

October 1, 1938

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

My dear Janet:

I should have answered your letter of last Sunday before this, as it is, I may see you before you receive this letter.

We are "tickled pink" to know that Mike has made the first touch down for his team. I am afraid that we can never have a team made up wholly of grandsons because the older ones would be about played out by the time the little chaps were ready to play, but we are proud of our grandchildren.

Things are alright at home with the exception that Mrs. Murphy has been troubled a lot the last week with rheumatism. I believe that both she and her daughter are pleased with the situation and hope to be able to carry on.

I am sorry about your trees and shrubs. Locally some trees that were badly denuded of leaves by worms last spring do not seem to be thrifty, and I am afraid some of them may die during the winter.

I think Mrs. Murphy appreciates the help you and the other girls have been to her.

Love to you and every member of your family,

October 1, 1948

Lawrence Police Department
Lawrence, Kansas

Gentlemen:

Find herewith check for \$1 to cover
the enclosed wrong parking ticket.

Sincerely

W. C. Simons

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Enclosure

October 1, 1948

Professor L. D. Havenhill
1539 Vermont Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Professor Havenhill:

Mrs. Simons asked me to write you expressing our very deep and sincere sympathy in the passing of your good wife.

We both knew her well and appreciated her many fine qualities. She was brave under misfortune and, unquestionably, was a beautiful and understanding wife.

You have our love and sympathy and that is about all that any of us can give at a time like this.

Cordially and sincerely

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

October 1, 1948

Mrs. H. F. Johnson
Wymore, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea:

I wrote you a week ago today, but doubtless, should have written you again.

This has been a good week for your mama. She is eating better and seems stronger and more comfortable. She is not permitted to suffer pain but has not received anything to cloud her mind or interest. We have continued to have a day and night nurse, each serving ten hours so she is without a special nurse only four hours in the afternoon, or evening, from five until nine. Last night I was with her and listened to the radio report of the football game between Lawrence High and Topeka High, which we won with a score of 20 to 0. John played a fine game. It was rather interesting also that Dolph Jr. was called upon to express his views of the game over the radio.

I am expecting Blanche and Janet both for the week end. Last night when Yumma Yugert was being advertised over the radio, Gertrude recalled little Dolph's remark "It's good, Mama, you eat it!"

If nothing unfavorable appears, I believe your mama will be sitting up again soon. She is trying to take it easy.

Love to each and every one of you,

October 1, 1948

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks
1038 Tennessee Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Simons read with pleasure the nice letter recently received from Robin. I know she is quite fond of you and hopes all is well with you.

I disliked very much to have you move into the quarters on Maine Street, which I was afraid was not good enough for you, and I hope that things are much brighter and better for you where you now are.

I expect that we would see quite a little difference in Dayna if we could see her now.

As you may know, we now have a mother and daughter staying with us. They seem happy, but the mother is being troubled a bit with rheumatism. She thinks it may have come about because she has eaten quite a good deal of fruit, which in the past has proven to be bad for her.

With best wishes to all of you, I remain

Very truly yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

October 1, 1948

Mrs. Kathryn Drought
1417 North Blackstone Street
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Kathryn:

Your letter of September 2 was received some days ago, and I was interested in reading it.

As I may have told you, we brought Mrs. Simons home from Minnesota in a plane which had been made into an ambulance for her benefit. The trip of about 520 air miles or about 680 miles by road was made in two hours and forty-five minutes. She has not been in good health for nearly a year and was operated on on January 10. Since coming home on August 11, she has been continuously at Lawrence Memorial Hospital where she is given every care. On the whole, she is quite a little better than she was at the time of her return to Lawrence. She continues to be hopeful and cooperative, and we are working and praying for her recovery.

As I have told you before, your letters indicate an acute mind and a loyal purpose.

I am glad the children and grandchildren are coming along well.

I have not heard recently from Loren Gowdy. Western Kansas has been prosperous, and I hope they have prospered with it.

Have you ever thought of using an electric blanket for your bed? Such blankets are made both for single and double beds, and I understand are very satisfactory.

I doubt if we could find anyone living who knew your grandfather and grandmother Gowdy. It has been more than 60 years since we left Western Kansas, but I believe that you could find out about Loren and his family by writing the postmaster at Hanston, Kansas.

If you have an antique Corona typewriter, probably the best thing you could do would be to give it a decent burial. I had one once and it wasn't any good when it was new. Seriously, however, it might be better than none. Before mastering the touch system on the Corona, you had better find out whether it has the generally accepted key board or not. It would be tough to learn the touch system on an antiquated one, later to find out that it could not be used on another machine.

I read your letter to Gertrude, who was interested in it.

With love to you and yours, I am

As ever

W. C. Simons

October 4, 1948

Topeka Daily Capital
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Tabor:

I am writing to ask if you could give permission to us to re-publish the item, "Science Piles Up Evidence to Deny Man-From-Monkey Origin Theory" from your Sunday issue of October 3.

I have long contended that the scientists were dead wrong in teaching evolution as a positive fact instead of presenting it as an interesting theory. We owe a great deal to the scientists, but some of them are quite apt to "Go off half cocked."

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

October 4, 1948

Colonel and Mrs. Carl F. Baldwin
605 Colusa Avenue
Berkeley 7, California

Dear Friends:

Gertrude and I both enjoyed Philena's interesting letter of September 29.

I think it is a wonder that you take such good care of your many friends who come to see you. I wonder at times if you are not tempted to open a cabin camp or something of the sort to take care of the scores of friends who swarm to your door step, and right here I will add that Gertrude and I would like to be a part of the swarm.

You will be glad to know that while Gertrude had her ups and downs, she is doing quite well. She has been troubled for a long while with nausea, especially after breakfast, but quite recently, Dr. Sudler, a friend of ours and of our Dr. Johnson, recommended the use of an old fashioned remedy that he knew of when he was a boy. She is now using it and so far the results have been very satisfactory. She knows what her trouble is, but instead of throwing up her hands and saying it is no use, she maintains her courage and plans for the future. I have told her that when she is well enough, I will take her on that trip to Hawaii. To talk with her, you would think that she was layed up with a temporary indisposition. While she has a trained nurse with her for 20 hours of the 24 hours of the day--each of two nurses serve 10 hours, I spend a lot of time with her. Not that there is anything especially that I can do for her, but she seems to be helped simply by my presence.

I am fortunate in having a mother and daughter at home. We furnish them board, room, and some money in exchange for maintaining the home. They have been with us since the first of September and it seems to be working out satisfactorily for them and for us. AS

As you doubtless know, we are especially interested in football and other athletics now. Dolph Jr. is playing for K. U. and has been in every game the team has played so far this year. John, who was 16 last month, is showing unusual generalship for one of his age in quarterbacking the high school team. John also goes in for track in the spring. Mike McNalley, our grandson at Minneapolis, Kansas, although of smaller physique, plays both football and basketball for the Minneapolis High School. Blanches' youngest daughter, Eileen, was married early in September, and she and her husband are keeping house in a first floor 2-apartment house. Her husband, Mr. Olander, is continuing his studies at the University, and it is quite likely that Eileen will enroll for the second semester.

Please remember us kindly to John, our fellow newspaper man. We are interested in hearing of the other members of your family.

You would hardly recognize the Lawrence of today. It is a thriving, bustling city. Streets are blocked off here and there for improvements, making it difficult to get around. Many improvements have been made on Massachusetts Street and nearly 10,000 students makes navigation of the Hill country rather difficult and hazardous. We have just installed a very attractive system of street lighting, running from North Lawrence to 23rd Street.

With very best wishes to you and yours, I remain

Cordially yours

W. C. Simons

October 4, 1948

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

Dear Grace and Don:

We were glad to have your letter of October 1 and to know that Don is getting better. I know you would hate to do it, but I suggest that you get a good oak stick some three or four feet long and not to exceed an inch in diameter to use in cracking Don over the head whenever he feels so good that he wants to break his diet. It took him years acquire the condition of the stomach with which he is suffering, and it cannot be thoroughly cured in short order. I feel quite sure that you will carry out my suggestion fully.

I just came from the hospital and found Gertrude feeling quite well and saw her eat a satisfactory breakfast. She has been troubled more or less with nausea after eating and for the last couple of days has been using an old fashioned remedy recommended by Dr. Sudler. So far, it has been most helpful. When conditions are right, Gertrude seems to improve quite rapidly and then something happens to push her back. I feel sure that she is surprising her doctors. She continues to be hopeful of recovery and is always thinking and talking of what she is going to do when she gets home. She knows what her basic trouble is, but I have told her that someday someone is going to break the jinks and recover, and it looks as if she were to be the one. In any event while she is not as well as she has been at times since she came home, she is considerably stronger than when she left Minnesota, has a better appetite, a higher blood count, and a far better regulation of her bowels. We are giving her the very best care that is humanly possible and she is thoroughly cooperative.

Tell Ruth that she divided the Bitter Sweet into two bunches, has one in her room at the hospital and the other in our home. The pods are opening and have disclosed the red

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fruit of which the Minnesota birds have been so fond. I certainly hope that the day will come when we can enjoy with you a greater part of the late summer and fall.

You are my only sister, and you are very dear to us.

Much love, in which Gertrude joins me.

Lovingly, your brother

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DR. J. RUSSEL WICKEY

29 Public Square - Phone 131

BELLEVILLE, ILL.

October 18th 48

Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Simons
Lawrence Kansas

Dear Corbie & Gertude,

Your note this morning was
quite a relief. I have wondered & wondered about
Gertude. Glad every thing is as you say.
I hope acid peepsake may never come.

I saw an idiotic funny get well
card last week - but did not have the nerve
to get it and send it. It might have given
her a laugh & then again it might have
made her mad, altho I don't know that
I have ever seen Gertude that way. And I might
say I have never seen you ^{collier} those you tape
Those are some of the things I have often
bragged about to my family.

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

The Mima and I spent the month of August with our children. They are doing well and are happy. Of course the main attraction out there is Danner. He was a year old last week. That is George's baby. Julia has no children. Penelope the Danner's sister is five years old and a beautiful child. People turn and look at her and remark what a beautiful child. I think the child runs it because when we're out there she will put on her grandmother's things hat shoes - etc and get into her make up. Things I'm like you (Pattie), nothing wrong with me - never sick full of all the time - and people remark Gee, you never change - etc. I enjoy my work, have plenty of it and go

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

crazy for something to do when I'm
away. So why not do something I like
to do.

Weather a little frosty this morning
but beautiful.

It is nice that the children can be
with their mother and I hope Gertrude
you will really get mad and walk
out of that place. Try it.

Love to all

Quesset-

Mama is in
Evansville and working her sister's

Hoinville

Hoinville Hills
Lampson, Wisconsin
October 20, 1948

Dear Brother Collie:

Your letter to us at Chicago was forwarded and came yesterday and we appreciate word from you about Gertrude. Mary Jule's letters have given us news of her too. When we are back in Chicago Mary and I plan to go to Lawrence for a day and will look forward to seeing you both. We want to see Baby Sally, too.

The summer and autumn have been busy here.

I have worked on the lake front much of the time, and in the community work headed a committee to renovate the town hall next to the school so it could be used to prepare and serve free hot lunches to the school children, there being about 45 children in daily attendance on the average.

*Was made
Chairman of the Committee to Push it through*
Yesterday by invitation Mary and I had an

all day trip over the northern half of this county with the County Board, Agricultural Agent and Chief Forester, to see evergreen plantings, camp sites for youth groups, a floage project *(Cranberry farm)* and the latter gave good example of what we may expect when the dam is in on the river and the resultant lake is on the south end of this place. It will be a fine improvement in addition to giving us electricity from the power dam.

*Mary is writing Gertrude
today with all the news.*

With love, your brother,
Chas.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Clinton Hurt
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Vera Margaret
to

Mr. Robert Malcolm Kay, III
on Wednesday, the first of September
at half after seven in the evening
Christ, the King, Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Mr. and Mrs. Glen P. Harrison
request the honour of your presence at the
marriage of their daughter
Norma Joyce

to

Mr. Donald Croston Smith
on Saturday, the twenty-eighth of August
nineteen hundred and forty-eight

at high noon
Grace Cathedral
Topeka, Kansas

Reception 1520 West 17th

Hours 1 - 2

R. S. V. P.

1520 W 17th Topoka

Candle sticks sent

8/16/98

Addressed to
Miss Norma Joyce Harrison
care Mrs W A Smith

For every lovely God-like
Grace to come to perfect
glory.
Enough we rejoice in her
freedom from the pain of
the life physical and her
emergence into that
"life that maketh all
things new" We grieve to
lose her - and the perfume
of her memory will linger in our
lives and bless us.
With deep sympathy.

Louisa Cooke Van-Carles.

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My dear Mr. Simon;
The passing of Gertrude
Simon will leave a reel
in the social fabric of
Lawrence. For years she has
stood for all that was
lovely in the musical and
social circles. A devoted
wife and mother - a busy
gardener, a gracious hostess;
she yet found time for a
long and faithful service
to her church and many
many unknown benefices
to those underprivileged.
So kindly, so loving
so grateful for life was
she. A grateful heart a
garden is, where there is
a sunny room,

*Hold means on
for Int due for 12/1/48
9/1*

1140 Mississippi
Lawrence, Kansas
September 28, 1948

Mr. L. L. Eller
The World Company,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Eller:

In reply to your letter of September 15, let me assure you that I am still in town. I regret deeply that interest payments on my loan from Mr. Simons have not been paid. Mrs. Johnson and I thought the other had paid them, hence it was purely unintentional neglect on my part. I shall remit payments for the second and third quarters as soon as possible.

Regarding the status of my loan let me say that December of last year (1947) I called Mr. Simons and requested that the loan be extended for a period of one year to which he graciously consented. Thus I believe the note is due December of this year (1948).

I am grateful to Mr. Simons for his expression of confidence in my integrity. I shall endeavor in every way possibly to fulfil my obligation to him promptly.

Again accept my regret for the oversight and the resulting inconvenience to you.

Very truly yours,

Richard Johnson
Richard Johnson

*5.00 Int
Rec'd
10/30/48
for 3/1/48
+ 6/1/48
Payments.*

*Paid off
12/15/48
(to)*

September 15, 1948

Mr. Richard N. Johnson,
1140 Mississippi Street,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Mr. W. C. Simons reports that he has not heard from you recently regarding the loan or interest, and he was not sure whether you were still in town. He did not remember whether ^{you} ~~he~~ had renewed for another year or the status at the present time.

In writing you, Mr. Johnson, I do not wish to create the impression that Mr. Simons is worried over the loan for he considers you a very honest and conscientious person. However, so that the account does not become inactive I felt it best to find out the state of your circumstances at the present time. A word to Mr. Simons or the writer would be very much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

THE WORLD COMPANY

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Office Manager

W C
Personal

September 2, 1948

Mr. Manning Barr
2235 East Drive
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Barr:

We wish to thank you for contributing blood for a transfusion for Mrs. Simons, and you will be glad to know that her condition has greatly improved since she came to Lawrence Memorial Hospital three weeks ago.

Enclosed please find our check for \$25 to you as a blood donor.

Sincerely

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

W. C.
Personal

September 2, 1948

Doctors Thabes, Bedoux and Ubel
Brainerd, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

I thought that you would be interested in knowing the present condition of Mrs. Simons. Since coming to Lawrence, she has been given five transfusions; and last night the doctor informed me that her hemo-globin, which was 28 when she arrived in Lawrence, was 68 yesterday. The blood count, which was down to about a million when she arrived in Lawrence, is now about $3\frac{1}{2}$ million.

While you will be interested in this, you doubtless will be more interested in what I found out in regard to the giving of transfusions. At St. Joseph's, the same tube is used over and over again, and one of the sisters told Mrs. Simons that she feared that the girls sometimes did not thoroughly cleanse the tubes, which might cause trouble. We found it is the practice of Lawrence Memorial Hospital to never use the same tube twice. In this way, if the tubes are kept sterile before being used, there is no possible way in which they can become contaminated by reason of previous use.

We appreciate all you did for Mrs. Simons and think that you may have been the means of saving her life at that time. While we are fully aware of the fundamental nature of her trouble, we cannot help feeling encouraged over the improvement in her blood.

No answer to this letter is necessary unless you wish to do so.

Sincerely yours, .

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

September 3, 1948

Emery Bird Thayer and Co.
11th and Walnut
Kansas City, Missouri

Gentlemen:

Please send Closet Caddy for cleaning
tools at \$1.49 as per enclosed clipping to
Gertrude R. Simons, 2500 Vermont Street,
Lawrence, Kansas, and charge to her account.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

September 8, 1948

Mrs. Della Shaw
1901 Vermont Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Shaw:

Mrs. Simons recalled that she had failed to include payment for Mrs. DonCarlos' dues and ask me to send you a check for \$4, which you will find herewith.

Respectfully yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

September 13, 1948

Mrs. H. F. Johnson
Wymore, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea:

I have just dictated a letter to Pat to whom we are indebted for two good letters, one the last few days and one a little longer ago. I am sending you a copy of this letter.

I am afraid that Gertrude has reached or is approaching the turn of the road. If she knows it, she has not made it apparent to us because she apparently is almost as hopeful as ever for recovery. I am spending a good part of the day with her, going over in the morning, in the afternoon, and after dinner at night.

Janet came in last night so I can talk to her personally. It is essential that visits to Gertrude be made with only one or two present at a time and for not too long.

I hope that my fears are unnecessary, but as I said, in my letter to Pat, I had a long talk today with Dr. Johnson.

Lots of love to you and yours.

Dovingly, your father

September 13, 1948

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

Dear Pat:

Your two letters recently received certainly merit a better reply than I shall probably be able to give. We are expecting members of your family and the McNalleys here for the game. I do not believe the Johnsons will come.

Gertrude's condition does not outwardly show very much change although she has little appetite and some trouble with her stomach and bowels. I find that to keep her comfortable, larger doses of sedative are being used. I had a long talk with Dr. Johnson this morning, and I have not had opportunity since to talk to either Dolph or Janet, who came in last evening and will be here for a few days. My talk with Dr. Johnson was something that I had expected but regretted very much to hear. The recovery that promised so much shortly after her return from Minnesota seems to be past its peak, and it will be best for the members of your family and the McNalleys to drop in to see her not more than one or two at a time, and for rather short stays. We shall continue to give her transfusions as long as they promise to be at all helpful. Dr. Johnson informed me that an examination showed progress in the growth within her body and the prospect is not very good. Apparently she still maintains her expectation of recovery and hopes to be able to go home. It is a mighty tough proposition to face or even to write about.

Your bravery and courage have, undoubtedly, carried you through, and her bravery and courage is in her favor; but disparity of years is against her as compared with you.

The wedding must have been beautiful, and we regretted very much that no data was sent us in the way of clippings from the Tulsa papers that we could use. So we did the best we could with the summary which appeared under Eileen's picture.

Give my love to all the family.

Lovingly, your father

September 16, 1948

Mrs. Harry F. Johnson
Wymore, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea:

In looking through your mama's desk, Blanche found the letters which I herewith enclose. As the envelopes were not addressed, it was impossible for me to send them on.

Monday and Tuesday were rather bad days for Gertrude, but she came back surprisingly well yesterday and today. She is being given every care. On account of her more or less critical condition the first of the week, we have had both a day and night nurse with her; however, most of the time she has felt so well that such care would seem unnecessary. She was so ill Sunday and Monday that I was afraid that she might be too weak to summon aid when she needed it. She is very fond of her nurses. Mrs. Veatch comes at 9 and stays until 7, and the day nurse comes on at 9 and stays until 5 or 7. We tried to get a third shift, but we were not able to do so, so the night and day nurses we have are putting in 10 hours a day. Both last night and the night before she was free from the trouble she has had for sometime with her diaphragmatic hernia and enjoyed drinking water and taking ice. She has been eating better but still does not partake of as much nourishment as we should like, although we are getting her everything we think she might enjoy.

As you may know, Eileen and Carl came in yesterday and are busy today getting located in their home. Owen came in a day or two ago and is still here. Blanche came yesterday noon. Janet stayed all night with her mama, I think Sunday or Monday night, before we were able to get the nurse.

Mrs. Murphy and her daughter, Ann, are handling things well at home, although I am trying to avoid burdening them with company at meal time.

With lots of love to you and yours, I am

Lovingly your father

September 16, 1948

Mrs. Karl F. Baldwin
605 Colusa Avenue
Berkeley 7, California

Dear Mrs. Baldwin:

Your letter of September 12 has been received and Mrs. Simons enjoyed having me read it to her. She has been in the hospital five weeks yesterday. A week or ten days ago we were greatly encouraged, but the first of this week we were worried about her and arranged for special nurses, but she has rallied and both yesterday and today has seemed fresh and in good spirits. Rest assured we are doing for her everything that is humanly possible; and through the use of drugs, she has not been permitted to suffer pain. As yet, she continues to take an interest in everything.

Our children have been most helpful. Dolph and Marie call upon her two or three times a day. Our daughter Janet, Mrs. McNalley, has been here two or three times for rather long stays, and our daughter Dorothea, Mrs. Johnson, has also been most helpful. We have a mother and daughter in our home now.. The daughter is a senior student at the university. Our granddaughter, Eileen Maloney, was married to Carl Olander on September 8 at her parents' home in Tulsa. She and her husband arrived here yesterday where he will complete his course at the university. Owen Maloney, her older brother, who is now in charge of the Maloney-Crawford Tank Company business in New Orleans, is also here for the present, having come to attend the wedding of his sister.

The enrollment at the university will again be large. Colonel Alfrey is still the head of the R.O.T.C.

Lawrence has improved greatly during the past year. A new street lighting system is now being installed, which will add to the beauty of our main street. The Lawrence National Bank building is being razed and will be replaced by a modern two-story building. Many new houses have been built, but it is almost as difficult as ever to find quarters for new comers

and for students.

We are always glad to hear from you and are interested in the welfare of yourselves and your family.

With kindest personal regards, in which I am sure Mrs. Simons would like to join me, I remain

Cordially yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

September 22, 1948

Mr. Carl Nordlund
Auburn
Nebraska

Dear Carl:

Your kind letter of September 4 inviting me to be present at your opening on the 14th. should have been answered sooner.

I could not well leave Mrs. Simons, but I had a very flattering report from Dolph and Marie.

You have been interested conscientiously in your business for many years and I am very happy with your success and with the splendid recognition given you by your community.

Please give our love to Maude, Mrs. Nelson, and to Frances and her family.

Cordially yours,

September 22, 1948

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

Dear Grace and Don:

I know that you are anxious to hear about Gertrude but I do not find much time for corresponding.

Gertrude has her good days and those not so good, but is much better that she was when she came from Minnesota. As I understand it the real threat is still there and working, but the doctors and nurses are keeping it under control and she has some very good days. We installed an air conditioning unit in her room yesterday which added greatly to her comfort. In fact it was so sticky and hot in the corridors and other rooms that I am afraid that Gertrude would have had a hard day without it. She keeps up her courage and counts on what she is going to do when she is able to go home. She is an ideal patient; co-operating fully with her physicians.

We are glad to know that Don is getting better and my continued advise to him is that he adhere strictly to the diet prescribed by his doctor. It takes a long while to heal a stomach ulcer and really recover from the injury that the ulcer has caused.

Please give our regards to any of our friends that you may see.

2-----Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Freeman---September 22, 1942

We are sorry that we could not have been better company this year and we certainly appreciate your efforts to help.

The children were all here Saturday for the opening football game. Dolph, Jr. did not play on account of an injury sustained in a practice scrimmage. It is my understanding that he will accompany the squad to Denver for the Saturday game.

John is doing well in high school football but is surprisingly modest about it. He realizes that some others might be quick to resent any special compliment and so he is willing to pass up compliments for the sake of making a better football team. He is now 16 years old.

Gertrude and I are well pleased with Mrs. Murphy and her daughter Ann who have charge of our home.

We are always glad to hear from you.

Much love,

September 24, 1948

Mrs. H. F. Johnson
Wymore
Nebraska

Dear Dorothea,

Your card mailed September 20 was received promptly, but a cursory search failed to locate the articles so I held the card expecting Blanche to be here today. For some reason she sent Pat instead so I made a hunt myself and found most of the articles in one of the lower drawers of the white chiffonier in your room. The bib was located downstairs and all have gone into the mail today.

While at times I get rather blue over Gertrude's condition, today I have reason to be much pleased. She had another blood transfusion recently and her count now stands at 68 which is very nearly normal. Her color seems to be good and her spirits are good. Her appetite continues to be subnormal which probably is to be expected in one who spends every hour in bed. Dr. Johnson seems to have solved a rather difficult problem of elimination. She takes several shots a day as the doctor does not want her to try to endure pain when a shot does the work. Mrs. Veatch remains as night nurse and a Mrs. McBride comes at seven in the morning. I know that the doctor thinks that she could get along without a day nurse, but she likes her nurse so well and is receiving such careful attention that I prefer to keep the day nurse on for a time at least.

2-----Mrs. H. F. Johnson-----September 24, 1948

Mrs. Murphy and Ann are still handling things at home in a very satisfactory manner. As you may know by the Journal-World, Ann, as Sports Reporter will accompany the team to Denver so that her mother and I are holding the fort.

I have not seen Pat so I don't know whether Blanche contemplates a visit here or not.

Loads of love to you and your
charming offspring and handsome
boy friend,

Sept. 27, 1948

Dear Blanche,

We shall be glad to have you come up, but do not feel that it is necessary on my account. Fortunately my health is good and I am making it my first duty to look after your mamma. I go out to the hospital at least three times every day, and yesterday spent the greater part of the day with her. She slept well last night, waking up occasionally and then going back to sleep.

As a result she did not eat her breakfast until about ten o'clock and then altho she did not eat much, she had a vomiting spell later, the first for several days. I was interested in seeing that there was little if any indication of expelling blood, which she did earlier. It was about eleven when I left and she was resting quietly with her efficient nurse with her.

Everything is running smoothly at home and I am sure that the Murphys enjoy your stay at the house and your help in so many ways.

Gertrude is being given every care and seems to be just about holding her own. While she is given relief from pain, she is not being heavily drugged, and has a clear mind. I am sure that she is not quite as hopeful of recovery as she was, but she has not given up, and neither have we, but it is a hard fight and not too promising.

Dolph and Marie and even the grandsons come out frequently. Dolph and Marie several times each day. Eileen and Carl have also been over. I called on them yesterday, but Eileen was taking a nap and did not know I was there. Their place looks both attractive and comfortable. I hope that when Marilyn loses her heart, it will be to some one worthy of such a fine young woman. Give our love to Pat.

With much love,

Dad.

Sept. 27, 1948

Dear Janet and family:-

There seems to be little change in Gertrudes condition, but her bowel trouble seems to have improved and she has little trouble with her stomach and diaphragmatic hernia. This morning after eating a late breakfast, she vomitted a little, but it did not show much if any blood. She had a fine night's rest, sleeping altogether almost twelve hours.

We are keeping two nurses on the job and they are competent and she likes both of them. There seems to be little change, excepting that she is not having as much trouble with either stomach or bowels. She is not building up much strength and requires several shots each twenty four hours to keep her free from pain.

We talk some about her going home, but she does not seem ardent about it, being afraid that it would bring little cares to her. My stand is that I am ready to take her home, or leave her at the hospital, but I am inclined to believe there would be little to be gained in taking her home, and it may be best to have her stay at the hospital where emergencies could be handled beter than at home. Personally I would like very much to have her in her oen room, but not at the expense of her welfare.

John starred in the High school game, and Dolph played well in the last quarter at Denver, where his injured knee did not seem to both him.

Everything is running smoothly at home. Mrs Murphy has had a little rheumatism, which may be better when we keep the home heated.

We are expecting to see you the last of the week for the opening Big 7 game. Give our love to Mike and Mac.

Much Love

Dad.

Prohibition

August 24, 1948

Mrs. Charles H. Hoinville
7539 Colfax Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mary:

A good many years ago I think you loaned my sister, Julia, a small booklet in regard to Mrs. Dreusilla Wilson and her husband who visited every county in Kansas to help secure the enactment of the Prohibitory amendment in Kansas in 1884. It is my remembrance that they were members of the Friends Church. If you have this little booklet now, I should be very glad to have you loan it to me that I may use data from it in our fall campaign to retain the prohibitory law in Kansas.

It seems queer that I should recall the owner of this book, but it seems quite clearly in my mind that it was Mary Simons.

I hope you are finding it pleasant at the hills, if you are still there.

Gertrude came home by airplane, as you may know, on July 11. She has been quite comfortable since she came to Lawrence and that is about all I can say. I am spending much of my time with her.

Lovingly, your brother

1700 Tenn. St.
Lawrence

8-28-'48

Editor Simons
Journal World

Dear Mr. Simons,

There are not a few people who would like to do some work to further the "No-repeal" effort if they knew the channel thru which they could do so effectively. - I have read the latest "Kansas Issue" and feel that the public should have many of the published statements put before them. For what consideration, or on what basis would you publish the articles or ~~the~~ excerpts from the same? Just what is your attitude on the question? Would you quote liberal prices for "No-repeal" advertisements?

Sincerely,

Lora C. Howe

August 31, 1948

Mrs. Lora C. Howe
1700 Tennessee Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Howe:

We are greatly surprised that you should write us such a letter as you did dated August 28, 1948. You must be fully aware that that for many years the writer has known you and your husband and has contributed to the good work which you have endeavored to do.

Having been connected with the Journal-World for nearly 57 years, and always outspoken for temperance and law-enforcement, the stand of this paper should be fully understood by you. So great was my help to the cause of the W.C.T.U. some years ago, that the local organization made me an honorary member of the society.

We have never carried advertising of any kind for intoxicating liquors, have consistently refused to accept any advertising connected with the liquor interests, and have refused to carry the advertising offered us by those who would repeal the prohibitory law.

Not only this but from time to time we have given generously of our news and editorial space in support of the prohibitory law and its enforcement.

Years ago the boldest attempt ever made in Lawrence to flout the law, an attempt backed by interests which felt themselves invulnerable, was broken up by the publicity given by this paper, and the late Alex Mitchell, then City Attorney, said that the conviction of the parties and the jail sentences, which they served, would have been impossible excepting for the publicity and moral support of this paper.

Years later when men prominent in the business and political life of Lawrence almost openly violated the law and sold liquor to

its customers, this paper furnished the evidence which sent them to jail. We have broken up joint after joint through our efforts, and Lawrence is largely the law-abiding and outstanding city that it is because of the leadership of the Journal-World.

You owe us an apology for the intended insults contained in your letter, but we shall not swerve from our policy of temperance and law-enforcement, and such space as we shall continue to give in support of the continuance of the prohibitory law and against its repeal, will be without the acceptance of payment for space on the part of yourself, or of others.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

August 12, 1948

Dr. E. N. Estes,
203 Arlington Avenue,
Lexington, Kentucky.

Dear Dr. Estes:

Mrs. Arthur C. Popham who was born in or near Lexington has been our neighbor for several years during our summer vacations at Gull Lake, Brainerd, Minnesota.

My wife's mother, Mrs. Louisa Jane Buckley (Reineke) was born near Lawrenceberg, Kentucky. Her father was Jacob Creth Buckley and his father was Dr. John Buckley, born in Virginia, and a member of Captain Ellison's Company in the War of 1812. I have been trying to get a line on the genealogy of the Buckley family, and although I spent some money I have made no headway. On my own family line I have been able to go back some ten generations to the first ancestors in America, and some lines for some centuries in Europe. I am intending to have a genealogy published for members of our family concerning my ancestry, and I should like to have it as complete as possible regarding my wife's family. If you can be of any help to me I will appreciate it very much.

As you may know Mrs. Popham is a most intelligent and beautiful woman. Her husband, Arthur C. Popham is a prominent lawyer in Kansas City, Missouri.

I should be happy to hear from you.

Respectfully yours,

WCS:eh

W. C. Simons

August 12, 1948

Mr. R. G. Utley,
Cass Lake,
Minnesota.

My dear Utley:

Some weeks ago I noticed an article in your paper in regard to your 25th Anniversary, and I made a note to write you my congratulations.

I saw the paper at the home of my brother-in-law, Don Freeman, who lives on Gull Lake about ten miles from Brainerd.

Mrs. Simons, on account of illness, did not have her usual enjoyment at our lake property and yesterday we brought her home by airplane. I am glad to say she stood the trip well and is better today.

I have not seen your sister for some time. Best wishes for another twenty-five years of good work.

Cordially yours,

WCS:eh

W. C. Simons

August 14, 1948

Mrs. O. W. Maloney
2712 East 37th Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Blanche:

Having so many other things on my mind, I probably have never thanked you for the beautiful whisk-off which you gave me for my birthday. It is a very beautiful and useful article and is in my chest at home.

July 8 this year will be remembered as being the last day that your mama went out anywhere on her own power. She arranged for a birthday dinner at Maddens, perhaps you were present I don't recall. There were 10 or more at the table and Gertrude was at one end and I at the other. Later I found that she had not eaten; and when we went to the car, she could hardly exercise willpower enough to keep from collapsing. This was on Thursday. The following Sunday we called a doctor and on Monday she went to the hospital where she had a total of four blood transfusions, the second of which caused a violent and unfavorable reaction. After 8 days at the hospital, the doctor virtually acknowledged their inability to do anything for her, and she was taken home where for several weeks she was cared for. I think it was on Sunday, August 8, that she became so weak we were greatly frightened. At about the same time, Dr. Johnson came to see her. Although I had suggested several times the advisability of coming home, she could not realize the seriousness of her condition, and naturally I could not tell her. When Dr. Johnson called, he advised her to return home before she became any weaker. Dolph took charge of the matter, and chartered a Gopher Aviation 6-passenger plane. Wednesday morning at about 10:30 we left the Haywood air port and 2 hours and 45 minutes later we arrived at the air port in Lawrence. Not knowing what particular effect might be experienced in this flight, we were accompanied by a registered nurse, who happened to be the wife of our pilot. The trip was unusually smooth and the nurse had very little to do. Dorothea and I very largely looked after Mother, but we were glad to have the

nurse with us. She was taken to the air port at Haywood by ambulance and was met at the air port in Lawrence by an ambulance which took her directly to the hospital. It had been arranged through conference with Dr. Johnson to have Dr. Belot care for her here. He was at the hospital and immediately took charge of the case. He made a blood test and on Thursday, the next day, she was given a transfusion, which was the most successful of any she had taken. He plans to give her another very soon. Instead of waiting until she is in serious pain and then taking something to alloy the pain, they encourage her to take the pain pills regularly at certain times in order to avoid the occurrence of pain. We had very great difficulty in maintaining any regularity of her bowels. Dr. Belot is handling this much more satisfactorily than it had been handled before. Today being the second day without a movement, she was not so well this forenoon and missed lunch but felt better in the afternoon and ate some milk toast about 2:30. I have been going out at least three times a day--in the morning, in the afternoon, and after supper. There is little that I can do for her, but she wants me to be there and naturally I am glad to be with her.

Dorothea has now been with us for close to 10 days, I think, and she and Harry came up there and I think it was on Sunday the 15th that he returned taking the nurse helper, Edith Gilliland with him. She proved to be a God-send to us while she was there, I think a total of 7 weeks and 1 day. But having done things her own way for many years, with young children she was a little inflexible and in a way got on Mama's nerves. So much so that she decided that she did not care to have her remain with us for the fall and winter.

Marie and Dolph were quite understanding and with the best of feeling Edity left with Harry, who took her to Albany, Nebraska. The next day Dolph Jr. came home and took Ronny Purinton with him as far as Spencer. I think the following day, the 10th, Dolph Sr. drove home, and not being able to find accommodations at Atlantic, Iowa, drove all of the way home, arriving about 4 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Both Dolph Sr. and Jr., Leo Eller, Ernie Pontius, Clayton Stone, Mrs. Swegler Sr. and Mrs. Paul Ranking were there when we arrived. I do not think Gertrude was conscious of their presence as she was still under the influence of her sleeping tablets.

I think that yesterday Dolph Jr. went to attend the wedding of Red Hogan at Coffeyville, where he will be best man. Tonight Dolph Sr. attends a wedding of Virginia Winter and tomorrow the wedding of Phyllis Beuhler, the oldest of the Beuhler girls. Last night he was Mrs. Bates' guest and attendant at a dinner party given for the Beuhler family and the bridal couple by her. It was a nice affair at the Palm room at the university.

Dorothea left at 3 o'clock this afternoon by bus for Wymore and Janet and Mary Beth drove in a little earlier. They waited at the office until Dorothea had said good-bye to Mother and then went out to see her.

I have felt rather confident that Gertrude will regain strength enough so she can be taken to our home at least temporarily to see her flowers and enjoy a view of the home she has loved for so many years. Until perhaps a week ago, Gertrude still hoped to attend Eileen's wedding. I fear her attendance will be impossible, and if she can not come, I shall not go. I regret it very much, as I am very fond of your children.

Much love,

Dad

August 14, 1948

Mrs. Dolph Simons
R. R. 3
Brainerd, Minnesota

My dear daughter:

I was telling Dolph how much I appreciated the love and attention that you have given Mother; and he suggested that instead of telling him, that I write you direct.

It is a rather hard thing to do sometimes, I think, to let anyone know how much you appreciate their love and kindness. You have certainly been a fine daughter, and a most helpful one to us in a time of any great need. And at other times when there is no special need, it has always been a pleasure and comfort to us to have you around.

I may have expressed myself rather clumsily, but I think you will understand. You are a very dear girl and you mean a lot to both Gertrude and to me.

Your loving father,

August 20, 1948

Mrs. Ivalee Murphy
101 East First Street
Caney, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Murphy:

When your daughter spoke to me about your having a dog, I had in mind a pet that had to be kept in the house. My son has since informed me that it is an outdoor dog, and one which is kept outside the house. If that is the case, I shall have no objection to your having the dog with you. My son may already have written you regarding this.

Hoping the hot weather is not too hard on you,
I remain

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

August 20, 1948

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

Dear Grace and Don:

I should have written you earlier telling you of our trip home, but you doubtless heard the report that was made through Marie. The trip home was made in two and three quarters of an hour, and our landing at the Lawrence airport was very smooth. There we were met by an ambulance which took Gertrude to the hospital where she now has an excellent room and excellent attention. We are well pleased with Dr. Belot, who is looking after her. She had two blood transfusions and another today, making a total of three since she came to Lawrence. While I was in the room this afternoon, of her own volition and with no help she assumed a sitting position on her bed with her feet out to one side. This was the first time that she has done anything of that sort since she was taken ill. She is showing unusual recuperative power, and we sincerely hope that she may be able to come to our home before a great while.

Dorothea was with us for several days, and then Janet came. Both Dorothea and Blanche will be here for Sunday, Blanche for only a day or two, but Dorothea long enough to give Janet a chance to get home and get things checked up. I don't like to have the girls think they have to be with me, and yet it's mighty pleasant to have them around. It will be almost like old home week at our house. Mac and Mary Beth will be here and Mac will go on to Culver to bring Mike home. Blanche and Marilyn will be here for the day or more. Janet will still be here but will go home soon after and Dorothea and Harry will come down, possibly bringing Lance with them. Of course, this will be at our house, and we will try to not have too many at a time at the hospital, although Gertrude has permitted a few friends to drop in.

Now, lest I forget it, I should like to have a couple of

Mr. and Mrs. Don Freeman

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Minnesota forms for a warranty deed.

I hope that both of you are in better health. You have
our love.

Your loving brother,

August 23, 1948

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

Dear Brother and Sister:

We were very happy to hear Grace's voice last night. I am sorry that I had not written. I am putting in about half of my waking hours at the hospital with Gertrude. Not that I am able to do anything particularly, but she seems to enjoy my presence. She has surprised us all with the way she has improved, but realizing the serious background, we try to keep our hopes under control. She likes the doctor, and the nurses, and has the best room in the Lawrence Memorial Hospital. When she came here, her blood count was only about one-fourth what it should be. She has had 3 transfusions and doubtless will have more. Her last blood count was about three-fourths of normal, which was very encouraging. She is eating more and in a sufficient amount to maintain and build up her strength. It will be two weeks Wednesday since she came here, and when we realize that she was so weak that she could hardly raise a hand at that time the improvement is very gratifying indeed. Her mind is alert and her memory for details is far better than mine. In speaking of her condition, I should also say she sleeps well but is given some aid in the way of tablets or capsules to aid in securing a sound rest.

We were very glad to see Marie and John and to hear of the pleasant gatherings after our departure.

There were a lot of blooming geraniums in the flower box around our house and Marie's, and if you should like to have any of them for house plants, help yourself. You can tell that she may do the same. I presume the same word was given to Frampton as there are plenty for all of them.

The children have been very good indeed in coming to see us. Both Dorothea and Janet have kept the home running. Both Dorothea and Janet have kept the home running. All of the children were with us Sunday and we had dinner at the Palm room at the Student's Union Building at the University of Kansas. Blanche and Eilene left yesterday. Mary Beth went home and Mac went on to Culver, Indiana.

Harry Johnson and Charles also went home, I think Sunday afternoon, The little boy to spend some time with his Grandmother Johnson in Topeka. Mike has taken an interest in boxing and has won two matches. He had another Saturday about which we have not yet heard. When the children are here, only 2 or 3 at a time go to see Gertrude.

Much love to you both,

Your brother

August 23, 1948

Mrs. Justin Hill
Michigan North Woods Club
Ishpeming, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Hill:

Your good letter of last Saturday was received this morning and Gertrude enjoyed reading it very much. She is pleased to know that you, Justin, and family are having such a pleasant vacation.

As you doubtless know, we brought Mrs. Simons home August 11 by plane. She was quite comfortable on the plane and she has excellent care and attention at the hospital here. Her improvement has been quite marked since she came home. She might write you herself, but I thought I would let you hear in regard to here.

Please give my regards to Justin.

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

August 23, 1948

Mr. Jack StClair
Elks Lodge No. 595
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Jack:

Thanks very much for sending the beautiful
yellow roses to my mother. It made her happy
and it pleased everyone in the family.

Sincerely

Dolph Simons

DS:md

g. Simons

August 24, 1948

Lawrence Fire Department
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Friends:

My mother was greatly pleased this afternoon to receive the beautiful bouquet of flowers from you. It made this a much happier day for her.

All of us in the family are deeply appreciative for your thoughtfulness. Thanks for your friendship.

Sincerely,

Dolph Simons

DS:md

August 25, 1948

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

Dear Blanche:

Your good letter came this afternoon to the hospital and both your mother and I read it. It was a good letter, and we were glad to have it.

Gertrude is comfortable, has little pain, and sleeps well. She is not building up as rapidly as we had hoped. We are having a hope on one side and a knowledge of the seriousness of her condition on the other. She is not mentally distressed, and generally speaking, seems to look forward to her recovery, for which we all fervently hope.

Janet and Mary Beth went home yesterday or the day before and Dorothea is carrying on. We have not heard a word from the Murphys, Mother and Daughter whom we are hoping to have with us beginning September 1. We hope they will not disappoint us.

We are glad everything is running smoothly with Eilene and her plans, and we have ordered a picture of her in her wedding costume.

It was just two weeks ago today that Gertrude came to Lawrence. The past two weeks have shown wonderful improvement of the previous two weeks, but she already has had four blood transfusions. As they tested her blood again today, it may be that they have another in store. While her blood count has been up to quite an extent, forces are at work to tear it down. All we can do is to look after her every comfort and hope and pray for the best.

Give our love to the other members of your family. You are very precious to us.

Lovingly, your father

August 26, 1948

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

Dear Grace:

We have nothing new to tell you. It was two weeks ago today that we came back to Lawrence, and Gertrude is certainly much better and more comfortable that she was at home. She has had four transfusions, which have more than doubled her count when she arrived at the hospital.

She is visited often by members of the family, and I am with her a great part of the time. Perhaps after the first of September, when our housekeepers, mother and daughter, are expected, we could have her at home providing we were able to secure a good nurse. I would not want to take her away from the hospital unless her care at home would be equally good.

We hope that both you and Don are gaining in every way.

Lovingly, your brother

August 26, 1948

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

There is nothing new since you left. Gertnude is just the same, has very little pain or discomfort and is not bothered by the heat as much as one would expect.

We certainly appreciated your very great kindness, and we hope you can come back again and stay with us when we have someone at the house to take the responsibility of the home.

We haven't heard of the result of Mike's last boxing bout but hope that he won.

Much love to you and yours,

Dad

August 26, 1948

Colonel and Mrs. Karl F. Baldwin
604 Colusa Avenue
Berkeley 7, California

Dear Friends:

Two weeks ago today we brought Mrs. Simons home in a chartered airplane, making the trip from the airfield in Minnesota to the airfield in Lawrence in two and three quarters hours--the distance by air of 520 miles. Mrs. Simons was very weak but was kept under the influence of sleeping tablets and came through nicely. She was met at the airport by a local ambulance and was taken to Lawrence Memorial Hospital, where she is being given every care. If prayers can save and God is willing, she should get well. Medicine is doing all that it can for her. She is comfortable in mind and body, and I spend a great deal of my time with her. She enjoys letters from her friends, but she has not been permitted to have many visitors, aside from members of the family. It is a great disappointment to her not to be able to attend the wedding of Eileen Maloney on September 8, which will be the first wedding of any of our grandchildren. Her many friends here have kept her room filled with flowers. Both she and myself have valued our friendship with you.

Our daughters have been very kind in trying to have someone at the home with me during the past two weeks, and Dorothea, Mrs. Johnson, will be here until the end of this week. We are expecting a mother and daughter to make their home with us this winter. The daughter is an A student and a senior in school of Journalism. We are expecting them about the first of the month.

Dolph and his family spent a large part of the summer at their cabin at Gull Lake. Dolph, Sr., was not there for a great while, being at work in Lawrence to harden himself for University football this fall. John, the 15 year old boy who will be 16 next month, qualified as a guide for fishermen and was greatly in demand practically all of the time he was there. To be exact, after starting to guide he could not meet all of the demands that were made upon him.

Gertrude had looked forward to her trip to Minnesota with a great deal of pleasure, but her health was not good and on July 8, it virtually reached the breaking point, after which she kept largely to her bed. You will recall that she was operated on the 10th of last January. We had hoped to take a trip together, perhaps as far as Australia; but we cannot count much on the future right now.

With very best wishes to you both and with continued interest in you affairs and success, we remain

Cordially yours

Gertrude and W. C.

August 27, 1948

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

Your mama asked me to write you to tell you that you need not come back next week if everything goes as we expect. Dorothea will go home Sunday afternoon and the new people, Mrs. and Miss Murphy, are presumed to be here by Wednesday. I can certainly get along for a few days without inconveniencing you any further. You have certainly been a grand girl to help us out, and a very efficient one as well.

You will be glad to know that this afternoon Gertrude sat up for a few minutes in her bed, and later for a very short while, sat in the easy chair. It tired her momentarily, but she came back good and strong a little later. Quite happily, I took her a pint of milk shake when I went out this afternoon, and she drank all of it saying that she had not eaten very much for lunch and that the milk shake came in fine.

Today is John Dolph's third birthday. We are expecting Harry Johnson tomorrow. I am anxious to hear from Mike; and not hearing, I am afraid that he did not win his last boxing bout. Whether he did or not, he has certainly gotten a lot of good out of his vacation.

Love to all of you,

Your father

Prof. Donars

Aug 12 - ^{ms} Mrs. Ruby Harper
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August 27, 1948

Mrs. Ruby Harper
1924 Kentucky Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Harper:

I am sorry that payment to you as a blood donor has been delayed. I was under the impression that payment would be made direct to you by the hospital, and the charge made against me on my bill. It was not until today that I found that payment should go to you direct.

I think you will be pleased to know that Mrs. Simons has responded well to the several transfusions, and that we appreciate very much what you have done.

Please find check for \$25 herewith.

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md



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RESUME OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

The Kansas Association for the Blind was organized September, 1921, and was incorporated under the laws of the State of Kansas, with charter granted and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, July 2, 1922.

Term—Fifty years.

Object—Promotion of the general welfare of the blind of Kansas.

Accomplishments—1922—secured the establishment of a revolving loan fund for the use of blind members of the Association which has increased steadily in amount, also in number of persons benefited.

1923—Secured the passage of a bill which established a Commission for the Blind.

1924—Secured an order from the State Board of Administration for establishing and conducting a summer school for the adult blind of the State at the State School for the Blind.

1925—Conducted a survey of all blind of the State.

1925-1926—The Commission Law having been repealed, the Association collected funds which maintained the summer school through two sessions.

1927—Secured through legislation the permanent establishment of the summer school, with an annual appropriation of ten thousand dollars for its maintenance.

1933—Secured an amendment to Section 25-416, General Statutes of Kansas, 1933 permitting a blind person to choose his own assistant in marking his ballot in any election in the state.

1935—Secured an amendment to Section 66-701, General Statutes of Kansas, 1935 permitting railroads and bus companies operating in Kansas, to transport a blind person and guide over their respective lines on payment of one regular fare for one person.

1937—1. Secured provision in the State Welfare Law providing financial assistance to the needy blind of the State; providing a program for the prevention of blindness, Restoration of Sight and Rehabilitation of Blind Persons; also, authorizing the State Board of Social Welfare to establish a Division for the Blind in its set-up.

2. The Association, through its Legislative Committee, prepared and presented to the State Board of Social Welfare a detailed outline for the operation of the several phases of the program which outline was endorsed by the Board.

3. At the request of the Legislative Committee a Division was established to develop the program.

1939—1. Finding the allocation to the Division for the Blind inadequate to develop the program as outlined, a budget of seventy-five thousand dollars was submitted to the State Board of Social Welfare and unanimously endorsed by that Board.

2. Secured the ear-marked appropriation of seventy-five thousand dollars for the Division for the Blind from the Social Welfare Funds.

3. Materially assisted in the passage of a law which placed the State School for the Blind under the State Board of Regents.

4. Assisted in securing National Legislation which permits blind persons to be employed under the Works Progress Administration.

5 Secured permission from the State Executive Council to establish a refreshment stand in the State House in Topeka, to be operated by blind persons; also the consequent establishment of a general and permanent program of refreshment stands—operated by blind persons—in the various State and Federal Institutions within the State, and in business buildings under the direction and supervision of the Division for the Blind.

1940—Established a canteen program within the State by virtue of which the Kansas Association for the Blind receives a portion of the profits accruing from vending machines placed by it in public buildings and business places.

1941—Secured the re-appropriation of seventy-five thousand dollars ear-marked for the Division for the Blind.

1943—Finding the \$75,000.00 appropriation inadequate to develop the program as desired by both the State Board of Social Welfare and the Kansas Association for the Blind, the appropriation was increased by the Legislature to \$100,000.00 through the efforts of the Legislative Committee of the Association.

2. The Association also employed a placement agent for more than three months, during which time fourteen placements were made.

1945—Secured the re-appropriation of the \$100,000.00 in cooperation with the State Board of Social Welfare; secured permission from the Legislature to use \$50,000 from the Social Welfare fee fund as a revolving fund to enlarge the industrial program.

1947—Secured an appropriation of \$125,000.00 to erect a building for training blind persons in skills that will prepare them for employment in industries, and for production of salable articles; secured the re-appropriation of \$100,000.00 and \$50,000.00 revolving fund for continued enlargement of the state program for the blind.

To preserve the object of the Association—the general welfare of the blind—it is necessary that the Association as a private agency, be vigilant in protecting the achievements thus far attained and in securing future legislation that will meet future needs.

CONSTITUTION (As Revised 1945)

Article 1. NAME—This Organization shall be called The Kansas Association for the Blind.

Article 2. OBJECT—It's object shall be to promote the general welfare of the blind and deaf blind by sponsoring through legislature a program including prevention of blindness, restoration of sight, placement in competitive industry, and employment of blind and sale of products made by Blind.

2. By providing through home teachers for the literary, industrial, social and economic adjustment of the adult blind in their homes, and for normal development for blind children too young to be admitted to the State School for the Blind.

3. To acquaint the public of the State, through publicity, with the capabilities of the blind and their desire to be accepted as normal citizens in their respective communities.

Article 3. LOCATION—The headquarters of this Association shall be in the city of Topeka, Kansas.

Article 4. Its duration shall be for fifty years.

Article 5. MEMBERSHIP — Any person may become a member of this Association by complying with the conditions as set forth in the By-Laws.

Article 6. OFFICERS—The officers of this Association shall be President (preferably a blind person), Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary-Treasurer of Revolving Fund, and Board of Directors.

Article 7. It shall be the policy of this Association to solicit and accept gifts, bequests, and appropriations of money and property (personal and real) for the prosecution and maintenance of its objects.

BY-LAWS

Article 1. All persons interested in promoting the welfare of the blind shall be eligible to membership in this Association. The membership shall consist of four classes:

1. Active members who shall pay the annual dues of one dollar.

2. Sustaining members who shall pay the annual dues of five dollars.

3. Life memberships and memorial memberships which shall be granted on payment of \$100.00.

4. Organization Memberships: Organizations may become sustaining or life members of the Association by payment of the dues required for such memberships and shall be entitled to one vote for each ten members or major fraction thereof.

Article 2. DUTIES OF OFFICERS—The President shall preside at all meetings, shall appoint the committees necessary for carrying on the work of the Association, and shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

The Vice-President shall perform the duties usual to that office and shall be ex-officio chairman of the program committee.

The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors, and shall have charge of and be the custodian of all property, documents and papers belonging to the association, and shall keep a classified list of all members.

The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to all correspondence of the Association.

The Financial Secretary shall receive all money due to and collected by the Association, and shall pay the same to the Treasurer, and the revolving fund treasurer; shall have power to issue warrants for all bills approved by the Board of Directors, or Committee appointed by it; shall make a report at each meeting of the Board of Directors, and a yearly report at the annual meeting of the Association.

The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, except the revolving fund, and shall distribute the same upon warrants drawn by the Financial Secretary.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Revolving Fund shall have charge of all moneys belonging to said Fund, and with the other members of the revolving fund committee, shall act as loan agent for the Association, distributing loans upon the order of the President of the Association.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Association, who shall be the officers of the Board of Directors, and four additional members who shall be chosen for a term of four years.

The Board of Directors shall have the management and control of the business of the Association, and shall hold their meetings semi-annually or oftener if called by the President, the time and place of meeting to be designated by the President.

The Board of Directors shall have power to appoint all employees of the Association, fix their compensation, prescribe their duties, and require bond of any or all employees, premium of said bond to be paid by the Association.

The Board of Directors shall confirm committees appointed by the President, fill all vacancies not otherwise provided for, and hold in trust for the Association all property belonging thereto.

The Board of Directors shall appoint an auditing committee to audit the books of the Association biennially on election years or may have them audited by a certified accountant.

Seven members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. No member of the Board of Directors shall receive any compensation for his service to the Association as a member of the Board or as an Officer, unless authorized by a two-thirds vote of the entire board; provided that notice of the matter to be considered shall be given to the members of the Board of Directors previous to the time of meeting.

Article 3. MEETINGS — A regular meeting of this Association shall be held once a year at such time and place as may be decided upon by the Board of Directors. Twenty-one members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article 4. ELECTIONS — Officers of this Association and members of the Board of Directors whose terms expire shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Officers shall be

elected for a term of two years and members of the Board of Directors for four years.

At least one month before the annual meeting the Board of Directors shall appoint a nominating committee of three persons. This committee shall make its report at the annual meeting, placing in nomination one person for each office. Other nominations may be made from the floor. Voting shall be by ballot and a majority of the votes cast shall constitute an election.

In case a vacancy shall occur at any time the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term

Article 5. COMMITTEES—There shall be eight standing committees: Program, Legislative Membership, Finance, Education, Publicity, Prevention of Blindness, and Merchandising. The chairman of each of these committees shall be invited to meet with the Board of Directors at its meeting just prior to the Annual Convention and with the directors shall constitute an Auxiliary Board.

Article 6. This Association at its Annual Meeting shall have the power to recall any member of the Board of Directors. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be required.

Article 7. In the absence of provision for any needed ruling the President shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

Article 8. AMMENDMENTS—This Constitution and By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote, provided notice shall have been given to the Board of Directors at least two months previous.



Monday eve.

Dearest Dad -

Have been busy

making Christmas cookies

Today but am pretty well

caught up otherwise. We are

going to miss you of course & do

Want you to come whenever
you can and as often as possible.

Pat is feeling lots better -

Praise the Lord - and > speak
reverently.

Cheese & alone & I bags of preserved
veg, nuts etc. With you were Cere &
Lief as saying
Eileen gets in late tonight and
Carl Wednesday - Over there. morning &
Marie Thursday night; Mother on a quest
Laura and Garry dinner Christmas Day
with Aunt Sam! Poor little Sam, she
struggles on - weighs 70 pounds & Esther
is coming up from El Paso to bring the
Zachary etc. Your Christmas card came today and
I think it is very good Taste and nice. I
know it must have been hard to read
them.

I have got so much farther
individual checks as well as
the big dividends. I wish we
could use them for some thing
to show - but we still have
doctor bills & wedding. I am
so grateful we have the money to
keep out of the red and we do
have a lot to be thankful for
even tho' 1948 has dealt us
many blows -

We have received many
lovely gifts & food - among them
a box of beautiful apples from
Dorothy & Marie - a bucket of
mince meat from Elaine & her
husband -

I just could not do it this year.

Marilyn is getting along fine but is taking things very easy & finally did her Christmas shopping Friday night & today. Bob is taking his vacation and is here most of the time - They are very happy.

If you change your mind & decide the Smith is the place for you - come on down any time during the Christmas week. Owen & Marie go back Monday & Carl & E. go to Wichita. So they'll all be gone the first of next week -

Love you loads & thanks again for your generous & most welcome gifts. Please do -
Bonnie

Dear Mr. Simons.

Just stopped in to say "hello."
but found you out.

Am so sorry to learn of the
serious illness of your wife.

I am sure you will remember
me though it has been many
years since I left here. I was
City Treasurer here for 10 years
and had account in the Water
Dept. Very truly yours Wm. L. Aborn

File
904 Armstrong
Kansas City, Kans
June 23, 1948

Mr. W. C. Simons
Laurence, Kansas
Dear Mr. Simons:

I have been slow in replying to your letter so kindly offering to place your sister's equipment for writing letters in Braille in the hands of some one who needed it.

I did not know of any one at the time as all seemed to be supplied. I now find that

Mrs. Esther Taylor, 219 N. 16th St, Kansas City, Kansas is in need of such equipment, and would appreciate the receipt of it much.

If you have not already placed the equipment you could not put it in better hands.

All the blind people appreciate your interest and help.

Sincerely
Eleanor A. Wilson
Treasurer, Assoc. for Blind

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Bruce Cameron

1640 Illinois
Lawrence, Kansas

72-4-48

Journal World Force.
W.C. Simon PL

Dear Friends - Mrs Cameron & I both
appreciated, very much indeed, the
token of friendship, manifested by
the beautiful flowers you sent to
me at the Hospital.

I am home now, better, but
with a very sore head, which of
course, will soon get well.

Thanking you for your thought-
fulness, and with all good wishes
to all of you.

I am
Sincerely

Bruce Cameron

June 1, 1948

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

Dear Mr. Sherman:

I have some tree surgery that should be done. Nothing perhaps of an emergency nature. I know that you are now a full time employee of the Kansas Electric Power Co., but I wonder if you are kept so busy in the fall and winter that you could not do anything on the outside?

If it is impossible for you to look after this, can you recommend anyone else? Selichnow is good on trimming, but apparently does not practice surgery. I shall be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:ebe

W. C. Simons

June 7, 1948

Miss Edna Teeter
305 N. Green Street
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Edna:

I have wanted to write you ever since I heard of the death of your good mother. Mrs. Simons and I have often spoken of you as one who has very largely sacrificed her life for the good of others. Your grandma was with you for many years and then you gave tender care to your mother.

I knew you first when you were probably not more than fourteen years old and on through the years, and you stand very high in my estimation.

Mrs. Simons joins me in sending sympathy and continued good wishes.

We hope to leave Thursday to spend a couple of months in our cabin on Gull Lake. The post office address will be Brainerd, Minnesota, R.F.D.#3. As I say, we shall be gone for a couple of months, but when fall comes or any time that you happen to be in Lawrence, we shall be happy to have you as our guest.

Cordially yours,

WCS:ebe

W. C. Simons

Ans 6/4

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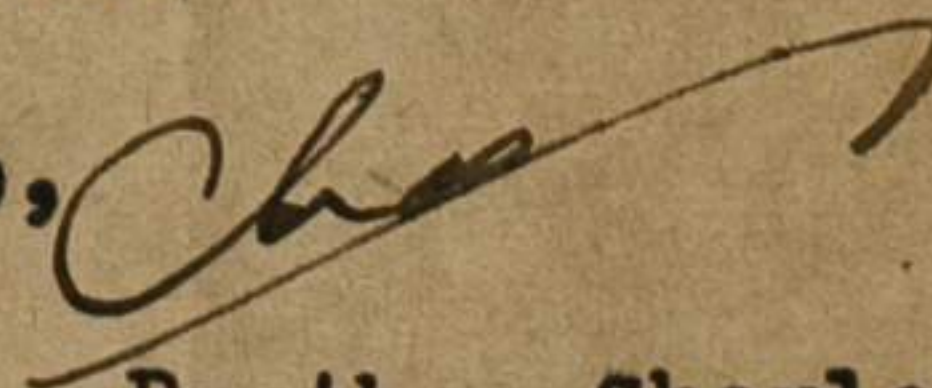
7539 South Colfax Avenue
Chicago 49, Illinois
June 1, 1948

Dear Collie:

Among the books here, were several I thought you might like to have - a book of songs that belonged to your mother, and several that I did not want to get lost or mislaid, so the package is going to you tomorrow.

A letter from Grayce told that you and Gertrude planned to spend the summer at Gull Lake, and Mary and I hope you will visit us at the Hills if you can make the trip. Any time will be convenient and we will leave it to you to set the time. We expect to leave for the Hills the end of this week. I have painted our house the past weeks, and expect to start painting the cottage next door tomorrow.

Love,



Brother Charles

June 9, 1948

Mr. C. H. Hoinville
7539 Colfax Avenue
Chicago 49, Illinois

Dear Charlie & Mary:

I have received the books you so kindly sent me and I am very glad to have them. Of course, they have no value excepting that of sentiment, which perhaps after all is the greatest measure of worth.

Oddly enough, I was thinking about Hill's Manual a few days ago. Papa was collecting for this Company just prior to his death. He was a man of great affability, perhaps something like my brother Louis, which enabled him to be unusually successful in the collection of accounts. With his wife and five small children, it was quite necessary for him to be earning a sufficient amount to keep them in comfort.

I certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness in these matters.

With love,

Your brother

LAWRENCE NATIONAL BANK

Lawrence, Kansas, June 17, 1948

DEBIT

W. C. Simons

We are today charging your account for stop
payment on check dated 12-17-47 to J. Dolph
Johnson the amount of \$ 10.00 for a period of
90 day's

*Credited back to 6/18/48
ack & released*

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2500 MT

Left at Cabin over

Flies given by Klaper

1/2 Can Sterizol powder

Cotton Ball

Bandages

Talc

Band Aid (old)

White Shoe polish

Adhesive tape

Campho Phenique

Soda Mints & Lownane

lion tablets

Small can Mentholatum

6 Bottles Rub Alcohol