Dec. 14, 1950

Dear Mr. Simons,

It would have been far better if I had written you a simple little "thank you" note, but I don't like brief notes and certainly didn't want to send you one! No one had warned me how getting up for that 2 A.M. feeding would drain me of ability to do anything beyond routine duties, and it is only now that I am beginning to get caught up.

Your fine letter and wonderful, thoughtful and very generous gift have already given me many hours of happy speculation! I haven't been shopping anywhere yet, but the stores are open evenings now and one evening this week I'm going to make a beeline for them. Don't know exactly what I'll get, but I'm sure it will be red and no doubt skin tight and slinky, probably. It's wonderful to fit into clothes again! Your remembering Mama instead of the baby was a unique idea and I thank you so much for it!

Little Ralph (or Randy ~~and~~ as has been suggested we contract Ralph Andrew for a nickname) is the sweetest armful in all the world! He was smaller than average at birth but is losing no time at all in catching up. Has an appetite just like his father. In fact, he looks so much like Andy that everyone laughs when they see him. It's a very striking resemblance — the hair line, shape of head, and eyes, ears, mouth — just everything is like Andy. The only thing I seem to have contributed is his coloring. His skin and hair are the colors of mine — possibly his hair is redder than ~~h~~ mine — and he has reads of it. Well, I don't need to rave to you about him. You know what a miracle that first baby is to his parents — and I'll bet that all the rest seem just

2/. as miraculous as they put in their appearances. We really don't know what we ever did for laughs before he came along! He's all pleasure and nothing compares with the happiness he's already given us. As Andy says, "they get under your skin and there isn't a thing you can do to combat it even if you would choose to."

To catch you up on our news, I must tell you that I rode to the hospital in our new car - a Chevie 2-door sedan. It arrived just about 8 hrs. before I woke Andy to ask him to call the doctor. Of course, we didn't want to invest in one now at all, but the other one needed new tires, a paint job and a general expensive going over before winter set in. Then too, it would be 3 yrs old in February and after that time the company would only pay mileage on it and not depreciation - which would have meant dropping $33 per month. So we felt we must get a new one whether we wanted to or not. They threw as many accessories at us as possible but not as many as some dealers insisted upon, and gave us a good trade-in price on the old car. The trade-in business was really funny. Andy was dickering with them about it and I was standing by (meekly, for once!) Well, when they finally got thru kicking the tires and hemming and hawing and arrived at a figure, I chimed in and said we couldn't possibly accept it - couldn't have a new car and a baby in the same week unless they would allow us $200 more on the old car. You never saw men more flabbergasted - they had not noticed the fip I was in until then, if you can believe it! and next thing we knew the deal was completed at our figure! And you must give us credit for keeping our poker faces till we got a

3/ black away from them. The car is a peach and we do enjoy it — even if we can hardly afford it. Andy drives at least 50 miles a day and in Harlem and Manhattan traffic, your car must be in excellent condition to stand the abuse to tires and brakes.

So that is the story of our exciting 24 hrs. Apart from the baby there is really nothing new with us. You ask about Andy's music and I am sorry to say he has done very very little for many months. He isn't even singing in a church, though I believe he will hunt one seriously in a few weeks — he feels lost not singing somewhere at Christmas because that has been such a part of Christmas to him for so many years. We have tried to find a church near by to join, but frankly, the music is so awfully bad that we can't relax and listen to the sermon. Mediocre music would be fine, but there are some horrible organists and screechy female choirists in the churches near us. That means we have to go farther in our search and Andy will have to do it alone now because 11 A.M. is a tough hour for me to go anywhere for a while.

Andy hasn't even been able to get together with Mafine Dunklebury lately (accompanist from K.U. She told you about.) She has had to get a full time office job for this year to finance the rest of her education. He hasn't made any records because they cost so much here. But as soon as he gets his voice limbered up again he will do some and we want you to have one right away. I think you would like one, for you really liked his voice. I hope and feel sure by Spring he will be in shape again. He hasn't lost one bit of his love of singing and he still won't admit he can't make it his life's work. He is doing well for Upjohn and enjoys it more than he imagined he could. But his heart is still in music — perhaps it always will be. This is no time to toss over a good job and jump into an uncertainty

4. Of course, the Army may approach him in any case. He is not in the Reserve, but he feels this war — if it comes — will take every man and woman regardless of age, physical fitness, past service, marital status etc. and use us all in some capacity. It is a terrifying picture but it must be faced squarely — and soon. It doesn't make sense to exempt men with valuable training and war experience and send in their stead youngsters green as grass, particularly when speed is such a factor.

We are wondering how you are and where you will spend Christmas this year. We will be alone — and first year without either my folks or Andys and it is a bitter pill to swallow. How I'd love to show them our baby! But we don't intend to sit and feel sorry for ourselves. We had our good friends, the Cheneys, with their two small children for dinner yesterday since we can't be together Christmas day. (I had a 22 lb. turkey with all the traditional things) And Christmas day we will have a steak about 3 inches thick and we intend to knock ourselves out planning and preparing the fanciest dog-gone dinner for ourselves imaginable to take the curse off being away from home. We have been so fortunate so many years and we are truly thankful for them — and for our wonderful baby and comfortable home here. So we are determined to stand on our own feet and make ourselves a wonderful Christmas.

Where ever you are we know you'll be surrounded by some of your children and grand-children and maybee even a great-grand son and will have a very happy time indeed. Big families are always merry and yours exceptionally so. Please remember us to them all — we think of them often.

It has been more than two years since I've seen Andy's folks and of course, they are dying to see our baby. So we have been discussing a possible visit there this Spring, just baby and me by plane if we can afford it. And if I ever get to do it you

5/. may be sure I will trot on out to Lawrence to give you a chance to tell me what a beautiful little doll-face he is! Andy can only get a vacation during July or August (so hot then!) and we could only get 2 weeks and would meet ourselves coming back before we got there driving that far with the "little nipper." So we alone with him in cooler weather seems best — and I could catch you before you go to Minnesota. It's all just talk so far and we haven't mentioned it to Andy's folks, but oh how I hope it works out! I'd love to see you.

I'm enclosing a note to Mrs. Maloney which I'm going to have to ask you to mail for me. I have very carelessly misplaced her address. She knit the dearest little pair of boots for Randy! wasn't that sweet and thoughtful of her? We were so pleased. But I'll have to ask you to address it for me. Thank you so much.

Oh goody! Andy just phoned and will be home a little early so I can go shopping tonight. He will take over the baby's dinner so I can dress now and take off the minute he gets here. I think I'll get a red jersey skirt and I do mean red! It's going to be such fun — and thank you again so much. You have done so many splendid things to help us — in every way — and we appreciate them all. Your letters always give us a shot in the arm. We can't possibly deserve the confidence you have in us, but it is wonderful to know you feel we can lick mountains! It spurs us on.

We hope you are keeping well and busy these days and that the new couple have taken hold nicely — if all these wishes are true in fact then you're sure to have the Merry Christmas we wish for you and yours.

Affectionately
Pat and Andy

P.S. I'll send a snap of little Ralph as soon as I get one with his eyes open. He is the "sleepingest" child you ever saw! (Thank goodness!!)

Pull up an easy chair, get out your slippers & pipe—

HOTEL WASHINGTON CRISTOBAL C.Z.

(Finished)

August 27-1950

Hello, "W. C.":

How would you like a drive across the Isthmus with me this morning? Just hop in my car with my other friends and off we go-!!

I have chosen the road thru Panama to make the trip to Leslau and I shall return by the other route. (Do you drive? Well, you wouldn't be afraid of my driving anyway-

The beautiful palm lined Prado is just as it was the last time you were here, with the "jewel" of an Administration Building high on a hill at one end and the Balboa Clubhouse at the opposite end- However, adjoining the Clubhouse is a swank new theatre, very modern, air-conditioned and quite beautifully appointed- all of us are very proud of it- After driving along Roosevelt Avenue (named for "Teddy"- During Canal early construction), you remember this "green tunnel" of banyan trees, I'm sure, we then go past the railroad station and what was formerly our wonderful new airport- recently abandoned because Panama must have all commercial

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CRISTOBAL, C.Z.

planes land on their territory - The new building is now used for a library and some offices - and the Panama airport about twenty miles from here, over a slightly rough road and a very dark one, now has a temporary building that has the atmosphere of a tawdry road-house - A new one is "in" the construction stage - but it has been for years and it seems doubtful if it will ever be properly completed - The large new hotel Panama is building is also in the same condition - So - what's that?

Now we are on the rather picturesque highway that skirts Bella Vista; it is the pretty suburb of Panama that changed very much the past ten years - built up on the money U.S. troops & others spent here during the war years - many millions were poured into this small republic - Several small settlements have been built up along this road - to Colon, some of these are owned

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almost entirely by Americans in business in Panama or retired Canal Zone employees.

The rains have been so heavy recently that there are not many flowering trees and vines in blossom - just a few of the bright red hibiscus, and some kind of a tree with a beautiful yellow blossom, I don't know the name of it. But - oh dear - at the richness of the foliage! Every shade of green from "lettuce" to almost black - and every tree and bush so heavy with leaves and the sparkling rain. It is appalling!!!

Here we have come to the "other" road that joins with this one near the Madden Dam and from here on - (about half way across the Isthmus) - we have heavier traffic - but at that, there are not as many cars as you might expect on Saturday when all our offices are closed and everyone who can be spared has a two-day surcease from daily toils. The rain is coming down now, almost in a torrent. It is difficult to see the road thru the rain so I'll slow up speed

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for a little while - We are so accustomed to the tropical showers, especially at this season that we don't object much to being out in them.

As we approach the Atlantic side of the Isthmus the hills give way to a somewhat flatter terrain and the soil is very red, but the vegetation is quite the same.

Here we pass the Cemento de Panama, a very large cement Plant that promised to "make good" in a big way when they thought the contract to supply cement for the Third Locks Project was to be theirs, but after this project was abandoned the price of stock didn't rise much more.

All along the road side, especially near the small villages, are little fruit and vegetable stands where the vendors have limes, mangos, yams, chayotes, corn-on-the-cob, papayas and other fruits and vegetables that are in season - We are trudging along the road many natives come with small ponies with huge packs of vegetables, charcoal + often bundles of palm fronds for thatch used for roofs -

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As we approach the "Gold Coast" (as the Atlantic side is frequently called) we pass the big Navy Hospital (built during the war but now abandoned), the roads that lead to Gatun, Margarita, Coco Solo (a Navy base also deactivated), Ft. Davis, France Field and other smaller places and it seems we go from the "country" into the "city" just at one turn in the road - There's one stop-light and we are on the "main drag". I'll take you around the "bay" side instead of thru the business district - you can see "New Cristobal", a Canal Zone settlement built on Panama territory, the same monotony of "Zone" houses, but part of them along the beach, then the "breakwater" comes into view and immediately in front of us the pretty Washington Hotel.

Did you spend any time there? I do so love the place and all the pleasant memories connected with it.

The cool shady grounds as you enter the drive are most restful and as you

HOTEL WASHINGTON CRISTOBAL C.Z.

step into the door you look directly thru the lobby to the broad veranda, the palm lined walk around the sea-wall and the vast Atlantic -

Already we have checked-in, taken care of our luggage and now are enjoying a cool drink and the sea breeze while we watch the white waves dash over the breakwater, the ships coming & going thru the small opening between the lighthouses, a few gulls & frigate birds gracefully flying around the small boats inside the protected bay - and occasionally dipping into the water for a small fish -

The afternoon is spent shopping; with me it is mostly "window-shopping", but I never seem to cease being amazed at the collection of beautiful pieces of art the Hindu & Chinese merchants collect in their shops - Then of course the French Bazaar, and our local men's shops are, too, quite worth while - With produce or merchandise I should say from all over the world, they are to me most interesting.

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Let's have two other men join us for dinner at the Hotel - The Dutch captain of the ship I went to Europe on last year is in town and a friend of ours who lives on "this side" - Mr. Arnold - both of them are very jolly and our table-for-six in the main dining room is a rather festive affair - What will you have to eat? The most of us order "Corbina" - the favorite salt water fish with most everyone and it is most deliciously prepared here. Cigaret? The men, at least, are having one with their coffee - and now we have decided on a movie "Folsom rings again" - I had previously been taken to it after a dinner at the Tivoli last week, but I couldn't spoil the evening for the others (since there was no other movie worth seeing) so I went merrily along and believe I enjoyed it more the second time than the first - Good music and color.

(Here I must stop) -

I'll finish this in Balboa - later.

Sorry to change stationery but we "don't got no" (as the Jamaicans say down here) Washington Hotel paper here and maybe you'd like to finish the trip with us-

After a refreshing rest and sleep we (women) were all invited to have breakfast with a friend in Lenistobal- And how delicious it was!! Fresh mangoes + cream, cereal and the most delicious rolls and coffee. (I'll bet you'd like a cup of coffee with us, too).

We picked up the "Captain", at least Mr. Arnold did and all of us went to Sunday morning service, two of the crowd went to the Catholic Church, but the rest of us heard a wonderful talk at the Union Church- The regular pastor is now on vacation and the Rev. who spoke is connected with the Sea-Wall Mission and he was an inspiration, rather comforting in these troublous times.

Then the Captain took all of us aboard his swank passenger ship to have lunch- The dining salon is air-conditioned, quite attractively lighted and the food they served us most delicious-

After a drive around the city and out to abandoned army posts, to one or two beaches we decided we'd better "head for" Balboa. We wished to make the trip before dark, since I was driving and just two other women with me.

As I told you in the beginning, I was intending to, I returned by the Madden Dam road. Did you make the trip out there when you were here? I can't remember how long ago the dam was constructed but it must have been twelve or fifteen years ago.

The road is beautiful! Cut right thru the jungles for many miles and the trees & vines are thicker than you can imagine. It is rather winding and it is a pleasure if you drive slowly and "observe" — birds, small animals, pretty butterflies, the flowers and lush vegetation. The bridge across the famous Chagres River holds your attention for a while. We passed the "new" road to Gamboa, the Summit radio towers & golf club, then along the very banks of the Canal past Pedro Miguel Locks, Red Bank, Ft. Clayton,

Leonzal, Diablo Heights and back into Balboa.

Oh gee! Oh gosh!! Here I have rambled thru 'steen pages of dribble and never even told you how much I appreciated your using some of your precious vacation time to write me. That was "swell" of you!! Even it that isn't a very elegant way of expressing it - as a woman once told her up-to-date grandaughter "there are two words I don't want you to ever use - One is "swell" & the other "lousy" - the grandaughter said: "Alright, grandmutter, what are the words!!"

How wonderful to own a cabin on a lake in Minnesota? Is it log? not the lake - the cabin - That was always one of my desires to own a log cabin some where. But most any kind of a cabin (even a shack) on those beautiful lakes would be a real treat in the summer - I always have enjoyed "roughing it". Think some of the greatest pleasures in life are obtained by communing with nature - Just to get away from the artificiality of so much of our modern life is beneficial to soul and body.

And how jolly it must have been for you and your children to have several weeks there. Do you fish or hunt? Or do you have boating or swimming up there?

Now I am wondering if you have

completed and published your genealogy - That is quite interesting -

I have one uncle who delved into our ancestry back to some English kings - and my sister who died was quite interested in his work - but I settled for "D.A.R." ancestor - Suppose they found plenty of "horse thieves" -

Mentioning having served as President of Kansas Baptist Convention reminds me that my parents were both very devout Baptists and when we (my brother, sister & I) were growing up all of us joined the Baptist Church and I believe all the others attend very regularly yet - I have divided my affections & usually try to hear men from all faiths at different times. When at Kansas City I went rather regularly to hear Dr. M. M. Gray at the Grand Avenue Temple, and Burrus A. Jenkins, whom I admired very much - Never missed a chance to hear the famous Billy Sunday - In Dallas, Dr Truitt of the First Ave. Baptist church was one of my favorites -

Here we have had opportunities to hear some of the best - including Stanley Jones + Emerson Fosdick (one of the smartest men I ever heard).

My reading is restricted mostly to newspapers and periodicals - occasionally a book - The last one I read was "The Egyptian" - no doubt historically very great - but most <u>modern</u> books are a little nauseating to me as is much of so-called "modern art" - I have seen what is considered the "greatest" of all time and I must admit some of it leaves me rather cold -

Now please don't think I'll always write such long-winded diatribes and take too much time of a busy business man - but sometimes when I get started I cant get "turned off" until I "run down" -

Be good to me and write again after you get your breath from reading this -

I don't blame you for not wanting to give up your home - The comforts of a place of your own is worth all it costs, I'm sure - I hope I can always maintain a home some where - I love my "family" and friends too much not to want a place where they can come to visit me -

So long - chum -

Edna M -

Harry Morrow

Lawrence, Kans.

8/15/50

Dear W.C.- I have been thinking about writing to you for sometime but never just get around to it. Now that I have the hook full of copy downstairs and nothing too hot coming over the wire I will take out a few minutes to peck out a few lines.

I'll bet you and Dolph, Sr. and Junior are having a big time fishing I enjoyed working a lot with Dolph, Jr., this summer and he is going to make a good newsman in my book. He likes to work and goes out after an assignment with a vim and vigor. He comes back with the dope also.

The other day at the football coaches meeting in Kansas City, Sikes listed Young Dolph at one of his starting offense guard positions. I had a lot of fun at the meeting. I enjoy visiting with the coaches That is about all it amounts to but you can pick up a lot of gossip that way. Belle went with me and we had a room at the State Hotel.

Everything here at the office seems to be going Kay. I hope the paper is pleasing you and Dolph. Mrs. Love is on her vacation. Ernie left yesterday on his vacation. Kathyrn leaves Monday. I just can't see myself taking a vacation. The day I was gone to Iowa, the paper was late and every thing seemed not to move down to the composing room. It happened again last Saturday when I was in Kansas City. I am not too important but if my being here makes things move along faster I am glad to stay.

Mayer , the new man, is fitting in very nicely. Head is out getting a picture of the Old Franklin school house this afternoon. They are selling it at auction this afternoon.

Well I have ambled around over a sheet of copy paper and not said much. So I guess I will ring off for now. Give my regards to Delph and family and have a good vacation

Yours Truly

Harry

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August 18, 1950

Mr. W. C. Simons
R.R. # 6
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Mr. W. C.:

We are enclosing a copy of a reply to Mr. Brewington as well as his original letter. We were sorry we could locate no additional information on this man.

The Kings arrived Tuesday night and left again this morning. The Parrishes were there and Margaret gave Mrs. Parrish many of the details regarding the house and care. I understand from Otis that the Parrishes are moving in Saturday.

Grace Farris is on vacation this week. Her niece lost her little baby on Wednesday of this week. It was the niece that was in Germany and who spent a good bit of time with the Farrises. The baby was born on Tuesday. Dr. Lindenberger died suddenly this morning.

At last the skies are clear here in Kansas. Last night it turned cool and the weather man is now forecasting some fair weather. This is quite welcome, particularly to me as we have been waiting all week for it to dry up enough to excavate for our basement.

Jim Bausch was in town Tuesday and asked regarding you and Dolph.

This is all the news that Barbara and I can think of for this time.

Best regards,

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We Enjoyed your letter very much.

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POST CARD

Mr. W. C. Simms
R.R. 3
Brainerd
Minnesota

Dear Bill,

Here we are near neighbors but worlds apart. It's a beautiful part of the country. We are staying at the Quigley Family Lodge, at Itasca Park. We hope you are enjoying a good summer.

Sincerely
Bob & Charley Thomas

August 31, 1950

Mrs. Pauline Gill Harrison
226 Park Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Harrison:

It was a real shock to me to see the notice of the death of your mother, Mrs. Gill. She seemed so full of life and energy that one might readily have expected her to live to a good old age. I know the loss of her husband must have been very hard for her to bear, but she maintained a cheerful contact with her friends and with the public.

It is the hope and expectation of every Christian that your father and mother, so recently separated, are now reunited. You have my heart-felt sympathy.

Sincerely,

W. C. Simons

WCS:bjh

John Dudley
File

KANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY, INC.
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

8/20/50

Dear Mr. Simons:

I have missed you around here this summer.

Understand you had a birthday recently and I congratulate you and regret that I wasn't up on your date.

I have had a wonderful summer in Lawrence. Starting on my vacation tomorrow so I am getting a long delayed letter off to you before I leave.

The unions put a picket on the new city building so work is shut down there. Along with the picket that was on at the new Westinco plant we are wondering

if it is part of a long range plan by the unions. Mastaco, City Building, City Schools etc.

Tell Dolph things are looking up on the "J & M" laboratory. He seems certain to have a steam come out and look us over. Nothing definite however.

Temperature this morning on the gas company thermometer was 47°.

This boy "Johnny" Andrews is growing so you'll be slipping in to see us when you get back. He sets a lively pace all day that now includes UP trains in the early evenings. He will have a great time with his grandmother and aunt while we are in Indiana - to say nothing of his father. Mother is merely three years old. We miss both you and Dolph

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and it will be good to have you back soon.

Hope you have had a most pleasant Summer. Have thought of you many times and have the good right hand that grants you as always.

Regards to all the family.

Sincerely,

John

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August 11, 1950

Mr. W. C. Simons
Route 6
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Simons:

For the last four days I have been carrying a memorandum to get a letter written to you so today I am scratching it off. Mrs. Parrish came in after receiving Dolph's wire and seemed quite happy about the prospects of spending the winter with you. We made arrangements so that as soon as the Kings came, I would get in touch with Mrs. Parrish. They would be able to move some things into the house a little bit at a time. Last Tuesday, since the Kings have not yet arrived, Mrs. Parrish came in and I gave her the key and they took some stuff out which was left on the porch and Ramsey moved inside. Mrs. Parrish said that things seemed a little damp down in the basement which is probably due to so much rain here this summer. We have had two letters for the Kings addressed here and have been looking for them each day--so far they have not arrived.

I am enclosing your Rotary card which you might want in case you visit the Brainerd Club. We are having an old well filled up on the Dorothea lots as the cover over it had been moved away by some larger kids and it was dangerous for children. Ramsey has placed some large rocks again on it as we feel that you would not want to take any chances on some little kid falling into it.

As Dolph has probably told you, last month was much better than a year ago and so far this month our receipts have been very good. Due to the Morgan-Mack opening last year, our display is having a battle to keep up the batting average. Mr. Jackson is on vacation at this time and also Mrs. Love from the News Room. Ann (that good secretary you mentioned) starts on her vacation the 21st. Connie will take over classifieds and the rest of us are going to handle the telephone since we are not very busy at that time of the month. Connie will terminate soon after the first of September since her husband is in the Reserves and they might

have to leave on quick notice. Mr. Farris has a new secretary (Mrs. Rosemary House) who started to work Wednesday. This seems to cover all of the current events that Ann and I can think of.

Hub Meyer was in today on his road to Minnesota and reported that he would probably see you and Dolph tomorrow. By the time you receive this letter you undoubtedly will have had the greetings that Ernie and I sent up to you. Will close for now.

Sincerely,

Fred

LE:ar

July 5 - 1950

Dear Cousin Collins,

I can't let your birthday go by without sending greetings and our love - wishing for you a happy day and many, many more - We need you. You have always meant strength and stability to me.

Mother and grandmother talked to me about you a good deal while I was a child. Perhaps this is why you have always seemed more like mother's brother than cousin.

Eugene has been home this week end - Friday to Wednesday. He has been laying a section of cellar wall. These so called "Michigan walls" are a flimsy thing. He has laid pieces before and has ~~better~~ better than half of it a new wall. It will count too when we sell.

This situation in Korea is the effect of Roosevelt's appeasement policy in his great meeting ~~at~~ with Stalin! - and our weak ~~based~~ State Department. How blind

We are even with our free press - and we blamed the German people under Hitler with a controlled press.

I saw an article in our news paper that your son Dolph has been elected Vice President of the Associated Press! If I nearly bursted with pride, I can't imagine what you must have felt. Oh, how the world needs men reared as your son has been - a personal integrity with convictions that aren't handmade and passed around, but are honestly arrived at and courageously carried out. I pray our young people will see the feet of clay we have been harboring.

Birthday greetings from all of us. Your loving cousin

Katherine.

HAVE A Glorious BIRTHDAY

For July 8, 1900

Just wishing you a birthday
Filled full and overflowing
With luck, good health,
good friends, good cheer,
And joy that keeps on growing.

Dear Cousin,

Birthday greetings and love from all of us. Your cousin

Kathryn

Dear Mr. Simons,

Thanks for your nice letter. Murray and I both enjoyed it so much.

Murray is having his vacation now, a little in advance of schedule, on account of the Korean war. The young man who is taking his place in the Creamery has signed up to re-enlist and is expecting his notice any day. So it seemed best for Murray to take his vacation while he could.

We left Lawrence saturday noon, when I was through for the day, and drove down to the Lake of the Ozarks. It was a lovely day, just cloudy enough to be nice, not too hot, and certainly no dust after the last two weeks. We stopped just east of Kansas City for our lunch, and two or three more times to stretch and refresh, arriving about five o'clock at Bridgewater Resort, just at the approach of the toll bridge, (Hurricane Deck). This cabin court is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wells, formerly of Lawrence, (Wayne used to work at the Lawrence Sanitary) and we had a nice visit with them that evening.

Sunday morning we went on south through Camdenton, over north west through Warsaw, all through the Lake country,andback home, arriving about 4 p.m. (company arrived about 4:15)

This next week end we are going to start out again, probably south east or south, maybe Noel, Mo. over through the Great Lake region (man made) of Oklahoma. Between times Murray is getting some much needed repairs done at home that are so hard to do when you are working all the time.

Mr. Dolph seems much improved, don't you think. We are always glad to have him home. Just makes a different feeling in the J.W. Of course, we are glad to see him have some time away from the office, but we do miss him. Dolph, Jr. is really an old hand, now. He is really doing a nice job. Every one enjoys having him here.

We miss you, too. Will be glad when summer is over and we are all together again. Take good care of yourself, and don't forget your medicine. Best regards to Mrs. Simons and John.

Sincerely, your friend,

Edna

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Good friends
mean more than words can say--
And that's especially true
Of those who never seem to change,
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That's why this comes at birthday time
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And happiness as lasting
As the joy your friendship brings.

Edna

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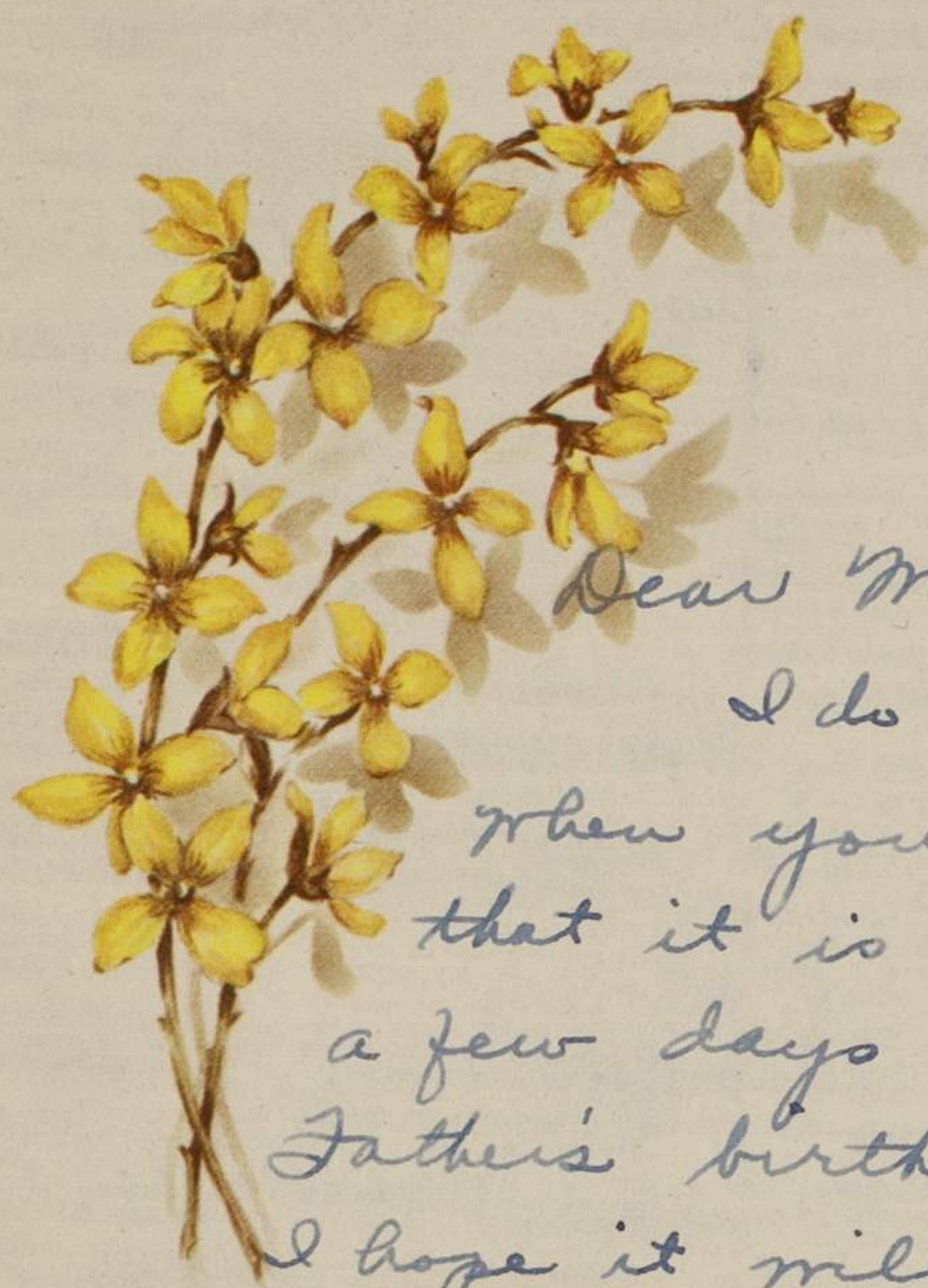

4005 N.E. 16th
Portland 12. Oreg.
July 1950

Dear Mr. Simons,

I do not know just when your birthday is except that it is in July -- I think a few days earlier than my Father's birthday. His was the 18th. I hope it will be an especially pleasant occasion for you and that you may be privileged to have many more birthdays.

At this time I would like to thank you for all you have done both for my Father while he lived and my mother since. It has helped to make their lives happier. I am so glad the church has let mother continue with the financial secretarial work, for she needed the finances, the something to do to fill her time,

and it is a satisfaction to her to try to carry on Daddy's work as he did it. The church looks very nice since it has been re-decorated.

We of the K.U. class of '25 were very proud that Dolph was one of our group. I wish him success in his work with the Alumni. The class reunion was a very happy time for me. It represented lots of work on the part of those that planned and executed it. I don't believe there could be any prettier campus or more impressive graduating ceremonies than we have at the University of Kansas. Oregon is beautiful but so is Kansas at its best.

Best Wishes

Zola M. Wilcox Houghton

MRS. CHARLES D. STOUGH, JR.
2120 VERMONT STREET
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

July 24,1950

Dear Uncle Collie,

You are sweet to worry about us but we have just discovered that Charles must be in Topeka on the 29th for the Party Council so since we won't be able to get away as early anyway,we better forego Gill Lake entirely and drive straight to the Hills The Frinks are anxious to get started fishing of course and they will have to wait five days for the Stoughs to get ready,so under the circumstances we will start driving the night of the 29th and drive straight through,arriving at the Hills theafternoon of the 30th.

I hear that you have not been feeling well and of course that worries us. We have been having a wonderful summer so far here...there was no need for anyone to leave town...but it can't last so surely August will be hot here. I'd stay up there as long as I could if I were you.

We are all well and Sally keeps us amused. She talks about you a good deal...every gray haired man in a picture anywhere is Uncle Collie to her and she can't understand why we don't go out to your house to see you. Points to the street and asks that

we go NOW.

We love you. Take care of yourself.

Yours,

Mary Julia

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Sincerely

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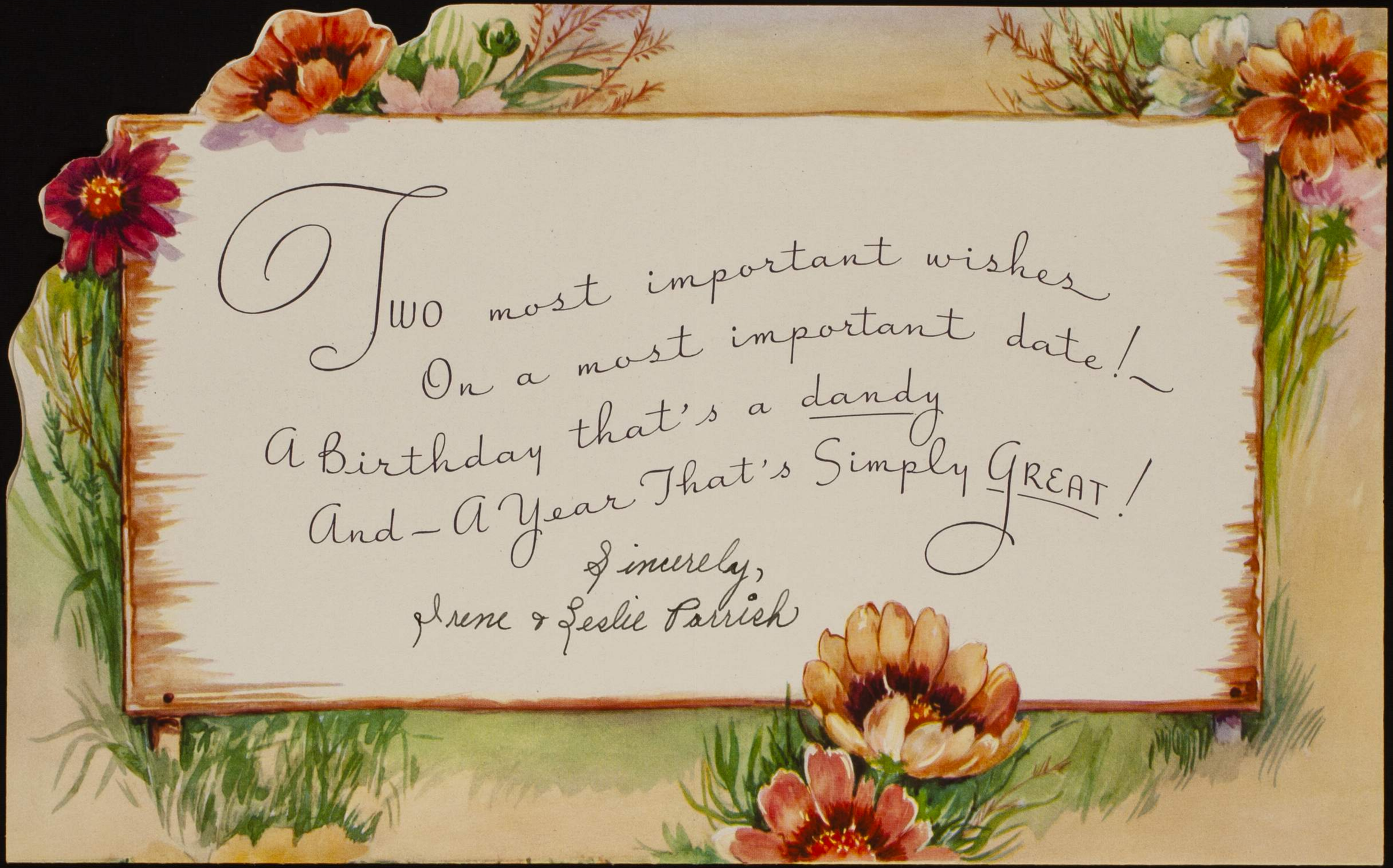
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Sincerely,
Irene & Leslie Parrish

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I managed a
beautiful sun-
burn on my
driving side:—
As ever,
Polly Lanton

Sunday July 30

Dear Grandad,

Again it looks as if I have fallen down on the letter writing job. I have received your swell letters and am very sorry I have'nt answered them like I should.

I am down at the office now and dad is opening up the mail. We got a letter this morning from mom and we got one from you addressed to the Journal World Force. I am sorry to hear about the poor fishing ,but I guess dad and I will have to show you all up ther how it is dome. You said it had been warm up there. There has been only one day this month that the temperature has gotten above the 90 degree mark. It,was the 2nd. day of July and it got up to 91 on that day. Since then the temperature has been in the upper 70's most of the time.

I guess dad and I will leave for Minn. this Friday and will get up to Brainerd sometime Saturday. We plan to leave Friday afternoon ,and stop somewhere in Iowa.

I too have been playing some golf this summer but not as much as I should be [redacted] I started off playing quite a bit but I have been pretty busy and have'nt played as much lately as I would like to [redacted] I hope I will. get a chance to go over to the Pine Beach course when I get up to Minn.

There is'nt too much news around the office. They have changed the beats up in the news room starting August 8 and it should make an improvement in the reporting. They are going to put [redacted] Bill Mayer on the K. U. beat and the draft headquarters. Nora Temple has been up there but she does'nt seem to get all there is to report

from the hill. Jim Head will stay with the Chamber of Commerce, the court house, and city hall. They are going to shift Nora to the post office, farm, general news, and feature stories.

I sure have enjoyed the work this summer and I feel I have learned more this summer than I have any other time. I know more about the office, I know more about the town, and I feel that it has done me alot of good.

Tell, John he better start getting in shape because when I get up there I am going to really have to start working out. Tell him also he better get ready to put on a Phi Delt pin.

Have you been out in the sail boat yet? I am really looking forward to seeing it and getting out on the lake in it. I'll bet it is alot of fun.

Again I am sorry I have'nt written you any more t this summer. I will see you in about five or six days and you and John had better start practicing hooking fish on stringers. I have a feeling you and John will get alot of practice when we all go out.

Tell every one hello for me.

Love
Dough

Saturday, July 29, 1950

Dear Mr. W. C.:

It isn't necessary to mention the fact that as a corresponding secretary, I am among the world's worst... I get in dutch with my Dad occasionly because of lack of letters. It is just a hard job for me to get at writing at night.

Most of the talk about town is about war or the coming election. The boys who are in reserve are worried regarding whether their unit will be called and it sure makes it hard on them. Wayne Deay (Stereo Dept) is to married tomorrow and of course Billy Dyer was married about the middle of July. Paul Foster is still off with his leg--and they have a new baby too. Paul gets pretty discouraged.

Janet and Mike were in Thursday of this week... she talked like she was coming up to Minnesota. That Mike is sure a dandy fellow.

My family is all fine again...we have taken our turns at having the flu, ie...rather Neal and I have. Carol still talks about taking your paper out to you ...and I explain to her again that is a little hard to deliver your paper up there in Minnesota.

Must close for now.

Sincerely

LEB

Hope you are having good fishing weather - still rainy here. Everything fine at 2500 Vt. LEB

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
Lawrence, Kansas

C/o J. P. Owen
Edson, Kansas
July 26, 1950

Dear Mr. Simons:

Each day, since we've been away from Lawrence, we've vowed to write you. Being too busy sounds trite but it's the truth in our case. We've painted and carpentered and hardly stopped for food during the working day. My dad-in-law thinks I'm quite the handy man.

We spent three days last week on a trip to Weatherford, Oklahoma. I was called, they for an interview at Southwest State College. I'd never heard of the place. The town has 3,500 population and the school has 1,200 students. The President of the College, R.S. Burton, told me that Dr. Hall had recommended me very highly, and if other investigations turned out o.k., to consider myself hired. We think I have the job, but ~~don't~~ won't count our chickens just yet.

We've been wondering whose been cooking that 3 minute egg for you and

surely hope you're having a big time—
hope you catch the biggest fish too.
We plan to be in Lawrence for a
couple of days, about August 5th & 6th, if
we get through here by then. If we
have the job in Weatherford, Okla. by then,
we'll take our belongings there before
going on to Texas for a short visit.
Give our regards to your family—
they are the best. I'd like to give you
some advice on taking it easy, but I
know it wouldn't do any good. At
any rate, we surely love you and
know we will never be better taken
care of than at 2500 Vermont. ~~The~~
Margaret will write you soon, and
we will let you know when we leave
here for Lawrence. I'm ready to leave
now— Got too much of Kansas in my
eyes, mouth, pockets, & shoes. No fooling,
there won't be any land here in a
couple of years.
The best of everything for you—

Yours,
Otis

BJH

July 12,

Dear Mr. W. C.:

This is just a short note to let you know I'm thinking of you. It's been raining here for four straight days now, and this afternoon the gutters were full.

Lee and I bought us a new car (not brand new). A 1948 Frazer, and we really like it. Lee wishes it would stop raining so he could really shine it up. You will have to go for a ride with us when you come home.

The carpenter is supposed

to be at our house now putting
a long awaited set of shelves
in my kitchen; then they
will paint the kitchen and
I will be perfectly content.

I hope you are having
a nice restful summer.

Sincerely,

Barbara

Saturday nite-

Dear Father-

As usual I am short on time so this wont be very long. I'll enclose the accumulated mail - only two letters - but about as much as I am getting these days. Hope you are feeling better and that the old ticker is performing properly. A note from John said the two of you had a good fishing trip and I hope there has been another in the meantime.

Collections this month will be about six or seven thousand above July a year ago. Expenses also are up but not that much. On top of a 3,500 inch gain in local advertsing in June, we will have a good 3,000 gain again this month. Also, good gains in national advertising. Circulation has a nice increase over last year, according to the ABC audit completed today, and we are putting alittle extra effort behind rural solicitation. Today I filched a choice mailing list of 1,200 K.U. football fans and I have written a letter to go to each of them trying to drum up some extra subs duirng the football season, and perhaps a few on thru the basketball season. It may not get much results but its worth trying.

People ask about you every day. Ramsey tells me everything is okay at the house and I know Janet also has given it a going over.

Dolph has been a good companion. He works out everyday at the stadium and seems to be in good physical condition.

I dont know what to espect in the election. I hope Arn wins and I want him to carry Douglas county, but it is difficult to forecast.

We will be seeing you soon-

Love-

Dolph

July 4th

ans 7/10/50

MRS. FRANCES M. REINEKE
615 NORTH WOODWARD AVENUE
BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

Dear Uncle Collie.

You will I know be sorry to hear that my mother passed away Friday, June 30th.

We buried her yesterday next to my father in the little cemetery here in Birmingham.

It was a great shock to us altho she has

been in failing health for some time.

MRS. FRANCES M. REINEKE
615 NORTH WOODWARD AVENUE
BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

She was only in bed however for six weeks. If she had to go I am glad that her illness was not of long duration.

We did not let her suffer towards the close and her passing was peaceful.

She has lived a good

full life and has
many friends
and was greatly loved.

Barbara and my aunt —
Mrs. Ellington from
California are here
with me.

Our united love to
you and your family
Frances Tolve

MRS. FRANCES M. REINEKE
615 NORTH WOODWARD AVENUE
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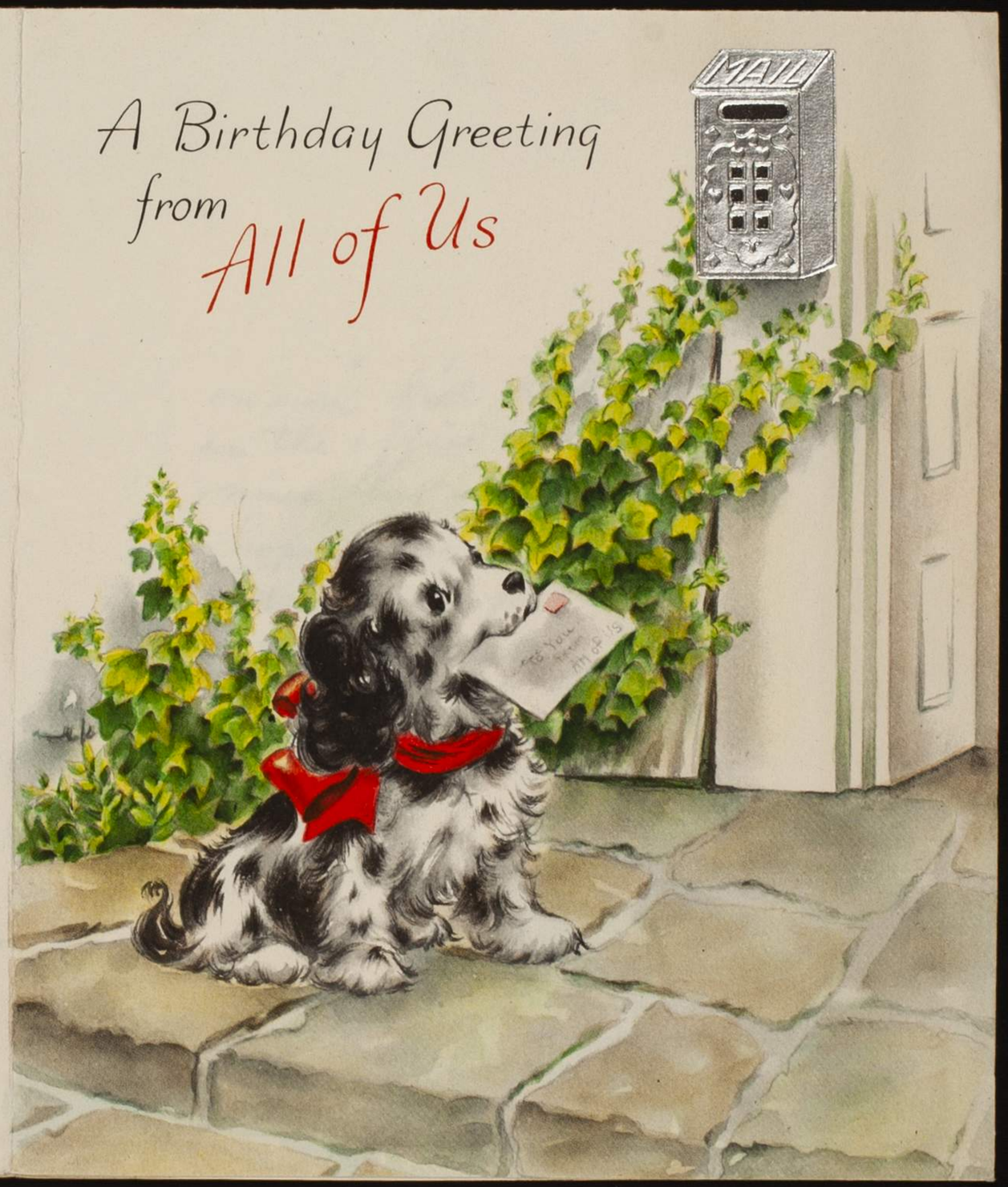

Because this birthday greeting
Is from all of us to you,
It brings a lot more wishes
Than most birthday greetings do,
And with so many wishes
For the best of joy and cheer
You're sure to have a happy day
And then a happy year!

Ann
Connie
Barbara
Les

Ann
Barbara
Connie

We all hope
that Minnesota
weather is treat-
ing you fine up
there, and
we don't
even have

to wonder whether
or not you're having
a good time. We
hope that you are
feeling as fine as
you can by now,
and that you are
having a really
<u>happy</u> birthday,
not meaning that
in a trite way.

Thurs pm

Everything is on an even keel here in the office — we miss but here's hoping you're catching the fish & getting a good rest.

Sincerely

Ed

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MRS. CHARLES D. STOUGH, JR.
2120 VERMONT STREET
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July 6,1959

Dean UnckeCollie,

We have just discovered that Rusty and Marg Frink can get away fro a two week vacation on the 26bh of August. We thought that if you had some room the five of us...two Frinks and Vera and us.. would stop by on our way to the Hills...the night of the 27th of Augus. I am writing Aunt Grace about the same thing but realize that she had but one extra bedroom and we would require more. Do you thi nk it could be arranged? We would lov to xee you all and of course the fellows would love t to go out on Gull Lake. Maybe bat excellent guide yu havethere would be available....

The Glorious fourth passed without casualty on out part,thank goodness. We had a fireworks party on our front porch the night of the third with the Mitt Allas and the annas and everything went off fine with so many fathers to watch thihgs.

Sally ran a temperature the fourth but we decided that it was only too much ice cream and excitement and she was fine the next day.

We love you and hope to see you.

Yours Mary jule

Minneapolis Minn
Lon & Coug & best uncle,
for a H B.
Janet & Mac

Mitchatau
Very H B to a
wonderful grand father.
from — Eileen — Carl & Mayne

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Happy Birthday
To the best Board
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The Latest Pitch

By Bob Ruark

— o —

I got news for you, sweetie. A certain argot is current in the cafes among the New York-Miami-Hollywood set, and it couldn't be more divine. This spoken shorthand, consisting of a set flock of phrases and a limited number of cliches, already has crossed the big waters, to such extent that I was recently greeted in Australia as "sweetie" and "baby" by people who used to call you "cobber" and "mate."

This sweetie, darling, dear, baby and honey routine—anything that isn't a routine today is an operation—has nothing to do with endearment. For awhile, in the huckster set, it was even fashionable for men of unquestioned masculinity to call each other "honey," generally along sarcastic lines. Women who hate each other, strangers speaking to telephone operators, and all Broadway-Hollywood characters address everybody from busboys to Bernie Baruch in the above saccharines, possibly because they cannot remember names.

* * *

Very few adjectives are in work today. Anything that is not dreamy is sensational or divine. It is a dreamy dress or a sensational speech or it couldn't have been dreamier or it couldn't have been more divine or less divine, and this applies as easily to the weather as to a fistfight in a ginmill. The "couldn't-have-been-more-or-less" operation, is a hangover from the war. We seem to have borrowed it from the British, who couldn't be less flexible in their speech.

Amusement, amazement and disbelief today are expressed simply. The person merely throws up his hands and says "Oh, no." I pulled a house count on a gal the other night and she said "Oh, no!" in anguished tones 18 times in half-an-hour. For relief she said: "This is the complete end," in a mild shriek, and "That's **all**, sweetie." Or darling or dear or baby.

People start few sentences today without the preamble of "Tell you what I'm gonna do," which is the old carnival pitchman's phrase, or "I've got news for you," or a cute little gambit such as "Whatever became of So-and-So?" If the topic, say, is the State Department, somebody chirps: "Whatever became of Sumner Welles?" and the house falls dead.

* * *

You notice I said "falls dead." This means everybody is amused. It is not to be confused with the more elderly use of death, which was a state people asked you to drop into a couple of years back. A command to drop dead or get lost now stamps you as unhep—or, as the latter saying goes, "not with it." To be unwith it is to be a little corny baby. Or sweetie. Or darling or dear.

I have noticed that the people who talk a lot are "always on," and if they are being knifed behind their backs, they are "never off." They are generally regarded as being loaded with no talent, and you can say that again, honey.

Loaded is another all-purpose word. A drunk is loaded. A rich man is loaded. A guy full of information is loaded. In describing, with some admiration, the actions of a drunk, the verb comes first. "**Was she** loaded last night!" the phrase goes, and no question is implied. To be loaded, but with actually no talent, means that a person couldn't be less divine.

* * *

I fall dead, but dead, for this new shorthand in speech, since it demands no thought. I mean I think it's sensational, or, if talking to people so intimate I do not call them sweetie, I think it couldn't be more sensash. I have not said "natch" for three whole years, nor "wha' hoppen?" and I simply adore the idea of using "contact" as a verb. It couldn't be dreamier, except it makes my skin crawl.

It's sheer heaven to be able to refer "South Pacific," the musical, merely as "S. P." and know that you'll be understood, and I think that "Hollywooded" as a synonym for pregnancy couldn't be dreamier. But I got news for you. I'm running out of space so I'll tell you what I'm gonna do. I'm gonna go off and brood over the English language.

Whatever became of Noah Webster? He couldn't have been more divine, sweetie. Even if he is obsolete.

July 16, 1950.

Well, my friend,

What do you say I sit down and have a little visit with you this morning!! Will you think I am <u>too</u> terrible not to go to church? Really Sunday is about the only day I just relax and do what I please and it does please me to write letters to people I so enjoy having letters from (Awkward English - but maybe I make myself understood -)

Are you an ardent church-goer - like our mutual friend - Mr. Lissenden? He never misses (so I understand) any kind of a service -

What diversion do you most enjoy? Or does your Journal-World keep you so occupied and entertained you don't engage in frivolities?

Besides my eight hours at the office I lead a rather busy life, but most of it I fear is for my own or my friends' entertainment - I enjoy playing bridge

very much and most of my friends here play quite often, and I am an ardent movie fan, when there are any worth-while or entertaining ones to be seen - Swimming is the one active diversion I enjoy now - I use to enjoy golf, but since I lost Whit I have somehow never been interested in it much - Nor does swimming and bridge mean as much to me as it did with Him - but I <u>cant</u> spend my "after work" hours alone - and I do enjoy my friends so have tried to do all the things I have always normally enjoyed -

I appreciate the fact that you feel as though you would not want to plan future trips - the most difficult thing I ever planned to do after I came back down here to work was to contemplate a trip without Whit - I never left here for three or four years and then I decided I <u>must</u> - So off I went - alone - to Mexico & on to the States - I found so many pleasant companions, sympathetic friends &

a family so wonderful to me that it hasn't been unpleasant contemplating further jaunts - I've since had a trip to Equador (Quito), and Bogota, Cali & Medellin (in Colombia), my trip to Europe and three or more trips to the States. All of them would have given me more pleasure could I have shared them with some one - but then we cant have every thing we wish -

Why say "at my age" as you did in your last letter? After all our age is only in our feeling and I am sure whatever you feel you should and could enjoy will always delight you -

Have you been up to your cabin on Gull Lake this summer? It "sounds" like a most delightful place - I have been thru Minnesota several times - visited in Minneapolis and another small place or two and oh me! How beautiful that lake region is! Maybe Lawrence hasn't been too hot this summer and you have enjoyed the summer there. I found Missouri quite miserable some

summers I spent there and once in a while it has been very cold even on the fourth of July. This climate I really enjoy as summer weather - It has been averaging 74° to 86° for the past few weeks - with some heavy showers every day or two.

Thank you for your invitation to visit Lawrence, I am sure I should enjoy it - You know I have been to your home on three different occasions, but never met any of your children but Dorotea (is that how it is spelled?) Of course I knew your brother who died in K.C. for many years.

Now I shall return the compliment - why not visit the Canal Zone again? Or come to see mi casa in Orlando? This place seems to hold attraction for most people who visit it, though to me it has lost most of its former charm. My "family" and friends who have been to Orlando have rather enjoyed a trip there also - I haven't lived there enough to know exactly how much I shall like the place - I know the winters are more like "my" tropics and the flowers and other vegetation are profuse the year around -

Do you read "Bob Ruark" regularly? His column is syndicated in one of our dailies and I seldom miss him - In speaking of calling people by nick names, initials etc. this piece, I think, is quite entertaining. I was somewhat "flabbergasted" when I last returned to the Dathmus (1942) and all the young people began their "familiar appellations" - people whom I scarcely knew were "dishing out" - "dearie", "honey", "snookums", "swat patootie" and heavens knows what else in the line of "chicken", "chum", etc., etc., on "into the night" - at first I hardly knew what to think - and then I began to like it and to return the compliment - so from our "big boss" on down it was first names or else - some nick name -

The newspaper headlines "sound" rather ominous these days and it really makes us all wonder just what is to be the outcome - Why cant we have respite from constant bickering & fighting? There are so many beautiful and worth-while things in the world to occupy our minds and time - to have to always have before us sordid movie pictures - just doesn't seem right -

How would you like a cup of coffee with

me now? I have just had my breakfast and enjoy lingering over the last cup of coffee on mornings I have time - During the week I cant do that - but maybe before many years I can linger awhile each morning - I am hoping to retire from this place before too long.

You probably wont ever want to retire from your post - for I know your work there is stimulating -

I have one sister and brother-in-law who ran a paper in Dallas & Mexican for many years and I lived with them for a while when I was in school - Their life was very interesting and at times exciting - They have been retired for a long time now -

Oh dear, you must be tired of all this prattle so I'll stop before I "wear you out" - Maybe you've stopped before you got this far through. "Time out" again and write me -

Sincerely

Edna M -