

Mrs. L. A. McValley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Nov. 30 - 1949

Dear Dad -
I was happy to receive your
note and to hear you had a good
Thanksgiving day. He went to Ellsworth
to see Pop's H. S. play - then ate
dinner on my way home in the
Pherson. He took a lunch of fried chicken
and sandwiches to eat at home. It was
fine to have the chicken home and
I really enjoyed them - Saturday
I got a Thanksgiving dinner for us
at home - as they had to go back Sunday
on the train - it hurried us to have
a noon dinner -
I am planning to be in K.C.
for the week end - am going down
on the train Friday morning. Mae
is sending Evan Coman & Hoy
to an income tax meeting in me
and needs the other for himself.

Anyhow I don't care about driving that
far but it would be convenient to have
the car while there. If Mary Beth
should ask to drive your Chevy in, I
would be glad if you would let her do it
otherwise I will rent a car to use while
there. We are going to do some Christ-
mas shopping and take care of a number
of errands that must be done personally.
She has never seen the Christmas decorations
at the Plaza and wants to take that in
too.

We are all so proud of John's
accomplishments - I have been hearing
a number of political rumors about
Dolph - everyone speaks highly of him -
It is very dry here - we still
have had no rain and the wheat doesn't
look good. It goes into the winter with-
out some moisture the chances
for a good crop next year are poor.
Well, I have a whole basket
of washing to do so had better get
at it a bit now get it finished.
Mac is going to a dinner the

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Lions Club gives annually for
the football players - tonight. The
coach of Wichita University is
to speak - I won't have to get
dinner but will have to get lunch.

Is the Cary genealogy there?
When I started doing this copying
I found I didn't have it so it
must still be in Lawrence with your

things - He will be glad to have you

with us for Christmas for as long as
you care to stay. Charlie will be
here one week end - 24-25-26 - too.
Three weeks from today K.U. vacation
starts -

Lots of love -
Janet

November 28, 1949

Mr's. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

We, Otis, Margaret and I, returned Saturday from Tulsa, they having visited her sister.

Blanche managed to handle the crowd very nicely and I am sure we all enjoyed her splendid hospitality.

No one could possibly complain less or be less objectionable in his great trouble than Pat.

A representative of Moffett's Studio in Chicago spent two or three hours Thanksgiving Day taking pictures. The baby was perfect and starred in two sets of four generations. I think he must have made about 50 exposures and the baby was remarkably good.

I am very happy to have you drop in on me as often as you do and hope it will not be too long until I will be seeing you again.

Much love,

Mrs. L. A. McValley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Nov. 2 -

Dear Dad,

I've thought about you so much these past few days especially and how it must have been a hard and sad time for you. I am so sorry I couldn't come last week end but it just wasn't possible. I've had so many dis appointments in the last few years that no more like this doesn't seem too important. But it would surely have been fine if we could all have been there together again.

Joe is getting worse all the time - both physically and mentally. He suffers a great deal of pain and his circulation is poor so he is cold and chills so much too. He thinks now he wants to go to Florida for the rest of the winter - and go to a hospital there to try to get his arthritis cleared up. We are trying to make arrangements for him to

go back to Canton Friday - Until we
can find out definitely will not.
Luce if we can go to Nebraska or
not. I'm waiting to write Dora till
I have something definite to tell her.

The weather here has been nice -
quite a bit cooler the last few days.
Mac was in the country yesterday and
says our wheat looks good.

We are planning to come to
Lawrence for Homecoming - Why don't
you plan to come out with Mike and
Mary on the Tuesday before I leave -
giving and stay the rest of the week?
I've made no plans whatever for
Thanksgiving as yet.

I had a nice letter from Margaret
last week but haven't had time to
answer it.

Hope you're feeling good again
and not trying to run any footraces.
Mary said they had a very nice time with
you all at dinner last Saturday - I'm
anxious to see the new baby too.

Love to all the family and
Janet
to you -

November 4, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I received your letter of Wednesday and I appreciate your expressions of love. We were sorry you could not be with us, but know how it was.

I understand that you are taking Joe to Kansas City today and possibly we shall see you. I hope we shall.

I have just written a rather long letter to Blanche and I shall enclose a copy to you.

I am feeling first rate. Margaret had hot tamales for lunch today, and I recalled that I had eaten a combination of hot tamales and chile just before my recent bad health. I took a cup of hot coffee this afternoon as an antidote and really feel fit.

I have been reading quite a good deal at home but try to take a good nights sleep.

You are a sweet little girl and I love you.

Lovingly,

December 28, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet and family.

We arrived home safely and about on time. I found Dolph at the station waiting for me. The car was so well filled that Charles and I did not have seats together, but he was very helpful in seeing me off the train.

I thoroughly enjoyed my stay with you in your beautiful home.

Yesterday Dolph and Marie had invited me to go to Kansas City with them where we should have had dinner at the Kansas City Club, but I think I was fighting a bit of so called intestinal flu and, therefore, did not accept. Otis and Margaret were also away for the night so that "I was monarch of all I surveyed" at the old homestead.

I took breakfast this morning with Marie and had a light lunch down town and shall go home in a few minutes to look after some other matters.

At some time before the happy occasion, you might let me know what pieces Mary Beth has in the Marlborough pattern so that, if and when, I might add to her collection.

Give my love to all the family.

Lovingly,

December 8, 1949

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

Dear Janet and Mac:

Yesterday was the anniversary of your wedding, and I intended writing to you but, unfortunately, Marge Dyer, our efficient stenographer had a fire in her home recently which upset things for a little while.

Janet has always been very dear to me, ever since the day of her birth when friends commiserated with me because she was not a boy and seemed to feel I had cause for grief because I had a daughter and should have had a son. I can truthfully say that I never entertained any ideas of disappointment because I was so pleased with my darling little second daughter.

I remember well when you were about 5½ months old and you were lying on the floor of the home of the Reinekes in Kansas City when it was quite a way south on Brooklyn Avenue. Your mamma had left the room for a moment and you cried out "Mamma", which was the first word you ever uttered. Although you were talking frequently when you were still a tiny baby, either at 7 or 9 months you used to stand at our front door at 919 Indiana Street and call out a greeting to people who passed whether you knew them or not. They would be so startled at hearing words from such a tiny child that they would look around and see if there might be a parrot or someone else doing the speaking.

You have always had a very keen mind, but used to be super sensitive. I think you have overcome that to a degree, although you have never been entirely successful in doing so. After all if one is not sensitive they may miss a great deal of beauty and pleasure which comes through being appreciative of fine things, so perhaps in one way your sensitiveness has had more than enough good to overbalance the ill results.

I was just talking to Marie a few minutes ago and it seems that last night they had a PEO program in which a half dozen or

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more men dressed themselves as women and put over a farcical program of a PEO meeting. It seemed that Dolph, Sr., as a buxom woman really carried off the honors. I, doubtless, would have enjoyed seeing the men put on their stunt, but I was afraid that such pleasure might be counterbalanced by the memory of Gertrude and her activeness in the PEO.

I find myself within a few days, or a little more than two weeks from Christmas and I have done very little besides having some cards printed.

I had a call from Mary Beth who wanted to use the car this afternoon, and I understand that Mac is going to be here. We shall be glad to have him.

There is nothing especially new. I wanted to congratulate you over your many years of happy and successful life.

Much love,

November 2, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

We missed you from the family gathering of last week, but we understand that you could not well have left Doctor Joe alone. We saw very little of Mac but know through others that he was interested in bringing to K.U. some mighty good football material.

As you doubtless know, Dorothea and the three boys were here, and we had Blanche and Pat, Marilyn, and Mrs. George Maloney. We also had the pleasure of having Mary Beth, Charles, and Mike with us at least part of the time.

I hope to have Margaret and Otis with me for perhaps another four or five months. He has already been informed of a possible opening in his home town, but I do not believe he will take it. Of course when they go, I shall have to make such other arrangements as may be possible. I doubt if I could get another couple, both of whom would fit in as nicely as do Margaret and Otis.

As I never paid much attention to our social affairs, leaving it all to Gertrude, I don't know what I should do without Margaret or someone equally good.

As you know, October 30 marked the first anniversary of Gertrude's passing. As she was always fond of gladiolus, I arranged with Wards for a fine memorial for the church Sunday morning, and after the morning service, Blanche and I took the flowers to the cemetery.

Tonight the Dolph Simons' will go to Ottawa to see the high school game. They asked me to accompany them but as the seating capacity is very small and the night promises to be rather cold, I think it unwise to go.

Much love to you both,

Mrs. L. A. McValley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Oct. 11 -

Dear Dad -

I've been thinking a
bit about you and surely hope
you're feeling fit again.
By ~~way~~ Sunday night
was just a little late - I
am feeling a little better
as my sinus has begun to
drain, but I haven't been out
today at all -

He are expecting Joe and
Jim in Sabina by plane
Saturday afternoon - and Mary,
Dike and Charlie Friday night
we are still expecting you to come
for a week end or for several days
as soon as you can.

I ordered new flip covers
for the living room chairs today.
Hope White is feeling
better and has gone back to the
pet house. Am really anxious

to her for Eileen - It is nice to
have Blanche there with you for
a while.

Must close and write a note
to each of the kids - then go to bed -
I'm trying to get this cold locked.
Mac has gone to city Council meeting.

Much love -

Janet

October 18, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

My dear Janet:

Feeling rather lonely Sunday afternoon, I called up the Kappa house to invite Mary Beth to take a ride, and then learned that she was spending the week end with you.

Mike told the folks Sunday afternoon that he was coming over in the evening for a bath, but he did not do so, but I have no doubt he is okay.

Perhaps you saw Dolph, Jr's, picture in the recent issue of the Kansas City Times, but I shall enclose one in the event you did not. I am also sending a clipping from the Kansas City Times regarding John's playing at Shawnee Mission.

I don't know what name has been decided on yet for Eileen's baby, but he is a little darling, and a strikingly beautiful baby, having clean cut features like your own Mary Beth. It is rather strange that with his father having real light hair and Eileen having light brown, that the little chaps hair is very dark brown or black.

Come and see me whenever you can.

Lovingly,

As suppose everything ad
right. Must close and get
back to work.

My best to Margaret
and this - and love to you.

Janet
Janet spent week in
and I with Margaret
Returning Sunday
at 10.

Fed - Oct. 5

Dear Dad -

It is always
good to see you and
to have a visit and
as usual I enjoyed
it very much.

he had a good trip
home - came thru several

Humphries was a friend
of Blanchie's.
Yesterday and today
in addition to washing
and ironing, I'm getting
the domestic room
ready for Joe to occupy.
He was expecting
him the last of next
week.

Haven't heard from
either of the children
since we were there

Arrives on 18 then finally
had to give up and turn
north as we ran into
black oil - but got home
about 7:30 -

Monday night I went
to a Kappa Alumnae meeting
in Delina - Mrs. Jim Conklin
The former Marie Fogarty was
there and asked about you. The
mother Katherine, now Mrs. Jim

October 5, 1949

Miss Mary Beth McNalley
Kappa Kappa Gamma
Gower Place
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mary Beth:

I just received a letter from sister Grayce
that was so complimentary in regard to you
that I want you to see it.

Please mail the letter to me after you
have read it.

Lots of love,

September 26, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

The enclosed copy of a letter to Dorothea gives most of the news.

I am not sure whether it was Saturday or Sunday Mike came out and slept for about three hours on the davenport. I am always glad to have him out as we seem to be very companionable. I like him and I know he likes me.

I don't see very much of Mary Beth. As you know, she spent the week end in Kansas City, returning to Lawrence I think somewhere near six o'clock.

I am very proud of you and always happy to have you with me.

Lovingly,

I am going to Halima
this morning & see
about having some
chairs slip covered.
Butch got away yesterday
and had me worried
for awhile - However
we found him and
he was all right so
I have been very careful
about letting him out.

Mac has to go to
Roberta, Minn. next
week on business

Fri. Sept. 23

Dear Dad -
It hardly
seems possible
it's been nearly a week
since we see with
you in Lawrence. It
has really fine & see
you again and we
all enjoyed it, tho
the game was dis-
appointing.

and we expect for McHalley
about Oct. 15 - for an
indefinite stay. I be fine
Mary seems a little homesick
and Mike a little homesick
and uneasy about his
school work - German in
particular. I feel sure he'll
be all right when he gets
a little more used to the routine.

We are hoping to go to
Manhattan tonight & see
John play - if Mae can
manage to get away in time.
Hope Wally Jr. and all the
rest of the family are fine.
My best to Margaret and the
kids.
Much love
Janet

Tue. - Aug. 31 -

Dearest Dad -

It was good to talk to you yesterday and I'm sorry you were worried. But had been so busy and so many interruptions I hadn't written yet.

Our trip home was very nice. Mary and I called Omaha from Spencer, Iowa & reserved room at the hotel. They were very nice and accommodated us tho they were almost overflowing with a National League convention. And an American Legion Baseball tournament. Grace arrived about an hour or so after he did - he had been discussing going to a movie when he walked in so he didn't go but visited and caught each other up on the news. He had two excellent rooms with twin beds in each and felt rested, in the morning but did not leave till about 9:30 A.M. he got home about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon and Mike got in about 4 -

I've been pretty busy in since
getting my clothes washed and moved
some shopping for both children
and a lot of labelling for Mike. Tomorrow
He is going to Belleville, I am
to the fair and Mary and I are
going to finish her shopping.

This afternoon we went to a
tea for Ruth Ann Thompson, who is
to be married Saturday night.
Both of us assisted - I poured coffee
and she showed bedding gifts
to the guests. It was a very nice party
with about 50 guests during the afternoon.
We are both going to assist at the
wedding reception Saturday night

Charlie is coming Friday night
to be here over Saturday and Monday
has to be back in Lawrence to be
right as the Kappas require them to be
in the house then to choose rooms - etc.

Some Phi Kappas just called
from Beloit and are coming down
to see him tonight. This
Dinae is busy, as can be. His
new secretary is coming tomorrow and
will be glad to get her started.

He said Joe was not as bad as
he had feared - says he can get
around fairly well with the aid of
a crutch - but his memory is foggy
and he has occasional mental
lapses - He would expect to
practice again he says and plans
to pay us a visit before long.
Maie was able to give him some
assistance as straightening
out his finances and has had her
hand for him altho - it was a hard try
for him and he was very busy all
the time.

Will be awfully glad to have you
come see us whenever you can. I
know Jim's going
school starts
It was really fine to be at the
look with you and he all enjoyed
it a lot. You have a beautiful
spot there - and things so convenient
it was a pleasant place to be.
We hope your back has ceased
to bother you and that Marie's
injury is healing so that she is

more comfortable.

Must close and get back &

work.

Must be?
Janet

Thursday

Dear Dad -

Haven't heard from you

lately so suppose everything's fine
with you and that your back
is in good shape again -

Not much new here - I've had
a very busy time since arriving
home - getting Mary ready to
go back - then Charlie was here over
the long week end, and now
getting things all arranged for
Mike - My woman and cleaning
woman has poison ring so
couldn't come this week so I've

had a lot extra -

Mike is about ready to go
and I think is quite excited
about it all. I have no idea what he
will do as far as fraternities are
concerned but feel he will

make a good decision whatever
it is. There are a number of last
minutes things to do and he still
has to go to the dentist.

Mac is taking depositions today
on an accident damage case -

They have been seeding alfalfa
at the farm. It's been raining

slightly - good on all days
which is just what we need.

Mike is planning to come to Law-
rence Sunday on the train. He
has the train date with the Phi

Psis -
He are planning to be in Lawrence
for the J.C. U game on the 17th

so will surely see you then. Will
let you know later when we know
more definitely as to when will be there.

More definitely as

Much love -

Janet

September 9, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I have your good letter this morning, and I am sorry that your household helper is disabled at this time. It seems like things of that sort always come at the wrong time, although I doubt if there ever could be a right time for such a thing.

I was glad to see Mary Beth, but it was for only a moment as she came to the house to get her possessions. They had been huddled in the middle of the apartment floor until about the day before when I straightened the room a bit. It was no hardship having them, and we shall be glad to accommodate her again at the end of this school year if she wishes.

We shall be glad to see Mike. I shall be with him as I have been with Dolph, Sr., and with his boys, and with my girls. I have never tried to influence their decisions in their Fraternity or Sorority life. They are the ones who are going to have to live with their new associates and they should be the ones to make up their minds without prejudice or advice.

I am sure that Mike will make a good fraternity man although he may be a bit like his granddad in that he would not take to the punishment that is always meted out to the new man. I think the old idea of paddling is crazy and should be wiped out. There ought to be better ways of teaching a man fraternity manners than to try to beat it into him from the wrong end. I have told Mike to consider our place as his Lawrence home, and I am sure that he will feel free to do so.

My health has been good. My only difficulty is in applying myself. I have considerable writing to do but have not accomplished much along that line.

Yesterday was the first anniversary of Eileen's marriage, and I remember how great a disappointment it was to Gertrude

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that she could not be there. As you will recall, she had already bought a dress to wear for the occasion.

I have a meeting of the hospital board tomorrow, the first that I have attended since June, and in the afternoon I am to make a short talk to the Old Settlers' Society. The name is really a misnomer because Eileen's baby would be eligible to membership because her forebears had been Pioneers in Kansas. It does not mean a group of people of old age, although in fact it is quite so constituted, for it embraces both the old settlers, very few of whom are left, and their descendants.

I am also invited to make an address, perhaps "the" address, before the Old Settlers' Society at Baldwin. This will require some preparation because Baldwin is almost a part of Baker University and the group attending the meeting will include a lot of ministers and others who are entitled to a well thought out address.

We have just had the back porches and the lounge sanded with the result that we shall have to do our fall cleaning over from cellar to garret, as an impalpable dust found its way through unknown cracks and crevices and through doors etc. to lay a white coating over everything, and to attract itself to walls and draperies. A friend of Margaret's is loaning her an Electrolux which has all of the modern equipment for cleaning drapes and the like. I have sent Ramsey out to be of what help he can to her today.

Much love to all,

Friday morning -
May 20

Dear Dad -

It was good to talk & for the other night. Sorry you find-
ing was so disappointing but I think it
was nice for you to have a little
change and a visit with the Friends.

Dick's commencement is May 23 at 8 p.m.
He is to make the response for the class.
Mary will get in touch with you as she
can't leave till Monday afternoon -
She has to be back early Tues. A.M.
as that is the last day before finals -
so she and Charlie can drive over
on back and you can stay a day
or so. If you stay till Wed. evening
on Thurs. A.M. Mac will probably go
back with you as he has to be in Lopez
Thursday for the State Bar meeting and
city attorneys meeting - or Dick could
go back with you if you have to go
before then.

They got back for Denver Wednes-
day about midnight and report a
wonderful time. Today seven of
the track team have gone to Wichita

for the state meet. The Bradley relay
(he runs the 220 in it) got second
last week in the regional at Manhattan
and three other boys qualified in their
events - so he's really been away
for more than a week - has been
yesterday but spent most of the
day in bed - resting up.

Dad is busy as usual. Today he
is settling up a final estate -
he will be awfully glad to see

you Monday night -

With much love -
Janet

August 29, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

Mike and I had a fine trip home arriving about two or two-thirty Saturday afternoon. He held the car at around sixty miles an hour, not exceeding that speed.

We had a pleasant night at Carrol at Hotel Burke which has been entirely remodeled in the last year or two.

Mike spent Saturday night with some boys, I think at the lake, and I took him to the train as you doubtless know by this time.

I hope your trip home was pleasant. I hated to have you and Mary Beth have to make the drive without a man with you, but you are both competent.

You were awfully sweet in looking after the home and me at the lake and I appreciate it very much.

I hope the family is now united after a three-way trip home.

Love to all,

June 22, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I have your letter of the 21st. It was mighty hot here to, and I am not quite sure that my skin, which troubled me a few years ago, can take the heat as well as it used to. I have not been in Kansas during the hottest weather since I was at Mayos.

As you know, we leave tomorrow for the lake, Margaret and I. I am writing Dorothea that you would like to be there about the middle of August, and I think that will work everything out nicely. We shall be glad to have you come.

Give my love to Mac and Mike and write me at Brainerd where I shall be glad to hear from you.

With love,

June 20, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I don't often have many thoughts of that nature, but I had felt just a little bit lonely Saturday night with all of my children gone. But I was not forgotten. Blanche sent me a wire, I had the beautiful blue tie from you, and a letter and tie from Dorothea, and then in the middle of the afternoon yesterday, Dolph and family returned from their pilgrimage. So it proved to be a very pleasant Father's Day.

At dinner I entertained Mrs. Rankin, Charles and Lili, Charles and Mary Jule and Vera Stough, Margaret, her sister, and myself, making a party of nine at the Castle:

I had a nice visit with Dolph and family, but declined their invitation to take a bite to eat with them as they had hardly gotten straightened around again.

Marie received word today that Mrs. Nelson had had another slight stroke so she and John drove up there this morning. Mrs. Nelson has been feeling quite well, but she is getting along in years, and it is feared that she may be taken most any time.

I also had a very recent letter from Grayce in which she told me that the docks were out, the shutters off, that she had arranged for the opening and cleaning of the cabins, and that Don would have someone rake and clean up the yard. That was the best news of all because raking that yard is a mean job. The houses are surrounded by Oak trees which shed an abundance of leaves and unless they are removed it makes an ever present fire hazard.

I think there is no question that you and Dorothea can arrange, if it has not already been done, for the times of your stay at the lake. It is quite likely that we shall leave not later than Friday of this week.

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Grayce always speaks so appreciatively of Mike as she has had occasion to know him much better than Mary Beth. By the way, I triedd to have Mary Beth as a member of our dinner party but found she had a date with Miss Zillner at Tongonoxie.

I am always glad to hear from you and to see you.

Much love to all,

June 17, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I do not believe it would be best for me to accept your invitation for this week end, although it has its appeal. While Dolph and Marie did not intend to return until about the 23rd when they left, I am expecting them in not later than Saturday as they left San Francisco Wednesday morning. I think the occasion for shortening their stay is that Dolph, who is to be a counselor at St. John's Military Camps at Delafield, Wisconsin, is to report for duty on June 21. I forwarded information to that effect to the family, and I presume they got it and are hurrying back.

Before they left, they had suggested that John would go up with us to relieve me from having to drive. I know how I used to feel toward older people some years ago, and so I do not resent such consideration of me now, although I feel I should have no difficulty in making a two day's drive to the lake. I used to drive it in a single day.

Patricia, Margaret's sister, is still with us, a pleasant and helpful little girl, but I do not think that she expects to accompany us to the lake.

I have been reasonably busy, as you can imagine with Dolph away, but everything is running very smoothly at the office.

I hope Mike will have a pleasant summer and that at least a part of it may be spent with us. Feel assured we shall be glad to have you with us at the lake at such time as suits your convenience.

Much love to all,

June 14 -

Dear Dad -

It was
fine to see you again.

Hope your testimonial
dinner last night was
a big success. I had

a good trip home but
had to stop in Manhattan
& have a wobbly wheel

straightened so I didn't
get home till about seven.

I missed the rain home -
It rained while I was there

but no rain after I started
on and the road was
very good - I come by way of

Clay Center.

Since next Sunday is
Father's Day how would you like to
come out and spend it with us?

Bring Margaret and her sister if
you like. - I will make reservations
for dinner at Brookville. They
are famed for their good meals
and we haven't been there this
year. Let me know as soon
as possible if you are coming
as I will have to make arrangements
rents.

Had a belated birthday
card today from Dorothy -
Must stop and bring in
my clothes from the line then
put my chicken on to fry.
With much love -

Joyce

There wasn't Love when I arrived - The
had gone & Mr. Litomick's funeral in
Salma and stayed over for dinner.
Dibs is working on the grain bin.

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Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis,
Kansas

Dear Janet:

Find herewith a letter I have just received from Dorothea. It looks as if things could be worked out satisfactorily to all concerned. You may write her direct, or address me at Lawrence, and I will show the letter to Dorothea if she comes down this week end.

I hope you made the trip home safely. I hate to have you drive alone, although I realize you are competent in every way.

Lots of love

June 2, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I shall be very happy to have you and Mac with me for the week end. It so happens that Margaret and Otis have been planning for some time to spend the week end at her home in the country near Goodland, Kansas. They will leave tomorrow morning, so while you will be chief cook and bottle washer, we can take a good many of our meals out so the work will not be too hard.

I am sending you herewith a letter from your Aunt Grayce because in it she speaks so nicely of Mike.

We shall be happy to have Mike with us at the lake for any time that suits him, and I may add that Margaret and Otis both like him very much.

I remembered Mary Beth's birthday. I think she was one of the prettiest infants that I have ever known, and she has never lost her charm.

Lots of love to you all,

Sat. A.M. 7:30

Dear Dad -

Have intended writing since we
saw thee last week end - but the time
has flown and I've been very busy -
mostly washing and ironing and getting
Daisy's clothes fixed up for the next half
last night in Salina. Phil and I went to
a show while waiting for the train.

Dad is going to spend today in
Osborne at a meeting of the Northwest Kansas
Baw - will be home late tonight. Phil
is going to the country to do some
repair work on a building so I can
be used for grain storage. He was 18
yesterday. He has a harvest job lined
up - and when that is finished plans

to go to Ohio for a few weeks. Last night
I called Doris and she told me they are
going to spend August in Minn. with
you. This changes my plans, as
I had that week come up for a while
after Mary gets out of summer school
Aug. 7 - and Dick could meet us after
his time in Ohio. Doris told me when I
last saw her that they are going to
be there in July so we had planned
accordingly. We will make arrangements &

go somewhere else as it would be
entirely too much to have both families
there at the same time and would not
be pleasant for you either -

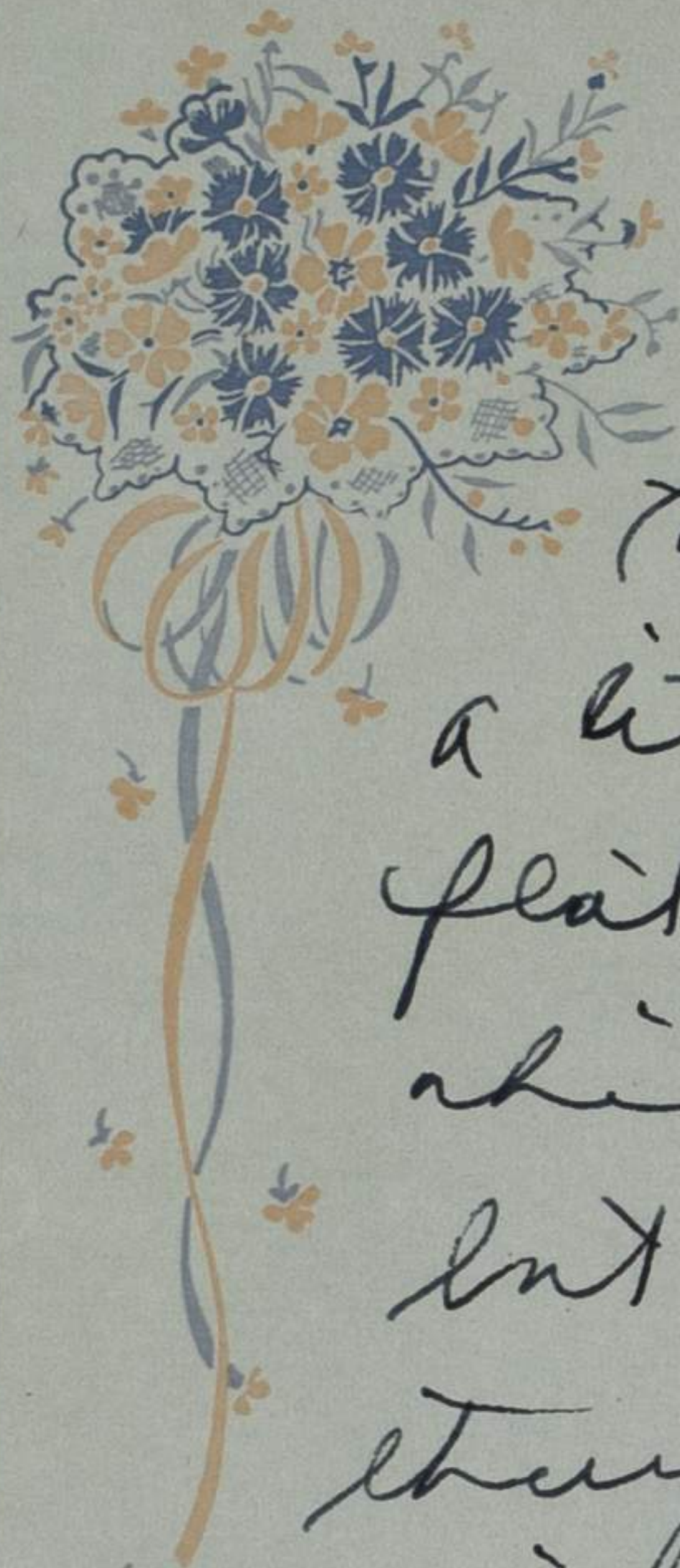
We have had lots of rain, and it
has been cool and pleasant here so
far this summer.

I always enjoy being with you.
It was very nice of you to be so
hospitable to Charlie's folks - I had a
nice note from his mother and suppose
you heard from her too.

I think we will just be lazy
today. I want to catch up on some
correspondence - Yesterday I picked
about four quarts of cherries for our table
and made a fresh cherry pie for part
of them. We are going to have lots of
apples, plums and some apples - but
the peaches don't look very promising.
Guess the peach crop is exhausted for
now so will close for now -
With much love -

Janet

Tuesday A.M.



Dear Dad -

It was good
to see you again for
a little visit. He had a
flat tire on the way home
which delayed us some
but outside of that
things were all right. It
rained off and on all
the way of Manhattan -
sometimes quite hard.

Mac and I are planning
to come down next Saturday
to be there for our 1924
reunion and will stay
with you Saturday night.
Mac will come here Sunday

and I will stay till after Commence-
ment and bring Mary Beth home.

It is close and sticky today.
Yesterday I was busy all day -
working in the house and in
the yard.

Mike is trying to get a job
with the highway dept. He would
like to go to Minnesota for
part of the summer and I'd
like to have him if it is all
right with you.

Mary Beth was twenty
years old yesterday. It
hardly seems possible.
Must close and get

lunch ready.
With love,
Janet

May 31, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

My dear Janet:

I am sending you herewith a check for
\$10 for you and another for Mike as birthday
gifts.

I hope each will have a happy birthday,
and we will be seeing you again soon.

Lovingly,

May 30, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I made a note on my memorandum to have you call Fred Ellsworth if you stayed over, and I forgot to call it to your attention.

I don't know what he had in mind, but you might drop him a line telling him that I had written you about it.

I am sorry that you had any trouble on your way home but glad that you had a good man with you to take care of it.

Love,

May 25, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I had a pleasant trip home. Just in front of me nearly all the way was a car bearing the legend of Fort Knox, Kentucky. Following this car probably increased my speed somewhat, but I arrived home without mishap. I really was not tired when I got home and felt as if perhaps I could make another trip without resting, but later in the evening I found that I was rather tired and I went to bed and slept for pretty nearly 12 hours. The longest night's rest that I have had in years.

Today I celebrated by having my hair cut and washed, and I am now wading into a somewhat delayed correspondence.

I got home in time to vote for the bond which carried by a three to one market. It will mean heavy taxes for me for a good many years to come, but I have felt that there is but one question for me to ask in matters of this kind and that is "Will it be good for Lawrence?" If it is good for Lawrence, it is good for me because I am a part of the community.

I am sorry that I could not have stayed over and had the pleasure of riding down with Mac. He is always a welcome visitor at our home and if he comes to Topeka, I hope he will come on down. Margaret told me this morning that you had called me last night which was thoughtful of you. You are a dear good girl, and a brilliant and much beloved daughter.

You may be interested in knowing that I have received today a notification of the graduating exercises of the Ogden, Utah, high school which will take place the 26 of this month, and Kathoryn L. Blackhurst is one of the graduates.

I remembered the laundry and took it up to Mary Beth before going home. As I drove up three young ladies came down the path and I asked one of them if she would take the package for Mary Beth.

May 25, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley

The girl was so gracious in accomodating me that I should like to have Mary Beth express my feeling toward her.

I am really proud of Mike's school record and will be happy to have him enrolled at K.U. 1

Lots of love to you and yours,

May 11 -

Dear Dad -
So glad to get your letter yesterday -
I found them to say that I
have a broken coccyx - as I
have spent most of the past 2 1/2
days standing up. It is quite
painful - but the medicine &
massage
relieve the pain and manage
to get along by moving very
slowly and carefully.

Mae is very busy with his
case - It started yesterday and
he doesn't know if they will finish
today or it will go on over well
tomorrow.

Mike cut the front yard last
night and is going to do the
back tonight. He will be gone
from Friday until the next Wednesday

as he goes to Manhattan & the
regional track next Fri. and then
senior class leaves Fri. night for
Denver for a five day "sneak"
They have chartered a bus for the trip.
Bess Johnston, the unnamed
daughter of Joe E. Johnston died
yesterday morning of cancer. They
owned the home he lived in when
the children were small and he
has always felt a deep regard for
the family. They lived next door. Mrs.
J. is quite elderly and is alone
now - she is a sister of Mr. A. L.
Gage who has next door to us. Her
son Ambrose Johnston lives in Man-
hattan where he practices law - (a
refugee of the former Supreme Court
Justice of Kansas?)
Hope you have a fine time
fishing and visiting. My love
to Mary and Don - I will answer
G's letter soon.
Much love
Janet

Tues. May 17 -

Dear Dad -

Received your most

welcome letter this morning.
Thank you very much for the check -
I haven't decided yet what I'll get
with it. but it will be something

I'll enjoy -

It is hot and muggy here
today. we had quite a rain
Saturday so this will help dry
things up. Duke is having a track meet
today with Lewis. An awful dog

for such things -

He told me at noon that
they had posted results of an IQ
test they took at school. That
he was in the upper
hub and I don't know just what

1/2 of 1970 -

it was but anyway it sounds good.
This commencement exercises will
be on May 23 - Monday. We hope
you can come. I know he would like
very much to have you. His invitation

haven't come yet but he'll send you
me I know.

Mary wants me to come down next
Sunday for Parents day but Mac can't
come because of business and I don't
know whether it is or not. My is
going to the Phi Delta and Phi Psi
houses Sat. and Sunday. Their
Jr. Senior banquet is Friday night
and he will go down to Lawrence Saturday
morning. He hasn't heard any news from
Dolph Jr. but suppose he's expecting him.
He went to Salina Saturday night
to see Frank Fay in "Harvey" - It
was very good - tho I thought Frances
Fisher was better than the woman in
this company. He saw you and Mrs.
Gus Lauterbach of Colby at the
Country Club when we had dinner.
Must close get cleaned up and
get this in the mail.
If I should come down this
week end I'd be out Mary most of
the time - just spend Sat. night
with you so it wouldn't be any trouble
for anyone. Haven't heard from Blanche
since she's returned - Lots and lots of love -
John

May 11, 1949

Mr. Michael C. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Mike:

I am in receipt of the invitation to your commencement exercises Monday evening, May 23. As you doubtless know, I am leaving tomorrow for a visit with my sister, Grayce, at Gull Lake. I think probably I shall be back in time, and if so, will come out to attend commencement exercises.

Your granddad will, also, want to give you something for a commencement present, but as yet, his mind is not clear as to what it will be.

I am proud of you. Your grades in school, your athletic activities, as well as your personal knowledge, convinces me that you have a fine mentality which will enable you to make good in any line in which you may engage.

I think it would be fine if you could take up law with your father, but I have never tried to plan the future for my own children and certainly will not try to shape the lives of my grandchildren, other than to encourage them along right lines.

Keep that chin of yours up, physically as well as mentally, and you will go a long way.

Lovingly, granddad

May 11, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

As you know, I am leaving tomorrow morning for a short visit with Grayce and Don at Gull Lake. I shall use the air both going and for my return as they have an airport at Brainerd which connects with the through lines from Minneapolis to Kansas City.

I have just written a letter to Mike. He is a dandy boy and I love him very much. I am, also, equally fond of Mary Beth.

Lots of Love,

May 4, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis,
Kansas

Dear Janet:

Your letter dated Tuesday, May 17, two weeks in advance, is at hand. We shall be very happy to have you with us this week end and for all the time you have to spend with us.

I am figuring on flying to Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 12, that would be a week from tomorrow, and I don't know just how long I shall be gone. Grayce and Don have been wanting me to come.

Congratulations to Mike on his good grades!

With love to all,

May 2, 1949

Mrs. Janet McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

Everything is moving along just about the same old way.

I think that the piano is being tuned this afternoon, and I have arranged with a painter to complete painting the porch floors which were badly scarred up by freezing and thawing last winter.

I don't see as much of Mary Beth as I would like. I think you know she invited me to take dinner at the house, but I felt that I would feel like such a stranger, it being so long since my daughters were members of the Sorority.

I want you to tell Mike that I love him very much and think that he has a lot of ability. I think he would make a cracker-jack lawyer and I believe a lawyer has more home life than a physician. A doctor is at the beck and call of everyone about 24 hours a day. I think Mac is a cracker-jack good lawyer, and I feel certain he would be very happy, indeed, to have Mike begin to familiarize himself with the business.

I have never tried to shape the lives of my own children, that is to direct the channels into which they should go, and I don't want to start now with my grandchildren, but I am very much interested in Mike.

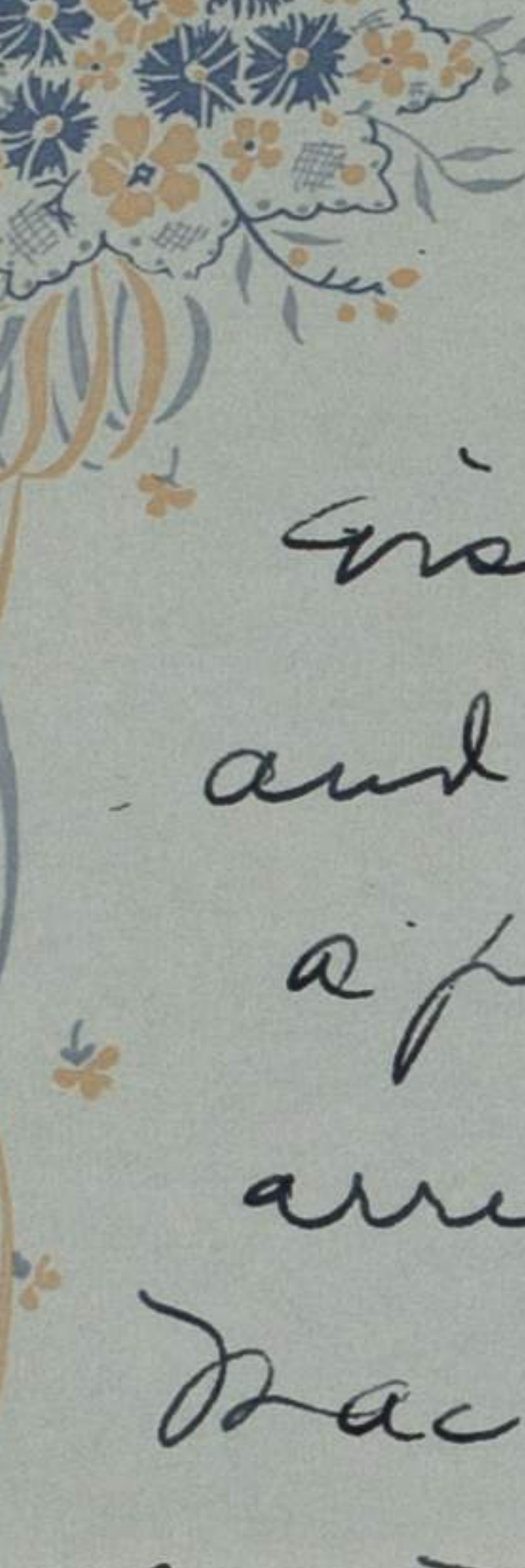
It looks quite likely that Dolph and John will eventually be interested in newspaper work. Owen is fitting into his father's business in such a way that perhaps later on he could take a prominent part in the management. He will be 28 years old in November.

I love you a lot and you know I have always felt that you had a tremendous lot of latent ability. Come and see me when you can and stay as long as possible. I am enclosing a check for \$5 for you to buy yourself a Mothers Day gift.

Lots of love,

Tues. P. M.

Dear Dad -



It was so nice to have a little visit with you Saturday and Sunday. He had a pleasant trip home - arriving about 7:15 - Mac came in from Ellis County about half an hour later.

Yesterday I spent all day getting clothes sorted, sent to cleaners - washing and ironing. Today more of the same - but I took time off to play bridge this afternoon.

Wade was in a track meet with St. John's school of Salina

today. He won the 100 yd dash
also was in the morning relay
team in the 880 and mile relay.

It is raining some tonight.
He here to have our apple trees
sprayed this morning. Hope the
rain didn't wash it all off.

Dick is busy getting ready for
the senior play Friday night. He

has the leading part -

No news in mid close -

Much love -

Joan

Enjoyed the Kansas Relays
too!

Tue. April 20 -

Dear Dad -

He received the pictures yesterday and are certainly happy to have them. I don't remember ever seeing this particular picture, but it has been somewhat like it that must have been taken at somewhere near the same time. He do thank you so very much.

There is not much news to tell you. It has been raining hard on all day - also rained quite a little yesterday. Our fruit trees are in bloom and look very pretty.

Dike put garden phosphate on the lawn and it is beginning to look better. He will be in Lawrence Friday for the relay as their team will compete in two races. He is spending Saturday as a guest of the Phi Kappa house Sunday.

I may come down Friday or Saturday and dine here with him Sunday as Mac is going to stay on Tuesday and Sunday. At

present I've made no definite plans -
so please let me know if you are not
going to be here, or if it is not
convenient to have me. I would probably
ride down Saturday with a man
who is going to K.C. to see his wife in
the hospital there - ~~if~~ it can be
arranged.

Mary said she went out to see
you Sunday but you were not at home.
Did I tell you Mike had all A's
on his card this time, even in
Glee club and chorus - he thinks
that's really something to brag about.
Must close and write a note to Mary.

Hope to see you in a few days -
Do hope you're feeling fine and
everything's going well with you.

Thanks again for the pictures.

With love -

Janet

April 28, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

As always, I was happy to receive your letter of the 26th. I know you are always busy, but I am interested in everything you do. I'm mighty glad to have you with me as much as possible.

I am proud of Mike and love him very much. I think we have a very good understanding between us. If he comes to K.U. next year, I hope we will have more time together.

This morning a big power sprayer came down and sprayed my elm trees. I don't know that they needed it, but it is best to take precautions.

Give my love to Mac and Mike.

Lovingly, your dad

April 15, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis,
Kansas

Dear Janet:

This is Friday before Easter, and I am thinking of you. I think that I have a more correct measure of your ability and mentality than you have for yourself. I think that you could accomplish any good thing which you purposed to do.

I love you very much and hope that your Easter will be a very happy one.

Lovingly,

Tues. A. M.

Dear Dad-

It was good to see you again
in Tulsa. He had a good trip home,
arriving here about 6 P. M. Today is
dark and gloomy but not raining
yet. Farmers say a great deal of the
heat is dead, either frozen or drownd
out but it's really a little early to tell
how much damage has been done.

Then we got ready to check out
at the Mayo we found our hotel bill had
been paid, so suppose we have you
to thank for that. It was a very nice surprise
and we do appreciate your thoughtfulness.
Mac that they had made a mistake
and credited us with some one else's
payment, but we finally decided it must
have been you.

Did you find a pair of blue knit
dinnering new pajamas after Mike was
there a couple of weeks ago? He came home
without them, and ~~the~~ says he thinks
he left them in his bed at your house.
As they were nearly new I'd like to locate them
if possible. He has a habit of leaving

his pajamas when he is away. This is
the third pair a pair of pair his left some
where.

He had bad news yesterday from
Canton. Joe Mc. Kelley had a heart attack
fell down some stairs
and lay without being found for nearly
48 hours - Yesterday his patients began
calling for him, Jim and Anne investigated
and found him unconscious. ^{This is how}
in Percy Hospital in critical condition -
They will not know for another twelve
hours what to expect as there is great danger
of pneumonia.

Have you made any plans for Easter?
I'd be very happy to have you out here if
you'd care to come.

I must get to my work - as I haven't
done much yet this morning. Have 8
now and do the upstairs work.

Hope you're feeling fine.

Much love -
Janet

Mar. 30 -

Dear Dad -

Received your note yesterday after I'd written yours and mailed it. The belt must be the one we lost last fall off me & Mary. Both dresses and never could locate. He couldn't imagine what had happened to it. I had had some repairs made on the dress by a woman in Lawrence and had the dresses in your car. The belt must have fallen in between the seat and wall as I looked everywhere and finally gave up. Did you ever find Duke's raincoat? It is a black affair - I never think of it till he needs it on a day like today. It is quite shivery but depressing as we need sunshine now -

Joe called his sister last night and found Joe showing slight improvement. They think now he has a chance to recover

but the doctors say he must never be
really well as his heart muscles
are badly torn from the severe
coronary strain.

Must cheer -

Love

Janet

Monday morning

Dear Dad -

It was so nice to have you here
on Sunday - hope your trip home
was fine. The roses are beautiful this
morning and I'm really enjoying them.
Mac and I went to the show last night
after, you all left it seemed so lonesome
here with Mike gone too. Hope he has
good luck in his test this morning.

Dorothy told Blanche she that they
wouldn't go to the wedding - If they
don't go, I'm quite sure Charlie
would drive down for you and Mary
and go with you - Blanche asked C. to
the wedding and he would like to go
think but said he couldn't afford it.
His parents do not help him financially
and all he has now, since he's moved
from the big house, is \$75 a month -
when he was there he wanted tables and
got \$20 a month - but is carrying 20 hrs.
of work this semester and said he had to
get into a more quiet place where he
could concentrate on his studying.

Tonight the American Legion is having a Birthday party - covered dish supper celebrating the founding of the organization. I don't know whether we are going or not. I was going to wash this morning but it is gray and gloomy so we have decided to wait till tomorrow - then I'll have Mike's things too.

We think the reason Young is insisted on coming over here was because they didn't want you to see Frankie - This really a pitiful case. They did not stay long after you left.

I must answer Aunt Tracy's letter and also write to Mary so will close for this time. Come out when ever you can - We always enjoy having you and I think the little change is good for you too.

Much love -

Janet

April 7, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I received the necktie yesterday or the day before but did not wish to acknowledge receipt of it until I had it around my neck. I wore it this morning and it has been favorably commented on by persons in the office. I realize that it meant a long and hard job for you and I appreciate it all the more for that.

I don't know of anything especially new. Dolph is receiving many compliments from those who have heard him talk. Last night he spoke at Fort Riley and has been invited to address a class of graduates there later. He has not been feeling quite as good as normal but can't take enough time off to really catch up. The latter part of the month he will be going to Washington and New York to meet with the several newspaper organizations with which he is identified.

I read proof yesterday on his book which will contain about 90 pages. He tells me that his remarks seemingly met with unqualified approval at Fort Riley which means a good deal for the military to accept the views of a civilian.

I presume you got Mike's pajamas and we hope he will be back to visit us often. I had a talk recently over the phone with Mary Beth.

Dolph and Marie leave soon for Auburn where he speaks tonight before a group made up of several independent groups.

I should like to have you and Blanche and Dorothea discuss among yourselves the periods that you would like to spend at the lake. If you want to be there altogether, so much the better. Dolph has already contacted Goedderz about putting in a new pump for the well as the one we have been using has now gone through 11 summers, and occasionally got out of order. It looks now as if Margaret would be ready to go up with me and that Otis would first

April 7, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley

spend some time in field work in Wyoming before joining us at the lake.

Charles Hoinville and Mary came in this morning and came in for a chat at the office. Dolph, Marie, and I have been invited down to the Stoughs this evening. Little Sally is certainly a darling baby--healthy, happy, and handsome--a combination of the three H's.

Thank you a lot for the necktie.

Love to you and yours,

March 30, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I was glad to get your letter dated Tuesday morning. I want to assure you that I was proud of my family. Every member there was not only dear to me, but they were among the finest looking and the best dressed persons at the entire reception.

I was very glad to take care of your hotel bill but was just a little bit fearful that they might let you pay it again.

I am so sorry about Joe McNalley's mishap, and I certainly hope that he will recover fully from his fall. I have always felt that he was a mighty fine young man, and I was happy to know him.

Mike's pajamas are there in the upper drawer of the chest in the little room. I think I had told him they were there, but he either forgot about it or hasn't been there. I'll try to remember to mail them to you.

I have not made any arrangements for Easter. I should be glad to be with you but will not make up my mind right now.

Five months ago today your mama passed away. I may or may not have told you that the Sexton has looked after the graves very nicely, leveling and resodding those of Gertrude and John Louis, and I have asked them to do the same for Julia's. I have also written Wards to plant Geraniums, at least two or three, on each of the graves. I don't know how they will arrange it where they have been sodded but that will be up to them. I think Geraniums make the most colorful and the most durable flowers. During the hot weather in summer, they are likely to wither a bit, but they come out with the fall rains and keep blooming until it freezes. The marker has been placed at her grave, and I think you will be pleased with it.

I love you a lot, and I am very glad to be with you and hear from you. Love to the other members of the family.

Lovingly,

March 28, 1949

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

Dear Janet:

We found in the back of our car a canvas colored belt with a large brass buckle. Does it belong to you?

I hope you had a pleasant ride home. I enjoyed very much being with you.

Lovingly,

March 15, 1949

Mrs. D. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

Thank you for your nice letter of Monday morning. I always enjoy my visits at Minneapolis with you. You have the knack of making one feel very much at home. We had a nice trip and I find that Charles would probably be rated as a slightly more careful driver than I am. While he drives at a good speed, which is now necessary if you are going anywhere, he seems to take every precaution at closing in, passing cars, etc. I think he is a nice boy.

Before reaching Lawrence, I asked Charles and Mary Beth where they would like to have me take them to dinner and they immediately said they would rather go out to the house and have a pick-in-lunch out of the ice box. This we did, and Margaret being there, she assisted us so we certainly had all that we wanted to eat, even if the assortment was not as large as, perhaps, it would be sometimes.

I shall try to get in touch with Mary Beth in regard to our going to the wedding. I have talked of going with Lileen and Carl but if we could get together, probably the Buick car would be large enough to sit six persons in, riding comfortably.

I was sorry to note in your last letter that Dorothea thought that she might not go. We shall be glad to work things out the best we know how.

I shall be glad to know how Mike fared in the examination. We certainly enjoyed the short visit we had with him, and he is always a welcome guest at our home.

You may tell Doctor and Mrs. Young that I deem them fortunate in having adopted so charming and promising a child. The little girl is attractive and seems to love the Youngs very much.

Write me often as I am always glad to hear from you.

Lovingly,

March 7, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

It has been several days since I have heard from you, so I shall expect a letter in most any mail.

I have tried to keep track of Mike's basketball, and it seems to be that they have won more games than they have lost.

I have just attended a most interesting program at Rotary, a short account of which you will see in today's Journal-World. The speaker illustrated some of the old and many of the newest things in electricity, jet-propulsion, etc.

The weather here has cleared up a bit, and the road down to our house is again in very good shape.

While I have thought more or less about this summer, I have made not definite plans, and I think a great deal will depend upon how quickly Dolph snaps out of the dizziness that has bothered him since he has returned. I think it is the result of the frequent and abrupt changes in altitude, from sea-level to 13,000 feet. His sense of equilibrium has been temporarily effected.

He is cooperating nicely and is putting in very little time at the office. I think it is wise for him to take it easy and to recovery as quickly as possible. If the condition does not improve as it should, I shall, doubtlessly, put in more time at the office than usual.

Gertrude's funeral was 18 weeks ago today. I have made arrangements to have the lot at the cemetery looked after as quickly as the weather permits. I have also arranged with Mr. Frowe, who revamped Gertrude's flower garden last year, to look after it again in order to keep it in good shape.

My cold, which was severe for a number of days, is very

better. I find I am taking off a little weight, possibly five pounds in the last several months.

Everything seems to be moving along smoothly at home, and I am finding the Kings as pleasant as one could hope for. I occasionally get to talk to Mary Beth, but not as often as I should like.

I am reading Human Destiny and finding it quite interesting.

Lots of love to you and yours,

Municipal, Kansas -
Feb. 18 - 1949

Dear Dad.

I was very glad to get your letter and am sorry you were so worried about me. I'm very glad there was no one with me as if there had been they would no doubt have been hurt as the car hit the post on the right side - and mashed the door opposite the driver - It was really a very lucky accident - a car passed me on a hill six miles east of St. George - when I turned back I hit an icy spot and it went out of control on the highway - plunged over the embankment on the south and finally stopped after hitting a cement post - miraculously left on the old highway. By some miracle the car did not roll over and after having a wrecker go for it from Manhattan - I found it was in condition to be driven home so I came on. The bad road was between Lawrence & Topeka - This was an icy spot where I had thought

and frozen - I have a slightly sprained
ankle - and numerous small scratches
and some bad bruises - nothing
really when I consider what might have
happened. I was not driving fast - a car had just
passed me -

Mike spent yesterday in K.C. but failed
to pass the exam because his right eye
tested 20-14 - He was quite disappointed
He is sorry about the eye - but not sorry
about the six year contract - So suppose
everything is for the best. He is going
to Palma tomorrow for an eye examination.

Feb. 27 - The C.
A week for Buddy
of C. here is sponsoring an affair they
started last year. This year they are having
Jack Mitchell of Okla. U. as the ~~speaker~~ -
and will have other notable athletes &
coaches too. It is a buffet lunch, follow-
ed by a program. Last year it was a big
success. I think perhaps you might like to come.
I mentioned it to Mary and Charlie some time
ago - and if you should decide to come you
might all dine out together Saturday morning.
Then go back early Sunday morning. Dad
is mighty glad to have you - I haven't met
her Mary since the date has been set. but
you can get together on the deal. Suppose Marie
is home and hope this feeling fine. It was nice to
be all there together again. Much love,
Janet

Sunday night.

Dear Dad -
So glad to get your letter but
sorry you've been having a cold, and
also that you didn't get out this
week end - he just returned from the
athletic affair which was quite
worth while. Jack Mitchell of Oklahoma
gave a short talk and showed pictures
of their Sugar Bowl game with North Carolina.
Mary Louise Stout Austin's husband,
Kenneth Austin is in the Mother's Hosp.
at K.A. and has been having complications
following an appendicitis operation. Mary
is Fiona's daughter and T. is one of my
very best friends - She was very fond of
mother and send her numerous cards and
notes - also sent flowers. I thought you
might get in touch with her if you
had time as I know she would appreciate
just a friendly word. They live in a
trailer house at Hillcrest Trailer
Court west of Lawrence a mile or so
on 40. Fiona is there now with Mary
but I believe Kenny is still in the hospital
I know you are glad to have Daph

Love. have been enjoying his articles
and have intended every night to read
but something has interfered.

Tomorrow Minneapolis play Beloit -
then a game here Friday with Chapman
ends the season except for the regional
tournament. Mike has been doing fine.

In the last two games he scored a total
of 30 pts. The team has really had
a poor season however.

It is getting late and I must
get to bed so I am going home to get
up and get breakfast for my family.

Today has been cloudy, misty
and disagreeable. The ^{country} roads are bottom-
less - and the town streets filthy
so much snow, ice and mud for such
a long time - a good rain then some
bright days with wind would do just
what is needed - dry the roads and streets
and clear them off.

With much love -
Jayet

March 1, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

Your letter written Sunday night was received this morning, and I immediately took my car and drove out to the trailer lot. I found the Austin trailer without any difficulty, and Mrs. Stout recognized me as soon as the door was opened.

I had a pleasant visit with Mrs. Stout and Mrs. Austin. The third young woman was there, but I didn't learn who she was. I told Mrs. Stout that I would be very happy to have them come out to the house for dinner, but it seemed impractical for them to do so as it interfered with their calling hours at the hospital.

From what they say, I think Mr. Austin is getting along satisfactorily. They seemed to be pleased to have me call. The trailer park is situated on high ground which, ordinarily, would be well drained, and even under present conditions the ground is not in bad shape.

I don't know of anything that I could do for him at this time. I suggested reading material, but they said that that would not be best for his eyes at this time, and of course, nothing in the way of food could be offered. I think I shall send a potted plant out in my name and yours.

Bob Riggs dropped in for a few minutes yesterday. As you know, he is Marilyn's intended and gives the impression of being a wide awake young chap.

We are very happy to have Dolph home, and I think if you will save your papers containing his letters, that Frano will be glad to read them when she gets home.

I watch the highschool results, and it seems to me that Mike's team has had a good share of victories.

Everything seems to be running smoothly out home. I found

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out the other day that Margaret had given up a \$300 a month teaching job when she married Otis. He is a hard worker, and I believe they will get somewhere.

Lots of love to you and yours,

February 24, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I was very glad to get your letter of February 18. You must have had good fortune in going through your accident without personal injury. I have tried a time or two to reach Mary Beth but have been unable to do so.

A month from Saturday Marilyn will be married. That is the anniversary of my sister, Julia's, birthday.

As you will know before you get this letter, Dolph arrived in San Francisco yesterday and phoned Marie, making her a very happy girl. He then went on to Washington and expects to be in Kansas City tonight where he will be met by Marie and probably both of the boys.

John has to play basketball in Ottawa tonight, and it seems likely that they will drive to Kansas City after the game and bring Dolph home in the middle of the night. The papers are playing it up quite a bit, and I am not surprised because it is the first time within my knowledge that any civilian has been privileged to make such a trip with Naval officers.

I was taken with rather of a bad cold Tuesday, and Doctor Johnson called at noon and sent me home, where I spent the rest of the day in bed. I took the medicine that he left me regularly, and with good results, so that I was up yesterday but did not come down town until today.

I think I should tell you one thing that I should have told before and that is that Gertrude and I prepared a will ten years ago, at which time we were advised not to distribute small things through a will, but rather through a personal request. I asked Gertrude to take care of that, which she did. It was a presumption of course, at that time that such gifts would not be distributed until our deaths, but it seemed to me desirable to make the

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distribution according to her wishes at this time. I am glad you girls went through the things when you did, and I hope that the distribution was as fair as I feel certain Gertrude intended it to be. Personally, I have never read over the list.

When I was sick, Margaret looked after me very nicely.

The weather is better, as you, doubtless, have found it to be.

I notice that Minneapolis again won over Marysville. Congratulations to Mike.

Lovingly, your father,

Dear Dad -

It was nice to
talk to you this morning.
Our trip after we left
Zapeha was fine - not
even any snow on the
road. It was dark by
the time we got to Junction -
in City so we came
through Salina which took
us a little longer.

A letter from Beulah
has been for me. She and
Dorothy are planning to come
to Lawrence the next week.

uninterrupted four years of
College - at least as far as
military service is concerned.

Jim & Mary didn't
call for last night. She was
quite upset about her school
work but I think we have every-
thing under control now. I think
we expect too much of her and
it is hard for us all.

Why can't you and John come
out one week and Alvie Marie
and Dorothy are gone? We'd be
very happy to have you with
and it would be really company
for you & have John come & he
has a game on Friday you could
come Saturday morning
I'd love to see you -
Janet

We all enjoyed the lunch and
the short visit with you.

Write
Mike

of Feb. 19. I will try. ^F
Come if possible, tho it
is very hard for me. I even
think of going over ^{mother's}
things - suppose I will
have to be done.

Boys - lost to Oselt
last night but Duke
played a fine game. The
is to take his physical
examination for the Naval
ROTC program on Feb.

17 in Kansas City, Mo.
He is quite interested
and I hope he makes it
as it will mean a

February 15, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I was worried about you yesterday and in the evening central was trying to get you for some little time before the connection was made. I am very happy that you were not ~~inj~~ injured, and I am sorry that any damage was done to your car.

In general, I think it is rather risky for a woman to make a long drive alone. After you had gone, I thought that, perhaps, I should have offered to go with you and then return by bus or train.

I got a pretty little valentine this morning from Mary Beth. It was very unusual. She is a dear girl.

As I told you last night, I had also tried to get Dorothea and family by phone but found they were out of town, which answered my purpose in letting me know that they had gotten home safely.

Both Mary Jule and Nita were pleased with the mementos you girls had given them.

We had word last night that Marie would be home Thursday, and I presume Art will meet them, although I told the girl who called me from Weavers that I would see to meeting them if necessary.

It will be about another ten days before Dolph returns. According to my schedule, he should leave Tokyo this morning and arrive at Guam at 10 o'clock tomorrow. They will spend two days in Guam, leaving at 9 o'clock in the evening for Kwajalein.

I was very happy to have you girls with me over the weekend. I hope it will not be too long until we have you again.

Give my love to your men folk.

Lovingly,

February 4, 1949

Dear Janet:

I am enclosing carbon copy of a letter I have just written Dorothea, and I am sending a similar copy to Blanche so you can count on the 19th for the date for getting together.

I am glad that you got home safely and without trouble. It was nice of Charles to accompany you as far as Topeka. I like the boy and believe that he will fare well.

When the weather gets better, I may take you up on spending a weekend with you.

Much love,

very dangerous. Mac had
to make a trip to Lincoln
on business - I hope he
gets there and back without
 mishap.

It was too bad you could-
n't go to the wedding. He
here saying to miss it, but
after the weather got so bad,
we're glad we had decided
not to go.

Mike got notice Saturday
that he has passed the
preliminary test for
AROTC - he is to report
in Kansas City on Feb. first

Jan. 24

Dear Dad.

I am always glad
to receive one of your good
letters. I have planned to
drive to Lawrence Wed-
nesday, spend the night
with you and bring Mary
home Thursday, as soon
as she is finished with
her exams. However the
weather and roads are so
bad, I may not be able to
do it - It is very cold today
- about 6 above zero now
and the streets are icy and

for his physical exam. It is
hard to know what to do - but
he seems to be quite interested -
There are many banks & he
filled out - and lots of things.
signs. If I see you this week will
tell you more about it.

Mary is not doing very well
in school it seems, so we may
keep her at home next semester -
perhaps send her to business
college. It is very discouraging.
We are supposed to take a card of
basketball players to Mansville
tomorrow - but they surely will
call it off if road conditions remain
as now.

I had a nice letter from Dorothy
last week - am so glad you are
happily fixed at home and with
congenial people - Mary said she
and Charlie enjoyed their dinner with
you. It was nice of you to have them.
Must close and get back to
work - I hope to see you Wednesday -
but I'll probably talk to Mary by phone
when I can make a definite decision -
with love - Janet

January 20, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

Had the weather been nice, I should have driven to Tulsa yesterday and would have accompanied Blanche and family to Mississippi, however, through telephone calls, I found out that Pat had not been real well, due to a recurrence of his stomach trouble, and that the roads and weather made it impractical for them to drive so that they were going by train to Dallas and then expected to ride in Owen's car, driven by George Cheatham, to Philadelphia where the wedding is to occur on Saturday the 22nd.

Eileen and I were going down together, but she decided to go by train to Dallas where she would join the automobile party. I hope she will make it. The papers yesterday morning told of a tornado at Caledonia, a town about 65 miles north and a trifle east of Philadelphia. I know many of the roads in Mississippi can be very bad in wet weather. I sent a check for a wedding present.

I don't know that I have written you since I had Mary Beth and Charles at dinner at the hotel. We had a good dinner and a pleasant evening. I found my battery dead when we went to the car after dinner but was able to get prompt service in having a new one installed.

John left yesterday to go to Dodge City where I think they play tonight. I heard through Neal Wherry, the principal of the highschool, that they had dinner at McPherson and intended to spend the night at Great Bend, which would leave them only about 60 miles to travel today. John is not a wonder at making goals, but he seems to have a level head, which is very desirable in a guard. I think he is the only Junior on the squad.

My young couple are still proving to be very pleasant and companionable. I like them both.

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I had a letter from Dorothea this morning, and she said that in his final tests the lowest grade Lance received was 97, which reminds me of the records Mary Beth used to make in school.

Dolph left ten days ago, and as his trip is presumed to cover six weeks, he has been gone about one fourth of the time. This calculation is wrong because I am figuring from the 11th, when he left here, instead of the 14th, when he was presumed to leave Washington. The time he has been away would come nearer being one fifth than one fourth. While everything, seemingly, is running smoothly here, we shall be very glad when he returns safely.

Dolph, Jr., is again attending his classes. He can walk gingerly around the house on his broken ankle, but he uses crutches when outside. Marie has been very faithful in taking him to his classes.

We have had a lot of snow, but everything has been cleared today from 23rd and Vermont down town. It is the last quarter of a mile that requires chains.

I shall be very glad to hear from you.

Much love to all,

January 15, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

Thinking that you might be worried after seeing that Dolph Jr. was in the University Hospital, I am glad to say that the injury, apparently, is not real serious. In trying to escape hitting a tree, he put but his foot and broke a bone in his right ankle, but it was a clean straight break, and the x-ray shows a perfect union.

Dolph telephone Marie this morning from Washington and mentioned with pleasure the fact that he had received wires from his sisters. Let the good word go on.

John plays basketball tonight in Lawrence with Leavenworth, and I have just been raising a row with the newsroom because they failed to mention the game in the paper tonight.

I hope that the weather will be good next week when I drive to Tulsa.

Tonight at 6:30 I am entertaining Mary Beth and Charles at dinner at the hotel.

I am always glad to hear from you and am interested in Mike's athletics, as well as in his dad's legal business.

Lots of love,

He should have a lot
to talk about on his
return.

Thank you very much
for the bonds. They will
indeed come in handy
in 1952 - and 54 when
they mature.

He decided against
going to Berni's wedding
as I need have a
to such a hurried trip
as Dad has an important
case coming up Jan. 31 -
If we could take a week
off and stay at New Orleans

also Dad. Jan. 12

It was so nice to
hear your voice this morning -
I sent the wine as you
suggested. hope it makes Dad
feel better, tho I cannot see
how he could expect us to write
or call when we knew nothing
about it. He had known ff.
more than a week, but said
nothing to me at least -
It's a wonderful thing and
I think he is indeed fortunate
to be chosen as he will have
not only a marvelous trip
at no personal expense, but
also entire expense, no
more citizen could hope for.

and some other places, moved
surely into to go - but with
uncertain weather and limited
time decided not to try - but
this won't be to go anyway. but
I am too much of a fool
not to dine in town that
for on my own responsibility
in the winter time.

It is nice for you to
with Blanche and
their girls.
Take care of yourself

and write whenever you find
time. I just finished a letter
to Aunt Grace - So glad Mr.
and Mrs. King are congenial
and that things are going well
with you -
Much love -

Janet
Mrs L A McNealley

January 5, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I received your good letter of the 2nd yesterday and also one from Mike. He tells me that he is liable to come down sometime this month, and I hope he will.

I am quite well pleased with Mr. and Mrs. King, and they seem happy and content with their work. They are easy to have around, and she keeps the house in a way that Gertrude would have liked.

I went through Gertrude's secretary in the living room yesterday all excepting the two drawers which are filled largely with pictures. I am getting together all of the correspondence in order to make up a mailing list. It is going to be quite a job.

In going through the desk, I have found two photographs of Gertrude that I did not know we had. They were taken when she was about 20 years old and the copy I had was quite faded, but these copies are not.

I think it would be well for you three girls to get together, perhaps a little later when the weather is a little better, to go over the little things that Gertrude wished you to have.

I was out to dinner with Dolph and Marie a few days ago but, otherwise, have not been going out and do not feel the urge to do so. One day last week, I took Mr. and Mrs. King to dinner at the hotel which they, seemingly, enjoyed very much.

I have watched the hospital records quite closely in order to send flowers to those who were kind in remembering Gertrude.

I ran across the enlarged picture of Eilene, Mary Beth, and Dolph, Jr. yesterday. While he is about a year younger than the other two, they appeared to be about of a size.

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I think I have mentioned that I have read the "Good Shepherd" and have gone through "Mr. Blanding Builds His Dream House."

With much love to all, I am as ever

Your loving father,

Am 1/5/49

(filled
with)

Jan. 2. 1949



Dear Dad -

First I'd I want
to thank you for all the
nice Christmas gifts. My
hosiery case and hose, Mary's
body powder, Miles' tie, Mac's
tie and the checks for all
of us are really fine and
very much appreciated.

We had a quiet sort of
day - The weather has
been quite nice though
we did have quite a snow
and wind last Tuesday
night. It is supposed to
get much colder tonight -

I'm glad you enjoyed
your visit with Mother -
I see by the J. W. she left

Friday -

There is not much news

here. There were several in-
formal parties last week
that I attended, and Charlie
was here several days.
Friday Mike helped me take
down the Christmas tree and
the decorations for the front door.
I put away the candles and
other decorations I had out
yesterday.

Tomorrow I am going to wash-
ing. Mac is very busy making out
people's income tax returns -
Mike goes back to school
tomorrow.

I had a nice letter
from Aunt Grace - haven't
written her yet but am going
to get all my letters written
this week if I possibly can.
Have you heard any more
about Ben's wedding? I haven't