

December 16, 1950

Miss Mary Holmgren  
Auburn, Nebraska

My Dear Little Friend:

I inquired about you this morning and later your Aunt Marie brought me in the nice gingerbread cookie that you had made especially for me.

I think you are a mighty nice little girl and I hope that I may see you frequently. Perhaps some of these days you will be coming down to Lawrence to attend the University.

Give my love and best wishes to your parents.

With love,

W. C. Simons

WCS:bjh



December 16, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Purinton  
R.R. # 6  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Friends:

Sister Grayce tells me that you are to have your twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on the 31st. I called up my florist to see about sending you some flowers, but when I told them you were living away from the city they very kindly told me that under the circumstances they could not guarantee delivery; so instead I am going to send you \$5.00 with which you may either buy flowers or purchase something else. Please use it in any way you wish.

We have had a very open winter so far, not having had enough snow to amount to anything. Some days it is a little colder than others, but we have had no severe weather.

I thought that Grace and Don had a pretty and original Christmas card, showing the two of them and Terry in front of their big fireplace.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:bjh



December 15, 1950

Mrs. Lillian E. Gooding  
Weiser, Idaho

Dear Mrs. Gooding:

I think it is rather strange with our very distant relationship that our friendship has grown until I appreciate and I hope that you do too. I used such matter as I could for the genealogy, and when it is published (we are now working on the publication) I shall send you a copy.

I do not hear from Russ often. I had a Christmas card from them, however, quite recently, and I have sent a little gift both to Russ and to Mima.

As I have told you before, Gertrude and I were pleased with our short acquaintance with your daughter who dropped in to see us some years ago. She had a baby with her at the time. I think you have been something like Topsy who "just growed", although you may never have read Uncle Tom's Cabin. When I think of the many deaths that occurred in your family and the very few relatives that you have, I think it is quite remarkable that you have made a place for yourself in your community and have reared a fine family. Twenty-five years of service in the city clerk's office should entitle you to an acquaintance with practically everyone in your community.

I do not recall how many children you have, but it is interesting to know that you had another granddaughter last May. My first great-grandchild was born in May, and a second great-grandson was born a few months later. They are both darling boys and are very dear to me.

I presume the Grace of whom you speak is Grace Wicky, and if so, I have not heard directly from her for some years, although she has been at our home. For a child to be a champion roller skater and to get A's in school at the same time is very unusual.

I am pleased to note that you addressed me as cousin, and I regret that we live so far apart that we do not have the opportunity of a personal acquaintance.



Mrs. Lillian E. Gooding, December 15, 1950

I have ten grandchildren and two great-grandsons. My oldest grandson is working for his father's firm, the Maloney-Crawford Tank Company and is located in Oklahoma City. I had the pleasure of being with them last Thanksgiving and I was also at the home of his sister, my granddaughter, Mrs. Riggs, who also lives in Oklahoma City. My other great-grandson is the son of my granddaughter, Eileen Maloney Olander, who lives in Wichita, Kansas.

I have been very fortunate this year in having a very nice young couple in my home. I have furnished board and room and also a fairly substantial salary, but they have kept my home in excellent shape and have looked after me as carefully as if I were a relative. It is not often that we are able to make so happy an arrangement.

Your brother, Russel, became grey very young, and from the little snapshot I have of you I think that may have been a tendency of the Wickey family.

It was fifty-nine years ago today that I came to Lawrence to engage in the newspaper business. I was twenty years old at the time. No one can ever foretell how long he may live, but Adolphus Simons, my great-grandfather and the grandfather of the first Mrs. Wickey, my Aunt Julia, lived to be ninety-two and was quite hale and hearty even in his old age. His son, my grandfather, lived to be about eighty-five.

I am always glad to hear from you and would be very happy if you could find an opportunity to visit my in Lawrence. I have a large home and my daughters are frequently with me. I expect to spend Christmas with my youngest daughter, Mrs. H. F. Johnson, in Wymore, Nebraska. This is a long letter, but having a city job you can read it on the city's time and get paid for it.

Cordially your cousin,

W. C. Simons

WCS:bjh



December 15, 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Drought  
1417 North Blackstone Street  
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Cousins:

I presume that the war agitation makes Willard uncomfortable, but having wife and children he might not have to go into service unless things become exceedingly bad.

Dolph Simons, Jr., who graduates from the University at the coming commencement, will be twenty-one years old on the 11th of March, and he looks forward to military service, not as his choice but of necessity. His younger brother, John, now eighteen, is a midshipman at the University of Kansas and has the same standing as if he were enrolled at Annapolis. They are both fine, promising young men and I sincerely hope that they will come through their military service without loss of life or being maimed.

Service to one's country is a laudable thing, but it is indeed unfortunate when any country has weak and unfit men to guide it. We are certainly in a nasty mess at Washington. Kansas, as you know, is still in the Republican column, although the Democrats made a great effort to win in the last election.

I hope that you and yours will have a pleasant Christmas and that your health will gradually improve.

Find enclosed check for Christmas. I hope you can get something with it that will please you.

With love to all,

WCS:bjh  
Encl.



*Personal*

December 6, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Dibble  
Bennet, Nebraska

Dear Friends:

I appreciated very much the kind invitation of November 25, to join with your Christmas get-together party at your home. I had already received an invitation from Dorothea and Harry and have accepted it so that I shall look forward to seeing you at Christmas time.

I suspect that I shall see quite a change in your daughters, especially in the younger one who has had two years' growth since I last saw her.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

W. C. Simons

WCS:bjh



Tree grown by Mr. T. A. T. A.  
Ironing Hill, and growing  
N. E. of W. E. T. A. T. A. set —  
2500 Vermont

File W. E. T. A. T. A.



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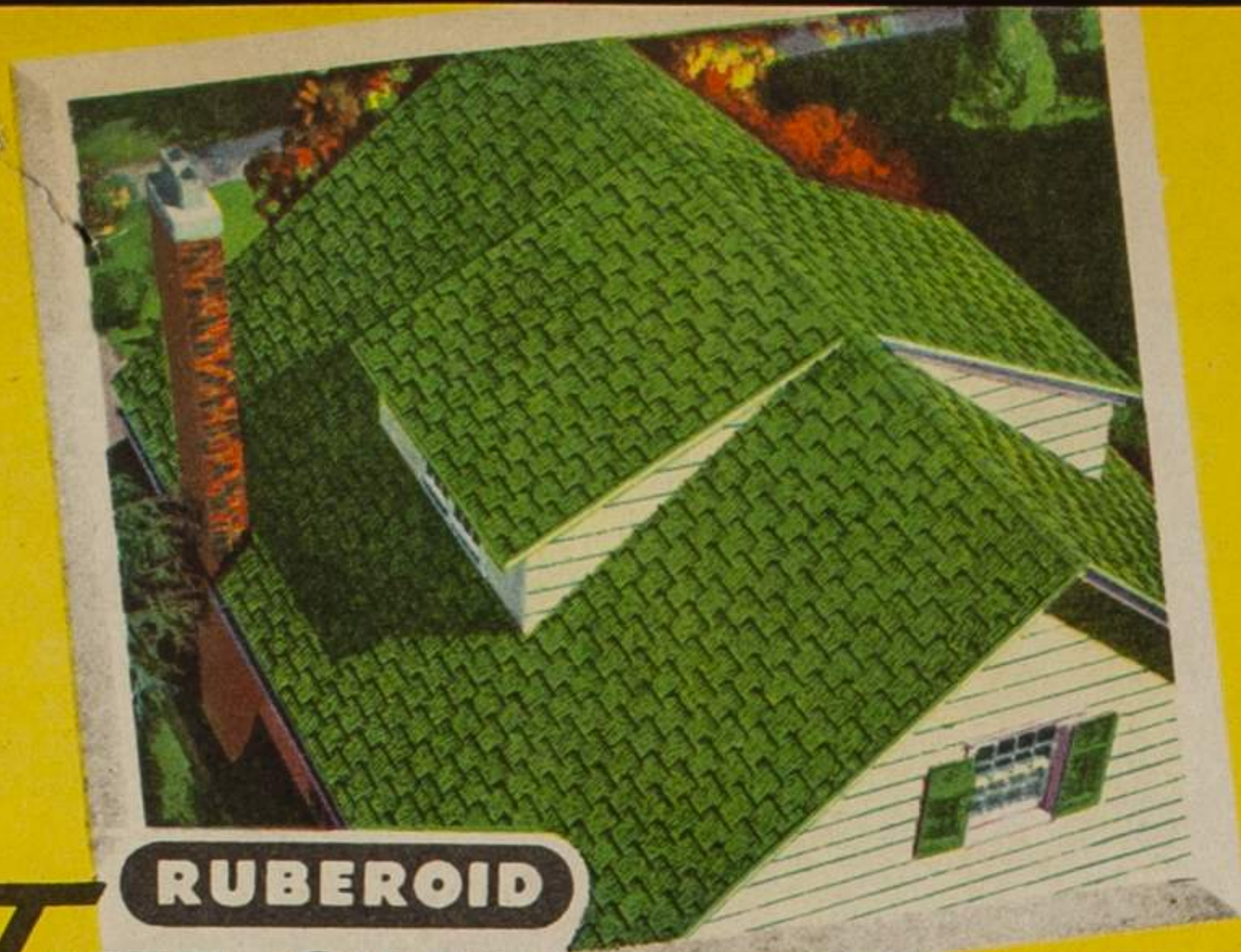
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*Personal*

November 25, 1950.

Mr. W. C. Simons,  
Lawrence Journal-World,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Simons:

We are going to have the traditional Christmas "get-together" at our house at Bennet this year. Dorothea and family plan to be with us and we would like very much to have the pleasure of your company at that time.

You will recall we were together two years ago at Christmas and I believe that we all had some fun. So, we will look forward to having you with us, if it is possible for you to come.

With best regards,

*R. W. Dibble*



*Personal*

December 6, 1950

Wilson MemIndex Company  
Rochester 5, New York

Gentlemen:

Please send me five or ten copies  
of your vest size calendar for 1951.

Please bill the same to The World  
Company, Lawrence, Kansas

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:bjh





2120 Vermont  
Lawrence, Kansas  
November 23, 1950

Dear Uncle Collie,

Thank you so much  
for the five dollars.  
I shall use it for  
my Christmas shopping.  
I certainly can use  
it.

I know you must



had a very nice Thanks-  
giving at Blanchie's. We  
had the Frinks over  
for this occasion and  
it was very enjoyable  
also.

Thank you again.

Love,

Vera



Nov. 12, 1950

Dear Mr. Simons,

Thank you so much for the money. It was certainly appreciated. John and I went shopping Saturday and purchased some silver. We spent



your money for two  
salad forks.

Thank you again  
for such a nice gift.

Sincerely,  
Dorothy M. Baldwin



Friday Nov. 17 - '50

Mr. H. C. Simons  
Lawrence, Kansas  
Dear Cousin Collins, -

I have wanted to write you a little note ever since election that we might rejoice together. I realize we have only a small to hold into the "pinkness" and weakness in high places and the Socialism that has been putting down roots for nearly twenty years. But I do believe the Republicans elected are fighters also I do believe in their personal integrity; Sen. Taft, Richard Nixon and Everett Dirksen especially.

What are we trying to do in Korea? Why did we stop at the 38 parallel and if give Com. China time to get there before we could - so many more men killed and wounded than there need have been. Why are we (U.S.) negotiating with them?

Willard is stationed at San Diego - for how long no one knows - Betty and the children are with him. If he gets Christmas leave Betty and children will come home and she will stay in Jackson. I have been writing letters to get these older men who



saw <sup>combat</sup> service in last war to be given home  
bases if not released. It is to be taken up  
when Congress convenes and I do hope some-  
thing is done before Willard and others are  
sent overseas. Willard says on the L.S.D.  
he is now nearly all the new are rated  
men it would be better and cost the Govern-  
ment much less if half of them were ~~turned~~  
and sea or crewmen put on.

Our librarian friend in Detroit won't  
be able to go to her home for Thanksgiving so  
asked if she could come Wednesday night and  
spend Thanksgiving with us. Of course I said  
"Yes" - it is better than being alone.

Eugene works hard every day - he is one  
of God's good men. He has to work Saturdays  
too which doesn't give him time to do much  
needed outside work at home.

Has your grandson been called into  
Service? How terrible for these young men not  
only called into service but burdened with ever  
higher taxes for many years to come.

I trust you are keeping well and that  
your Thanksgiving day is a pleasant one  
with your children around you.

I think of you often and love you  
much.

Father



November 22, 1950

Mrs. Katherine Drought  
1417 North Blackstone Street  
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Katherine:

I was glad to receive your letter of November 7. If you had been a man instead of a woman and had been blessed with better health you probably would have held a high office of some kind in your state because you have a brilliant mind and see things clearly. It is a pleasure to me to read your letter.

I am sorry that I didn't get acquainted with your mother earlier because she, too, was a very fine woman and it seemed a miracle to me how she overcame so largely the loss of her sight. Her rooms at home were as neat as a pin and I think she found a lot of happiness in her christian life.

As I recall there were nearly a dozen of you children and I presume that many of them are still living. Early in life your grandfather was one of mama's favorite brothers, but his life and disposition had radically changed before I knew him. On the other hand your grandmother, I felt, was quite a brilliant woman whose life had not been too happy. As I remember she lived to be eighty-five or more years old.

I have rather lost track of Ed's son whose name, I think, was Leland, and his children. I think I last had their address through you when they were living in central or western Kansas. When I saw one of his boys many years ago he greatly resembled my son, Dolph, when he was of about the same age. Although there were a good many years difference in their ages they could have passed for twins had they been of the same age. The golden-haired blue-eyed daughter I have known only through you and I think she lives in California.

We have had a very open winter, not enough snow so far to even whiten the ground, but we have had some cold days enough to kill the vegetation. I presume the climate in Jackson must be rather rugged.

Love to you and yours.

WCS:bjh



November 14, 1950

Obers Clothing Company  
821 Massachusetts  
Lawrence, Kansas

Gentlemen:

Please fit my son, Dolph Simons, with  
a new hat and charge the same to me.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:bjh



November 14, 1950

Mrs. Mary Jule Stough  
2120 Vermont  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mary Jule:

Find herewith a check as a birthday present which I hope you will use to buy something that you would like to have.

I am also sending a check for \$5.00 for Vera, whose birthday was October 31.

Lovingly,

WCS:bjh  
Encl.



Pers.



Best of Health



Here's a Get Well Wish for you  
Especially to express  
Not just that you'll be better  
But, soon be at your best.

Love,  
Jessie

(over)



Oct. 17

Dear Mr. Simons:

Am rushing to catch the mail man and if I miss him I'll almost get home before you receive this.

I think of you often and hope you are feeling full of your usual pep again. If I can never think of you not feeling tip-top.

Be a good boy, and I'll be seeing you before long.

Ours best,  
Art & Jessie

546 Mrs





*Personal*

October 30, 1950

H. P. Dunn, Druggist  
National Bank Building  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

Please send me another refill of  
prescription 419555. Also please send  
me a copy of the prescription.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:bjh



*Personal*

Mr. and Mrs. William David Milnes

announce the marriage of their daughter

Dorothy Eleanor

to

Mr. John Ruckman Baldwin

on Sunday, the twenty-second of October

Nineteen hundred and fifty

Berkeley, California

At Home  
after the first of November  
2447 Montana Street  
Oakland, California



Please return to W.C.

John is a son of  
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Mr. C. Skinner  
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October 30, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. John Ruckman Baldwin  
2447 Montana Street  
Oakland, California

Dear Friends:

I received the announcement of your wedding some days ago but have waited to answer until this time because I wanted to address you at your new home. You are entering one of the finest periods of life and I hope and trust that you will have many years of happy life together.

It so happens that it was just two years ago today that Mrs. Simons passed away, and it has been a great source of satisfaction to me to know that at no time during the nearly fifty-four years of our married life did either one of us ever try to have the last word. We had few disagreements in any event, but when anything came up about which there was a disagreement we let it pass by as quickly as possible, and I think that you young folks will add to the happiness of your lives if you will remember that you only pass this way once and the happier you are the sweeter will be your memories in years to come.

I shall be glad to have you remember me to Col. and Mrs. Baldwin. They have been our good friends for many years.

The check that is enclosed is not large, but I hope you will buy something with it that you want to have.

With very best wishes I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:bjh  
Encl.

W. C. Simons





*For You*





A little heartfelt wish

that you'll soon be in  
full bloom again!

Leonore and Tom Castello



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October 19, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Costello  
3207 So. Utica  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Tommy and Leanore:

Thank you very much for the good wishes expressed in the card just received. I always enjoy my visits to Tulsa, but from now on I shall probably depend more largely on the children coming to see me.

The great improvement in Pat's health has encouraged us all, and I sincerely hope that his recovery may be complete. Old Mr. Job of Holy Writ undoubtedly did not overmatch Pat in patience or in will to recover. With his enlarging family he has much to live for.

With best wishes to you both, I remain

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:bjh



October 13, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Klapis  
48-41 203rd Street  
Bayside, Long Island  
New York

Dear friends:

I am happy to know of the birth of your little son. I hope he will inherit the fine qualities of his parents, whom I hold in high regard. I hope the little boy will be a pleasure to you from the day of his birth through the years of youth and manhood.

Please find enclosed a small check with which I wish Pat to buy something for herself. I shall always remember the fine acquaintance we had with you, and I am so happy that you have a little son and hope that you are getting along fine.

It has been my presumption that Andy has gone into business life with the Upjohn Company and will have music simply as a pleasurable concomitant to his business life. He has a beautiful voice and I hope that you have had records made of a number of his songs. No matter how successful he might become in business, it would be fine to have these records to play for junior and others.

With love and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

W. C. Simons

WCS:bjh  
Encl.



October 11, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph C. Simons  
Waldorf-Astoria Hotel  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Children:

I was very happy to get your letter this morning. Blanche came in yesterday and I am sure we shall have a nice visit together. Nell Weaver met Blanche in Ottawa. I had been wondering why I had not heard from her and finally called Pat and found that Nell was to meet her.

Mrs. Maloney is better, but I think she is still in the hospital. Everything is moving along nicely, but we miss you.

I called Dolph, Jr. at the Varsity House to congratulate him upon a well written, signed editorial in which he criticized members of the faculty for a lack of cooperation with the students. It was a frank and bold statement of fact, and I appreciated the fact that he was willing to make the statement and sign his name to it.

I don't know of anything of special importance to tell you. As far as health is concerned I am feeling first rate.

I hope you have a fine time in New York. Give my regards to Roy Roberts or any others I might know.

Love,

WCS:bjh



112 E. Arapaho  
Weatherford, Okla.  
sept. 29, 1950

Dear Mr. Simons:

Your letters are always so good--I always feel like answering within a few minutes after reading them, but some duty interferes and time goes by. Now if I just had a secretary to whom I could dictate a reply, I believe we could keep up a rapid correspondence!

Otis and I are feeling more and more at home in weatherford; however, when some woman on the faculty here mentioned the other day that she had visited in Lawrence, Kansas and thought what a wonderful town in which to have a home, it made me very nostalgic for a little while. weatherford is just a little too small to be interesting--not very progressive. But the townspeople are very friendly and we are already caught up church and various social affairs. we joined the square dance club, because we found that the membership includes most of the town's most "prominent" couples. There are a few of the faculty couples in this group, but in general there are two distinct social groups--the college circle and the town circle. I believe this "clannish" tendency often exists in small college towns, but we want to avoid isolating ourselves if possible. I am to be a Brownie Scout leader; that should keep me quite busy as they meet once a week and I have to plan and arrange activities to keep them busy.

We are so glad you haven't had a recurrence of the difficult breathing. No doubt you will get along fine now. But now please don't get so excited about football and basketball games! We all know that you are one of K. U.'s most ardent fans--you don't have to convince anyone by trying to fight through all their games with them!

Otis seems quite happy in his work; it seems to be giving him more and more satisfaction and feeling of accomplishment. He works very hard--is probably over-conscientious; but that isn't a trait to be discouraged, is it? He happens to be dealing with a subject that is more exacting than some fields of teaching; he must have hundreds of species names and anatomical terms on the tip of the tongue. At any rate, I am so happy that he is enjoying it. As you know, Otis had wanted to study medicine, but was not given admittance. He had wanted it for so long that it's been hard for him to want any other profession or work. I am hoping that he will become so interested in teaching that he will no longer regret his failure to get medical training. Fortunately we have come to a school where it is very possible for him to feel confident and adequate. While there are two Ph. D. men on the biology staff, neither has had any "brushing up" for so many years that Otis feels quite up with them on information and research, in spite of his lowly M. S.! Of course information isn't everything--but it surely helps in the matter of self-confidence.

Did Otis tell you that we went by to see the Maloneys while we were in Tulsa in August? We were out driving in that neighborhood on a Sunday evening (with my sister and her husband) and just had the impulse to stop and say "hello". Mr. Maloney met us at the door, and needless to say, we were quite taken aback by his robust appearance. Blanche seemed somewhat skeptical about his condition--I'm sure she's experienced too many disappointments to let herself feel confident of any new treatment--but he certainly seemed better. I hope his



health has continued to improve since that time. We read of the death of Marilyn's baby and were so sorry--knowing how much the whole family had looked forward to the third grandchild.

I know you're going to have a pleasant winter with Leslie and Irene. They are very nice kids--so cheerful and full of pep, it seemed to us. I've no doubt Irene is a wonderful manager--and cook, too. Some of her ideas on food sounded wonderful to me. They were so kind in helping Otis and me get our trailer loaded the day before we left Lawrence. We appreciated it so much, as it was a tiring job.

I am sending you a dollar; we made a brief telephone call to Kansas City on August 17 (I think...) and then, someone at the J-W forwarded two magazines to me. I imagine that was Leo. The postage on these was around twenty cents each, I think. If the dollar doesn't cover these debts, please let me know. I appreciated having the magazines, as I know they are often sent back to the publisher if not claimed. As soon as we got here I sent my new address to the publishers; so October issues should come here--unless they are slow in making the change on their books.

Next time you talk to Nita Rankin, please give her my regards and tell her I'm going to write to her. We missed seeing her in Lawrence in August, as we happened to be there during the time she was visiting her farm in western Kansas. She is such a nice person and a good friend.

Have you seen Mary Beth and Charles this fall? Did everyone come to Lawrence last weekend for the first game? We hope you'll write again and tell us some Lawrence and Simons news.

Love,  
*Margaret*



October 4, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. King  
112 East Arapho  
Weatherford, Oklahoma

Dear Margaret and Otis:

I was very glad to get your good letter of the 29th, and am glad to know that you like it in Weatherford. I know that teaching in a college will be a stepping stone to something still better. I don't have to tell you of my appreciation to both of you.

I had another little trouble with my pump and spent a day or two in the hospital where I needed little or no medication, but rested for a couple of days. This is my second day at the office, but I am not taking much of a load. The office is so well organized that it can run along without me.

I am glad Otis takes his work seriously, but I don't want him to give it so much attention that it may impair his health. I think it is wise to work hard at the start when one ~~is~~ getting established because the incentive is much stronger at such a time than it might be at the closing of more or less uneventful and wasted years.

The Maloneys had mentioned to me the pleasure they had in having you call. Pat's recovery is almost a miracle, and is due to three things: first, his indomitable will; second, the study of his case given by his doctors; and third, the loving care that Blanche has given him for so many years.

The dollar in your letter surprised me because I did not consider that you owed me anything.

Mary Beth and Charles have been in. We had quite a homecoming of the children, and I am always very happy to see them.

I shall be glad to have you write me whenever the spirit moves you, as I am interested in your welfare and success.

Your friend,

WCS:bjh



*Personal*

October 4, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Klapis  
48-41 203rd Street  
Bayside, Long Island  
New York

Dear Pat and Andy:

The good news of the coming addition to your family is splendid. Your home life had been postponed so long by reasons not under your control that I feel that you are entitled to all the happiness that life may bring you. I do not know of any more sincere young couple than you, and I can assure you that we are very fond of you and hope that your life may be full of happiness.

As you will recall it was the Nieu<sup>w</sup> Amsterdam upon which Gertrude and I sailed to South America. It was on her maiden trip of that sort and we enjoyed every bit of it. I am so happy that we did some of those things when we could instead of putting them off, which in our case would soon have been too late.

I have not seen the Wilkinsons since their return, but have always considered them as friends. You may recall that for some time Dolph, Jr. and Marie Wilkins were very good friends. Undoubtedly they still are good friends. I can well imagine they enjoyed being with you. You may be non-musical, but I know of no one more entitled to a place in the heavenly choir. You have in that little frame of yours seemingly all of the worthwhile things that one could wish for.

Gene's little boy, Wayne, is a splendid little fellow and although I called to see him probably twice a week while he was in Lawrence, I never saw him when he was out of sorts. Owen, Jr. and his wife, Marie, also have a darling boy in Owen, III. He is a handsome, healthy and lovable child. John is now a freshman at K.U. and Dolph, Jr. a senior.

You might have it in your mind that you and Andy are invited any summer that I am at the lake to join me there.



Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Klapis, October 4, 1950

I am sorry that Andy's grandfather met with a fatal accident. I remember Andy's good looking blond sister. I bet you enjoyed having the little niece with you. I am sorry that Andy had a bad cold, but am glad that he came out of it. I think that you and Andy have been an ideal couple, each being of strength and help to the other.

I am finding my new couple, Mr. and Mrs. Parrish, most satisfactory. They look after my welfare in every way they can.

I wish you all the happiness in the world, and will always remember you as dear and worthy friends.

As Andy wants a boy and you want a girl, perhaps the only answer will be twins.

With love,

WCS:bjh



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Lawrence, Kansas

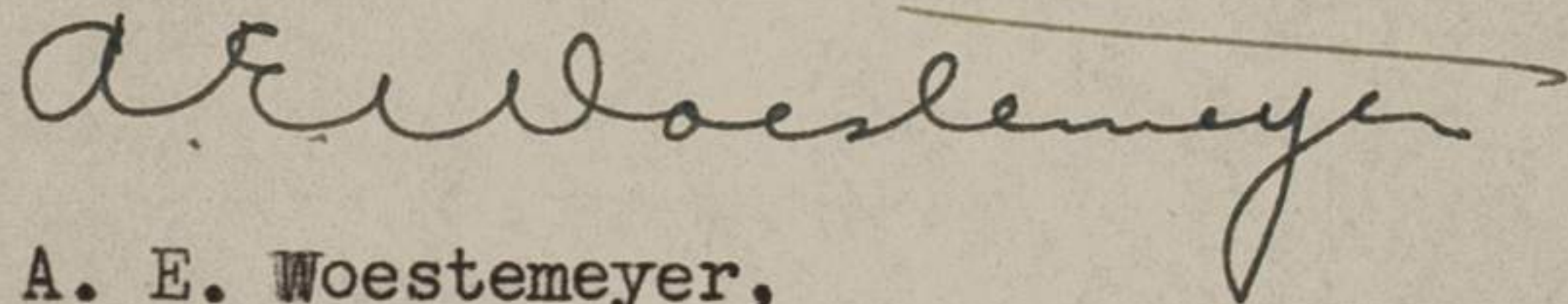
September 18, 1950

Mr. W. C. Simons  
The World Company  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Simons:

This will acknowledge receipt of your check in the sum of \$25.00, to be credited to the John Louis Simons fund at Cordley School. Allow me to express the appreciation of the Board for your continuous support. The children at Cordley School deeply appreciate the use of the instruments which this money makes possible.

Sincerely yours,



A. E. Woestemeyer,  
Business Manager

AEW:a



*Personal*

September 19, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Otis King  
Southwestern College  
Weatherford, Oklahoma

Dear Friends:

I think of you often and wonder how you are getting along. I think that I was extremely fortunate in having you with me as long as I did. Margaret is a marvellous housekeeper and Otis is one of the finest young men I have ever known. I don't want to dismiss Margaret with simply being a good housekeeper; she was a splendid wife, and I have often said that men are many times made or destroyed by their wives. I am sure that Margaret is the type of a wife that will continue to make her husband advance in every way.

I feel quite fortunate also in having Mr. and Mrs. Parrish. She, too, was a graduate in home economics and handles the household well, while Leslie, like Otis, seems to hunt for things to do around the home. He is quite a genius, as his studies have been along the line of mechanical engineering. They, too, are giving me the care that a man might expect of his children.

Personally I came through the summer in fine shape. I had no serious returns of my heart attack, but I am still sleeping at night with my head elevated. During the summer I was constantly taking tablets, which I presume were for my heart. I do not know just what they contain, but perhaps within the last week I was surprised to find that the grey hair on my temples is being partially replaced at least by new dark hair. Whether that is attributable in any way to the medicine I was taking this summer I do not know. It was around my temples that I first became grey, and that is why the dark hair is particularly noticeable to me.

People talk about living our lives over again. I have sometimes thought, and I may have expressed it to you, that perhaps the worst punishment that could be dealt out to humans would be eternal life on earth. It seems that they are like crops of the fields, with spring, summer, fall and winter. About the only medication I am getting is some digitalis each evening.



Mr. and Mrs. Otis King, September 19, 1950

I hope that you are happy in your new location. Just incidentally and of no particular importance, I stopped in at Edmond's Grocery the other day to make a small purchase and found that some groceries were charged on June 26 by a colored man, the charge of \$2.58 being made to me. As we were not in the habit of running bills at Edmond's, I paid the bill without question but I wondered a little bit about it, because Ramsey said he did not get any groceries there and I do not know what other colored man would have had the right to charge anything to me. It is relatively unimportant, so don't worry about it.

Irene is quite active in church work at the Lutheran Church. She hasn't let it interfere with her duties at home, and probably it is a good thing for her to have some outside interests.

I hope everything is fine with you.

Cordially your friend,

W. C. Simons

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*Personal*

September 19, 1950

Wilson Memindex Co.  
Rochester, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Please send me one, only, pigskin  
Memindex pocket card case. I think I  
have already worn out three cases, so  
I have been a user for some time.

Please bill the World Company,  
Lawrence, Kansas, for the case.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:bjh



September 15, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Hill  
West Eighth  
Lawrence, Kansas

MY Dear Friends:

I think you will be pleased to know that the little tree root that you gave us a few years ago has developed into a tree perhaps 12 or 15 feet tall. I have forgotten the name of the tree and I should like to have you tell me what it is. I think you formerly gave us a ginko tree which did not live.

Sometime when you are driving out on South Vermont Street you will see the little tree well located in the northeastern part of our lawn. Ordinary Christmas gifts are received and soon disappear, but in this gift you have given something that may, we hope, be beautiful for years to come.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

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A Scenic Lake



Northwoods Vacation View

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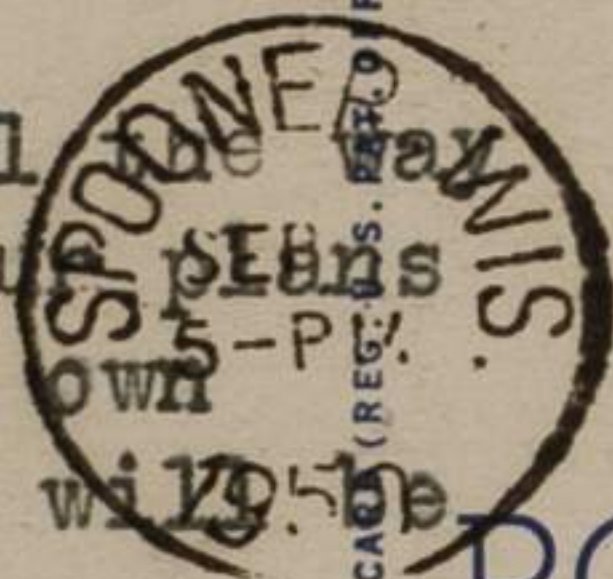


Dear Uncle Collie

Sorry to miss you all the  
around. Hope you have your plans  
for the fall made to your own  
satisfaction by now...we will be  
anxious to hear them. That Jay  
Sawyer was the uncle of my high  
school beay and knew my mother  
when she was a girl too. He was  
the son of the Taylors who lived  
behind Baboo in Chicago.

Will see you soon. Chas is  
getting a few good fish and loving  
it up here. Vera is with us too

Lovingly Mary Jule



POST CARD



Mr W C Simons  
%Journal World  
Lawrence, Kansas

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GENUINE CURTEICH-CHICAGO "C.T. ART-COLORTONE" POST CARD (REG. U.S. PAT. & T.M. OFF.)



112 E. Arapaho  
Weatherford, Okla.  
Sept. 5, 1950

Dear Mr. Simons:

We were so pleased to get your good letter today & had to answer it.

We had a nice visit to Tulsa & Texas and are back in Weatherford trying to get 4 bare rooms furnished with a few dollars and <sup>a</sup> reputation.

While in Tulsa we saw Pat & Blanche. Pat did look good and was in the best of spirits. He shook hands like you do and nearly cracked a knuckle. This surprised me because I was not going to offer to shake hands.

I've had 3 conferences with the head of the department (Southwestern State Collge), and I like him fine. He seems pleased with my partially completed lesson plans - so much so that I'm a little proud to be a graduate of K.U. I'll always owe



K.U. a lot.

The school is not very large, only 1,200 students, and in need of buildings and equipment, but it offers a 4 year course. They have a very fine pharmacy school. For one who likes trees, though, this is not the place. Except for the red dirt it is a lot like western Kansas. The people, however, have been ~~so~~ very friendly.

We went to church Sunday and it seemed the whole congregation came up to meet us.

Well, we still need furniture, but we have a sofa-bed and two mattresses that rest firmly on the floor.

We'd be glad to let you have your pick of either, if you'll visit us.

Margaret said tell you she still knew how you liked your egg at breakfast.

Thank Les for sending my specimens; I'll write him soon. I know you are going to like the ~~them~~ <sup>Parishes</sup> and it's easy to know they will grow fond of you, as we did.

Yours sincerely,

Otis

P.S. Don't get your feet tangled up in that genealogy chart. I can see you working on that now.



Response  
File

234 East Woodland Ave.  
St. Wayne 5, Indiana  
September 6, 1950

Dear Mr. Amours:

I thank you for your letter of sympathy. You know just how hard it is to lose one's wife. The sense of loss at times is almost more than one can bear.

I shall make my home with my daughter Mary and her family - her husband Dr. H. W. Scott, and her three children. They have a large house and I think they really want me to come. Perhaps I can help them sometimes with the children, and it will be much less lonesome for me than living by myself.

My son Charles and his wife Henrietta have been with us in Northport for the last six weeks. I am very glad that my wife was able to have about six weeks in Northport this year with her children



and grandchildren about her. It gave  
her a great deal of pleasure. She died  
just about a week after her return to  
St. Wayne.

My son and his wife drove me back  
from Northport yesterday, and to-day they  
start on their return to take up their  
work in Coker College in Hartsville, South  
Carolina. They have been there now for  
about thirteen years. Later in the year I shall  
plan to go down and make them a visit.

I do appreciate your invitation to be  
your guest if I should ever visit Lawrence. I  
suppose it is doubtful if I ever return, but  
if I should, I should most gladly accept your  
invitation if it were convenient for you at  
that time. I do thank you.

Most cordially your friend,  
L. S. Dison



September 1, 1950

Professor L. E. Sisson  
234 East Woodland  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Professor Sisson:

Upon my return to Lawrence from our cabin on Gull Lake, Minnesota, I found your wife of the 28th. Your wife was a darling woman. She bore her suffering with great fortitude, and she must have inherited from good, old Dr. Williams fine and noble faith coupled with courage.

I can sympathize with you deeply because the 30th of October will mark the second anniversary of the death of Mrs. Simons. Will you continue to make your home in Fort Wayne? Where are your son and daughter?

I had a very fine couple with me last year, Mrs. King being a graduate from an agricultural college and with a Masters degree from Ohio. Her husband secured his Masters degree last spring and has secured a teaching position at the college at Weatherford, Oklahoma. I now have another student couple with me, the young man having studied engineering at Manhattan and having come to K.U. to finish because he believes the courses here to be superior. His wife is also an Aggie graduate and I look to have very satisfactory service from them this year.

If you have occasion to return to Lawrence I shall be very happy to have you as a guest in my home.

Cordially your friend,

W. C. Simons

WCS:bjh



Memo From -  
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**W C SIMONS**

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**MY WIFE DIED TODAY PRIVATE SERVICE HERE INTERMENT**

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Your kind expression of sympathy  
is deeply appreciated  
and gratefully acknowledged



We appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending the lovely basket of flowers in memory of Mother.

Sincerely,

Pauline Gill Harrison  
Robert Harrison



# *The Gowdy Family 18th Reunion*

**AUGUST 5th, 1950**

*AT THE WILLARD H. GOWDY HOME  
EAST WALLOP DISTRICT, ENFIELD, CONN.*

Dinner served at 1:00 o'clock. Each one bring enough sandwiches for self. Executive Committee hopes to provide steamed clams, baked beans, salads, cake and soft drinks. A collection will be taken to defray expenses.

**MAKE IT A DATE!** Spread the notice. Will meet the 11 o'clock bus at Scitico if requested.

**MILDRED A. BILLINGS, *Secretary***  
Somers, Conn.

**LOUIS A. GOWDY, *President***  
Hazardville, Conn.





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Wilford C. Simmons  
2500 Vermont St  
Lawrence  
Kansas



September 1, 1950

Mr. Louis A. Gowdy  
Hazardville, Conn.

Dear Louis:

The card announcing the 18th reunion of the Gowdy family was forwarded to me in Minnesota. We bought ground on Gull Lake in 1937 and built a cottage for Mrs. Simons and myself and one for Dolph. We have spent about two months of each year there, but this year it was unusually cold and we had to have a fire in the grate a good part of the time.

I have prepared a genalogy dealing particularly with the ancestors of my mother, Mrs. Jennie Bessie Gowdy Simons and my father, Adolphus Ezra Simons. Both the Gowdy and Simons familys were located in and around Summers and Endfield, Conn. for many years. Other ancestors who had been in that part of Conn. were the Louises of Westerly, Rhode Island, the Cooks of Stonington, Conn., the Masons of Swansea, and numerous other branches of the family.

They seemingly located for a time in Massachusetts, then went to Connecticut, later to western New York, then to Illinois and Michigan, later to Minnesota and finally Mama, as a widow, with her five children came to Kansas in 1878.

We are with you in spirit if not in person, and we can never forget your cordial hospitality. Please remember me to Mrs. Gowdy.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:bjh



September 1, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Otis King  
112 E. Arapho  
Weatherford, Oklahoma

Dear Otis and Margaret:

I enjoyed very much Margaret's good letter dated August 3. I got home a few days ago and found the Parrishes had gotten everything into very good shape. Undoubtedly much of this was due to your advice and supervision during the short time that you were with them. I can assure you that my feelings toward you are more like that of a father for his children than for ones who had simply been with him for a time.

You are mighty fine folks and I think are very well mated. Otis is a fine chap and he is very fortunate in having you for a wife. I have for many years believed that a wife could pretty nearly make or break her husband and I am sure that in your case Margaret has been a wonder in her cooperation and in her ability to enter into your work and to supplement your efforts.

I have recently had very encouraging word from my son-in-law, Pat Maloney, of Tulsa. It seems that through the use of ACHT he has been almost completely restored to health, and is able to wear clothing and shoes for the first time in several years. Of course I am delighted with the improvement. There again is a case where Blanche has carried a terrible burden, and yet he has made it just as easy for her as he possibly can. He has born his suffering without complaint and has cooperated with her in every way.

The last word I had from Andy and Pat was very encouraging. Andy has made good in his work with the Upjohn people. Pat has given up her position. They have a home and hope to rear a family. I expect that now that you are more settled perhaps I may have the opportunity in due time to congratulate you upon the arrival of a little one.

With sincere personal regards, I remain

Your friend,

W. C. Simons

WCS:bjh



Thursday, Aug. 3

Dear Mr. Simons -

I am not going to bed until I've started a letter to you. I haven't had time to write to any Lawrence friends, but I'll probably see them when we go back next week - and undoubtedly will not see you. At least, I hope you got away for Gull Lake soon after we left you. You weren't in top shape then and I think Minnesota atmosphere was just what you needed!

We have worked so hard here - my father is not able to keep his place in good repair and Otis has completed several projects. Dad's helping mother in the house - painting, making slip covers, etc., as well as cooking and doing laundry. When Otis is pouring concrete, I shovel sand, and when he's putting on siding, I nail the