

June 27 -

Dear Dad -

Suppose you've rested up after
your strenuous trip to Tulsa. Mike
got in about 3 a.m. yesterday - awfully
tired of course - Mary and Charlie
returned from Colorado Friday night
and went on to N.C. Sunday
afternoon. They had a wonderful
time and were very happy -

He hasn't heard a word about
Dolph but suppose he's getting along all
right. Hope he received the flowers as sent.

Today and yesterday have been much
cooler and I've accomplished quite a
lot. Have been sorting and putting
away winter clothes, getting Mary
Beck's things together and put away -
and the always recurrent washing
and ironing.

Are the Kings still there, and
how long do they expect to stay?
Linda wrote they plan to leave for
Miami about July 2 - that arrange -
ments have you made about going?

Mike has gone to Palma to see about
his job - If he gets it will go to work
right away so will not be available &
dine for you at this time. He will know
definitely this afternoon
We were all so glad to have you here
for the wedding - The children really
appreciated your nice gifts and will
make good use of them I know. If you are
in N.C. be sure to call and see them -
Their address is 300 E. Arrow - Park
Central Apt - They have a very tiny apart-
ment for the summer but will work for Jim
sure.

I must write to Blanche and Dorothea
so will close this for now.

Let me know as soon as you
can as to what your Minnesota
plans are.

With love -

Janet

Abba Dorda and Dord - Aug. 2 -

I've wanted to write tell
I have something definite. My plan now
is to leave K. O. at 8:56 Sunday
morning - Aug 6 - arrive in Braintree
via Massconser Air Lines at 5:40
Sunday afternoon - I haven't yet
received confirmation of my reservation
but will let you know if there should
be any change.

I seem to keep awfully busy.
Today have cleaned the books and
am "re-converting" some frozen straw-
berries into preserves - an experiment
which I'm hoping will be successful.
It has been grand and cool
here most every day and night. The
primary election was satisfactory
to us - Mike is working hard and
studying some too - He's working
on his German so he hopes to be in
good shape for fall.
Gene Morgan died in St. Louis

Hospital Monday and the funeral is to
be tomorrow - Poor girl she was sick
such a long time and suffered so -
She was 47 -

We are going to a chicken dinner
tonight given by the 4H club so I won't
have dinner & get at home - Am
still working on "American People" -
now am almost ready for lesson XIX -

still 22 to go -
I'll be glad to see you all
Sunday and hope you can meet
me without too much trouble. I need
my strawberries so must stop.
much love to you all -
Janet

Monday - 1:30 p.m.

Dear Dad -

In response to a letter from Marie saying you were not feeling well again, I phoned last night and found out you were able to leave for Lynne so suppose you are now in Minnesota. Also hope you suffered no ill effects from the trip and that you're feeling lots better.

Not much news here. Mike started to work Saturday and seems to like his job. He works from 9- till 1 and 5 till 9 everyday with me day off each week. Don't know much else about it but he seems to be happy -

Mary Beth is a poor correspondent. He hasn't had one letter from her and she said they are getting along fine. That was written last Tuesday. I'm sorry I didn't have an opportunity to visit with you at the time of the

redding. but am so glad you were
here. I seemed to be so busy all the
time looking after things.

It has been cool and muggy here
for the last several days and
just enough sprinkles of rain to
keep the men out of the fields - The
heat around here has turned out
only fair. I am trying to get every
thing in shape here, and ready so
I can leave to be with you during
August. He can set the definite time
later. If I don't get back to bring
someone with me for company - but
he hasn't decided yet about that I'll
come.

Thank you so much for the nice
birthday check - as yet I haven't
cashed it, but will do so and use it
to good advantage. I bought a new
notebook with the money you
sent Mother's Day.
Do hope you're feeling good again.
With much love -
Janet

June 26, 1950

Mrs. L. A. McHalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I am afraid that Mike arrived home last night a mighty tired boy. He is a good driver, watches the road carefully and does not pass anyone unless he has an open road. As I said in my letter to Dorothea, I think it would be better not to exceed sixty miles on the highway.

Can you tell me whether you would like to go to the lake? You may already have told me; I do not recall definitely, but think that you plan to be there in August.

Otis and Margaret will leave, I think, about the same time that I do to visit her folks in Goodland, Kansas. Some day I want one of you girls to superintend going through the storage closet up stairs to get rid of a lot of boxes and perhaps other matter of little or no value, as having too much in the closet I am afraid makes a bad fire risk. I shall not try to get anyone to succeed the Kings until I return.

Much love to all.

June 28, 1950

Mr. Mike McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Mike:

Just a little remembrance for a
good boy's birthday.

Lovingly,

June 28, 1950

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

Find herewith a little birthday
remembrance, better late than never.

I hope that Mike was not too tired when
he got home.

Love,

Mrs. L. A. McAlley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Friday - May 19 -

Dear Dad -

I was so glad to get your letter. Thank you so much for the Mother's Day check. I bought a new waste paper basket for the bathroom with it and it is very pretty and was much needed.

We had a nice rain yesterday and last night. Things are looking better and people are feeling better. I sent a gift to the new grandnephew and also one to John Junior yesterday. Have been busy getting invitations to the wedding ready to go next week. There are so many things to think about I hope I won't forget anything important.

Suppose you knew Doris and family were here on Sunday. They boys are surely lively and we had a fine time - but hardly me

usual quiet week end. Mary Beth
was here tho and some friends had
a lovely shower for her Saturday night.

This week I've been getting
screens put on and odds and
ends of cleaning done.

As to summer plans, Dora is
going to go with you the first part
of the summer and I will go
the latter part. I haven't heard from
Blanche lately but do hope Pat is
getting results from the cortisone.

Much love -
Janet

May 22, 1950

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

While your letters are not long, they are always cheerful, interesting, and helpful. I haven't seen anything of the youngsters lately and expect they have been busy. We have had a good deal of rain and quite a bit of wind, but the weather seems to have settled down a bit now.

I find myself spending most of my evenings alone, but I find company in my books, and I really believe that both Margaret and Otis are quite interested in seeing that I am in every way all right.

I don't know that I have told you, but I have told the other girls that accidentally I forgot to take the medicine that had been prescribed for me one day, and felt so much better that I have not taken any medicine since. It has meant all the difference in the world to me in brightening my intellect and restoring my faculties to a normal condition. I am not going to be foolish in expecting too much of the change, but so far it has been quite delightful.

I wonder if it would be worthwhile for you to write Mrs. Inez Nicholas, Nelson Hotel, Ottawa, Kansas. One of her sisters and her husband operate both the American and the Nelson hotels at Ottawa. Mrs. Swift, another sister and her husband, whom Gertrude liked quite well I understand have sort of retired into the shell of old age and are not being very active. Inez and one of the other girls was here for Gertrude's funeral, and Inez wrote me a very nice afterwards. She was the one who was so nice to you when you and your mommy were at Kirones. Another sister of Inez I met when I was in California in 1915, and formed a very delightful acquaintance with her for a few days.

Mrs. L. A. McNalley, May 22, 1950

I had a nice visit with Mrs. Dr. Allen and Eleanor and Eleanor's little daughter at the cemetery yesterday. The little youngster looks quite a little like her mother and was just a little slow in deciding to make up with me, which she finally did quite satisfactorily.

I don't think of anything else of special news to tell you. The last word I had from Blanche was that Pat was getting somewhat better through the use of a new remedy called Corozone.

I shall be very happy to have you with me as much of the time this summer as you can spare. You are always good company.

Lots of love,

May 15, 1950

Dearest Dad;

I thought about you yesterday; and know that you were lonely. I was too. I shall never get over missing Mother. Tomorrow is her birthday; and it will be a hard day for you. I wish I could be with you then and longer. If we just lived in the same town, we could be together so often. It is hard for me to get away from my family long enough to pay you much of a visit. I wish you would come up here oftener.

Thank you so much for my Mother's Day gift. I do so appreciate it, and shall buy something pretty with it. The boys made pretty things for me and Lance gave me a plant. Bus gave me a beautiful nightgown; so I guess I am a mother.

We spent the week-end with Janet and Mack and Mary Beth. An invitation came from Janet to spend the week-end; so we left here shortly after noon on Saturday, and arrived there in the afternoon. We took all of the boys and had a very nice time. Janet and Mary and I went to a shower that was given for Mary that night, the boys went to a show, and Bus and Mack visited. After a delicious fried chicken dinner Sunday and another short visit, we left for Wymore. The boys were anxious to get home to go to another show; but they missed that one.

Today I have done an ironing, a washing, and prepared for and attended and put on a Mothers' Tea for our Cub Scout den. Opal and I are going to finish up our duties this month; and two other mothers are going to take care of the boys during the summer. I don't know what will happen in the fall. I may have to take over again. Charles is so enthused over it, and it is a good thing for him.

If I accepted all of the duties and offices that are asked of me, I would have absolutely no time for my family or my home; but I have learned to say "no" and to stick by it. I was urged to be the president of the Women's Society of the church, then the president of the smaller church group; and they did want me to be president of P.T.A. I already have too many outside duties and activities, and am president of enough organizations. Although I have no title, I am the assistant to the treasurer of the church; and we have had a real job this past week, making out statements for every member of the church or everyone who has made a pledge to the church budget.

Bus has to go to Dawson again tomorrow; and if it is a nice day, Jommie and I may go with him. Tomorrow night is the band concert that I don't want to miss. We do have a fine high school band.

Dolph visited school last Wednesday morning and invited guest. The kindergarten had a party for the little ones who are going to start to school this fall. He surely enjoyed it, and is all ready to go any day now, whenever I give the word. I'll bet he'll be the smartest student in his room, says the fond mother.

We are still planning to go to Minnesota the very last part of this month, and then will be with you later in the summer there.

Loads of Love,

Dorothea

Tuesday - noon

Dear Dad -

It was so nice to be with you again for a short time. We really enjoyed the nice meal at the Eldredges too - It is very pleasant and the music does add quite a bit to the atmosphere.

Our train was on time in Lawrence and in Salina - and they had had a nice rain before we got home Sunday night - also had a shower last night so things are looking better and we're hoping to get our yard cut this afternoon.

Just a little more than five weeks till Mary Beth's wedding - I can hardly realize it!

The painter is working in the basement today and I'm out vis to get that job done so I can get things straightened up down there. Do hope you've found a house has cleared

up and that you're feeling up & pan
again.

No more news now ~~and~~ will close
for this time.

Lots of love -

Janet

May 17, 1950

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis,
Kansas

Dear Janet:

I have your letter of the 9th before me, but think I must have heard from you since then. We are always very happy to have you with us and we are all waiting for the happy event that will unite Mary Beth and Charles. As we have it the wedding is June 17, which is Saturday. Is that correct?

There is nothing of importance new at home. As you doubtless have heard, Owen and Marie Maloney have a son born May 15. He is a big boy, weighing eight pounds and fourteen ounces.

The abstract for your five acres is in the hands of the abstracter. I wanted to see that you had all that you needed and yet not be sending something that I might need myself later on. I have just spoken to Leo about the abstract, and as soon as we know more about it you will hear from us.

Lots of love,

May 13, 1950

Mr. L. A. McMalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

Find herewith a check for \$5.00
with which I want you to buy something
for yourself for Mother's Day.

Lots of love,

May 12, 1950

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

Dear Janet and Mac:

I am always happy to get your cheerful little letters and know what a splendid housekeeper you are to keep your large house in spick and span order. You really have more house than you need, but I doubt if you would feel happy in smaller quarters after having enjoyed your home for so long.

I hope that you have had plenty of rain to produce at least forage crops, and perhaps to give you one or two cuttings of alfalfa.

Lots of love,

May 9, 1950

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I dropped into Julius Marks store today and found that as of tomorrow there will be an increase in price of about 5%. So I told him to book me as of today for one setting, which as I recall is \$13.50, to hold the price, and you, or Mary Beth may make the selection later. This is of the Marlborough pattern.

I shall also give her a check.

Was very glad to have you here, even for a short time, and hope you will soon come again. There is nothing particularly new to tell you.

Lots of love,

Mrs. L. A. McAlley
Minneapolis, Kansas

May 3 -

Dear Dad
I dated this just a month
behind time before I realized. Do hope
you are feeling better all the time.
It was nice to hear you were there for a
few days.

He been busy trying to get things
done up around here. My painter hasn't
showed up yet, but the man is to
put in the new trees and shrubs
this week.

I am going to be in Lawrence
for a short time - Monday and will
see for them - May and I am going
to K.C. to do some shopping, then
will be back in Lawrence Saturday
night. Mae will be there Saturday
too. Sunday we are going to the
Kappa and Peter houses for their
parents' days.

We have had a little rain
here since you left but not enough
to do much good. The forecast is for

main today so we're all hoping!
He enjoyed having Mike there for
a couple of days.

Mr. James Parsons was our over-
night guest last night. The Eastern
Star had a big affair here for Mrs.
McMichael who was recently elected
Dutty Grand Matron of the Order. They
were skirmishing to find rooms and
he volunteered. Mr. P. has a very
fine guest and we enjoyed having
him here.

I don't know any other news -
Mrs says there's a letter at the
office for Blanche but I haven't
read it yet so don't know what the
news is.

Mary Bell will be home week end
after next & have her wedding gown
fitted - Also there is to be a shower for
her while she's here.

Must close and get back to
work. Will see you soon. Take good
care of yourself. Much love,
Janet

May 4, 1950

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

After receiving your letter this morning I dropped in on Jim Parsons and he seemed to appreciate your hospitality very much. He really is a fine fellow and we like him, and his defeat a year ago for mayor was simply occasioned by overconfidence. A Democratic mayor had not been elected in Lawrence since the days of Sam Bishop, and no one thought that that could happen.

Dolph called Blanche this morning, and I think that prospects are none too bright there. I shall be very sorry when Lilene and Carl leave, as they will in June, because I have enjoyed both them and their fine little boy. I shall be glad to have you and Mack with me over the weekend, and we shall try to find time to have dinner somewhere perhaps aside from home. I hope you will have the rain which you so badly need.

With love to all,

Janet

April 25, 1950

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

Dear Janet and Mac:

I thoroughly enjoyed my little visit with you, even if I did have to spoil it a bit by my sudden illness.

I was very cautious on my way home not to eat or drink anything excepting a small bottle of milk served on the train, and which I sipped slowly through a straw. I also ate lightly after getting home, but this morning I ate my regular breakfast of a cup of coffee, an egg on toast, and a piece of toast with honey, and so far have had no bad results.

You have a beautiful home, and you must have the courage to feel that prosperity will again return to Ottawa County. I could notice the ravages of the dust storms as far as Junction City, and some little evidences here and there afterwards.

It was nice of you to call the folks and Otis was at the station to meet me. Margaret had a little party last night at which she had two tables of bridge, all ladies; at the same time Otis and a number of boys, old and young, were having a fine time pickling snakes in the furnace room. I did not visit either group, although I met some of the ladies when they came.

I had a nice letter from Youngberg of the Endowment Association this morning, and he said that he and Mrs. Nash were both trying to find the right couple to replace the Kings. He mentions, however, that the number of married veterans grows smaller, and it might be sometime before they locate the right one.

I told Margaret to have Otis take my grip up to the Kappa house, and to have the things taken out up there. It was no bother to me at all to bring the things with me, and to give Mary Beth prompt service.

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Janet and Mac, April 25, 1950.

We had word this morning that Dolph lacked about 900 votes of securing a position on the Associated Press Board. He certainly should feel proud of the large number who not only voted for him but urged their friends and acquaintances to do the same. An airmail letter from Marie was at the office last night when I came.

With lots of love,

April 13, 1950

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I am today writing each of you girls in regard to Vacation at Gull Lake. I am not counting on going to the lake until after June 17, and I presume that neither Dorothea nor Blanche will want to go up until after the wedding.

I shall be glad if you and your sisters would arrange a schedule so that one of you could be with me all of the time. Of course this is not essential, but it would add much to my pleasure. In case no one of you could be there, I could arrange to take meals at the lodge.

I know it will be a busy time for you for the next sixty days. I haven't heard anything from Mike lately, but that is probably on account of Easter vacation.

You have always been a darling girl, and I love you very much.

Your Dad

April 7, 1950

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

Dear children:

I have just talked to Mary Beth over the phone and hope to see Mac when he comes in today to get them.

I want to congratulate Mike on that "A" in Biology. He is a good student, and if he keeps up the good work, he will make an outstanding man in either medicine or law, to which he finally gives special attention.

I am sending you herewith in lieu of an Easter card, a check for \$10 which you can spend in any way that will please you most.

Lovingly,



W. C. Rumons
Lawrence
Kansas

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From
Mrs. L. A. McRally
Minneapolis
Kansas

Monday - 1:30

Dear Dad -

He had quite a
trip home thru the dust
but arrived safe and
sound and with no
mistake. At Topeka he
was detained for 24
as there had been numerous

accidents and pile up-
he went thru Alma
to Junction City over a
new road to me -
minding and hilly
and thru pasture part
of the way which was not
blowing.

It was really sucking
& we all that good top
soil in the ditches. The

he got home about 6:30
which really was good time
considering everything.

It is blowing pretty hard
now but the dust isn't
so bad as yet but probably
will get worse this afternoon
noon as it usually
does.

It was so nice to see you

and to visit with you. I suggest
suggested to Mary that she
ask you to take her to supper
last night - Hope it was
all right!
So plan to come out and

see us -
With love
Janet

March 28, 1950

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I was glad to get your letter today because I was worried about you and came very nearly making a telephone call to find if you had arrived home safely.

I made the arrangement with Mary Beth and Charles to have them go to dinner with me Sunday night, but the dust storm was so severe and traffic rather treacherous that I called Mary Beth and postponed my invitation. I shall be very glad to have Charles and Mary Beth as my guests at any time that it is convenient for them.

I had one of the oddest experiences in my life about an hour ago. A new man in town, Mr. Bennett, who represents the Coca Cola Company, evidently prides himself quite a bit on his grip and on a number of occasions has endeavored to give me the squeeze. It finally became rather tiresome so that I have just offered him my hand limp without any effort to give him a squeeze. This morning, however, I had my intaglio ring and when he started to squeeze my hand I said, "I have a ring." This, apparently, made no difference and he tried to put over a trick that I never had used on anyone else, but I was familiar with it, J. R. Greenlees having taught me the hold probably fifty years ago. So when Mr. Bennett started to throw my hand in such a position that I would either have to go down or break my arm, I gave him the works instead, and this fellow who weighs probably 220 pounds fell on his back right in front of Leo's desk. It is a very foolish thing for me to have a part in, but you can understand I think that it was far better to throw the other man than it would have been to let him throw me. After all, I cannot keep from feeling a little bit pleased to think that an old timer of my age and my present weight being only about 170 pounds dressed would be able to throw a chap of 50 pounds heavier and only half as old. However, I shall not engage voluntarily in any further acts of that kind.

Mrs. L. A. McNalley

March 28

The visability here was very poor and driving down to our house we could not see much farther than the beginning of the wheat field.

I am always glad to have you come. You are both a delightful host and a most enjoyable guest.

Lovingly,

February 27, 1950

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

My dear Janet:

I celebrated yesterday and again today by wearing the beautiful nylon shirt that you sent me and with it the handsome pair of cuff buttons given me by Mac for Christmas. I appreciate both very much.

There is not very much in the way of news to tell you. Yesterday I took Margaret and Otis with me and drove down to Shawnee to see the graves of the Reineke family. On Blanche's lot are Mr. and Mrs. Reineke, Blanche, and her brother John. On the adjoining lot which did not belong to Blanche are the graves of George and Della, Max and Karl. Our lot has been nicely kept and the wreaths that we placed there last fall are still colorful and the graves are clean. On the other hand, the graves of George and his family are rather unkempt.

I wrote to Robert a year or more ago stating that I would be glad to put a marker at Della's grave or would join him in doing it, but he wrote back that he would rather do it himself, but he has done nothing about it. She was a dear loving woman and if it had not been for my acquaintance with her, I might never have met Gertrude.

I am sure her life was not as happy as she merited. She lost several babies. George was sick for quite a long while before he passed away and I do not believe she got much comfort out of Max who died young following the first world war, and Carl who failed to make the most of his opportunities.

I have been tempted to drive down to Ottawa someday to see her niece, Ines, who was at Lake Koronis and was very kind to Gertrude and Janet during Janet's illness when she was about 13 or 14 years old. At that time, or afterward, her husband was the president of the National Organization of Independent Oil Dealers. Whether he is now living or not, I do not know.

Mrs. L. A. McNalley

February 27, 1950

They had a couple of daughters and I think they were friends of Dorothea. I have even forgotten what her married name is, but she was here for Gertrude's funeral, although I did not see her, and since then we have simply had an exchange of letters. As a young woman she was quite attractive and looked a good deal like her Aunt Della.

We are expecting Dolph and Marie home tomorrow.

Yesterday I received a pair of crocheted gloves from Mrs. Pickar of Brainerd. She did our washing for us one summer when her husband was unable to work and Gertrude and I both liked her and treated her kindly. I don't know that I shall get much use out of the gloves but they would be wonderful to wear in Minnesota and the workmanship is perfect.

I shall be very happy for you to come down at any time, but I realize that with the children here you cannot go away without upsetting your whole household and Mac deserves consideration. I hope that his health is good.

Lots of Love,

February 14, 1950

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

Dear Children:

I was very sorry to have missed you yesterday. You perhaps will be surprised at your letter coming from me at Lawrence. Dorothea, Jon Dolph, and I started for Wymore yesterday in the Pontiac which has those soft, large-sized tires. I found that the tires were rather unsuited for traveling on slippery roads and when we were a few miles north of Netawaka and had climbed to nearly the top of a fairly large hill, the car took a notion to go into the ditch, but fortunately the brakes on one side or the other held so that the car turned completely around and was headed south instead of north. The front wheels were within about three feet of the ditch, but by having Dorothea take the wheel and me pushing, we got out.

We still thought that we might turn around and try it again, but we found that there was no place where we could turn around with any surety that we would make it, so when we got back to Holton, I had her call Harry and he said that the roads from there on were worse than any we had been over and that we had better return to Lawrence, which we did.

The Johnson children have all been greatly pleased with the TV set because it is something new to them.

I think probably Dorothea will make use of the bus to return when she does because I do not believe that the condition of the roads will be greatly improved for a few days.

I got a kind of a kick out of the fact that I drove all the way yesterday without either becoming too tired or unnerved. Dorothea offered to take the wheel but I was rather glad to find that I could keep on driving more or less as I used to do without difficulty.

Much love to you both,

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Sunday night.

Dear Dad -

I started to write you yesterday but never finished. I had been thinking all day of John Louis as it was his 35th birthday. He was a sweet and lovable child and I often wonder what he would be like if he were here now. Your long letter came yesterday morning. Perhaps you should have been a lecturer. It is, as you know, easy to give advice but not so easy to take it. Today has been warm and pleasant but we need rain badly. Mac has been in the house all day with a bad cold but seems some better tonight. A letter from Anna says Joe has been released from the hospital and is now with her. She thinks

He is somewhat improved but still
in very bad shape.

I am glad the children come
to see you as often as they can
and hope they help to keep you from
being lonely.

I inquired about the shirt they
last week and they assured me they
would have it in a few days. If
it doesn't come soon it may
be a better birthday present!

Must write a few lines &
Mary and Mike so will close now.
He will be glad to have you
come for a visit any time you
feel like it.

With love
Janet

January 16, 1950

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

My dear daughter:

I was not aware that I had been negligent in writing you. I think of you often and you know that you have the fullest measure of my love. I am reminded of the remark that I made to you many years ago to which you have sometimes referred, and that is that you have been a most satisfactory daughter.

I wish there were something that I could do to help Pat because I am very fond of him also. He has been so brave and courageous that he deserves to overcome his trouble. It just seems as if no matter how smart the scientists are nor how indefatigable the scientists may be in their study of diseases and their cure they often meet head on with an obstacle that cannot be overcome. However, nearly every day advancement is being made and I feel with Pat that someday someone is going to know how to take care of pemphigus and he is going to be courageous enough to hold on until that time comes.

He has been to the mountains and has doubtless conferred in regard to the Washington State climate. You will remember that Janet suffered severely with a rash as long as she was in Miami. What caused my trouble of some years ago, I don't know excepting that it was probably true that I robbed my body of essential oils by too frequent bathing. Even yet I dare not use soap in a bath.

I have been very well. Margaret and Otis are likeable folks and we get along well. Yesterday I had a call from a Mr. and Mrs. Parrish who have been at Manhattan but wish to transfer to K.U. because of the superiority of the mechanical engineering school at K.U. They came in answer to my ad and when Margaret and Otis leave in June, which is now their expectancy, they will take over.

She is a blonde who comes from Herrington, Kansas, and has had both experience and training. I think they will be satisfactory. I showed them through the house and let them spend an hour or more with Otis and Margaret.

Mrs. O. W. Maloney

January 16, 1950

I have been making a little more progress in my literary work, and have some letters out which have not been returned. I do not recall now whether you have edited and returned the letter I sent to you or not. If you have, the material is at home in my files.

Eileen was in for an hour or more at TV quite recently and last evening I called at their home and found they were out. She is a might sweet and competent mother, Carl cooperates splendidly, and little Wayne is a wonderfully fine baby.

Charles Stough and Mary Jule had a recent scare over Sally. The local physicians had them take her immediately to the medical center of Rosedale where every attention is being given her. The report is that she is coming along nicely. The matter is something that I think none of us at this time understand and what we are hoping to find out and to correct. She is a very bright and loving child, both loving and loveable.

This is really quite a long letter. I wish I could see you often. Everyone admires your picture. I have it on the melodeon just under the large painting on the west wall of the living room. The frame also is beautiful and sets off the picture as a frame should do. I am anxious to get the other pictures.

Lots of love,

February 2, 1950

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I was mighty glad to get your letter written Monday night. For tonight I have invited Doctor and Mrs. Fetter, our pastor and his wife; Mr. and Mrs. Addy, members of our congregation, Mr. Addy is the agent of the Santa Fe; and Mrs. Paul Rankin to take dinner with me at the Eldridge House.

You mentioned the nice trips that Dolph and family have taken. It so happens that the first trip that Dolph made to Germany was upon invitation from the War Department. This invitation, doubtless, resulted from Dolph's active friendship for the Sunflower Ordnance work and the efforts that he made to promote its usefulness. He served as chairman of two meetings at which the Secretary of War, an Admiral of the Navy, and a General of the Army, and others were present, and apparently made a favorable impression on the Secretary of War Patterson.

Just how Dolph's acquaintance with Admiral Denfeld began, I don't recall at this moment but the Admiral and his wife have been dinner guests at Dolph's home and it was upon an invitation from Admiral Denfeld that Dolph took his flight around the world as a civilian member of a Naval project whose special purpose was to check on the logistics of the Navy's outlying stations throughout the world.

His coming trip to South America came in his acceptance of an invitation to be the guest of the Braniff Airways.

The trips to New Orleans were personal and for pleasure and at their expense. Trips to the east have sometimes been to meetings of the Associated Press, the American Society of Newspaper Editors, and these trips were taken at the expense of the office because he was representing the newspaper. Running a newspaper now days is a far different proposition from what it was in the days gone by.

Mrs. L. A. McNalley

Minneapolis, Kansas

Through our membership in these various associations, we keep track of several schedules and policies of other papers. The most recent recommendation that has come to Dolph is having been one of the two men nominated to fill a certain place on the directorate of the Associated Press.

The other candidate is a son of Senator Byrd of Virginia who bears his father's name. No campaigning is presumed to be done by either party, but under the circumstances Byrd might quite likely be selected on account of the favorable publicity that has been given his father.

If you want a little advice from me it is this. You and Mac are only going to live once. Just how long your lives will be, no one knows. You have been a good manager and Mac has been successful financially and otherwise, and I would recommend to you that you spend the money to take any trips or to go to any places to which you would like to go. Furthermore, in the past Gertrude and I took a good many trips, but it is my knowledge and belief that all of these trips were taken at my expense. As you may recall, for a time I was a member of the Audit Bureau of Circulations, and as such, had a part in bring Lloyd George to Chicago.

The paper being smaller and on its way up during the years when I was active, I do not recall making any trips at the invitation and expense of others. You and Mac are in the same position that Gertie and I were in, and as I look back, I am very happy that Gertrude and I had so many good times and so much happiness together.

You have two fine children and you are equipping them to take their places in the world. Maybe it would be best for them if they had to do part of the work themselves and at their own expense, rather than having you to provide too generously for them.

You are doing splendidly by them in giving them a university education. They are both fine young folk and I enjoy having them with me and I feel sure that they feel very much at home at the old homestead. They come when they please and are always welcome.

Lots of love,

January 25, 1950

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I presume I owe you a letter because you are always prompt in writing me.

I haven't seen either Mary Beth or Mike for some little time, but that is excuseable because examinations have been going on, and are probably over with by this time. They are both very bright and I feel sure will pass their examinations with credit to themselves and to you.

I have been fortunate in securing a couple to take over in June when Margaret and Otis leave. He will enroll at K.U. at this time and they have rented an apartment until that job is ready at our home. She has been staying with us this week and has been doing typing for me on the genealogy. I am really pleased with the work as it is being collated, and I am nearer through than I feared I might be.

I am always glad to hear from you and love you very much. Give my best to Mac.

Lovingly,

January 16, 1950

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I don't know whether I owe you a letter or vice versa, but it makes little difference because I love you, think of you often, and recall many instances in your life from early babyhood on. I really think you are a wonderful woman. You have a splendid intellect. You make and hold friends. Probably you are a little too sensitive, but I would rather be too sensitive than dumb or unfeeling.

Mary Beth called me up Saturday wanting to know if she could use the Chevrolet, which I was glad to let her have and she and Charles returned it yesterday afternoon and then I took them up to the Kappa house. I am happy in my association with your children and it seems there is no misunderstanding between us in any way.

I don't recall just now whether you have returned the data in regard to you and your family or not. If you have, I have it at home and if you have not, please do so as I am trying to round up this work which has hung on much too long.

Lots of love,

January 5, 1950

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I received the fine wreath from you this morning and have just returned from the cemetery where I placed it on mother's grave. The ground was so hard that I could not push a wire into it so I removed a wreath that had been there for some little time and placed your new wreath on the same standard. Gertrude meant so much to all of us.

There is nothing especially new at home. We have been having weather colder than usual, 8 degrees above this morning and only two degrees above yesterday morning.

Dolph is at Topeka today, I presume in connection with some Kansas Day Club matters, but of that I am not sure.

Mike was in for a little while yesterday with Neal McNeil, one of his Beta pledge friends. Margaret made sandwiches for them and afterwards I took them up to the Beta house. I haven't seen Mary Beth yet.

I had a nice letter today from Marilyn. I also received today a very fine briefcase from Dorothea and Bus. I think I'll have to seek partnership with Mac in order to have some use for it.

I don't think of anything else of interest to tell you. I took dinner last night with Dolph and Marie and one day this week I was a dinner guest at the Stoughs. I must run around tonight and see my great grandson. They tell me he is growing very rapidly.

Love to all,

January 4, 1950

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

Dear Janet and Mac:

Father was greatly pleased this afternoon when he received a box containing the beautiful Manhattan shirt. He can't wear size 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ and so we tried to get an exchange in Lawrence but were unsuccessful. He needs a size 16 with a 33 inch sleeve length.

Under separate cover I am returning the package and if you can make the exchange, I know it will please him greatly. We tried everywhere in Lawrence, but none of the stores handle anything this nice in a Manhattan shirt.

Mike was in this afternoon and we had a good visit. His report on the Cotton Bowl trip indicates it was a great success.

Lots of love,

January 4, 1950

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Dear Janet:

I have just received the beautiful Manhattan shirt, sent me by you and Mac. I had thought that I had been well remembered with the various things I received from you while in Minneapolis, including the cuff buttons and book, which I read on my way home, and also the gifts of the tie and handkerchief from Mary Beth and Mike.

I was going to write you anyway, because I could not understand why you were trying to sell Mac to me. I have long believed him to be the fine lawyer that he is, as well as a most competent business man. I know of no other young couple who have made better progress, both financially, as ~~x~~ members of society, and in the rearing of a fine boy and girl that you have. My words have always been in approval rather than in criticism.

I am happy that you have succeeded so well, and am happy that I had a small part at least, in helping you when help was worth while.

We had had such a pleasant visit together while in Minneapolis, that it leaves me up in the air as to why you wrote me as you did. I am always glad to hear from you, and take pleasure in you and your family.

While in Minneapolis I spoke to Mac about some further gifts to your children and he made the suggestion of bonds.

Yesterday I spent the day at home and wrote eleven pages of my so called genealogy, which I find will result more in the nature of a story of your grandmother, Jennie B. Simons, than in a real genealogy. By the way I have not yet received your contribution regarding Mac's family background. There is no real hurry, however.

From your letter I presume the children are now here, but I have not yet heard from them. Eileen called this morning and wanted to borrow our baby bed, until one they have ordered arrives. Baby is doing fine and has outgrown his basket.

You know that I have always been proud of you.

Lovingly,

My package hasn't yet
arrived from N.O. so
still can't give you your
gift -

Much love

Janet
Mrs R. A. Kelly

3/20/50

Wed. p.m.

Dear Dad -

Just a few lines
to tell you how much
I enjoyed being with
you Saturday and
Sunday - The dinner
was fine and we
appreciate you

hospitality -

It's been pretty
busy getting caught
up since I came
home. He had a nice

snow which is all
melted now but which
must have helped -
The grass is beginning
to show green.

We are expecting
Dolph and Marie tomorrow
They are expecting 8
Have a big crowd at
the dinner and meeting.

Hope to see you again
before too long.

2/8/50

Mrs. L. A. McValley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Tuesday night

Dear Dad -

Received your letter this morning
with the enclosed bonds for Mike and Mary.

I think it is a very fine and generous
thing to do and I know they will
appreciate it very very much. I am
writing them both in case you haven't
told them.

Mae has been sick with
a cold but is some better. He goes
to bed early, gets up late and
naps in the daytime - nothing in
between times.

I had a card for Blanche this
morning saying Pat is showing
improvement. I'm so glad and do
hope he can recover and be able
to enjoy life again.

How did Sally tough get?
I wrote Mary June but told her not
to write to answer as I knew how busy

she must be. do hope the little girl has
fully regained her health.

How nice the Johnsons will be there
this next end - know you'll enjoy seeing
them all.

No matter who pays the expenses, I
think it's wonderful. Do you and Marie &
can make their trips. I will try
come down sometime while they're gone
if you'd like to have me - as I know

you'll miss them.

Have you seen Mary Beth's ring?
I haven't, but she is very happy over
it and I'm so glad she is. Mike
says he sprained his ankle Sunday
night - I hope he takes care of it -
you know he's always had trouble
that way -

Thank you again for all the
nice things you do for us all.

With love -
Janet

Mrs. L. A. McNalley

Minneapolis, Kansas

April 13

Dear Dad -

Thank you so very much
for the nice Easter gift - It is surely
a nice present and I appreciate it.

Mom gave me a beautiful Easter
lily - It now has eight blossoms -
and still has some buds to open.

Charlie got as all gardenias - so
he here quite festive. Mary Milkins
was here until yesterday morning
and he enjoyed having her. She is
a very lovely guest -

Things are looking pretty bad
out here and everyone is pretty
blue and discouraged as the soil
is blowing so badly. We are hoping

for a good rain -

I noticed you and for a couple
too bad the other didn't work out. and
I do hope you'll find someone who

will be satisfactory -

I have a big basket of ironing
& do so must get busy on it.

Mike is going back Friday & do some
work on a temporary paper so you'll probably
see him - My don't for plan &

come out and visit us while Marie
and Ralph are in New York? Ned

really to god & have you -

Much love and thanks again

Janet

Mrs. L. A. McNalley

Minneapolis, Kansas

Feb. 22

Dear Dad -
I'm so sorry to have missed
your phone call but I had gone
to Salina on some business - in
fact had to take the car over to have
some work done on it.

I really didn't know you were
expecting me down as I had said
I'd come if you were home or while
D and Marie were gone - at that time

I didn't know John was staying with
you and it just hadn't occurred
to me that you were actually expecting
me.

It was as nice to have all the
family here last week end. Mac has
been entirely recovered from his cold
and is not up to par - I am feeling
fine however.

I am planning to be in K.C.
on March 4 as Charlie is going
to be baptised and has asked me
to come. so will probably see you then -

that is a week for Saturday - my
plans are very indefinite as yet.
They are planning to be married
in June.

I am letters to Mrs. Blanche
and Dorothy and will try to get
them written tonight. Just drafted
you a card to Aunt Hazel as this is
her birthday.

Love you both -
Janet