

January 11, 1950

The Johnson Boys  
213 North 12th Street  
Wymore, Nebraska

Dear boys:

I want to thank you for the nice Christmas cards that I received from you. I think you are dandy boys, and I wish I could be with you more.

I saw a man the other day who said he had some pretty blonde cocker pups that he wanted to sell, and I gave him the name of your mama.

It has been quite a long time since you came down to see me and I am getting lonesome.

Lots of love,

January 11, 1950

Mrs. M. S. Maloney  
Embassador Hotel  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Maloney:

Thank you for the very beautiful Christmas card. I hear indirectly of you frequently through Blanche and Pat, and I am glad that you still enjoy good health.

We now have a greater common interest than ever before in our great grandson. He is certainly a darling boy and I hope you will get to see him frequently.

With very best wishes for the new year, I remain

Sincerely yours

D. C. Simons

WCS:md

January 11, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Floren Pickar  
Route 3  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Friends:

I received your Chirstmas card and was glad to hear from you. I am sending you herewith a couple of stell engravings of George Washington. Keep one for yourself and give one to your little niece, Francis.

I did not see Francis the last time I was up there, but I want you to tell her that I hope she will not be satisfied with the education that she can get in the district school, but that she will continue until she has a high school, and perhaps commercial, course. The little girl really has promise of better things and I feel shure she could make good if she just has the determination to carry on.

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

January 11, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frampton  
Route 6  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear friends:

I received your beautiful Christmas greeting, and it was, undoubtedly, typical of the North country. A letter received today from sister Grayce tells me that Walter has been fishing through the ice, and I hope with success. I am afraid I would find that pasttime rather chilly, but you old timers up in the North know how to take it.

I sincerely hope that Lena has recovered from the shingles. Just why a good sould like her should be so afflicted, I cannot understand, unless we refer to the Scripture which says, "He whom the Lord loveth, I chasteneth." But even so, we would like for the Lord to show his love in a more kindly manner.

With best wishes to you both, I remain

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

January 11, 1950

Mrs. L. A. McNalley  
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I had your good but short letter this morning. I had a nice little visit over the telephone with Mary Beth yesterday. No special occasion excepting that she wanted to call up her granddad and be sociable. She is a mightysweet girl and I am very fond of her.

I listened to the basketball game last night, and Lovellette seemed as cold as ice in regard to making baskets, although I think he did a good defensive job. On the other had, Whitehead, who is always good, was at his best.

I think I told you that the last time I saw Mike was a few days ago when he dropped in with Neal McNeill and Margaret made them some sandwiches. We are always glad to have him feel at home with us.

Much love to you both,

January 11, 1950

Miss Helen Skilton  
4600 Mill Creek Parkway  
Kansas City 2, Missouri

Dear Miss Skilton:

This is a delayed answer to your letter of December 26 in which you very kindly sent us an obituary of your grandmother.

I remember so clearly when your mother was a bride, and I had a life-long admiration for your father. I may have told you that at one time Mrs. Simons said that if a noted educator or someone well known in literature or art because of their achievement should come to Lawrence, she knew of no one here more fitted to receive them than your father.

I had an exchange of Christmas cards with your sister, Vivian.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

January 11, 1950

General M. S. Eddy  
Fort Leavenworth,  
Kansas

Dear General Eddy:

I sent you yesterday by parcel post my copy of the Eddy genealogy, which I know you will find interesting. It is my only copy so please return after making any notes you want.

It must take a terrific amount of work for one to compile a book of that character.

It is possible that you could still obtain a copy through writing the compiler or publisher.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

January 11, 1950

Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
Route 6  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce:

I was very glad to get your letter and to know that you are getting along nicely.

I am always sorry to hear of the death or sickness of your friends.

I am glad that Ruth Hammerel was pleased with my letter because "your friends are my friends", and personally I have always found her to be a charming woman.

I too had a nice picture of little Mary Holmgren.

Twenty-four inches of ice seems pretty cold, especially to us where the Kaw is not yet frozen.

How is Mrs. Frampton getting along. I certainly hope she is recovering from that long and severe attack of shingles.

I am glad that you heard from "Putsy". We thought her to be the brightest of the three girls that we had with us that summer.

Mary Jule and family were over to dinner Monday night, and we enjoyed having them.

I am glad that Don is getting along well. Give him my love.

Lovingly, your brother,



January 11, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Frazier  
7 Summit Avenue  
Winchester, Massachusetts

Dear Vivian and family:

Thank you for remembering me with your most attractive Christmas greeting. I know that I like Vivian and Dick, and I feel sure that I should like very much to know Cornelia and Andrew. Oddly enough, I think the letter I just got through dictating was directed to Helen. You may be interested in having me repeat to you something that I had included in my letter to her, that Mrs. Simons once said that if a noted educator or someone well known in literature or art because of their achievement should come to Lawrence, she knew of no one here more fitted to receive them than your father.

I know how interesting it must be for you to have the little ones in your home. As you may recall, we had five children, but lost our little boy, John Lewis, when he was 13. I now have ten grandchildren and one great grandson. The children are all bright and interesting.

Blanche's oldest son, Owen, Jr., is married and living in Dallas, Texas. Marilyn, her oldest daughter, also is married and living in Oklahoma City. Eileen, the youngest, is now Mrs. Carl Olander and lives in Lawrence. She is the mother of the little great grandson.

With continued good wishes to you and your interesting family, I remain

Sincerely, your friend,

Jan. 8 - 50

My dear Collie-

Thank you for the kind things you said about me , especially the first line, also for sliding over some of the dates that might be embarrassing to Don , as he always fills in my license etc. with my age being three months older than his. No body gives a hoot anyways

Since my last letter Josiah Hayward, of St.Cloud, died in a hospital in Minneapolis, same illness as Gertrude's. His father was a brother of Don's mother, His sister Laura, whom you met, came on from Boston to be with him. Then last Wed. noon Harry O'Brien a friend of ours , dropped dead of a heart attack, while on a business trip in Staples. He was just one year older than Don. When we attended the Elks Memorial services Dec. 4 he looked so well and we had a nice little visit with him, the last one.

Ernie Butler had sent a beautiful bouquet of red roses , from Ore. in memory of his brother Harry who passed away last year. Our friends are dropping away much faster than any other year.

A letter from Ruth Hammerel told of having received a beautiful letter from my wonderful brother. Those were her words and she seemed very happy about it . She has been a fine wife and mother and is a staunch friend. Her son is very thoughtful of his parents and always nice to us.

WE were surprised and pleased with a cunning picture of Francis little girl also some fine shelled black walnuts from Maud and Carl and a lovely card from Mrs. Nelson, they are all such nice people. It seems as if I shall never get caught up with my letters. I always admired Gertrude for keeping up her correspondence and always such nice interesting letters, but she did not get three meals a day etc.etc. Maybe she would have written anyway.

We have nine new homes well a long under construction one family moved into their home last week and four more basements in and ready for carpenters.

Its been very cold and we certainly enjoy the fine oak fireplace wood, from Edgewood Road and our IronFireman is doing well also. WE are quite well and comfortable.

Mr. Frampton goes out fishing ,through the ice, in front of our house on the bar, nearly every day. The ice is 24" thick now so I guess he won't fall through.

Tell Marie and Dolph we have received all their lovely gifts and thank them and I'll get around to writing them before long. Remember me kindly to Margaret shall write her also I read about M. putting on a programe for the K U dames and thought her pretty smart.

Oh yes one more thing we had a pretty card from "Putsey" my little EsQ.Indian girl, she is married to a nice man and they have a Larry Jr. now. and live in Calif.

It will be very nice when you can drop in for a little chat and maybe we can do a Short story together.

Love to You and all your family and Mary-Jule. She writes such cute little letters.  
Dovotedly

Grace

Don sends love

Mrs. L. A. McNalley

Minneapolis, Kansas

Jan. 10 -

Dear Dad -

Here always glad to receive  
your letters. I returned the shirt  
for a larger size but they were  
not - The man assumed me there  
would be more in this week and  
promised to mail me direct to  
you so let me know when it  
arrives. Mac got it in  
Galma so it is not so easy  
to check from here.

Not much news here. He  
went to a basketball game last  
night and saw Dpls. come  
from behind to win over Hillsboro  
in an overtime game. Very  
thrilling and exciting.

Our snow is all gone and  
here had several nice days but  
quite a lot of wind. The sun  
is out today and it promises

to be another pleasant day.

Hope you got the shirt and that  
it is satisfactory this time.

With love -

Janet

## Not New News

Schuyler, Neb.: Just finished listening to the 10 p. m. news. It is disgusting to say the least to listen to news over the radio that is supposed to be news but having read the same news in The World-Herald, printed hours before the radio announcements.

I, for one, refuse to call it news, at least new news.

FRANK P. HAVELKA.

Dorothy  
Johnson



January 10

dearest dad;

Every day I have thought I would write to you, and every day has been full of activities.

Bus was invoicing the week after Christmas, and Jonnie and Lance and I have all been just a little under the weather. Neither of the boys was sick enough to stay in bed; but I was in bed all of one day and a part of another - just intestinal flu, but the first time I can remember staying in

bed for a long time. We are all fine now, and in about an hour or less Bee, Lance, Charles, and I are leaving for Lincoln. I'll shop awhile, then we'll have dinner with Dick Gerber, a friend who has recently returned to Lincoln to live, will meet Jack and Barbara, Carlene and I., and go to the K.U. - Nebraska basketball game. Charles wrote a special delivery letter to Lovellette, and is hoping to see him after the game.

We had a guest over the week-end, and Saturday night took him with us to a dinner party at the Hinmans.

I wrote to Janet before Christmas; and although I haven't written since, I just heard from her - a very cheerful friendly letter; so I don't believe I have done anything I shouldn't.

I have had letters from Blouche, Marie, Marie Maloney, Marilyn, Eileen, <sup>and</sup> Mary Beth.

Bus is hurrying me; so I guess this will be all for now.

Oh yes. When are you not going to have company and would like to have Jonnie and me come down for a visit? We can come most any time now.

Loads of love,  
Dorothea

Dearest Dad - ~~over~~ 11/15/50 Saturday  
Well Pat is home & we have let  
one nurse go & Jim going to be mighty busy  
but it will be wonderful if he is any happier  
or feels any better. He looks better but his  
mouth is still bad inside & in spite of the  
pain he eats well at home. His buttocks is  
still pretty raw, but the rest of his body is  
pretty well sealed over. His hands and  
feet persist in breaking out every few days &  
annoy him. If the breaking out would just  
stop all together, I believe we'd feel like  
we'd accomplished a lot.

Thank you for the check. It was  
just double what I mentioned. I thought  
\$10<sup>00</sup> a fortune pretty stiff, but that's about  
what they wish. I don't believe we could have  
had better ones however & Jim so glad we had  
them made at that time - I really should  
send half of the check back & it's only because I  
am spending money like a drunken sailor, that  
I'm keeping it. I do thank you for your generosity  
& as mother always said when I tried to pay  
her - "I hate taking money from you". Since we  
have let one nurse go & are rid of the hospital  
room, our expenses will drop. I have rented  
a hospital bed & bedside table - begged old bed  
linens from my friends - bought new sheets



basins, urinals etc. & really think he is pretty comfortable. Also have the D.V. set up in his room.

I bought a baby bed today. It belonged to a young Kappa friend of mine & I was so lucky to get it at such a fabulously low price. Now I can take care of my grand children when they come home. Ellen & Carl will be here Easter.

Owen writes that he & a friend of his are going to become active in the Air Corps Reserve. They fly 2 hours in eight training periods & get a day's pay for it besides a free physical & some permanent status. Mairi remains well & feels her little baby picking around very actively now.

One of Mairi's bridesmaids "Happy Patton" (she visited you once in Lawrence when Robin was there - Green Buick convertible - remember?) is being married Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> & Mairi will be in the wedding party & is coming home for a week on Jan. 30. I'll be so glad to have her.

I am very anxious to see you new tower. I'm always interested in family affairs & shall be so happy to have a record to refer to when I begin to "brag" about my family & ancestors. Thanks again for the check & remember "You are a mighty satisfactory father" - Love you so much - My best to Otis & Margaret -  
Devotedly  
Blanche

Dorothea

1/19/50

January 18

Dearest Dad:

I am anxious to see your book published and to read it in entirety. It is going to be extremely interesting - not only to the family - but to the public also.

The sketch you have written about me is very complimentary. I have made a few corrections and three suggestions. I wonder if saying that I was in the B class might indicate <sup>to some</sup> that I was doing B work. That is why I suggested using 1st & 2nd semester rather than B & A class. As long as you are stressing my scholarship, due to my grades, on my high school diploma are the added words cum laude (with honor) which you <sup>also</sup> might wish to add. That is

for you to decide.

We are so glad you like your briefcase. We thought it would be nice for your genealogical work - or anything else you wished to carry in it.

Thank you for sending the jayhawk. Did you pay for it and how much? I put it in Charles' stocking, and he has added it to his animal collection.

We can't get Foile here, and we are out of it. Would it be too much trouble for you to ask some drug store to send us a bottle along with a bill for it?

Sunday Bus interviewed a young man whom he may take on here as a sort of outside salesman. He brought his wife and 4 month old son along, and she is a Kappa. She graduated

from Nebraska last June, and he is graduating this semester. They seem like a nice young couple.

Monday night I had Study Club here, and I reviewed a chapter of our book "New Words in Medicine". My chapter was "On Growing Old"; so I am prepared.

We have had beautiful weather here - not so good for the coal business, however. A blizzard, about the 15<sup>th</sup>, <sup>unfulfilled one,</sup> was forecast for last night; but it hasn't yet arrived.

Last Tuesday after I wrote to you, we had our trip to Lincoln and saw the basketball game. The boys went to the dressing-room to see Lovellette and the other players. A few days later Charles received a very nice letter from Lovellette.

He was surely thrilled.

I hope we'll see you before  
long.

Loads of Love,  
Dorothea

RJ Rupp  
2046 NW 29 Okla  
Okla City

1950  
January 7, 1949

Dear Granddad:

This letter is probably not the most prompt thank you note you have received, but I assure you it is among the most sincere. I refer not only to the elegant necktie you sent me for Christmas, but also to the many kindnesses and courtesies you have extended to me during the past year. You helped to make the Homecoming a thoroughly enjoyable experience and our Thanksgiving vacation was much the richer for your being in Tulsa with us.

In general 1950 looks like another good year for the oil industry. At the present time our company is making its detailed estimate of what the year holds for each department. I am right in the middle of helping to work up our personnel and industrial relations picture so that it will

dovetail with the budget.

Marilyn and I have just returned from Tulsa where we spent the holidays. No doubt she told you all about it in her recent letter.

Thanks again for the necktie.

I've already worn it twice and will wear it tomorrow at church.

yours:

Bob

My dear Mr Simons: - you will never know how very much the lovely red roses meant to me. Cliti, as many husbands do, always sent or brought red roses to me on our anniversaries. I remember our year, when times were unusually difficult, that he came home with just one perfect rose, which, of course, meant as much as dozens at some other times.

We were given 42 wonderful years together,

and altho he has undergone  
suffering I am sure that this  
last year was quite a pleasant  
one for him. He was so surprised  
and touched at the number and  
kindness of his many friends.

The children and the two grand-  
children, who were able to accept  
your kind invitation for dinner on  
Saturday were duly glad to accept.

It helped them through some  
hard moments. But, as we call  
Clara Jr., was very disappointed  
to be unable to accept.

You are and have been a very  
good friend to all of the Hosfords.  
We thank you.

Sincerely

(Mrs C.B.) Helen J. Hosford

January 19, 1950.



MRS. DON ALFRED FREEMAN

Tree Tops — Gull Lake

Brainerd, Minnesota

Jan 23 - '50

My dear Collier -

I have felt like phoning you all day - just would like to hear your voice - and also to know how M-J's little Selby is. All I know is what I saw in the J-W. She was taken to N.C. for observation - that sounded like it might be serious. Hope she is home again and O.K.

We have been watching it snow all day and we had a foot fifteen inches on the ground. We could not see the Island or Pine Beach Hotel but the temperature has not been so low as some days. It has been a heck of a Jan - thank goodness there is only <sup>our</sup> <sub>our</sub> <sup>more</sup> <sub>more</sub> week left.

Don has a business appointment  
in St Paul for two P.M. Tuesday  
something about Social Security  
but if the highway report is bad  
we won't try to make it.

Blanche sent me a copy of all  
the pictures and we studied them  
and then returned them.

Eileen and Carl and baby take  
wonderful pictures - and I surely  
agree with you the little boy is about  
the finest looking baby of his  
age I ever saw. I suppose the

fractures are very expensive but  
I hope they send me one, even if  
it is finished much smaller

None of them flattened you, as  
like myself, you look rather  
stern! The Maloney's have a fine  
family, and I hope Pat improves his health.  
Blanche looks very sweet.

MRS. DON ALFRED FREEMAN

Tree Tops — Gull Lake

Brainerd, Minnesota

I am enclosing an article out of Brainerd paper which I think you might be interested in as this might be the young ladies you met in May last year. If her picture comes out in the papers I'll send you some. Again I'll say you are a good picker.

How can you or Miss Loomis of plants in the denunciations. windows and one day when it was  $28^{\circ}$  — it was only  $72^{\circ}$  out there. I thought how I should enjoy seeing you sit at our table again — looking handsome and sweet and asking the Lord to bless our food. You always are such a very agreeable guest and a pleasure to your sister and brother.

It is now evening and getting colder  
and I do hope Don will be able to postpone  
his trip to St Paul -

With a great deal of love from  
Don and myself and best wishes  
to Margaretha King -

Affectionately

Gracie

I have not bought anything as yet  
with the check you gave me for Christmas  
where I do I'll let you know - I want  
to buy it in the Timbuctoo -

The little Besick boy is still very good  
where he comes with his mother every  
Friday A.M. - and very bright  
can help do lots of little things too

# Mary Helen Showell Is Chosen 'Miss Brainerd' for 1950

Amidst a thunder of applause and cheers, Miss Mary Helen Showell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Showell, 1324 Fourteenth avenue N. E., was crowned "Brainerd Queen of 1950" at the climax of the queen contest, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce last night at the Brainerd theatre. Van's Cafe is the sponsor of Miss Showell.

Fourteen "lovelies" appeared on the stage to display their beauty, charm, grace and poise.

The girls walked individually across the stage after being introduced by Carl L. Johnson, master of ceremonies. Background music was provided by Howie Hill and his orchestra. Jean Lindell, former Brainerd queen and 1949 Winter Wonderland Queen, was on the stage to give confidence to the girls.

After each queen candidate had made her single appearance, the girls were called back to appear together on the stage until the three Little Falls judges cast the final vote.

Three queens were asked to step forward, including Mary Helen Showell, Mary Duerr and Joyce Holsapple. At this time Jean Lindell, resplendent in for-

mal attire and wearing the crown bestowed upon her last year, walked slowly back and forth across the stage, finally stopping directly in front of the winner, where she removed the crown from her own head and placed it upon the head of Miss Showell.

Following the contest a reception was held at the Elks club for "Queen" Mary Helen, Jean Lindell, other queen candidates who wished to attend, and the Little Falls judges.

Van's Cafe, sponsor of the new queen, will supply her with a winter wardrobe which will include a snow suit and accessories.

Miss Showell will go to Crosby Saturday to compete in the regional contest, the winner of which will go to the St. Paul Winter carnival, expenses paid, to compete with girls from all over the state.

Miss Showell will represent Brainerd as queen throughout 1950, and will appear in the Labor Day parade, riding in a convertible, along with other appearances throughout the year where the presence of royalty is needed.

WCS:

Have written ed  
suggested by these.

JW  
Chas H. Rowntree

7539 SOUTH COLFAX AVENUE

CHICAGO 49, ILLINOIS

January 7, 1950

Dear Collie:

Got your nice letter. We are going to continue with the work up north - not much can be done with the older people, so if we can help the younger ones on the right path, it will help in the future.

I read of the community fund in Chicago being short on their \$8,000,000 campaign by \$600,000 and it got under my hair as they said they would have to curtail activities that seemed more important than some of the others. I wrote the Editor of the Daily News the attached article and it was printed Dec. 31st. Am also enclosing an editorial from the Spooner Advocate. Understand your state is also in the "Security" program. I believe we had better call a halt however, if we keep on, "it won't be long" until we all face the facts of life as in these two articles. You can't get something for nothing, and the states and Federal Government has no source of income except what is given in taxes by the people. Pls return these two papers.

Love Bro. Chas.

## A STATE FACES BANKRUPTCY

Dorothy Thompson devoted one of her late newspaper columns to conditions in the state of Washington. That commonwealth, she said, "is now up against the inevitable crisis of the welfare state—the same crisis the British people have had to face, namely, the rude awakening that there ain't no Santy Claus."

The trouble stems from a remarkable measure, called "the citizens' security act," which was passed in 1948. Now, to quote Miss Thompson again, "this prosperous and progressive state faces bankruptcy. Although the people voted to increase the already advanced social security benefits, their representatives have not dared to vote the taxes to finance them. That would explode the happy idea that something can be obtained for nothing. The result is a deficit approaching \$100,000,000 . . . .

"A study of the condition of this state is recommended to all advocates of socialized medicine and cradle-to-the-grave social security. There are families here who, taking advantage of the multiple possibilities of state aid, are drawing down \$400 per month and refusing, naturally, jobs at \$200 to \$250 . . . .

"Exactly this policy wrecked the Roman empire."—Industrial News.



7539 S. Colfax Avenue, Chicago 49, I

28 December 1949

Letter to the Editor  
Chicago Daily News  
Chicago, Illinois

I note on page 12 of your Wednesday issue December 28 the article - FAILURE TO TOP FUND QUOTA TO LOAD AIR LIST. I further note in the second paragraph the fund is short about \$600,000, slightly over 7% of the goal.

It would seem in these days of heavy budgets, tax lists, that some effort should be made by the Community Fund people to reduce their expenses sufficiently to overcome this deficiency and still handle the work which normally would be its quota. The four largest members or beneficiaries of the fund according to the article have sufficient people on their lists who could well afford to give a little more of their time and reduce the overhead.

We cannot consistently ask the Federal Government, state, county and mun governments to cut their budgets, which means of course reducing their payrolls unless we ask that the organizations administering community funds do likewise. I may be speaking out of turn, but have noticed that the many committees formed raising funds would be ample to take over some of the duties in the offices now performed by paid workers.

In my day which is way-back-when, 90% of the charity or relief cases were handled by churches, all volunteer, both in services and materials supplied.

In handling the community budget as above, we can then consistently ask reduction in the budgets of various governments by setting this example, as should we not do so and then complain of the taxes put upon us, the assessors could we say, "Let him who is without sin amongst ye first cast a stone".

C. H. H.

Chas. H. Hoinville

Dear Dad -

Wed 1/30/50

Friday

Your nice letter came yesterday & I'll answer the part about Marilyn's genealogy first. As far as I know, you did not receive her a request for information in regard to Bob's ancestors & since she is quite busy, & they are such procrastinators, I turned the request over to Helen (Bob's mother) & she will send you every thing. Her father was a college student at K.U. & later Dean of music at Oberlin College - Bob's grand father & all the Reggs family were missionaries. Bob's father was born in Afghanistan - & has quite an interesting history - but his ancestors founded a college & but Helen will send it all.

Helen called this A.M. & said Dick - her other son had called & said he had taken Kay, his wife, to the hospital for her second baby. Marilyn is taking care of the little boy - 18 months old, until Mrs. Grace & the Reggs arrive. Mrs. Grace (Kay's mother) Trinidad ILL, he was former Navy Commander - remember? - has been ill & they don't know if she is well enough to come or not. So Marilyn is pinch hitting. She plans

To come home Monday for a weeks visit with us.

Pat has had some skin trouble lately. These darn rashes - blisters keep coming on the thin places & we have started back on the arsenic treatment - He was pretty depressed for a couple of days but seems better this morning. Mother M. a Palmer came out last night & had supper with us up in Pat's room. Mother M. seems so much concerned over it all. I can not understand her. I'm glad my folks are sympathetic & behind us 100% not so self centered.

I remember Lois Hutchinson slightly. She is several years younger than I, I believe. Her letter was very nice.

So glad you stop often to see the Clauders. They always seem to enjoy having you as Cileen mentions it & I envy you the opportunity of getting to see the little boy. I too, would love very much to get home for a visit. I miss you and the children.

All for now but here's lots of love.  
& Keep up the good letters -  
Devotedly your Daughter  
Blanche.

Shirley's kindly way. I had enormous fun. I had a letter from you. I had a letter from you.

HARRY F. JOHNSON  
PRESIDENT



*Jan 27/12*

## Farmers Lumber Company

TELEPHONE 11

WYMORE, NEBRASKA

~~January~~ February 1, 1950

FOREST PRODUCTS  
BUILDING MATERIALS  
COAL

Dearest Dad;

I guess I'm a day behind. It doesn't seem that a month of the new year has already passed.

Jonnie and I are at the lumber yard for a little while. He and Bus are putting our new license plates on the car. I have a nice free afternoon to look forward to with not even dinner to prepare. One of the women's groups, of the church is having a supper at the church tonight, and we are all going. We may take Carrie too. Bus has to bowl tonight; so I may do some ironing while he is gone. That is a good way for me to spend an evening when he is not at home. He bowls at 7; so he won't be late enough for me to get much done.

Yesterday Bus' new man and his family were moving; and I had them over for luncheon. They have a darling little baby boy, almost 5 months old.

Monday night was ladies' night with the Lions; and we had a nice dinner and an interesting program (Bus was on the program committee). That afternoon I had to go to Cub meeting with Charles.

The boys had a big thrill Saturday when they saw their first ice hockey game. Now it is their third favorite sport. Bus and I took the two older boys with us to Omaha Saturday morning. We did some shopping, then let the boys go to a show in the afternoon. We met some Wymore friends for dinner, then went to the game. It was a thrilling one, with Louisville. Omaha has a fine team this year, but I saw in the paper that Kansas City had beaten them since that game. I believe it was Sunday night.

Jonnie stayed with some friends who have a daughter 12 years old who wanted to keep him. I guess they must have enjoyed having him, for we didn't get him back until 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. They had planned for him to stay all night as we would be late getting home, then Nancy took him to Sunday School with her. While her folks went to church she played with him; and they kept him for a fried chicken dinner with home made ice cream. He had a wonderful time; and I guess wouldn't mind if we'd leave him there again.

How are you feeling? Are you having as cold weather as we are? It was 10 degrees below zero this morning according to the new thermometer beside our back porch. We had a pretty snow last week which has had no chance as yet to melt.

Bus and I were checking over our bonds the other day, and found something that caused us to wonder on some bonds that you gave

to me. A \$1000 bond issued in February, 1944 has a serial  
number <sup>M18547501 E</sup> immediately following the serial number of one issued in  
Oct., 1942 M18547500 E; and 3 \$100 bonds issued in Nov., 1942  
have numbers C14365\*8590 E immediately following the numbers  
C143658591 E  
C143658592 E

of two issued in May 1942 C143658588 E We thought there  
C143658589 E.  
might be some mistake in copying. (Bus tells me now that they probably  
were reissued in consecutive numbers and that there is nothing wrong - so just forget  
it, please.) I am enclosing an item for you to read and to  
give to Dolph. I thought you both would enjoy it.  
It was in yesterday's Public Pulse column of the Omaha  
World Herald.

I'm going to write a few words to Dolph too now.  
How would you like to have company, the Johnsons, next week-end Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>  
and 12<sup>th</sup>? We would try to see the Roads of Love,  
K.U. Nebraska basketball game.  
Dorothea.

Dear Dolph;

Lance is planning to write you a letter; but in case  
he doesn't, he had a big surprise Saturday night. In a  
conversation he had with Tip Sargo at the ice hockey  
game in Omaha, he discovered that the announcer knew  
you and I believe he said had interviewed you on  
the radio.

We see that John is doing very well in basketball,  
and we all enjoy the J.W. sport page.

Give my love to the family.

Love  
Dorothea

Mrs. L. A. McNalley  
Minneapolis, Kansas

Monday night

Dear Dad -

I enjoyed your letter last week as always. The children were home for several days between semesters and left for Lawrence last night. I'm always so glad to have them here and hate to have them leave. It has been quite cold and has snowed off and on all day today.

Mum enjoyed visiting with Davis and Ralph in Lopez Saturday. I think it is wonderful they can take so many nice trips - around the world, Europe, Bermuda, California, New Orleans, Miami and Rio - sounds like a story - he listened to the K.H. - Drake gone on the radio tonight - sounded as though Lovell was really the fair haired boy.

I'm glad you made satisfactory  
arrangements about your couple  
for next year and hope they'll be  
as good and as congenial as Margaret  
and Ollie.

There really isn't any news to  
tell you as my life is quite  
uneventful. I'm always glad to  
hear from you.

With love -  
Janet

Feb. 1, 1950

Dear Mr. Simons,

I thank you so much for the beautiful bouquet of flowers. The flowers and your nice visit did help. I know that you can fully sympathize because you too have suffered the same loss. Sincerely,

Mr. Eddy, Claude <sup>and</sup> Esther Shriver



*Your kind expression of sympathy  
is deeply appreciated  
and gratefully acknowledged*

*Doctor and Mrs. Roy Hammond Edmiston*

*request the honour of your presence*

*at the marriage of their daughter*

*Doris Dean*

*to*

*Mr. Richard Ralph Potter*

*on Tuesday, the twenty-first of February*

*at two o'clock*

*Danforth Chapel*

*Lawrence, Kansas*

*Reception*

*immediately following the ceremony*

*The Old English Room*

*Memorial Union Building*

*The favour of a reply is requested*

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Feb. 3, 1950

Dear Friend:

Inasmuch as the church auditorium is being redecorated, services will be held at the Jayhawker Theater, thru the courtesy of its manager, Mr. J. Mark Cadle, on Sunday morning, Feb. 5, at eleven o'clock. Sunday School will meet at the church as usual with the classes in their respective places. The church deeply appreciates the generous offer of Mr. W. C. Simons to pay one half of the cost of this project if the congregation meets the other half. The approximate cost of redecorating will be between \$900.00 and \$1200.00 dollars. ✓

During the last quarter of the church year a new gas furnace has been installed. Necessary repairs have been made on the roofing. Much is being done for our comfort and convenience and for keeping our sanctuary an attractive and beautiful place in which to worship. All bills for the quarter have been met.

The quarterly business meeting will be held in the dining-room on Wednesday evening, Feb. 8, at 6:30. Brief reports of our work will be given. The committee on Displaced Persons will discuss the possibility of our bringing a Displaced Family to Lawrence. Every family is requested to bring one or more covered dishes. The church will provide coffee and cream. The Vesper Group will serve as hostesses.

The church is looking forward with anticipation to the Campaign of Visitation Evangelism to be conducted under the leadership of Dr. Arlin Heydon, Director of Evangelism for the Central Baptist Area, from Feb. 19 to Feb. 24. Dr. Heydon will preach on the morning and evening of Sunday, Feb. 19 and on Friday evening, Feb. 24. From Monday thru Thursday he will lead us in a mission of personal evangelism and visitation. Plan to attend the preaching services and invite your friends and neighbors who have no church affiliation and pray for the teams who will participate in this Kingdom enterprise.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. H. W. Wilcox,  
Financial Secretary.

February 27, 1950

Burton W. Marvin, Dean  
William Allen White  
School of Journalism  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Marvin:

I intimated a year or two ago that I should like to entertain the members of Sigma Delta Chi at a lawn party at my home. If the boys think this is desirable, I will suggest a date, preferably after May 21 and before June 1 as at this time the grass should be green and there should be no chiggers. The chiggers come usually early in June.

I shall be glad to furnish lemonade and ice cream, but I would not want to have any beer on the grounds.

Please talk this over with the boys and let me know.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:ms

February 27, 1950

Mrs. Floren Pickar  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Pickar:

I was greatly surprised as well as pleased with the beautiful gloves received yesterday. I am sure they are the best crocheted work that I have ever seen and it certainly was very fine of you to make me such a nice present.

Mrs. Simons and I, as you know, held you in high regard for the splendid way you carried on during the time your husband was forced to take it easy because of heart trouble. I remember how you and Florence reshingled the barn and it is my remembrance that you were none the less vigorous yourself at the time.

I want you to know that I deeply appreciate your gift and your kind thoughts of me.

Please remember me to Floren and to Frances when you see her. I have not seen Frances now for several years and I presume she is now a young lady. I wish that she could have educational advantages that would fit her for office or mercantile work. She is bright and attractive. When I think of what Bud Bisek's daughter did for herself, I think that Frances could make good equally as well if she has the will to do it.

Again thanking you very much and with best wishes for you and yours, I remain

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:ms

Bramerd Mann

Feb. 19. 1950.

W. C. Simons.

Kind Friend. Just a note  
to tell you I am sending  
you a small gift.

You have given Frances  
and I so much and

I have wanted to

send you something you can  
use so finely made up my



mind to Crochet you a pair  
of gloves. I hope they will  
fit. if they do not please  
send them back and tell  
me what is the matter and  
I will fix them to fit -  
We sure have had a  
lot of snow and cloudy  
Cold weather. Must close  
and get dinner. Your  
Friend

Mrs. Flora Pickar  
Brimmer

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Main



February 22, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riggs  
2046 Northeast 29th Street  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Grandchildren:

I have just received a letter from Blanche in which she wondered if I had received the genealogical data from you. This made me think that perhaps I had not acknowledged the receipt of the material.

I was very glad to receive it and I am also glad to report that I am making considerable progress in the matter.

I am delighted with the prospect of having another great grandchild, and with two such fine parents the baby will certainly be one to be proud of.

With love,

Lawrence, Kansas  
February 21, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Simons  
Copacabana Palace  
Rio, Brazil

Dear Dolph and Marie:

We enjoyed very much the letter received from Marie and hope that this will reach you.

In the matter of news, there is practically nothing to which to call your attention. Everything has moved along nicely and the weather has been excellent. This morning the thermometer at my home registered 32 which was the coldest it had been all night.

I worked late last night on my genealogy and have finally got it put together so that I shall be glad to have you go over it when you are here. Dorothea helped me a bit with it during the short time we had together.

The Edmiston, Potter wedding occurs this afternoon and I plan to attend.

Everything at the office has been running smoothly. In the Chamber of Commerce campaign, the goal has been practically reached.

I know you will be having a fine time in Rio because there is so much to be seen.

John's cold is greatly improved and he has been staying at our house for the last several nights. I haven't seen Dolph, Jr., for a few days.

Continue to have a good time and come home full of vim, vigor, and vitality.

With love,

Lawrence, Kansas  
February 20, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Simons  
Copacabana Palace  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Dear Dolph and Marie:

I have just read with interest your letter of the 17th from Lima, Peru. Everything here has been moving along quite satisfactorily. John's throat has been a little difficult to handle, but he has had Dr. Johnson taking care of it and has been following his instructions. For a greater convenience to his medicine, he has spent a number of nights at his home, but was with us last night and probably will be with us from now on. We are enjoying his company as much of it as we have, and when he was at home, I called to see how he was. Dolph, Jr., has been with him several nights and has seen to it that his meals were cooked. He is back in school now.

Dorothea and I started to drive to Wymore last Monday and found the roads so bad up beyond Netawaka that we returned to Lawrence after having phoned Harry at Holton and finding that the roads were still worse up there. On Wednesday we drove up without difficulty, spending Thursday there and returning to Lawrence on Friday. Dorothea again came back with me and returned to Wymore by bus on Saturday. I did all the driving, although she had offered to take the wheel, so that I drove about 500 miles last week without fatigue. I was rather glad to have the opportunity to test myself out a little bit.

Yesterday I had a very pleasant day, going to church in the morning and finding that the decoration is very attractive. There may be some who think it a bit rococo, but the effect is really beautiful. I had dinner with Leo Eller and family at their home and enjoyed it very much. Afterwards I took them out for a ride and in the evening they came over to see TV and had ice cream and cake.

I had another invitation for dinner yesterday from Mr. and Mrs. Keene but had previously accepted the Eller invitation.

When you get back you should go to Wymore to see Dorothea's strictly modern and most convenient kitchen. They are planning some additional improvements to the home.

Rotary has some kind of a program tonight, but I do not know whether or not I shall go.

Word from Blanche is that Pat continues to be better and then again not quite so well.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Simons

February 20, 1950

I expect Janet down some day this week. It seems good to hear from you, and I am glad you are having such a fine time. One reason why you have pleasant associations most everywhere is that that sort of thing and you seem to fit into each other most delightfully.

I think the painters are still at work at your home.

I have just had word this morning of the death of Richard Horton, who has made his home in Lawrence the last few years. He was a brother of the Horton sisters.

Business has been good and everyone seems to be taking hold in fine shape.

I hope that the rest of your trip will continue to be as happy and as enjoyable as that that you have already experienced.

Lovingly,

ERRETT P. SCRIVNER  
2D DISTRICT, KANSAS

R. C. JONES, SECRETARY

CLERK:  
DORIS B. UNDERWOOD

COMMITTEE:  
APPROPRIATIONS

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

February 16, 1950.

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distator*

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

Dear Mr. Simons:

I have your letter of the 14th calling attention to the National Heart Institute and urging financial support for it.

As you know, our sub-Committee of Appropriations has just completed hearings in which we have been asked to appropriate millions for each of several research programs. All of them are worthy undertakings, and there is need for research, but the taxpayers of this country just can't stand the load if we undertake all the programs proposed on the scale they are submitted to us. It does not seem desirable to stop all research in one or more fields in order to advance it in another, so we try to do the best we can with what we have to keep all of these research studies going.

It might be observed that each of these research projects in the field of medicine, for example, dovetail in with the Administration's over-all program for the socialization of the medical profession. By getting the medical men interested in these research programs the planners in the Administration are, I fear, subtly maneuvering them into a position where, perhaps in the not too distant future, they can no longer take an active position in opposition.

I am no less concerned about the rapid increase of heart disease, in particular, than anyone else, but I wonder some times whether a large part of the answer might not be found in the rapid pace of modern life and the constant tension under which we are living.

Your letter is appreciated, and I assure you I shall give this item careful and conscientious consideration when we take it up.

Yours for a Thrifty 'Fifty,

*Errett P. Scrivner*  
Errett P. Scrivner

February 20, 1950

Mr. Errett P. Scrivner, MC  
Congress of the United States  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Scrivner:

Thank you for your sensible letter of February 16. It seems a shame that we have gotten into a position where we cannot have confidence in our national government and every time even a good movement is contemplated, it is probably masking for something that we do not want.

I do not wish to aid in bringing about greater socialism in the United States and I should prefer very much to release the strangle holds that it has on our country.

I can remember well when one person at \$100 a month looked after all of the poor of Douglas County and at times when there were practically no inmates of the county home.

The situation is bad, is growing worse, and is going to be difficult to cure.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:ms

7539 SOUTH COLFAX AVENUE

CHICAGO 49, ILLINOIS

January 17, 1950

Dear Collie:

I received the "Marked Copy" of the Journal-World and certainly appreciate the editorial: so much so that I sent it on to the editor of the Chicago Daily News with the comment that if other editors throughout the country would do as I did in writing the original comment, and as you did in your editorial, people would be better informed and begin to realize that about 45¢ out of every dollar they earned is being wasted by the Government, it would ehlp to wake them up.

I sent you Katheryn Drought's letter last year I believe, and the one I received this year is fully as interesting. I am sending it to you knowing you have visited her and can understand the handicap under which she is laboring. She certainly is cheerful. The letter has been answered and you need not return it to me.

We are sitting tight now and not moving around much with the car as the roads are too dangerous. I expect to visit the Hills sometime before June and may get to Lawrence before that.

Thank you again for that able editorial.

Love,

Ben Chas.

February 9, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hoinville  
7539 Colfax Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mary and Charles:

I was glad to look over the letters from Kathryn Drought. She really has quite a brilliant mind and if she had not been handicapped by a lifetime of tuberculosis she might have been quite a woman. She is intensely patriotic and seems to view matters with an intensely clear vision.

I am glad to have you send me from time to time anything that you think would be of special interest. To me the Journal-World is what it is--one of the outstanding papers of Kansas--because we do not have a closed mind nor a limited force. We are open to suggestions from everyone and try to use judgment in regard to things that we use. I may have told you, at one time a gentleman stood at our counter and said, "Mr. Simons, this is not your paper, it is our paper. You may happen to own it, but as a matter of fact, it belongs to the community." That is exactly the way we like to have the people feel. It cannot be a wishy-washy, nambi-pambi sheet, but it stands for the things that it believes would benefit the community, state, and nation, and is free to oppose all things that we think would be injurious.

You will be very glad to know that little Sally seems to be coming along nicely. Knowing what they have to guard against, Charles and Mary Jule are now prepared. She is a darling child.

We have been having an exceedingly open winter. I think that the coldest last night was 25 degrees above.

I had overlooked the part of your letter where you were asking for help in your School Lantern or something of that sort so enclose a dollar herewith to help out as may be necessary.

I hope everything moves along nicely with you.

Cordially yours,



Chicago M January 21st 1950

*Chas*  
*1/21/50*  
Dear Collie:

I dropped another note to the Daily News and am handing you the marked copy of the issue, January 20th. Also note the editorial about Kansas. Thought both might be interesting to you. If more people would put up a fight on the inconsistencies of this administration, it might have results. I am not satisfied with the situation in the campaign for this spring elections. I believe that the Democrats have gotten to some of the Republicans and their cooperation is again going to wreck the prospects of a Republican victory.

Bro. Chas.

February 9, 1950

Mrs. Charles D. Stough  
2120 Vermont Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mary Julé:

I am sending you herewith a carbon copy of a letter I have just written to my sister, Grayce, and I am also enclosing her letter to me.

She would like to have someone who would like to make their home with them and take charge of her house work. It is a little difficult to transplant one from Kansas to Minnesota on account of the winter, but she seems to think that you might have someone in mind--so here goes.

Sincerely,



February 3, 1950

Dear Mr. Simons,

What a very pleasant and altogether unexpected surprise it was to receive your Christmas gift! And I believe you will be happy to know that we are now the proud possessors of a really sturdy kitchen table. Until now we had been using a card table out there. So now every time I roll out pie dough or make raised rolls I can really be vigorous about it and remember again all the happy times I had in your kitchen doing the same thing on a similar sturdy table. We felt it was not only a very important thing to get for our home, but also an appropriate gift to come from you - who knows how much my kitchen means to me.

So once again we thank you - as we have so often had the occasion to do for the thought that prompted your gift.

Our Christmas at my mother's was one of the nicest ever, but the trip down and back was very difficult. Rain came down in torrents and was complicated by lashing winds all the way back here. The brakes got wet and most of the 400 miles were nerve wracking.

As a consequence, it took me most of Jan. to get back to feeling normal. He wouldn't make another such trip this winter under any circumstances. It is just too hard a drive in Eastern traffic. He realize now that I just haven't the strength to do things like that, keep house, and hold down a job at the same time.

So we have cut out the long trips and I have started my last month at work! Come March 1st I am retiring - isn't that wonderful? I will stay until we find a suitable girl to take my place and then out I go. I can't decide what to do first on the day Andy drives off in the morning without me, but I have one slip cover finished and the second pinned on the chair! That condition has existed for 4 mos, so I guess the sewing machine has top priority. I don't dare bake all the time because Andy has shed some fat and watches his diet pretty closely to keep that way.

It will be one year tomorrow since we landed in N.Y. He feel we have done very well in his first year out of school - thanks to the help and advise of people like you as well as our own efforts. This makes my retirement a particularly happy occasion and years from now I'm sure I will remember vividly the thrill I feel now at the very prospect.

We hope you are well - and your family too. And we wonder if you have any plans for after the Kings leave. We will be anxious to hear what turns up - and wish you good fortune toward settling that question.

Again, our heartfelt thanks - for everything.  
As ever, Pat and Andy

February 9, 1950

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

Dear Pat and Andy:

It was mighty sweet of you to write the nice letter of February 3. I always think of you and Andy as persons who have my warm regard and as persons who are almost like members of my family. I am really delighted to know that Andy has engaged in a business life. A musical life is short, it is hectic during the years when you are trying to perfect yourself, and it is grievous when you feel that your musical ability may be waning. The successful period in a musicians life is not too long, but if Andy makes good in business, he can still be interested in music when your children and grandchildren are able to take on a part of the load.

I sincerely hope that now that you are settled that you will have a youngster of your own, maybe more than one.

Margaret and Otis, who have been with me for 14 months will be leaving in June, and I have another student husband and wife already engaged to take over. I do not believe, however, that at any time I shall have the same fraternal feeling that I have had for you and Andy. You are both so fine and each one supplements the other. It seems to me that you have reason to be quite well pleased for the progress you have made in the year you have been in New York.

As far as my health is concerned, it has been good.

Perhaps I should say just a little more about the couple that will be taking over after Margaret and Otis leave. He is a student in engineering who has transferred from Manhattan to K.U. because he believes we have superior instructions here. The wife is a blonde, reared near Herrington, Kansas, and has been accustomed, I think, to some farm work, but is a graduate at Manhattan and is glad to take over at our home in order to make

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Klapis

February 9, 1950

it possible for her husband to complete his course.

I never try to measure one person by another because we are more or less similar and more or less unlike, and I think we get into trouble when we try to compare one with another.

With every good wish, I remain

Cordially yours,

M.M.

Dear Mr Simons:

Mother wants me  
to thank you so much for the  
beautiful Spring bouquet - They  
made her room so cheery - she  
has improved every day and I  
know Marie and Ralph will see  
a great improvement.

Carl and I also want to  
express our thanks for the  
lovely flowers and we all  
appreciate your thoughtfulness.

We hope you are enjoying  
good health.

With kindest regards  
from the family.

Sincerely  
Maude

Saturday  
Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 50-



My dear Mr. Simons,

It was such a kind  
thought - your dinner invita-  
tion to all the miscellaneous  
Hosfords on that unhappy  
evening last month - and  
we have remembered it  
many times since with  
gratitude and appreciation.  
It was such a warm  
and friendly and helpful

thing to do, and one which  
would have pleased  
our dad immensely. I  
guess you know how very  
much he always admired  
and respected you.

With thanks, and  
every good wish, 1410 May St  
Marquette Mi  
Sincerely

Alice F. Chapman

Wednesday, February first

LGH

71 Beech Street  
East Orange, N. J.  
January 27, 1950

Dear Mr. Simons:

I was so pleased with your letter that I am being so bold as to enclose herewith copy of a letter other copies of which I sent to relatives and special friends. <sup>at a distance.</sup> I know since your letter, that you were and are a special friend and I want you to have these further details.

Very sincerely,

*Eric Hutchinson*

LEGH

71 Beech Street  
East Orange, N. J.  
January 21, 1950

Dear Mr. Simons:

I so much appreciated your letter. I knew that you were a dear friend of my father's and mother's. It makes me feel good to read how much you recall of them. Everything good that is said of either of them I agree with, because I know it is true! I am sorry to say that you missed some years on your recollection of my age. When we came to Lawrence for daddy's funeral I was flaxen haired and chubby but nearing twenty-five rather than five years of age. Time does pass so fast in spite of us. My adopted brother whom you remember as a baby was reared in our home as a son. He is now forty-five years of age and single. He has a room not far from me and is such a comfort to me. It was hard, hard to break up our home when mother went, but Clifford and I could not keep house alone, so now we each have pleasant rooms and are going on as best we can. I have been disabled for some years, due to a large kidney stone which doctors in the mid-west and even in New York did not discover. It gave me no pain, but made infection which went to my spinal cord, affecting that part of it which governs the motor nerves. Sometimes I couldn't walk or move my hands. Finally I went to a super-fine sanitarium in Ontario and they found the stone, removed it and since then I have been slowly getting better, especially since the discovery of Vitamin B of which I have taken much and it does so much for me. I can walk alone, not too far but I can manage nicely now. My hands are supple and useful again. My little mother was my constant help and encouragement. She never lost hope for my recovery, and so of course I did not either. Before the disability settled on me

Mr. W. C. Simons

January 21, 1950

LGH

seriously I finished my four-year college course and after moving here which we did following my father's going, I was secretary to the pastor of our church here in East Orange for six and one-half years. I dearly loved the work because I was not only a secretary but assistant to the pastor in many things and working with the people was my joy. I hoped that perhaps it was some of my father in me that made me love the work so. I still go to the same church and find my best friendships there and the things that I must hold on to especially now without my mother, I find there.

I remember some things about Lawrence since my little girl days there. I remember my father's carrying me up the church steps. There was the student who roomed with us and the fascination of her typewriter. Was that the church, I think so, where some kind people gave me a beautiful big doll whom I named Grace for my mother. I think Mrs. Charles Curtis was a member of that church. I shall not forget the magnificent doll-house with which she let me play. I remember the feeling of elegance and beauty which the town and the university buildings always gave me. All my few memories from my childhood life in Lawrence are pleasant and satisfying.

Again, thank you for your kind, friendly letter. I hope you will write to me again when you have time in your busy life, and when you do will you please call me Lois? My friends all do, and for friends of such long standing as we are, Miss Hutchinson doesn't seem quite right, proud as I am of the name.

Very sincerely,

Lois G. Hutchinson

71 Beech Street  
East Orange, New Jersey  
December 7, 1949

To you who loved my mother and who are also dear to my heart, I am sending these words because I want you to know all that I can tell you.

On November 2 mother fell on the porch of the Hospital, fracturing her left hip. As soon as possible after we received the word Clifford and I went out to the Hospital. We found mother in bed in the infirmary, cheerful and apparently feeling no pain. The doctors had taken x-rays and were doing everything possible for her and had made her so comfortable that we think she did not realize there was a break. The doctors thought it best to wait for a few days before deciding how to set the bone. Dr. Shor, my doctor here who had been mother's doctor also, talked on the phone with her doctor at the Hospital, and found exactly how things were. I also kept in touch on the phone, talking with the nurse, and whenever I called she reported that mother felt well, had a good appetite and was happy. On November 17 when DR. Shor phoned, mother's doctor told him that he had been afraid to set the bone by using a pin or putting her hip in traction for fear she would not be strong enough to stand either. Therefore he had put the hip between sandbags, and mother continued to be comfortable. We went to visit her on November 19, and as we entered the room she was singing. The nurse asked her if she knew who I was and she replied with a smile, "Yes, Lois Grace Hutchinson", and when the nurse said "I think she is a sweet girl", mother answered, "Thank you, so do I". - so normal and exactly like herself. I felt so hopeful and happy about her.

On Monday morning, November 28th, the doctor at the Hospital telephoned me, saying that he had been off over the week-end and on his return that morning had found mother not so well and thought it best for me to come to see her. I was able to secure a Red Cross car to drive us to the Hospital. I phoned Clifford, he took a taxi from Newark where he is employed and arrived here just before the Red Cross car came. We reached the Hospital about 11:00 o'clock and were taken to a private room where we found mother lying unconscious, breathing regularly but heavily. The nurse told me that mother had been conscious earlier, had eaten a little breakfast and about half an hour before our arrival had lapsed into unconsciousness. She had a little temperature and her heart was weaker. When later her doctor came in he told me that as a result of the hip fracture an embolism had developed and on Saturday bronchial pneumonia had also developed. I sat by her bedside constantly except when I went into the next room twice to telephone. Once when I returned to her room I saw that mother had moved her head a trifle. I held her hand and once I thought I felt her press mine a tiny bit. She continued to breathe regularly and heavily. About 1:00 a dear friend came to be with us. At about 2:30 mother breathed slightly faster twice, and then her breathing stopped. No pain, no struggle, no distress. In our grief we find comfort in knowing that all was peaceful and that her passing was as she was, sweet and gentle.

A beautiful service for her was held on Wednesday, November 30. She lies in Rosemount Memorial Park, Newark. Clifford in his deep sorrow, is so kind and thoughtful to me, friends are wonderful in their constant sympathy and help, my cousin comes from New York when she can, and I am going on. We have no definite plans for the future as yet, but shall continue as we are for the present at least.

Mother loved you, and so do I.

Faithfully ever,

February 9, 1950

Miss Lois Hutchinson  
71 Beech Street  
East Orange, New Jersey

Dear Lois:

I was certainly glad to get the copy of your letter of December 7, and I am glad to know that you have a good brother in Clifford. Your mother was a sweet soul, and I can readily understand the deep love that you and your brother had for her.

I was at the church last evening at a quarterly business meeting and supper. I do not attend such meetings often, perhaps I should, but I carried the load for a long long while at the church. I headed the finance committee for a period of ten years, and during that period, only one special collection was taken and that for something other than the regular support of the church. In about three more years I shall have served the church for 50 years.

Noting that your mother had a fall, I am reminded that a great many persons who are getting along in years suffer from falls. For some reason that I cannot understand, I do not have many falls, but whenever such has occurred, I have been able to maintain my balance. For instance, a year or two ago, while talking to a neice and sort of backing away from the house, I stepped off backwards of a step perhaps ten inches tall. It gave me quite a jar, but I remained on my feet. I hope that this characteristic may be sustained, or maintained, in the future.

I am sorry that I do not remember you at the time of your father's funeral, and it may be because I was so grieved over his death because I had cared a great deal for him.

It seems a pity that your mamma had to go as she did, and it is especially hard on you, but probably she went about as comfortably as one possibly could.

Miss Lois Hutchinson

February 9, 1950

I see your middle name is Grace. I have a sister Grayce, the youngest in our family, and while on the 22nd of this month she will be 75 years old, she doesn't look nor act more than 60. Unfortunately, she has been childless. She has a very excellent husband and they would have been fine parents.

I hope that your life may continue to be happy, and that your health will improve.

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:ms





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WISHES  
*To You*  
AT  
CHRISTMAS

*A Gibson Card*  
GIBSON CINTI., U. S. A.



Just a thought  
of remembrance  
and  
sincere good wishes  
at Christmas.



*(Inside)*

My dear Mr. Simons:

Thank you for your letter, I did so very much enjoy learning of your wonderful family - and do hope you are having a pleasant holiday with some of them.

Yes, I am an accountant in the Department of Finance - I really took "Whit's" position when I returned <sup>after his death</sup> and presume I'll remain here until I retire or resign to go to Florida home.

I know you must be very proud of Dorothy's youngsters - (She was such a charming girl -) and also of your other grand children.

The political unrest in Panama has kept things in a rather chaotic state - What with three or four presidents in about as many days, most anything can happen here <sup>in the Canal Zone</sup>. We had four ex-presidents staying at the Livoli Hotel for a while - Now two have gone to the States, one is living with friends in the Canal Zone and one has returned to Panama - With the present "head" - Arnulfo Arias, I don't see just how U.S. can "do business" with Panama - He is such a "skalaway" and was run out before because of his Nazi activities & his utter contempt for everything American - yet - all Panama lives off Uncle Sam - What this world is coming to is hard to surmise -

However, I seem to enjoy a rather normal life here in the Canal Zone with my work, my friends, my "family" (two nieces & their small children) - the weather is pleasant, swimming delightful and scenery pretty - so I can't afford to worry about "neighbors"

My wish for you - a most delightful Christmas and happy New Year!!

Sincerely -

Edna Whitree

February 10, 1950

Mrs. Edna Whitver  
Department of Finance  
U.S. Government  
Balboa, Canal Zone

Dear Mrs. Whitver:

This is rather of a belated answer to your very welcome Christmas letter. Whenever I think of you, I think of your courtesy and kindness to us on the two occasions when we visited the Canal Zone.

The first time the acquaintance came purely through my brother who was and still is very dear to me, although he has been gone for many years.

But the second time, Mrs. Simons and I were on the Nieuw Amsterdam. We remember your pleasant home, as I recall at Ancon Bay. I haven't had the desire for further travel, as my traveling in the past was practically always with Mrs. Simons, in fact, she was the instigator of many of our trips.

My three daughters are all living away from here and in different states. One in Tulsa, Oklahoma, one in Minneapolis, Kansas, and one in Wymore, Nebraska, so that the only members of my family in Lawrence are my son, who is associated with me in the business, and his wife and two fine sons.

Lawrence is a beautiful city and is undoubtedly one of the best towns in Kansas. When you have occasion to visit your relatives or friends in the United States, I shall be very happy to have you come to Lawrence.

I presume that you at the Canal Zone have been more or less up set by the various moves which have affected the government of the Canal Zone.

My son, Dolph C. Simons, and his wife leave Sunday as the guests of the Braniff Airlines to visit Lima, Peru, and then across the Andes for a week in Rio. The entire trip will be made by air.

With very best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

February 3, 1950

Dr. and Mrs. Roy Hammond Edmiston  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Edmiston:

I shall be very happy to attend the marriage of your daughter, Doris Dean to Mr. Richard Ralph Potter, Tuesday the 21st of February at Danforth Chapel, but on account of my son being absent from the city at that time, I fear I shall not be able to attend the reception in the Old English room.

Sincerely yours,

W.C. Simons

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920 Missouri  
Lawrence, Kansas  
January 17, 1950

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

Dear Mr. Simons:

The K.U. Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi  
takes pleasure in inviting you to attend an ini-  
tiation ceremony to be followed by a banquet the  
evening of February 2.

Mr. John Redmond, editor of the Daily  
Republican of Burlington, Kansas will be initiated  
as a professional member if his health permits him  
to be present.

Following the banquet, Mr. C. G.  
Wellington, managing editor of the Kansas City Star,  
will speak. We presume that his talk will deal  
with editorial policies of the Kansas City Star.

The initiation will be held in the  
English room of the Student Union building at 5:45  
p.m. The banquet will be served in the Kansas  
room. The price of the meal is \$1.25.

Please inform me as to whether or  
not you can attend.

Sincerely,

*Keith Leslie*

Keith Leslie, Secretary  
K.U. Chapter  
Sigma Delta Chi

*Please acknowledge  
and say I expect to attend*

*1322M*

*called*

January 20, 1950

Mr. Keith Leslie, Secretary  
K.U. Chapter, Sigma Delta Chi  
920 Missouri Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Leslie:

Thank you for your kind invitation to attend  
the initiation ceremony and banquet on February 2.  
I shall plan to attend.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely

W. C. Simons

WCS:ms

*Called  
10:20 a.m.  
2/2  
unable to attend*

Nell





1-23-50

Dear Mr Simons:

The lovely Christmas  
poinsettia - is still  
very beautiful and  
has added a great  
deal of color and  
warmth to our home.  
We have all enjoyed  
it - and especially -  
we have appreciated  
the kind thought of  
us at Christmastime  
that prompted your

sending it - thank you  
very much.  
Yours sincerely,  
Bill Warner.

January 26, 1950

Mrs. Helen J. Hosford  
2245 Learnard  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Hosford:

I was pleased to receive your letter of recent date. I had always held your husband in high regard and still think that he was one of the outstanding men in Lawrence, and of my acquaintance.

You have your son and other associates who, doubtless, are ready to serve you in any way they can, but if at any time you have occasion to call on me, I shall be glad to have you do so.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:ms

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LAWRENCE

18/1/50.

Dear Mr. Simmons,

It made me very  
happy to have your  
nice card and note  
at Christmas time and  
I am grateful for your  
thoughtfulness.

I hope the new year  
will be a happy one for you.

With kindest personal  
regards, I remain

Sincerely,

J. Smith,

January 25, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Maloney, Jr.  
6844 DelNorte Lane  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Owen and Marie:

I was over to Eileen's the other day and saw their darling baby and it made me think of the little one who is to enter your home a few months hence. I hope it will be rugged as its dad and as sweet and loving as its mother.

While I have not had the pleasure of being with Marie anywhere nearly as much as I should have liked, she has quite captured my affection and I believe she will prove a mighty good complement to the business ability of her husband.

I sincerely hope that the time will come when you will not be so far away from us, for as it is I will only get to see you now and then.

Much love to you both,

P.S. Please be sure to send me the simple data in regard to Marie's genealogical background. Give me the maiden name of the mother and where she was born, and perhaps the names of her parents and place of birth. Also give the same data in regard to her father, Mr. Daly, as I need this pretty soon in order to complete my work on the Maloney family.

January 25, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riggs  
2046 Northeast 29th Street  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear grandchildren:

I was glad to receive Marrison's letter and to know that everything is moving along nicely with you. I have today written Blanche and my other daughters.

I was at Eileen's a couple of nights ago and held Wayne in my arms for quite awhile. He is one of the prettiest babies I have ever seen and it is a pleasure to be with him.

They ordered a bed but it was slow in coming so we loaned them the baby bed at our home. Last night Carl returned it saying the new bed had arrived.

Eileen is a dandy little housekeeper and everything looks as neat as a pin at all times. I have no doubt I would find your home equally as attractive were I so fortunate as to be there.

By the way, I wish you would send me some data on Robert's genealogical background. We should have the name of his parents and grandparents at least, and if there is any other ancestor that should be mentioned, include him or her as the case may be.

Otis and Margaret, who have been with me for more than a year, anticipate leaving in June, and I have already arranged with a fine young couple to take over when they leave. The girl is a typist and has copied 38 pages of manuscript for me in the last couple of days. She returned to Manhattan today and hopes to be back in Lawrence Saturday. I hated to see her go because the road is treacherous.

We shall be glad to have you and Bob come to see us when you can.

Lots of love,

**DONALD**  
VALLEY VIEW

**M.**

**SWARTHOUT**  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

*Personal*

January 1, 1950

Dear Mr. Simons:

It was most thoughtful and generous of you to remember us again with the lovely tie. I appreciate this annual Christmas gift very much and thank you for it.

I trust the Holiday Season was one of joy for you with the associations with your splendid family. We were not fortunate this year in having any of our close loved ones back here with us but made the best of it anyway.

Here is wishing you the best kind of a Happy New Year and many more to come. We appreciate your friendship.

Cordially yours,

*D. M. Swarthout*

3506 Avalon Lane  
Topeka, Kansas  
January 5, 1950

Dear Mr. Simons':

We want you to know we certainly do appreciate the turkey you sent us. We have had turkeys and turkeys but these you have sent us are absolutely the nicest.

Our youngsters are now six and nine and this is the last year our six year old will believe in Santa we're afraid. We have dreaded that time for it does make Christmas preparation more exciting. Now we find we have another to step right in. The grandson was here to spend Christmas and we are looking forward for him to grow up a bit so we can start the routing all over again.

Thank you very much for the turkey which we all enjoyed.

Sincerely,

Gladys Kennedy

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IN  
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*from Godey's  
Lady's Book,  
the popular  
monthly magazine  
of that  
period*



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FASHION PLATE FROM GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK, 1870



Dear Mr. Simons,

I thank you so  
much for the beautiful  
poems. It added  
so much to our Xmas  
joy, and we deeply  
appreciated your  
thoughtfulness.

Do stop in and visit  
with us; we would love  
to see you any time.

Affectionately  
Alice Allen

January 2, 1950

Dear Mr. Simons,

I am writing this note to wish you a Happy New Year and also to thank you again for your Christmas note. I was quite surprised and delighted to receive it. I shall be careful in spending it and think of you when I do -

Thank you very much -

Polly Rankin

January 5, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hoinville  
7539 Colfax Avenue  
Chicago 49, Illinois

My dear Charles and Mary:

I have received a copy of your beautiful story "In the North Woods". I am glad to receive a copy although I read proof on your material before it was published. I am not ordinarily called upon to do this, but I wanted to be sure that it was correct.

I think it is fine that you are able to get so much pleasure out of both your home in the North Woods and your work among the people who live there permanently.

Please remember me to Nick and his family and give my best wishes for the new year to Katie and John.

Lovingly,

January 5, 1950

Mr. Herman A. Mercer  
*4118 Park River Drive*  
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Mercer:

I want to thank you for the autographed copy of "Down Drafts" by B. M. Atkinsons, Jr.

I have read a number of the stories and feel sure that I will find a lot of enjoyment in the book. I am glad to receive it, both for its worth and for the memories that it recalls.

Mrs. Simons and I enjoyed so much are acquaintance with you and Mrs. Mercer and with your darling little girl.

I hope that 1950 will prove a happy and profitable year for you.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

Lois G. Hutchinson  
18 South Munn Avenue 71 Beech Street  
East Orange, N. J.

December 24, 1949

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

I so appreciate the beautiful card of sympathy from the Lawrence Church, and your note on the back thereof, also the clipping about my mother's death which you enclose. I felt sure that there must be some still in the Church who would remember mother. Mr. Simons, to whom you phoned, has been a familiar and beloved personage in our home for many years, because of my parents' great friendship and fondness for him. And to whomever, probably you, gave the information to the newspaper I am also indebted.

I feel sure that you have chosen the best course to find relief in your sorrow. I too have turned to my Church, and my Pastor and my friends there are helping me mightily to come through this hard Christmas season. I offered to help in the Kindergarten Class, and find that a wonderful help. I believe I inherited my mother's fondness for little children, with whom she did much and successful work. I know, because I was her fattest and most fervent pupil!

Thank you and cordial holiday greetings.

Very sincerely,

*Lois G. Hutchinson*

January 5, 1950

Miss Lois G. Hutchinson  
71 Beech Street  
East Orange, N. J.

Dear Miss Hutchinson:

I have just been handed your recent letter to Mrs. Wilcox. I have always felt a closer and more understandable friendship with your father than any other pastor we have ever had, although nearly all of them have been my personal friend.

As I look back, there was ten years or more difference in our ages. Your father was nearing 50 when the call came to him to become president of Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, his alma mater. He said to me at that time that when a minister reached the age of 50, he usually began to accept smaller rather than more important charges.

It has been my understanding for years that Doctor Hutchinson was one of the most scholarly men ever to have filled a Lawrence pulpit. When he wished to refresh his mind in regard to something Martin Luther had written, he went to the original German sources to read it. The same was true of his knowledge of other languages. He was a kindly loveable man, and I thought a great deal of him.

Dis Dissension in the governing board at Acadia University was unsatisfactory to him and he soon resigned to become Baptist State Secretary in the state of Iowa. Not long after, while walking through a public park in an Iowa city, he was stricken. The funeral was held in Lawrence, and I was one of the bearers. You were a little flaxen haired chubby girl, as I recall of 4 or 5 years of age.

I also knew your mother well, but my friendship for her was not of the same personal nature that it was with your father and I.

I had not heard from your family for many many years until

Miss Lois G. Hutchinson

January 5, 1950

the recent notice of your mother's passing. I recall the advent of a baby boy which I presume was adopted. Involuntarily expressing a little surprise, Doctor Hutchinson said, "I will tell you all about it", and I answered, "It is not necessary for you to do so unless you wish." If the little chap was reared as your brother, he would be something past 40 years old at this time.

If at any time I can be of service to you, please call on me.

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

WCS:md

Marie Maloney  
Old City, Okla

Feb. 24, 1950

Dear Granddad -

I am sorry I have been so long in answering your nice letter.

I wrote home to my mother for the information you wanted about my parents and grand-parents - she send it to me, but some how I have misplace it. I shall have to write her to send it to me again. Hope you don't mind waiting a little longer.

I want to thank you for the wonderful Bond. we have put it away for a nest egg. with starting a family will come in handy some day.



I am feeling fine - just getting  
a little anxious. Isn't it just  
wonderful about Marilyn? They  
are so thrilled.

Uncle Dolph called us on his  
way to South America - we were  
sorry we didn't get to see them,  
any way it was nice to talk to  
him.

Hope that you are feeling  
fine and that we shall hear  
from you again soon.

Love from us both  
Marie

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Jan. 28, 1950

Mr. Charles H. Hoinville  
7539 South Colfax Avenue  
Chicago 49, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hoinville:

It is again my pleasure to thank you for a Christmas message,  
In the North Woods, 1949. I am sure these personal accounts mean a  
great deal to your many friends, and we are happy to place them on  
file in our library.

Thanking you and with best wishes for the new year, I am

Sincerely yours,

*K. Mechem*  
Secretary

KM:LB

CHARLES H. HOINVILLE  
7539 SOUTH COLFAX AVENUE  
CHICAGO 49, ILLINOIS

February 20, 1950

My dear Collie:

I want to thank you for your contribution to the Twin Lakes School up in Chicago Town near the Hills, and I know it is appreciated by the children and also the parents. They really have improved considerably in school morale in the last three years.

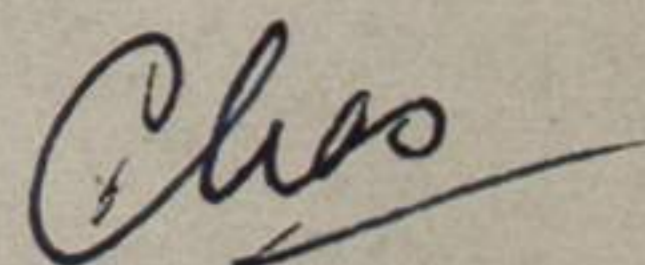
I too am glad to hear of Sally's recovery and as she grows I believe this condition will leave her system. You may recall we had to be careful of Mary Jule at one time and the main thing was rest and amusement for her with paper dolls and such.

I am handing you a letter from Mr. Mechem of the State Historical Society. Some time when at Lawrence I plan to drive to Topeka, call on him and see how many of the little booklets the Society has.

We heard from Mary Jule that you are working on a family history and it certainly is a very pleasant pastime. I wish you had the Chicago Newberry Library for your research.

Mary joins me in good wishes to you.

With love,



Brother Charles