

January 3, 1949

Mr. Roy Bailey
Salina, Kansas

Dear Roy:

I have noticed that after quite a long and excellent service, that you have retired from active newspaper work. I hope that you will take retirement in stride and pick up an avocation that will aid you in utilizing spare time.

Fortunately, I have been in a position so that I could have retired some years ago, but I have taken enjoyment in continued, although somewhat limited, service. I have been fortunate in maintaining good health. I know that you are somewhat, and perhaps considerably, younger than I.

We can plan our lives, but we cannot always follow the plan. The recent death of Mrs. Simons has been a great blow to me, but I am trying to go ahead. In this I am encouraged by my four children and ten grandchildren.

I am quite thrilled now in having Dolph invited as the only civilian to accompany a group of high Naval personnel on a round-the-world air trip which, I understand, starts on January 15. I consider the invitation to be quite an honor and a recognition of his ability to see things as they are, and to present them in readable form to the public. While he is going purely as a guest, I have no doubt we shall receive from him many interesting letters.

At home I have been fortunate in securing a young couple to take charge of my household. The girl was born in Goodland, Kansas, received her Masters Degree from Ohio University, and was teaching in a college at Denton, Texas, when she married. Her husband is a young Texan who is now doing graduate work at the University, after having completed his Naval service.

I know that your daughter knows some of my daughters, but I am not sure which ones.