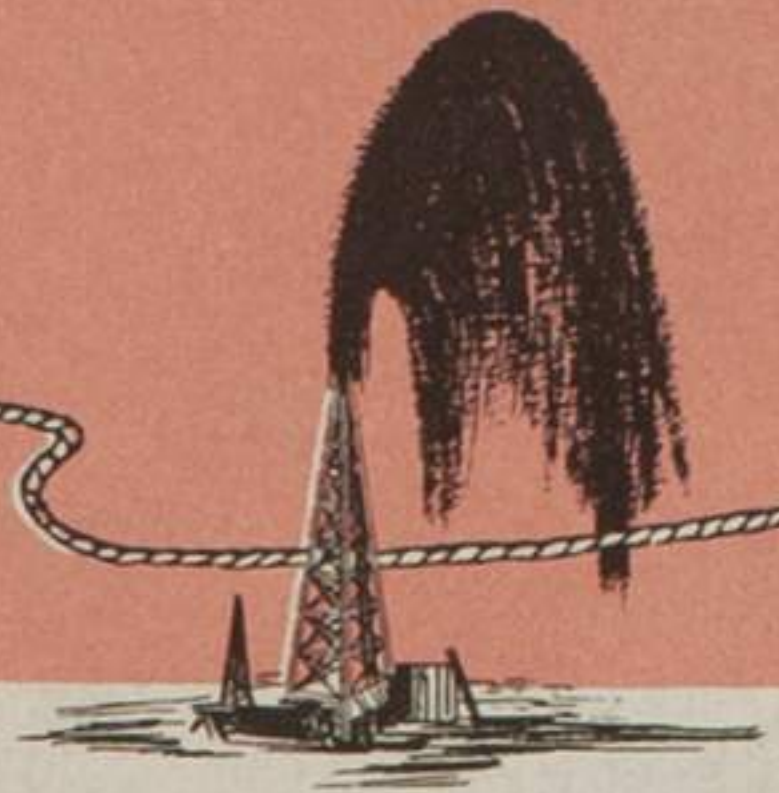
I am very pleased with my transfer and enjoy West Texas very, very much. In fact I am much happier here than I ever was in New Orleans. Of course, I am excluding Marie, since she will be here before too long. I have received a raise since coming here so guess my efforts are appreciated in a small way. My associates are the finest I have met and altogether I couldn't be happier.

If you have time I would love to hear from you. I have always appreciated your letters and they have always been a source of inspiration for me.



The Elliott

ODESSA, TEXAS



Marie and I are both looking forward to spending some time with you in the near future.

Again I want to entreat you to try and come to our wedding as it won't seem right without you. I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

All my love,
Owen

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

Hoinville Hills

Lampson, Wisconsin

Full
No comment



Mr. W. C. Simons

The Lawrence Daily Journal World

Lawrence, Kansas

Hoinville Hills
Lampson, Wisconsin
September 24, 1948

Dear Collie:

In regard to your letter of the 16th which was forwarded to me here:

What I meant by the remark was that the note was not covered by security and if Joe had been in any position to bring suit I would have been compelled to say so - that the money was loaned Etoile without security.

So far as placing anything in your name, I did have this note in my strong box in an envelope on which I had written that the envelope was to be delivered to you intact in the event of the demise of both Julia and me, in which case you could have destroyed the note. As you know Julia and I traveled so much together and we could have been wiped out, and I did not intend that my estate should benefit at Etoile's expense by collection on the note.

I also do not think it quite fair that Etoile's estate should benefit at my expense, as while I would not have embarrassed her in any manner during her life by attempting a collection, it was not my intention after having loaned her the money, to be called upon to pay it again.

I heard many times from Julia about my loaning this money to Etoile and she quoted you as having turned her down, and she stated she did not understand why I should have loaned the money under the circumstances, but knowing the state of Etoile's mind at your rejection of her request and still having faith in the building, I could not consistently refuse her.

You will recall the building was purchased in 1928 and we ran into some pretty tough times and Etoile also had real estate ventures that were precarious.

I believe she took Joe's advice too often against that offered by me but that is all past and knowing that I was condemned severely by the officials of the Live Stock National Bank, one of whom called me an "expurgated" fool threatening to go to the officials of the Santa Fe and tell them I had outside interests, Julia and you both advising me to let go as it never could be made to pay, I was just too bull-headed to follow any such advice at the time, and Etoile also undoubtedly felt the same way with regard to her investments.

I trust this clears the matter for as above, I did not intend to collect from Etoile but did not relinquish my right to the note after she had passed on.

Cordially, your brother,

Chas.

Chas. H. Hoinville

Write

Mr. H. C. Simons
Daily Journal-World
Lawrence
Kansas



1417 N. Blackstone St.
Jackson, Michigan
September 22 - 1948

Mr. H. C. Simons
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Cousin Collins, -

I suppose by now you are back in your home in Lawrence - your summer in Minnesota and your granddaughter's wedding happy memories stored away.

Have wondered about Cousin Ettrude many times, wishing I could know how she is feeling. You sounded optimistic, also that her spirit ~~was~~ spirits were good - which is 95% but her condition did sound serious. There are such wonderful things done now in both medicine and surgery that it seems there must be help for every condition and everyone. I have said a little prayer for her recovery every day since you wrote me. I have often wished she lived next door where I could see her sunny smile every day.

Well political speeches fill the air. The highlight of all of them is thus far and will be for me was Gov. Dewey's opening speech at Des Moines. I liked his saying the roots of our country were moral and spiritual and that these qualities could be used to solve our material difficulties. I was surprised that the newspaper editorials or radio commentators didn't mention the "higher" quality of his speech but simply called it "mild" and that "Gov. Dewey hadn't started swinging" as if there is any force stronger

than a spiritual and moral one when used - our good fathers knew. I believe Gov. Dewey will make us a good President. All our people in New York state are for him, even though there are two foolish democrats in the group!

Betty's leg has recovered enough that she gets along well without crutches, she limps a little. Willard is getting along well with his plumbing. The children are well and Judith is in school.

We had Jerry baptized this summer when Willard's cousin Jimmy Drought was here in August. A splendid young man a wise choice for a god-father. When the ceremony was over Judith said, "Mr. Brownell I thought you were going to sprinkle Jerry with the hose!"

Jimmy's wife Lois, and his father and mother came with him. Eugene and I had not seen his brother and wife for sixteen years. It was a happy reunion - everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.

You know the old saying "Just as I think I can make both ends meet someone moves the ends". I guess Eugene thinks he is a good example; last fall a new motor for our old car; then the electric roaster-oven gave up after twelve years of service, so that is my stand-by a new one was bought; now we have a new furnace! Eugene hired the Holland people to clean the old one and patch fire pot. They said it was completely gone, which it was. They wanted \$500. for a new one, Eugene

couldn't see that so he ordered one from Sears & 184. automatic controls and a better guarantee than Holland's. The furnace arrived Monday. Eugene and a helper work evenings setting it up. The house has been very cold these last few days. I have a heating pad and by dressing warmer have managed.

I have been anxious for some time about my cousins that live on the old home-stead in Hodgeman county. After corresponding regularly that is several times a year, for many years I haven't heard a word for two years. Do you know the names of any old neighbors of the family? Are any now living that knew my grandfather and grand mother Gray?

You wrote about "pegging out" my letter on the typewriter. I am struggling with a typewriter too. One of my nieces sent it two years ago - her father-in-law used it in his office many years - its almost an antique. I guess but a good make a portable Corona. I have always wanted a typewriter and I am determined to master the touch system on this one.

It is time now for me to start supper. I try to have good meals and on time. Hoping to make Eugene think I am good for something.

Give my love to your sweet wife and I do hope she has entirely recovered. I trust you are well too, my dear cousins.

Love

Kathryn -

Mrs. J. Dolbier
7742 Engr. Base Depot
APO 757 To Postmaster
New York, N.Y.



Also
11/29

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

A Message
of
SYMPATHY





Mr. Simons & family -

Sincere and heartfelt Sympathy
In the sorrow you must bear -
May your heart find comfort
in the thought

That those about you care.

Helen Hushbeiger Dolbier

Mother has written me
about Mrs. Simons, and altho
this will be late in arriving
we want you to know our

sympathy comes to you
and yours from away over
here in Germany.

We had a delightful
crossing and found the
atlantic smooth and
warm for this time of
the year. We sailed by
Dover Eng. where we picked
up our Pilot for the North
Sea and saw again the
white cliffs. We docked at
Bremerhaven, Germany Oct. 17
where our train met us and
we were soon on our way to
Frankfurt. My husband is at the
Engineer Depot in Hannau - 20 miles
east of Frankfurt but we live in
the little health resort mt. town
of Bad Orb, which escaped all
bombing. While we have
a lovely house here, maid service,
fireman, etc. our thoughts are often in Lawrence

Over



Mr. W. C. Simonds
2500 Vermont
Lawrence, Kansas

Mrs. E. Palmer Shelton
1500 South Frisco
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Simonds,

Palmer and I will
always treasure our
visit with you last week-
end.

To find you so
courageously executing
the chores of each day
imbued us with the
fortitude it takes to
even be one of a
group when a dear
one is missing.

In my conversation with
Blanche yesterday I told her
I felt her mother's presence

manifested in so many beautiful ways in every room.

What a comfort these blessings and spiritual strength are.

I hope your new help works out satisfactory.

I know you will enjoy seeing the boys play in their garden and ~~will~~ will have your visit to Tulsa to look forward to soon. Thank you again for all you did for us. You were so dear and generous to include us.

Sincerely,
Margaret Shelby

MS

P.S. Say Hello to Marie & Daph. How pleased they must be of those few boys.

Tuesday, November 23, 1948.

Mr & Mrs W C Simons 2500 Vt.

Date 1948		Quarter Ending July 31 1948	Grand Total		Current Expense		Missions Education Benevolence		Grounds Buildings Equipment	
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A Receipt for Your Tithes and Offerings for Last Quarter.
Please Report Any Apparent Error to the Church Financial Secretary.

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me."—Malachi 3:8.

Name.....

Street.....

City.....State.....

Mr & Mrs W C Simons

2500 Vt.

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	Paid Fifth Sunday				
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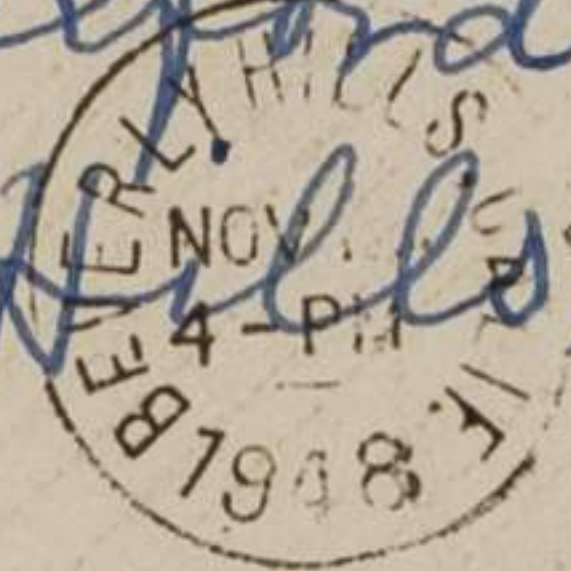
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Name.....

Street.....

City.....State.....

Mrs N. J. Lorange
329 So. Rexford Dr.
Beverly Hills, Calif.



Mr W. C. Simmons & family
2500 Vermont st.
Lawrence,
Kans.

ans.
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Beverly Hills, Calif.
Nov. 11 - 1948

Dear Mr. Simons & family -

Please accept
my deepest sympathy
in your sorrow.

I shall always re-
member the many
nice things about
Mrs. Simons, but the
letters she wrote
to service men

during the war meant
more than can ever
be expressed. I know
as my son Norris received
several from her.

She was so faithful to
the Church. I received
inspiration from her
and have pleasant ^{memories} of
our work together in
the Church.

My son Norris joins
me in extending
sincere sympathy.

Nannie J. Lange

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Mr. W. C. Simons 3d Family,
2500 Vermont Street,
Lawrence, Kansas.

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Thoughts
of you
Today





Dear Friends:

Was so very sorry to hear of
your loss. I know you will miss
her very much. She was a wonderful
person. I only wish I had had the
opportunity to have known her better.
I miss all you grand people very
much.

With my deepest sympathy

I remain
Mabel Castiel.

Our thoughts go out to you today

In sympathy, sincere and true
And in this trying time, we pray

That God's own peace
shall comfort you.

Sincerely
Mabel Castiel.
Mrs. Kate Zickfoss
Tommy Castiel

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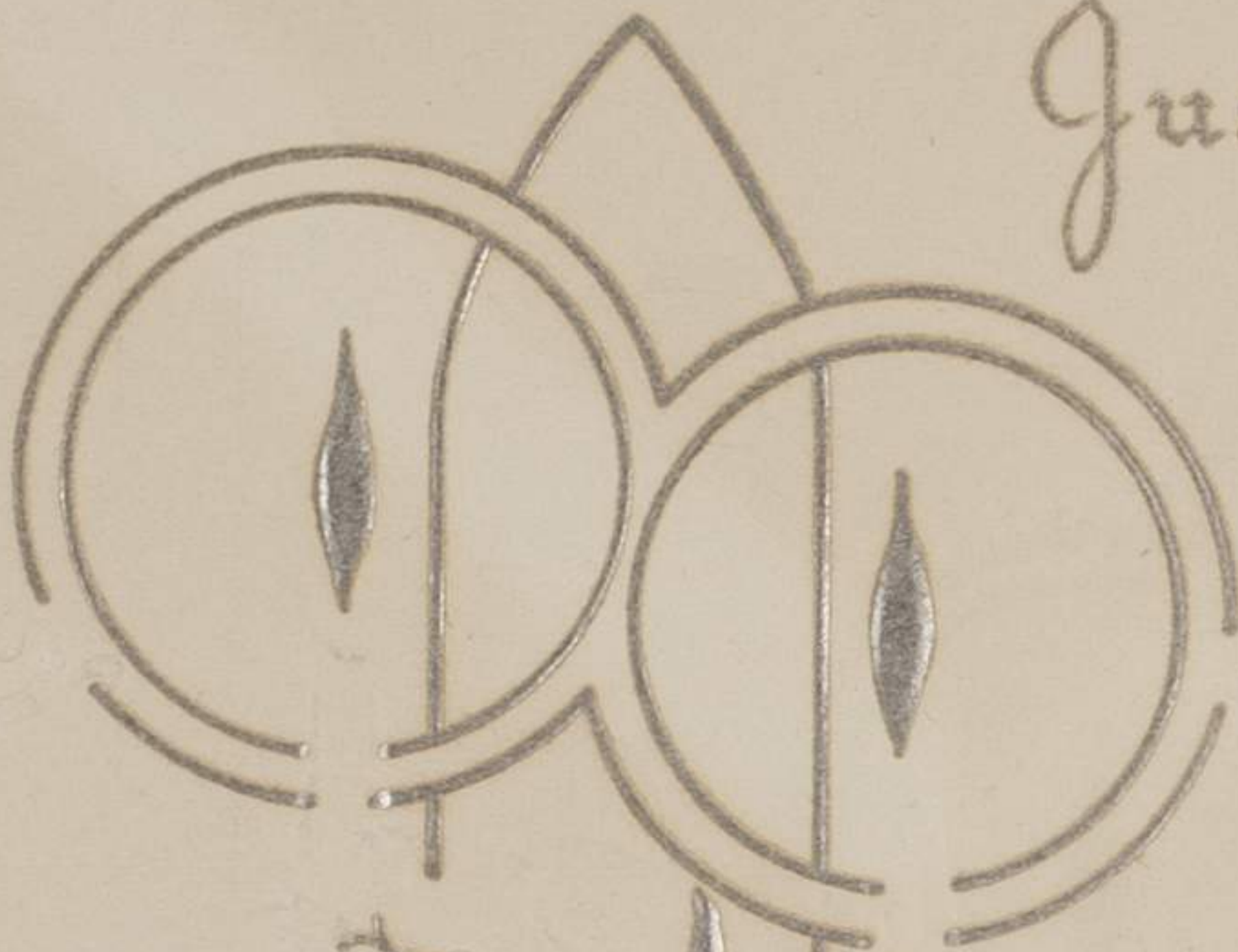
722 Massachusetts Street,

Lawrence,

Kansas.

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She is
Just Away





Mr Simone and Children
and Grandchildren

I cannot say, and I will not say
That she is dead. She is just away!
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,
She has wandered into an unknown land,

And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since she lingers there.
And you—oh you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return,

Think of her faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here;
Think of her still as the same, I say:
She is not dead—she is just away.

—James Whitcomb Riley

With Sympathy
Marvin and Eula Belle Flory

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No good thing will He withhold from
them that walk uprightly. Ps. 84:11

Nov. 11, 1948
Cerro Gordo.
Illinois

Dear Mr. Simons -

I received a letter from Mother in which she had inclosed a clipping out of the Journal World telling about Mrs. Simons death. This made me quit sad. I well know that you have lost a faithful companion and your children have lost a good Mother. She always seemed to be deeply concerned about the welfare of her family and nothing made her happier than to have her dear ones in her home. But now God has seen fit to take her away from the troubles and trials of this life, she can not come back to this world, but you can all go to her someday. So may you all look to The Heavenly Father for comfort in your sorrow. I know you will be quite lonesome without her but you can also be thankful that you were permitted to live happily together these many years. For there

are not many couples which are
granted that privilege. I guess
Sunday would of been your anniv-
ersary.

So now in closing I want
you to ~~feel~~ feel that you have
my sympathy. With the help of
God may ^{you} all live in this life
so that when this life is over you
can all meet in those beautiful
mansions in Heaven where there
will be no more partings.

Sincerely

Eula Belle (Shuler) Long

Mrs. Marvin Flory,
Cerro Gordo,
Illinois.



Mrs H. C. Simons
Lawrence Memorial Hospital
Lawrence
Kansas.

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God Be With You
In Your
Illness





*"I am the LORD
that healeth thee."
Exodus 15:26*

God grant you His peace
and comfort
And bring your heart courage
and cheer,
And may you find strength
in just knowing
His Presence is ever near.

*Loue
Eula Belle*



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The Lord shall guide thee
continually.... Isa. 58:11

Nov. 3, 1948
Cerro Gordo, Ill.

Dear Mrs Simons-

I received a letter from Mother today and she said you were in the hospital again but she did not know how long you had been there, so I'll try and write you a letter I'm ashamed of myself for not writing before now. But it seems like I have an awful time getting started to write a letter. I do write to Mother & Daddy once a week and don't even write to Marjorie and Oscar as ~~oftt~~ often as I should but they read my letters I write to the folks. Then Marvin and I both have so many relatives I should write to often but it seems like I have an awful time doing it.

It rained here yesterday and today; I washed yesterday but did not get to hang the clothes outside. Marvin and I spent the week end in Ohio at his brothers. One of our cousins and his wife & 2 children from Kansas were here overnight Thurs night and were

going to Ohio, we had kinda plan-
ned to go to Ind. over the weekend
but after we heard they were going
to Ohio we decided to go too. They
left here about 7:30 Fri morning
and we didn't know until about
10 o'clock where we would go so
at 12:30 we left here for Ohio & got
to Mamm's brothers at 8:00; they
were having aween roast for
the young folks & the young married
couples in their church district so
we really had a swell evening and
got acquainted with so many of
John & Elmer's & Elsie Mae's friends too, so
[Mamm's brother & wife]
we were glad we went. Then
Sat. and Sun. we went to Love
Feast & Communion meeting at one
of our churches there so we really
had a very pleasant week end.
We came home Monday. Mamm's
folks did our chores & they are
going to Ind. this week end &
we'll do their chores for them while
they are gone. John & Elmer have
a boy that was born the 28 of Dec.
he is sure a cute baby we had
not seen him since in August and
we were really getting anxious to
see him he is really full of pep,
he has such pretty curly hair, its
just in ringlets all over his head.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and
His righteousness Matt. 6:33

We don't have any nieces and he is our only nephew so naturally we think he is a little nicer and cuter and sweeter than othera babies. Our cousins that was here ~~twice~~^{to} Ohio, they have a boy 10 days younger than our nephew and when we got to John's Fri evening Marvin told them he knew that each of them would think there baby was the cutest so we decided to come as judge to help decide which was the nicest.

I guess when I wrote to you before, we were still with Marvin's folks. He moved in our house the ~~18~~ 16th of March. He live 1 mile from Marvin's folks now. The farm we live on has 2 houses I he farm we live on has 2 houses on it the landowner lives in one & we in the other. They live in the house that they told Marvin we could live in when he rented the farm. He have 5 rooms and a nice glassed-in back porch and a double garage which is built on the house. He have a gas hot plate on the back porch so I have my washing machine out there and do my washing there also I have a cabinet & table on the porch so

I can do my canning on the porch now. We do not have a basement so I have to use Marvins folks basement to keep my canned goods in. We had to do so much work to get this house fit to live in, it was so dirty & run down. We sanded all the woodwork & floors and the woodwork is all painted white and the floors varnished with clear varnish, and the dining room, living room and our bed room are papered, we have new wall paper on them and the other bed room and kitchen have painted walls. We cleaned up the house then the landlady hired a paper hanger & painter to paper, paint, & varnish everything but the back porch. It was badly in need of repair so she had a carpenter to put a new floor, roof & windows in it but she said she was not going to have it painted so we got the paint & painted it ourselves. Marvins brother sprayed the first coat on for us and I painted the other 2 coats on with a brush. I just got that done about a month ago. We were awfully disappointed when she told us

she was not going to let us live in the big house, but this little house is really cute since its all newly papered & painted and varnished inside, it looks like a new house on the inside. So we are really quite happy. The only wish my folks were a little closer. He were home in May & expect to go to Kansas again as soon as the corn is all picked & a few others things done. He are suppose to get a new car the first of the year so if they will promise us for sure that we will get it then I'd like to wait until we get it.

Did Mr. Simons ever get so he could use soap? I have had the itch this summer too. ~~Ka.~~ I had something on my hands & arms & some on my body, it looked like poison ivy, I went to a skin specialist in Decatur & he said for me to stay away from plant life & soap. Now that is sorta hard for a farmers wife to do. I took Kray treatments on the affected parts for 10 weeks

took them twice a week. The first week ~~we~~ we stayed with Marnie's folks and I stayed in bed, got up long enough to eat my meals & go the Dr. Then we moved home again & Mother & Dorthy came out here & was here 10 day & after that Marnie got our suppers & breakfasts here & we at our dinners at noon at his folks house. I did help with the cooking here but had to put medicine on my hands & then ^{wear} then white cotton gloves. But Marnie got everything ready to cook & washed dishes. I did not have my hands in water for 2 months. Then after that I washed dishes & got vegetables ready to cook & did some canning & etc & cleaned house by putting medicine on my hands then then white cotton gloves and then rubber gloves on top of all that. It certainly was awkward at first but I got so I could do things pretty good that way. I canned 2 lugs of ^{blue} plums I baskets of peaches with my rubber gloves on. Marnie's Mother & sister Anna just about had a fit because I did not let them do it for me but they ~~did~~ ^{done} so much for me this summer I hated to have them