

December 10, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Medlock
310 West 46th Terrace
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Grandchildren,

As you may know, I have long offered a premium for grandchildren, and so I enclose herewith a check for \$250, which will help pay the unusual expense.

Love to you both,

Grandad

WCS:en
Enc.

MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY
401 WEST FIFTH
MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

Nov. 7 -

Dear Dad -

So glad you are
going to be with us for
the Thanksgiving holiday.
Dad says he has talked
& you don't it and he's
let you know definitely
when he is leaving ^{so} you'll
have plenty of time to get
ready - I will be on
Nov. 20 - Two
Tuesday from yesterday but
I don't know the time of the
day. He will go back the
following Sunday - ^{so} you'll
have several days here with

us.

has been having some cold weather and it showed a bit yesterday but rained up today. Bee trees are really shedding their leaves now.

Mac made a trip to Kemptville on business today and has a concert hearing in Concordia tomorrow. Bill keeps well and Mary and I are now for the is getting and was row to the event to take place.

I haven't started that book yet but who knows - some day I may get around to it.

Take good care of yourself.

11/16/51

Love -

Janet

Deus

November 26, 1951

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

Dear Janet and Mac,

We had an uneventful trip home and found a warm house and everything O.K. You are fine hosts and I certainly enjoyed my stay at your house.

Come and see me and make a longer stay than usual if possible.

Lovingly,

Dad

WCS:en

November 14, 1951

Mrs. Mary Jule Stough
2120 Vermont
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mary Jule,

How are you, your fine husband and your lovely daughters? In thinking of you, I so often remember your darling mother. I think I have told you of the time when, as a baby, she was very sick and I was a youngster of 17. Her mama had been greatly worried about her lovely little daughter, and was very much encouraged when Vera gave me a smile. It had been the first recognition that she had given to anyone and her recovery soon followed. How happy she would have been to have known your darling daughters.

I have a letter from Grayce Freeman in which she said she had sent your birthday card early. She said she had written it and had not meant to send it until later, but it was picked up with some other mail.

Find enclosed a birthday check, which I hope you can use to advantage.

Lots of love,

Your uncle

WCS:en
Enc.

November 15, 1951

2nd Lt. Dolph C. Simons, Jr., 055013
1st Training Battalion
"B" Barracks, Company "A"
Marine Corps School
Quantico, Virginia

Dear Dolph,

I had the pleasure of having dinner with your family last night, and we were glad to have John with us. He still keeps himself in shape for athletics and performs well when called upon. The middle finger of his left hand had been bruised a bit in practice, but not serious enough to be wrapped up.

Your home is very attractive and I don't believe you have seen it since it was done over. If it should so happen that you and Pam would want a place where you could either be quiet or could receive company, remember there is lots of room at the Cedars and not very many folks there.

Yesterday was the 57th anniversary of my wedding. I remember the date because anniversaries spent without Gertrude, while full of pleasant memories of the past, are also full of grief that she is no longer here. I placed a wonderful blanket of red roses on her grave yesterday.

Everything seems to be running along smoothly, but we could take you on and keep you busy the sooner the better. I was 20 years old when I began business in Lawrence, absolutely without capital and with a family, because mamma, Etoile, Louis and Grayce were all at home. Louis, however, was on his own very shortly after we came to Lawrence. He was generous but from boyhood had kept and spent his own money, although he was very free in doing things for mamma. Of the five children, of which I was one, only Grayce and I survive, but my family has developed to where I have ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren with prospects for more in the near future.

I shall be very happy when your time of enlistment is over because we can make mighty good use of you here, which I think would meet with your desires, as I have the idea that you would like to be connected with the newspaper at the earliest possibility. Not including Sunflower or Wesvaco, the Journal-World, which started with nothing, has long since had the second largest payroll in Lawrence. As the town grows, the paper grows. As business increases, advertising increases and vice versa. Where at one time I looked forward to a possible 5,000 circulation, the Journal-World now has well over 8,000, and when we have Dolph Jr. with his new ideas and energy, we will doubtless continue to grow.

Your dad has the idea, or at least has had, that he would like to have you and John have different papers if that met with your desire. However, that to me does not seem necessary as we need vigorous young men in our business which is still expanding.

Yesterday marked the 57th anniversary of my marriage to your grandma, and the 14th of December will mark 60 years since I first set foot in Lawrence, a young man of 20 without a solitary acquaintance in the town outside of my family. At that time the population of Lawrence was something over 9,000, and the attendance at K. U., which still had a preparatory department, was about 700. I may never have mentioned it to you, but for many years when anything new is contemplated for the town, I do not ask if it will be good for the Journal-World; the one and only question being, will it be good for Lawrence. The field is open and wide so just as soon as Uncle Sam will let you go, we shall be very happy to have you here with us.

I am very happy over your love for Pam, and hope that you will bring her home as a bride while I am still here.

I am always glad to get your letters and if there is anything I can do for you, please let me know.

Lovingly,

Grandad

WCS:en

November 8, 1951

Mrs. Charles Medlock
310 West 46th Terrace
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mary Beth,

How is everything with the Medlock family?
It will not be too long now until the expected
arrival is here. I know we shall all love the
little one very much, as we do its mother.

I don't know of anything new to tell you.
Everything moves along just about so-so at home.
The Scetts are taking care of the home very nicely.

If there is anything that I can do for
you, let me know.

Lots of love,

Grandad

WCS:en

November 3, 1951

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet,

I have just written to Blanche and told her that I saw you more often than I did my other two daughters, and I thought that was partially because of Mike being here and Mary Beth being in Kansas City, but no matter what causes you to come, I am always glad to see you.

I took dinner with Dolph and Marie last night and had a pleasant evening. I am with them about once every week, which makes it pleasant for me.

I hope that everything is well with you and Mac.

Lovingly,

Dad

WCS:en

11/2/51
Phoned H. Beck
who will make
photostats & mail to mac
(K)

L. A. McNALLY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

ASSOCIATE
EVAN CORMAN

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November 1, 1951.

Mr. Leo L. Eller,
722 Massachusetts Street,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Leo:

In looking over the abstract, I find that the stipulations made with reference to the party wall on Lot 76 are inadequate so far as determining any rights of the parties.

The agreements are recorded in Book 3, at page 443; Book 32, at page 416; and Book 34, at page 74. I wish you would have someone copy the full text of these documents so that I can examine them and determine what the rights of the parties are. It is probable that the Register of Deeds can do this if she gets the proper description.

Until I receive the full contract I cannot tell who is liable for the improvements made on the property.

With best personal regards, I remain

Yours very truly,

LAMc

L. A. McNalley.

LAMc:ead

MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY
401 WEST FIFTH
MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

Oct. 29 -

Dear Dad -

It was really nice
& see you again and to find
you feeling so well.
In all the hustle and
bustle I neglected to mention
or ask any thing about you
plans for Thanksgiving. Elmer
and Wally will undoubtedly
& their families for
the party. He will be
the occasion & have you come
very happy & have you come
spend the holiday with us.
Mike will be driving out when
our new vacation starts
and you can ride out with

him then ride back then
he returns to class. It won't
be nearly as tiresome & divine
as the one to a fun dinner
esoteria and I don't believe it
would be too hard on you.
Please decide & do this
and let us know what you think

— Our plans for Christmas
can't be very definite as yet
as we don't know how well
May Beth will keep & her
schedule — Thanksgiving is
on Nov. 22 — this year — just

three weeks from next Thursday —

It is raining here this morning
and quite gloomy. We had a
nice visit with May Beth and

Charlie — Lois / we ?
Janet

October 31, 1951

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

Dear Janet and Mac,

The flowers you sent for mother are beautiful. I went out to the cemetery yesterday with Dolph and Marie, and they placed some very pretty flowers on the grave. As the prospect was for cold weather last night, we left the flowers that you sent at home, where they stand as much in memory of Gertrude as they would be out in freezing weather at the cemetery. However, if the weather moderates, I shall be glad to take them out.

As Dolph has told you, I am planning on coming out for Thanksgiving with Mike.

I do not know of anything of special importance to tell you. Everything seems to be moving along as usual at home.

My attention was called today that resolutions have been passed to pave Vermont Street from Indian Avenue south. This would take care of the mud hole caused by the development to the south, but the expense will be almost entirely mine. The property to the east belongs to Haskell Institute, and whether the city can pave and charge a portion of it to the government or not I am not sure.

I haven't seen Mike for some little time, but presume that he is busy with his studies. It is mighty nice to have you drop in on me from time to time and I appreciate it.

Lots of love,

Dad

WCS:en

October 24, 1951

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet,

I haven't anything special to write to you about, because you know that I love you, and you know that I have always been proud of you from babyhood up, and you have not in any way disappointed me. Kindly nature, with the aid of your parents, gave you a wonderfully brilliant intellect. Now that your children are more or less for themselves, I wish you would take the advice that I first gave you many years ago, and that is to do some literary work. With your brilliant mind and well-rounded education, the only thing necessary to make you a success in the literary world is someone to keep poking at you until you start to work.

Write articles for the public press, write a book, or write a series of articles on various subjects, and you can make enough money to hire some worthy woman to do your house work and more too. Maybe you could make enough to feed your old father in his old age.

As a matter of fact, it would be a darn shame to have anyone as brilliant as you are fail to leave a mark in the literary world. You know just as well as I do that I am writing the truth. Take for your subject the fact that most of the girls, who go to college and who are the pride of their fond parents, could do a lot for themselves and others in a literary way, if they would just break away from "the blamed ~~fattigued~~" (fatigued).

You know I have suggested this to you since you were in your teen age. It is like a beginner going in swimming for the first time; they need someone to push them into the water, and after the first splash, they gain confidence.

I am expecting Dorothea and the boys here tomorrow. Elinor and Walley continue to be good companions as well as good housekeepers. If it were not for the presence of someone like that, I should be very lonely at home.

Lots of love and come often and stay as long as you can. Give my love to Mac.

Lovingly,

Dad

WCS:en

MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY
401 WEST FIFTH
MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

Oct. 16 -

Dearest Dad -

Say my ne credit
date at & the 1st goes last
Saturday - Dad is busy
getting ready for court next
week and I have been
laid up with a severe cold -
I feel much better
however the worst is over.
Today I hope the day I am
I took cold on the way home
from Lawrence a week ago
Sunday and haven't
been able to shake it off.
There is good & bad news
John is getting & very bad
do hope he will overcome -
He certainly has the stomach

MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY

401 WEST FIFTH

MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

and determined that it
takes.

The plan & gone down
rest rest for the K.U.-K. State
game. One has a number
one coming up next week but
Slopes & take it round up in
tree so we can see the game.
Mary says she and Charlie
are out to see & Saturday
and Mike reports he's seen
you too. He is making his
application to K.U. Medical.
School - Study hope to get in -
Love for wife and taking
you're feeling good and taking
care of yourself - Oct. 27 if
nothing happens - much love -
Janet

MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY
401 WEST FIFTH
MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

Oct. 10 -

Dear Dad -
Just a few lines to tell
you how much we enjoyed
being with you several times last
week.

We had quite a trip home
Sunday - almost was out of
gas and had to get some from
a farmer - then got the following
station operators at Zelmaugh
from his home & open up
for us -

I have been having a
severe cold and have felt
miserable all week but am
better today so hope I'll
recover entirely in a day or two.

The weather has been ideal -
but we still haven't been able
to get into the field at 27
Bennings to do any work. The
ground doesn't dry out -

There is not much news.
Dad is busy as usual - he
won't be down to the game tickets,
well but sent one to
Mary and Charlie - they will
probably go if the weather is nice
and Mary falls well enough.
Love to both and hope
you are keeping well but
not running any risks.
Truly yours
Janet

October 17, 1951

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet,

I have before me your letter of October 10. It has been my good fortune to see you much more often than I have the others who are not living in town. I am always very happy to see you and Mac, and also to have Mary Beth and Charles drop in to see Mike quite frequently.

I am sorry you ran out of gas, and quite fortunately, I have seldom had that experience. I remember one time, being short on gas, when I was driving out to see you, and I caught a ride into the nearest town and had them take gas out to me. It is an experience that we are all apt to have no matter how careful we may be.

I am very sorry you are having a cold, and hope that you are feeling very much better now. Perhaps I should rap on the wood pile, but I have been quite fortunate in escaping colds.

I had a nice visit with Blanche over the weekend, and a part of the time with Pat also.

I can hardly realize that your fruit trees have lived so long and have borne so much fruit. In Hedgeman County and Pawnee County, if a man succeeded in having some fruit trees, they usually did not live long. A Mr. Longsbury, who lived just west of Learnard and in the district where mama had taught school at one time, had succeeded in keeping some fruit trees alive for quite awhile, but lost them all during a period of draught. I will pass on to you an idea that I have had, but perhaps it would not be necessary where you are. I have thought that if I were living in Western Kansas again, that I would locate the trees where I wanted to have them, and then would discharge dynamite in each one of the holes. The force of the

dynamite goes down rather than up, and it would have a tendency to loosen the subsoil. I don't know how it would work, but I believe it would be worth trying. I planted some trees on the ten acres that I used to own on West 9th Street, and had each hole dynamited. The result is that the trees are still living, although the ground has passed through many hands.

I think Mary Beth will have to be quite careful of herself for the next 40 or 50 days, because we do not want anything to happen to her. I have been very happy to have you drop in on me so often, and hope you can continue to do so.

Lots of love,

Dad

WCS:en

Tuesday noon

~~Dear Dad -~~

Smely was fine & see for
again last week end. He got home
in good time with no difficulties
whatever.

Our pointers are busy at work
and if the weather stays favorable
and they keep up as they have so
far they should finish the job
this week. It is really going ⁸
to be a big improvement as 'the house'
needed painting very badly.

I don't know much news & will
you be going to join a class
in square dancing - or just
as soon as tonight I suppose.

Enough Mac is quite interested
enough there will be eight couples and
the school teacher is to give

one of the school hours.

The instruction is for two hours.

I must write to Mary and ⁸

Dick and then have ⁸
time for some groceries. We keep
eating three times a day, much ⁸

my regret!

Hope you're taking care of yourself
and feeling better - I'd expect 8
and find you improved downstair when
I come back next time.

Lots of love -

John

MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY
401 WEST FIFTH
MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

Sunday -
Sept. 23 -

Dear Dad -
As glad to receive
your short letter last week
and all the one forwarded
from Blanche. Perhaps I
can come down when she
is there - it is too early
for me to make definite
plans yet.

Mac and I are free
tonight & he is Lawrence
tonight - do not expect us
for dinner as it is uncertain
as when we can start from
here - Mac has an appointment
Saturday morning - and we won't

8 & the same Saturday afternoon. K.A. really did
fine last night. He listened
to it all on the radio and we
tried to have the boys
put on such a good show.
I have been doing a little
house cleaning. It is slow
and I don't like to do it but
guess it is a necessary evil.
Dick seems to be getting
on satisfactorily. He probably
won't get out to see you ~
often as he doesn't have
his cast on Lawrence. He
is letting Mary and Charlie
use it. Mary says she is feeling
fine - I am anxious to see
her again -

MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY
401 WEST FIFTH
MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

Guess I've told you all
my news - I have been
staying at home most of
the time - nothing unusual
A report.
We are looking forward⁸
to seeing you Friday night -
much love

Janet

September 25th

Dearest Grandad,

We were so pleased to hear from you - and to know that your summer was an enjoyable one.

This Friday we're leaving for New Mexico to spend the 2nd half of our vacation. So far we haven't made any plans as to where we're going to stay or what we want to see - so it's definitely an unplanned trip - but I've heard that sometimes those are the most fun of all. We do have some friends in Carlsbad and Albuquerque that we hope to see.

This summer has been a nice one for us - except for being so awfully hot. Our air conditioner was a blessing through - and we just disconnected it last Sunday. However, yesterday it was 90° here and I think some cool air would have felt good.

He always gets a good batch when you have to board him in the kennel.

We heard part of the football game last Sat. and are eager to know if John got to play. It was a wonderful surprise for K. it to win. I hope they can win a great many more before the season's through.

Must close now and write more.

We love you loads and hope you are well again soon.

Marilyn

Several weeks ago we were in Tulsa for a week. Both of us were in a wedding and really had a grand time visiting our two friends off.

Another friend of mine was married that week too - so there were lots of parties to attend. I had a luncheon for our bride and a dinner party for the couple whose wedding we were in.

Bob and I certainly would love to get up to Lawrence for a game this fall - but as yet haven't made any plans to do so - as the drive is such a long one for just one week-end. It's the long drive home Sunday that bothers us - goes over 400 miles. Last year you as we took our vacation starting game.

This fall I'm working as a member of a Marionette cast for my placement job in the Junior

League. The play we give is Hansel and Gretel and we troop to all the public grade schools. It's just a professional show - (we think) but this week we aren't rehearsing as one of the cast came down with polio Friday. We were, of course all exposed - but I feel that polio is something you can't feel about - as there is nothing you can do to protect yourself against it - except to be in good physical condition. It strikes in two particular patterns. It is such a frightening thing though as so little is known about it. We carry a medical policy to cover it - and hope that fine day carry it forever and never need to use it.

This ^{last} week-end we started getting ready for winter - No! on our list was fixing "Mii's" dog house. I got a lot of cedar chips and we made several pillows out of sacks for him to burrow into. Cedar chips make him smell so good & I understand keep the fleas away.

October 1, 1951

Mrs. Robert Riggs
2110 Elmhurst
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Marilyn:

I was very glad to get your letter of Sept. 25 and was glad to have your dad with us over the weekend. We were sorry that Blanche could not also accompany him, but I think she was being host to her grandson, Wayne.

When your grandma was living, we used to drive around quite a good deal, and went from coast to coast, and from Minnesota to Old Mexico and also around South America. But now, without her and with advancing years, I do not believe that I shall make many trips. It always seemed rather queer to me that Mr. R. C. Jackman of Lawrence, after the death of his wife, who was a charming woman, should make a trip by himself around the world. I do not believe that I should enjoy a trip by myself after having made so many in the company of your grandma. I think that we figured that the states of Oregon and South Carolina were the only two in the Union that we have not visited. We missed going to Hawaii because we could not secure proper accommodations on a boat at that time.

I hope that you and Robert will be able to make many pleasant trips together, and we also hope to see you here.

Lovingly,

Your grandfather

WCS:en

Friday

Sept 14-

Minneapolis, Minn

dear Dad -

I was so glad to receive
your good letter yesterday -
Dike said you were not feeling
well when he saw you ^{on Tuesday} & I have just
now I was happy to have you
report that things are all
right.

We are enjoying having
Dike home for a few days.
He will go back to Lawrence
Sunday and settle down & the
old grind again. He and
Dace have just ^{been} & the country
& look at some of the
grazing operations -

I really don't know much
news as we have not been
doing much of anything except
the usual routine. I haven't
heard from Blanche & I wrote
since we were in Minnesota
so don't know any of the family

news.

Joey Bush says she is fine
except for the "growing bulge" -

It was nice for Doug Jr.

& he home if ever for a short
time. He hope they will go well
for him -

He will probably be down
for the down state - Dr. W. June
two miles from town on Aug. 29
He has had our tickets & indeed
he has had our tickets & indeed
for some time but has not
yet received them. Will let you
know again if and when we
are coming.

Take care of yourself and
use your own good judgment
about over exertions - He enjoyed
our time at the lake with you
and we glad you found it pleasant.
Don't stop and fix something
to eat as the dogs will be in
before long.

Much love

Janet

Sept. 18, 1951

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet,

I was glad to get your letter and will be very happy to have you at the old homestead, not only for the game of September 29, but on as many such occasions as you can come down.

Dolph and Marie have been away for several days. A wire from Dolph states they will be home in time for dinner Tuesday evening, and that they have a good report on Marie's lame knee.

It was certainly fine to have you with me at the lake this summer.

Lovingly,

Dad

WCS:en

Sept. 18, 1951

Mrs. Charles Medlock
310 West 46th Terrace
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mary Beth,

It has not been too long since I have seen you and yet I am anxious to see you again.

I am presuming that with the opening of the football season you will be up here for some of the games, at which time we shall be happy to have you at the old homestead.

I had a letter yesterday from your mama telling me that you were getting along nicely.

Give my love to Charles and I hope to see you both in the near future.

Lovingly,

WCS:en

September 12, 1951

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I have been a little slow in writing because vacation season is on.

As you know, I had a first-class driver and companion in coming home from the lake. I think we all enjoyed it very much.

I found things in good shape at home and that my splendid isolation will soon be a thing of the past. Two of the new houses being built south of me are nearing completion and others are under way.

I had a colored man with good power equipment for mowing out one day last week, but like many colored men, his judgment was not as good as his machinery, and his work was not very satisfactory.

We had a nice visit with Dolph Jr., who left this morning to return to his unit at Quantico, Virginia. He looks well, and apparently is taking his service very philosophically.

I had a nice little visit with Mike who came out to the house. He is looking well.

I thoroughly enjoyed having you and members of your family with me at the lake, and I am only sorry that I did not remain for at least another week in order to give Mc a longer vacation.

Come and see me whenever you can.

Lots of love,

WCS:df

Ans q/r

MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY
401 WEST FIFTH
MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

Sept. 4
Tues.

Dear Dad,

We arrived home ~~today~~
night after a pleasant trip.
It rained most of the way and
has hardly stopped raining
since - Things are really
soaked and more floods
are feared.

We have been busy
as can be - getting things
in order - washing and
getting the children off.
Mary and Charlie left
yesterday and Bill left
today for much work but
will be back home for

a few days after he enrolls
absent from tomorrow:

I did a big washing
Saturday and another of
today. Clothes are hanging
in the basement -

Mac has gone to a meeting
of the city council & I have
developed a bad cold and
runny nose so am going
& bed as soon as I finish
this.

We enjoyed the time
at the lake very much -
It was nice for May B'day
& be there and Mac
enjoyed his short stay
too. We hope the trip
home wasn't too bad

MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY
401 WEST FIFTH
MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

on you and, that you've
suffered no ill effects or
had no further recurrence
of your heart fears yet.
I really don't know any
news to tell you - Everyone
here is depressed because
of the floods and the
continuing wet weather.
Please use your good
judgment and don't attempt
any more exerting or
carrying stunts that might
affect your health.
Lots of love -
Janet

September 12, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Medlock
310 West 46th Terrace
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mary Beth and Charles:

I have just written to your mama and had a visit from Mike yesterday or the day before.

We had a fine time together this summer, and I hope that another year, Charles will be able to join you at the lake. If everything goes well, there will be another important member of your family, who will probably be a little too young to swim.

Everything is moving along smoothly at home with Mr. and Mrs. Scott looking after things. We had a little excitement last night in the early evening, when their little dog discovered an intruder in our basement. After quite some time, Dolph and Dolph Jr. came out with a shotgun and the intruder was found to be a squirrel. How it had gotten into the basement, I do not know. It might possibly have come down thru a chimney, but that is questionable.

There doesn't seem to be anything special to write you about at this time, but I am always glad to hear from you, and to know that everything is moving along nicely.

Lovingly,

Your Grandfather

WCS:df

Janet

Sept. 6, 1951

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

Dear Janet and Mac,

I want you to know how much I appreciated all that you did this summer to enable me to spend so much time at the Lake. I realize that it undoubtedly upset your plans, and I regret that I did not stay an additional week or two in order to give Mac some more fishing. In a case of that kind again, please remember that I would greatly appreciate your calling my attention to something which otherwise would be overlooked.

It is too bad that Mike did not have some time with us as I think he enjoys being on the Lake.

With love to each one of you, I remain,

As ever,

WCS:en

Dad

Dr C Simons 6/18
are

For You, DAD,
on Father's
Day



It ain't no fish story,
Dear Dad, when I say --

AN AMERICAN GREETING CARD
CLEVELAND, OHIO
15F Y-310-1

AND A STRING OF HAPPINESS ALL THROUGH THE YEAR!

"By golly, you sure rate
A **WHALE** of a day!"

Lots of love
from
Janet

~~W. H. H. and
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H. H. Hart
and others -
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Aug 6 1918



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Sat. morning

Dear Dad -

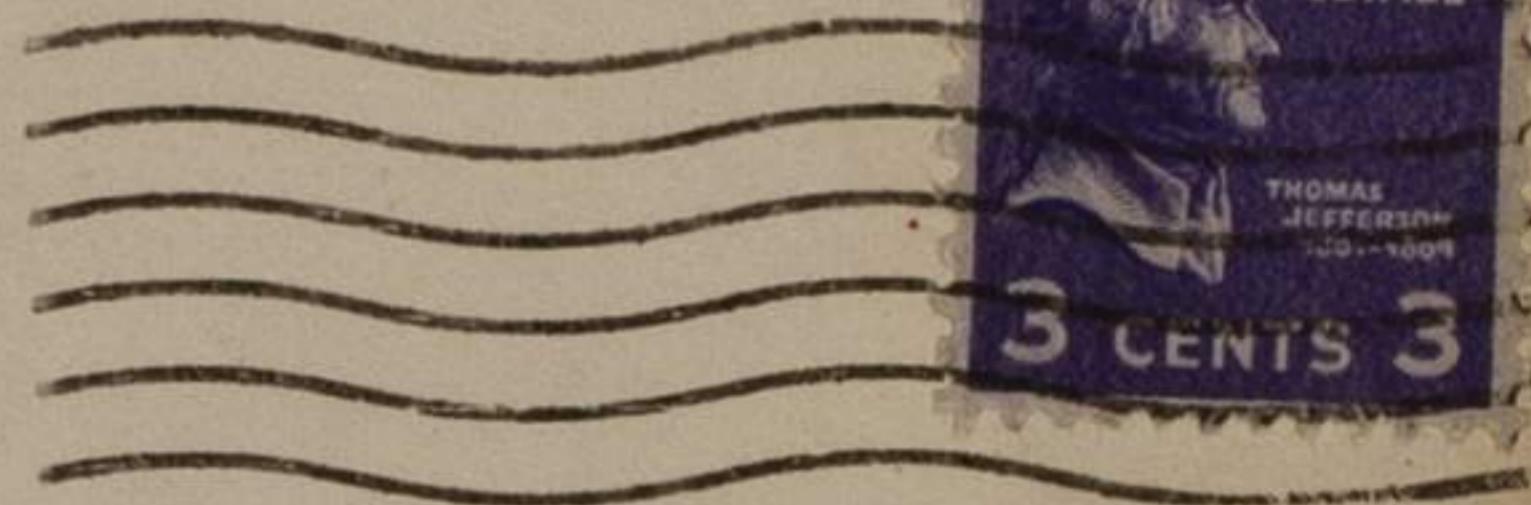
While I was writing
this morning the name of the
poem came to me "Casabianca" -
then I looked it up and
found the boy was a Corsican
sailor on a French ship
commanded by his father.
The ship was sinking in
Nelson's fleet as it lay in
Aboukir Bay - Egypt -
and the boy and his father
and the boy and his father
refused to leave the ship.
He was planning to leave

writing this afternoon
for hymn - then on & feel
less tomorrow.

I hope you're feeling better
all the time - I'll see you
again in a week or so.

Much love -
Forest

ans 6/16



W. C. Simons
Journal World
Lawrence
Kansas

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MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY
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MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

Friday
afternoon

Dear Dad -

It was really fine &
have such a nice visit with
you. My train was a little late
but Mac was there to meet me
and we got home about mid-
night. The train went thru
water on each side of the track
for several miles around
Abilene.

I talked to Dorothy on the
phone this morning and
Mac and I plan to drive
to Wynona tomorrow evening
then Randa Bus and Lance
with us to Gull Lake.
Lance met us at Camp Lincoln
and the rest of us met just
things in order at the cottage.

Mae and Bus are hoping to get
some fishing in -
I hope you are feeling fine
- but not frisky enough to
go upstairs!

He will be gone a week -
then I'll be back down & see
you again before you go &
the lake.
Thank you again for the
very nice birthday gifts -
Lots of love -
Janet

He got by last night.
without a rain. The river
is very high and has flooded
lot of our land.

June 18, 1951

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Route 6
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Janet,

Having caught so big a fish on Father's Day, it might seem hardly worthwhile to go up to Gull Lake July 1, as Blanche now plans to have no go with her. I certainly will not be able to catch anywhere near as large a fish.

Thank you for the nice handkerchief.

Lovingly,

WCS:en

June 16, 1951

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet,

I have just read your letter of Friday afternoon. I drove down to the office this morning on my own, the first time I think in a couple of weeks. Everything is moving along nicely and I certainly appreciated having you with me so much. My good luck was Mac's bad luck, but I believe he was willing to have you look after your old Dad a little while, anyway.

We, too, have had rains every day or night. While I slept through last night's rain, I understand we had rather of a hard rain.

Everything seems to be OK at the office and I shall not try to be down long.

It was good not only to see you, but Mike and Mary Beth. Give my love to Mac.

Lovingly,

WCS:en

~~Ans 5/17
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MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY
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MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

Wed. A. P.

Dear Dad -

It surely was nice & see
you and I have a little
visit with you Sunday. We arrived
home about 8:30 a.m. & after
a very uneventful trip -
I talked to Beulah Monday
Pat is still
against. She says Penny & I are in
and they are leaving & we are
Leaving this week end.

Lawrence will come home
If you will come Tuesday
with me either Monday or
I will try & come down then
Malvyns are there and then
we will take for home Thursday
when Dad goes & together for
the Bar meeting. It has been
a long time since you have been here

and I think you'd enjoy it and
I know we'd enjoy having you.

I have been having lots of fun
in the last few days. I went
to Concord yesterday afternoon
with Mac as to Dad Brown's
tree - and we can have in a
veritable downpour.

Today is Father's birthday.

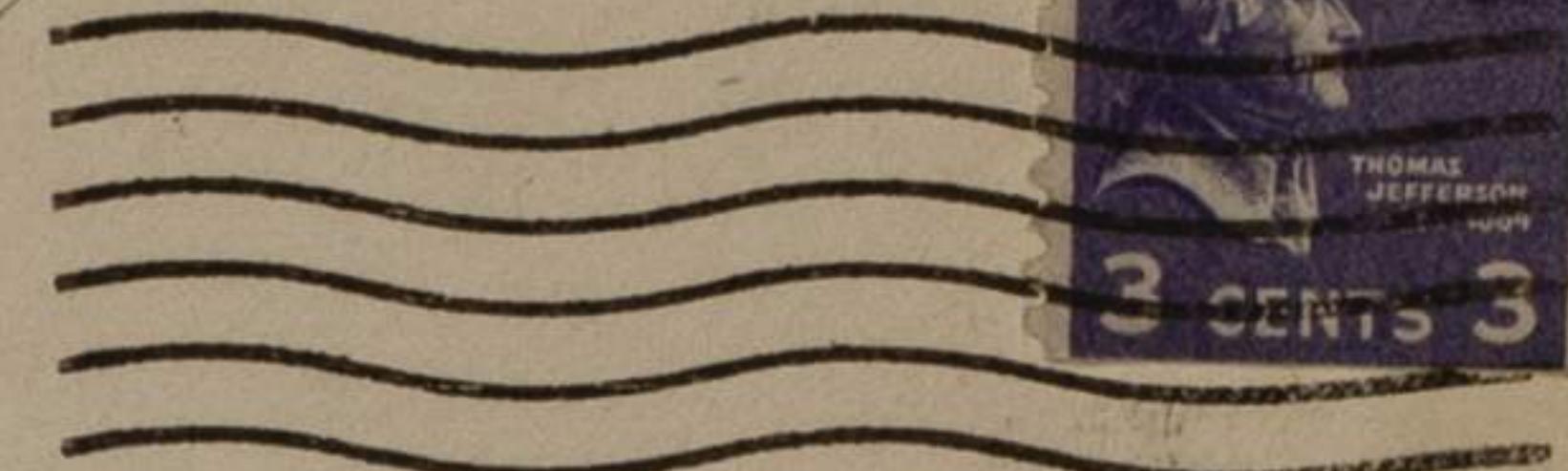
It's been thirty and I all
morning - I'm sorry I'm not
dressing so I could see
you more often -

Wish be awfully glad to hear
you and do hope you'll
come out for this little
party.

Much love -

Janet

Wrote and sent
short letter
5/25/51



W. C. Simmons
723 Mass.
Lawrence
Kansas

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MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY
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Monday -
May 21

Dear Dad -

I am very happy
& receive your good letter
last week - sorry you don't
feel like coming out - but I'm
planning to come down when
Dad goes & the Bar Baiting
is together and will spend
a day or two with you -
Then I'm going to R.C.P.
a few days and May 21st
and some shopping - and
May is coming home with
me for a visit -

I was a sorry blonde and

Pat had to postpone their visit.
Dore is spending the day
in Russell on business. - She
left at 6:30 this morning. The
has to go & K. C. on work
Wednesday but met good and
back by train & went to
mit in till late then he
goes & together with Thursday
night & Friday morning
Dore had having his 7
room -

High school commencement
is tonight and Broadbent
was last night. The Baptist minister
Mrs. Stewart gave the sermon.
Fred Montgomery of K. C. is to speak
tonight. I did see for soon.
with love to
Dore

May 22, 1951

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have just written to Blanche. It seems that it is through a slight injury or from some unknown reason Pat had a sore eye and the doctor thought it would be unwise for them to make the drive up here until a cure had been effected. In this I agree that the doctor was right. Under the circumstances, I presume you may want to delay your visit to me until Blanche can come.

There is nothing new to report. It seems that we have wind and rain for a part of most every day or night, and it has been very hard on blossoming flowers, although plentiful moisture on the whole has been good for growing plants.

I shall keep you in touch with the situation and hope to have you here while Blanche is with me. I have not seen Mike lately but occasionally hear his voice over the phone. Students are mighty busy right now with finals.

If you think she would be interested, you might send this letter on to Mary Beth after you have read it.

Lots of love,

WCS:en
Enc.

Ans 5/11

MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY
401 WEST FIFTH
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Friday, May 4

Dear Dad -

We were happy to
receive your letter today.
I am so sorry you
did not get in touch with
Mary Bink while you were in
the city. You know she
lives right on the Plaza
and you are undoubtedly
within a block or two of her
now. She would have been
so happy to see you. As she
is in school a part of each
day she doesn't get out
much otherwise - and always

enjoys seeing friends and
family - we even a phone
call.

We are expecting the
Johnson family tomorrow after-
noon & stay in Sunday
n. See met & don't be
plenty of excitement. ^{has been}
baking cookies today in
anticipation of the Johnsons
visit. Must close and do my
shopping.

Yours truly -

Janet



Ans 57

Mary Beth

May 2, 1951

Dear Grand,

Charlie and I both
have read your grand
book from cover to cover.
We were so tickled to
get it and really have
enjoyed it so much.

I know we'll be going back to it again and again.

We are both working hard, me at school and Charlie at the office. It doesn't seem like you ever get everything done.

We haven't seen Mike or the folks since Easter so we're planning to go out over

Mother's Day.

The weather was beautiful
here today. I hope spring is here
to stay - I'm ready for it.

I can't think of any more
news but I did want to
tell you how much we enjoyed
the book.

Lots of love,
Mary Beth



Aug 5/3

MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY
401 WEST FIFTH
MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

Dear Dad -

Sunday -

We received the copy of
"From the Landing of the Pilgrims
in 1620" and thank you
very much. It is a beautiful
book - the entire make up is
fine - and it certainly
shows a lot of careful
planning and work.. You
certainly did a fine job
of assembling the material
and putting it together -
The parts about your
mother and father and of
your early childhood
are particularly interesting
to me.

I have been pretty miserable
all week with a cold and a
sore throat but have been &
& the doctor and hope
to get the best of it in a day
or so. He had planned to
spend the week end with
Dany Beck and Charlie but
doc decided & have a book
pulled yesterday ^{so he}
cancelled our plans. He
has three more to be pulled
and will have that done
later.

I don't know if any
particularly interesting
news but wanted to
let you know we're ~~vacant~~
the book and appreciate it.
With loves,
Janet

Dolft & Marca have been gone 11
full days -

MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY
401 WEST FIFTH
MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

April 24

Dear Dad -

It is always good ⁸
receive your letters.

Mar has been gone all
day on business in western
Kansas. She left about 7:30
this morning and isn't home
yet - it is now almost 8 p.m.
She has hunting & got
done & seen for and hasn't
been able & get away but
she hope to make it before to
long. I see Doug as elected
& the Board of Directors of the A.P.

and H. G. at an opportune time
with all the rice and the excitement.

Really don't know any news.
He been doing a little house-
cleaning - ~~between~~ mind and
slavery spells. It is thunder-
ing now and a few sunshines
fallen. He did manage to get
me good rated and cleaned up
last week.

As far as we have ~~been~~ ^{been}
dry and Duke are getting along
fine. I think Duke must be contented
with his studies. I hope to -
ing on a nice letter for
Bend the last week and haven't
had from Duke for some time.
Lots of love -
Yours

AM
MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY
401 WEST FIFTH
MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

April 9 -

Dear Dad -

We always enjoy
receiving your good letters -
I'm sorry I've been negligent
about writing the last couple
of weeks - I have thought of
you many many times but
just put off writing.
I am serving as co-chairman
of the cancer drive for this
county and that has taken
quite a lot of time, we are
now just waiting for the
victims to come in - then
will have to record all gifts
and make reports - there is

a full right now.
He enjoyed raising the
children here for Easter - and
we expect to bring him and
family & spend a week end
with us soon.

Distylics Court commences
today and Mac is very busy -
He expects to have several
giving cases to try this time.
It has been cold cloudy
and rainy here for the past
week. A lot of the wheat seems
& be dead - winter killed
or frozen out - a something
- but some of it looks pretty
good. He can never tell that
is harvested.
Will be glad to have you
come out & see us when
you can. Don't know the

MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY

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MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

will be down again & Donda
I must make
and I may as well close
for now.

With love
Janet

To DAD on Easter



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An Easter wish for **LOTS OF LUCK**



To DAD --

he sure is

ONE SWELL DUCK!

Happy
Easter!

Mac and Janet
Till



A Gibson Card

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The daffodils
upon this card
Will add a
springtime touch,
But it's the wish
that counts the most,
And ~~we~~ MEAN IT
VERY much!

Mary Beth, Mike, & Charlie
Medlock

May 7, 1951

Mrs. C. L. Medlock
310 West 46th Terrace
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mary Beth,

I was glad to receive your letter of the second and am pleased to know that you enjoyed looking through the Genealogy. No one, who has not undertaken that kind of a job, can appreciate the time and effort that it takes to gather and compile data of that kind.

I shall be glad when you graduate and I am very happy that you are doing the necessary work to secure a diploma. I have not seen nor heard from Mike for quite some time but presume he is O. K. and probably is busy with spring exams.

I shall be very happy for you and Charely to come up and spend the week end with me anytime that is convenient to you. You know we have plenty of room.

Lovingly,

WCS:en

May 7, 1951

Mrs. L. A. McNamee
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet,

Nothing especially new here over the week end. I went with Dolph and Marie to the Alumni-Varsity football game and enjoyed being out. The temperature last night dropped to 43, which was rather cool but above the frost line.

Everything looks very pretty now that the foliage is in bloom and I should be glad to have you come down while the lilacs are still beautiful.

I am sorry too that we did not get in touch with Mary Beth, but we were only down for a comparatively short time and were quite busy. I was at her apartment some months ago and she had everything arranged in a very attractive manner.

If the Johnsons came down yesterday, you probably had a rather busy day. The boys are a lively bunch.

I have been receiving replies from various libraries but largely in the nature of regular acknowledgements.

I have a letter from Dorothea dated April 26. They live rather of an active but happy and useful life in their community as you do in yours.

At the football game the other day, it was probably one of the first times that Dolph and John played against each other on opposing teams. Fortunately, neither one was injured.

The only company I had yesterday was Dolph and Marie for a few moments and Mrs. Farich's parents and her seven year old brother from Harrington. They are good solid people

Dear Janet,

in more ways than one and the little boy was delighted with TV, as Harrington is not on the circuit where they can secure service.

Saturday Leslie Parish was in Wichita and I took Irene to dinner with me at the Hotel. She dolled up for the occasion and looked very nice. I shall be sorry to lose them but you will be interested to know that through their good services and recommendation Mr. and Mrs. Scott from Downs will take over. Mrs. Scott is an attractive brunet who has taken home ec at Manhattan. I think it is quite nice to have the ones who have been with me recommend the position to friends whom they believe could fill the place satisfactorily.

The lilacs have never been more beautiful than they have been this year.

I have not heard from nor seen Mike for quite some time and presume he is busy with his school work. I am glad that the children get together once in a while and hope that your relations will always be cordial.

Lovingly,

SCJ:en

May 3, 1951

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

Dear Janet and Mac,

As I have already told you, I think you are my best correspondent and I know you are always busy. I hope that Mac is feeling 100% again. I know he is a very busy chap and takes little time off.

While I sent out a number of copies of my Genealogy, I think you are the first one of the children to respond.

Yesterday Dolph and Marie and I drove to Kansas City. The first time that I had been down for a long time. We spent a pleasant afternoon together and did some shopping in the Plaza district.

I am glad that you liked the Genealogy. It certainly meant a lot of hard work.

Give my love to the children when you see them. Come down as often as you can. Love to you all.

As ever,

WCS:en

Janet

April 16, 1951

Mrs. L. A. McCalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet,

I know that Mac must be very busy right now with legal work but that is something that he enjoys and also finds profitable. I think you must have jarred Mike up because the other day he phoned me, which was the first time I had heard his voice in several weeks. I don't hold this against him because the University requires a lot of its students and he has always tried to make good grades.

As you know, Dolph Jr. graduates the coming commencement and naturally looks forward to military service. John, as a prospective football player, is going through some rather heavy drilling these days.

You may know that Dolph and Marie left last evening for New York to be gone for ten days or two weeks. He will attend the annual meeting of the Associated Press of which he is first Vice President. Everything is running along smoothly at the office.

Irene and Leslie will leave me with the close of the school year, but they have been somewhat on the look out for someone else to take their place.

I shall be glad to have you come down as often as you can.

Lots of love,

WCS:en

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" " April 7, 1951

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet,

You are one of my best correspondents and I am always glad to hear from you. I have just written another long letter to Blanche and Dorothea and I am enclosing a carbon copy to you.

I have not seen Mike since I wrote you last but presume he is all right. School will soon be over and Dolph Jr. looks forward to military service. As I have told you, John is already a member of the Marines.

It seems to me that the United States has played the fool ever since it first elected Franklin Delano Roosevelt and God only knows whether we shall ever overcome all of the many things that have beset our nation since that time. A few years ago, it would have seemed impossible for any man or men in Washington to have threatened the peace and prosperity of our nation but I guess we lived in a "fool's paradise".

You have been one of my best correspondents but I have not heard from you for some little time.

Love and best wishes,

WCS:en

"Janet"

April 3, 1951

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet,

I haven't heard from you for a little while but presume everybody is O. K. I haven't seen Mike nor heard from him but I presume his studies keep him quite busy.

The Rotary Convention closed here last night and I think it was quite a successful affair. I simply attended one luncheon but Dolph kept in touch with the Rotarians.

Give my love to Mary Beth when you write her.

Lovingly,

WCS:en

March 23, 1951

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

Dear Children,

I was happy to receive the Easter Greeting. I am a little slow about matters of that kind as I always depended upon Gertrude to send cards of greeting etc. I also received in the same mail the card from Mary Beth Mike and family. I had a very pleasant visit with Blanche and Pat and their family in Tulsa while Dorothea and I were down, she driving all the way down and back. It so happened that Carl and Eileen and Mr. Wayne and Owen and Owen's three were over there so we had quite a nice family party and a very nice time.

We attended Easter services in the beautiful Methodist Church in which Marilyn was married. The sermon was good and the music was exceptionally fine; a large group of male singers and an equally large group of women. I think the singing could be called antiphonal. They also had a harp, violin, and four brass instruments to play as required in the music.

Pat is unquestionably better. Dolph and Marie had been there the week before and said that his forearms were quite badly broken out but when we were there, they had healed over and he looked the picture of health. Blanche seemed to stand up well in spite of the large number of us present. We had a luncheon at the Tulsa Club and a luncheon at Southern Hills. We also attended the party at the Southern Hills given for the children, in which each child present received an attractive Easter present. We enjoyed very much having so many of the family there and Blanche seemed to handle it in nice shape. Dorothea spent one night with me after arriving in Lawrence and then went on home. She had called from our house and found that everything was O. K. I think she enjoyed the visit as much as I did. While I do not feel that it is necessary for anyone to spend the night with me, it has been very nice to have some of the children there. Last night it was John Simons and the night before, it was Dorothea.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McNalley, March 28, 1951

Dolph has been exceptionally busy and gained a lot of favorable publicity for himself and the paper through his generous support of the Manhattan basketball team.

I am always glad to hear from you and as I have already told you, I shall send you a copy of the Genealogy as soon as the cloth bound covers have been received.

Lovingly,

WCS:en

Many Best
March 28, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Medlock
310 West 46th Terrace
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Children,

It is very thoughtful of you to send me the Easter Greeting and I notice where the "we" had been inserted. I am very proud of my grandchildren and had a very pleasant time in Tulsa where I also saw two fine little great-grandsons. I presume it will not be too long until there may be a Medlock to add to the group but I am not trying to hurry those up.

I always enjoy hearing from you and want you to feel free to spend a week end with me at any time.

Lovingly,

WCS:en

March 19, 1951

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I think you have been my best correspondent but it seems as if it had been some little time since I last heard from you. I have not seen much of Mike either. For a while he came over more or less frequently to study or to rest, but he has not been over lately.

Leslie and Irene left this morning for Herrington on account of the death of her grandfather, and they will not be back until late this evening.

I have not heard from Mary Beth since a little after Valentine's Day, and hope she is okay. I accepted an invitation from the Stoughs to attend the high school presentation of Tom Sawyer. Vera took the part of Rebecca and played it well. The play was quite interesting and the chapel at the high school was well filled.

Give my love to Mac.

Lovingly,

WCS:bjh

Dec. 6. 1950

Dear Dad -

Just 25 years ago tomorrow Dace and I were married - and now we are getting around & take our honeymoon trip. We leave tomorrow for a week or ten days in New York City - expect to see several plays - do a night club or two, a lot of rubbernecking and just having a good time together - This will be the first real trip we ever have had together alone - that is without me or both children. Our friends have treated us royally - They never had no formal recognition of the silver anniversary - have received several lovely gifts of silver - and this evening some friends brought me a beautiful o'clock. It will feel very festive. It will be home a week before Christmas and we are expecting you to spend the holidays with us. The Lions club is entertain^{ing} the football squad with their annual banquet tonight. Dace is toastmaster and Arthur Lomborg is to be speaker and will show some movies of K. U. games. We have been getting the last minute trip

done, and doing on yachting.

He met us at the Hotel Roosevelt.

He had quite a storm early yesterday and it has been very cold. Took train & salvo to take a 6:30 a.m. train yesterday & Topeka where he argued a case before the Supreme Court. Then went back & went home at 3 - The train was late & didn't get home till 5:30 p.m. He spent most of the day on the train then had to attend a meeting of the city council last night.

He will probably spend a day in Clinton or in May home as Max hasn't seen Joe for more than a year and longer than that since his son Anna. She has been incapacitated with a broken knee and is having lots of difficulty - and is still very unhappy about her domestic troubles.

He will spend tomorrow night with Mary Babb and leave Kansas City Friday morning by plane arriving in New York about 2 p.m.

Lots of love -

Janet

MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY
401 WEST FIFTH
MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

Sunday March 4-

Dear Dad -

Be very glad to receive
your letter last week and
I know things are fine with
you.

Dick came home Friday as
he had to have some work done
on his teeth - and returned
to Lawrence today - says he
sees you quite often.
K. still gone a week ago
last night and saw Ondra
and Bas and the two older boys
and had a nice little visit with

them.

Ans 3/10

I really don't know much now. This has been a beautiful day. He rode around the country for about an hour and a half this afternoon. Slugs seem to be in pretty good shape. Here had some thick veins the past week which were very welcome. ^{Pat} I didn't turn Black and ^{the} I saw it in the ^{the} I ^{the} see them till I saw it in the ^{the} I ^{the} suppose they came for John's initiation.

Rae has gone ⁸ & the office ⁸ many work and I must write & bed. Both after am going letters. I always enjoy your ^{the} love —
This love —
Dorset

March 10, 1951

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minnesota, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I think you have been the best correspondent of the three girls although they have all been good. Mike comes and goes, the last time came in a few days ago after I had retired and brought a friend with him to watch the prize fight. I think the boy feels very much at home and that is how I like to have my children and grandchildren feel.

I think it is nice that you and Mack find time to run around a bit. Gertrude and I used to make these trips but practically always she was the one who planned the trips and it was not hard for her to induce me to go.

Last night it was rather cold and rained a good bit of the night I think. I do not know how much moisture has fallen during March but the ground had been frightfully dry and every drop of moisture is needed.

Eileen ~~I~~ sent me a picture of Wayne the other day, in which he was wearing a regular little boy's suit as he was only a year old last October. That is doing pretty well for him. I like to have all my children feel free to come visit as often as they can and Mr. and Mrs. Parrish always seemed pleased to have my children there. He will finish his work with this school he is and then I shall be looking for someone else. I hope that I shall be as fortunate in the future as I have been in the past.

There is a probability of a residential development on the 40 acre tract to the south of us. It is neither especially welcome or unwelcome. I suspect that some of the houses may interfere with the fine view that I now have to the south but that is to be expected. Conrad McGrew is representing Mrs. Doctor Anderson who owns the property.

Keep up the good work and write me often.

Lovingly,

WCS:en

March 7, 1951

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter that I have written to Blanche which will give you more or less information without having to rewrite it.

I have been very happy with Mr. and Mrs. Parrish and will be sorry to have them go, although I appreciate the great value it is to them for him to have completed his university work and to be prepared for an outstanding job in mechanical engineering. When we see a machine we may notice nuts and bolts and things of that sort, but I doubt if many of us stop to consider the matter of stresses and strains, all of which have had to be figured to a nicety in order to make the equipment successful.

Keep in touch with me and let me know when you will come for another visit.

Lovingly,

WCS:bjh

February 27, 1951

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

Blanche and Pat left after lunch yesterday to return to Tulsa after spending the weekend with me. I enjoyed having them very much. Pat's skin, while still dark from continued medication, is seemingly several shades lighter than it was the last time I saw him, but he still has a few ugly spots on his body and is very brave and uncomplaining. It was so nice to have them with me.

Mike comes down, as I have told you, more or less frequently, sometimes to rest and sometimes to study, but probably mostly just to get away from the house. I shall be glad to have you and Mac with me as often as you can come. I am always glad to hear from Mary Beth and Charles.

Conrad McGrew has made some arrangements with Mrs. Anderson for opening up a development on a portion of the 40 acres south of our house. Those things have to come and you can't stand in their way. It undoubtedly will make quite a little difference. I think it will mean the removal of the hedge to the south of the house which has been a shelter for quail and other birds. I presume it will mean that Tennessee Street will be opened somewhat further to the south. I figure that I have spent more than \$1,000 in paving Tennessee from nearly 23rd to my house.

The children, some of them at least, from the improvement to the north, enjoy riding their tricycles up the hill to our house and then coasting down to the highway. They are nice little children and have in no way annoyed us.

I hope that everything is moving along nicely with you in Minneapolis.

Lovingly,

WCS:bjh

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February 12, 1951

Mr. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Mac:

Last fall Bill Richards of Constant Construction Company called and asked that the utilities be turned on down at 916½ Mass. as they would need lights, water, and heat there while working on the plaster. I had these turned on in Mr. W. C.'s name so that it would not be necessary to go around and put up additional deposits as it was only a temporary service. The latter part of December, Bill came back and advised that they had finished but that it would be much cheaper to secure a person directly rather than having to send a man to do the clean-up work as their labors would have to be supervised. I assumed this would be agreeable with you and could see where it would cost less, so I had Ramsey clean up after the plasterers. It was also necessary to rent a scrubber and to again have the stools drained twice as they had been drained on November 30 to eliminate their freezing and bursting the plumbing.

I am listing below the detail of the charges that have been paid by the World Company and charged to a clearing-up account, so you can make your check out to the World Company. The items marked with an asterisk were included in our regular bills so I do not have them to send on to you, however, if you need them for your file, I can get an extra invoice from the Kennedy Plumbing Company. I did not have the floor re waxed whereas it was necessary to scrub as I thought you would probably want to have this done if and when it is rented and after the painting has been completed. I told Janet about this when she was here last week but should have checked it with you before. January was just one busy month.

Sincerely,

Leo L. Eller

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<u>To</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Ck. No.</u>
Kennedy Plumbing	11/30, Drain Stools*	2.19*	12/30/50	32273
Ramsey Fortson	Clean up after plasterers (7½ hours)	6.53	1/8/51	CPO 2258
Ks. Pub. Serv.	Gas	11.13	1/9/51	10907
City Water Dept.	Water	1.55	1/9/51	10908
Ks. Power & Light	Electricity	.79	1/9/51	CPO 2272
City Water Dept.	Water	10.60	2/8/51	10932
Ks. Power and Light	Electricity	3.58	2/8/51	32381
Ks. Pub. Service	Gas	9.84	2/8/51	32383
Kennedy Plumbing	Drain Stools	4.75*	2/8/51	32385
Law. Hdwe.	Scrubbers, Etc.	3.67	2/8/51	32390
Law. Hdwe.	Seep Comp.	<u>.92</u>	2/12/51	32441
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Mary Beth

Dear Grandad,

It was so ~~neat~~ for you to
remember us with a valentine.
I'm so busy it almost slipped
by me unnoticed except for
your valentine. School and

housework just don't seem to mix too well all the time. I was really proud tho to get 5 hours of A and 6 of B last semester.

When the weather gets nice this spring we want you and Mike to come down for Sunday dinner. Right now the weather out isn't fit for

man or beast.

Let us hear from you
real soon and we'll drop
you a line about the dinner
date when the weather gets
nice again.

Lots of love,

Mary Beth



February 23, 1951

Mrs. C. L. Medlock
310 West 46th Terr.
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mary Beth:

I was very glad to get your recent letter. I am always glad to hear from you because I have loved you ever since you were a tiny little infant. I think that those grades you are getting are remarkably good and it reminds me that you always did excel in scholarship.

I think it would be nice for Mike and me to come down sometime when it is convenient for you. Mike comes over frequently and was over to the house last night with a boy named Wulkuhler. I think they first raided the icebox, then studied for awhile in the apartment, and before leaving went downstairs and helped themselves to ice cream out of the deep freeze.

Give my best to Charles. I see Janet every once in a while and Mac not quite so often.

I am always glad to hear from you.

With love,

WCS:bjh

February 27, 1951

Mrs. Don A. Freeman
R. R. # 6
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce:

I don't know, but I rather think that you owe me a letter. Anyhow I shall be glad to hear from you again. We had a little spell of cold weather but it has now warmed up quite a bit and some of the bulbs in our yard are already growing, perhaps two inches or more above the ground and of course will be liable to be nipped later on.

As far as I know I shall be with you again for a time this summer and the girls, I think, will all try to be there for a portion of the time. They all seem to look forward to the outing, to living on the lake and the opportunity of seeing you and Don.

I hope that everything is moving along nicely with you and that Don will really be himself again this summer. You and Don really should come down and see me because you have not really paid me a visit for a long time. Blanche and Pat were with me over the weekend. He looks the best that I have seen him for some time but still has a few ugly reminders underneath his garments of his trouble.

Dorothea and I are planning to spend Easter with Blanche and Pat in Tulsa. Write me a good long letter, and start it at least 24 hours before Don is going to leave for Brainerd.

Love and best wishes,

WCS:bjh

Feb. 13.

Dear Dad -

I was glad to see you
again and to know you are
well and that you bring
many good felicitous -
and surely hope every thing
continues for you.

My trip home was uneventful -
the train as usual was a little
late: but we were home by
midnight. Fred has been quite
inactive with a cold - but
indeed improved somewhat - In fact
had improved somewhat - & K.C.
left home & made a trip to K.C.
He had & made a trip to home
today but expects

tonight - I surely misunderstand -
He says I surely misunderstand -
stated that you said you had
written a check for \$9000 gift
tax on the property you gave us.
He says it should have been
\$900 and that it was not alone -
that property to us, but took into
consideration other gifts you have

sale to other individuals.
We thank you for this gift.
and for all the other things you
have done for us in the past.

I recharged the receipt for Liver
and mailed it & you this

morning -

It is a cold and gloomy

day and very icy underfoot -

I shall & get out in it but
I shall make the effort.

you are always glad to hear

from you.

With love -

Donald

February 16, 1951

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

Dear Janet and Mac:

I have your letter of February 13 and find that I was in error in stating that I had given a check for \$9,000 as a gift tax, the check having been for \$996.02. I am sorry that Mac has not been feeling well and hope that he will soon be himself again, but I presume that occasionally he has to be reminded of the fact that one born in the gay 90's has to look after himself.

Mike has been making use of the apartment on several occasions as a study room. He comes and goes when he pleases and sometimes we hardly know when he comes or when ^{he} goes.

I had dinner last night with Dolph and Marie and Dolph, Jr. Had a good dinner and a pleasant visit. There is nothing especially new at home. Ramsey came out this morning and put chains on the Pontiac so that I was able to drive down. He also shovelled the snow off of some of our walks. Leslie has been looking after the walks pretty well, but right now he is almost half sick with a cold but insisted on attending his classes at K.U.

I am at the office again today but did not come down yesterday, particularly on account of bad roads and not having chains on the car. Earlier in the week I was off one day because of illness. On the whole I probably feel as well and as strong as I have any right to expect. I don't want to enter any tests of speed or strength, however.

Continue to come in and see me often--the oftener the better.

Lovingly,

WCS:bjh

Tuesday night - Feb. 6

Dear Dad -

We enjoyed receiving your good letter a few days ago. It is always fine to see you if only for a few minutes -

However I am planning to go to Lawrence later this week for a day - probably on Friday - and try to get Duke lined up. We are anxious for him to form some good study habits which so far he hasn't been able to do - and I hope we can work something out with you. He hasn't to be gone all night with you - Duke says everything is all right with you. Duke says he'd lots rather stay at Grand dad's than at some rooming house - and if satisfactory with you and Dave will like to have him try it there for awhile at least and see what results. He likes to leave the Beta house but it seems I forgot about John Louis Sunday - I wonder he be 36? It doesn't seem possible but I guess it is -

Mac has been in Salina all afternoon - I'd just come in at 7:45 for dinner after I'd given him up. He ate and left for Council meeting and I'm going to bed early - as soon as I get a few letters written.

The game last night was really disappointing - I believe Duke is right that

Dr Allen is more interested in making Lovellite an All American than in running the ball games and developing his teams.

He had a snow last week about 2 inches but it is all gone now - he need lots more snow or rain. It is colder tonight than was and nice today.

I haven't heard from any of the family except you for some time but guess I one

November a letter - I want them to come

down for a weekend soon -

I'm hoping you found the picture you

were looking for - and will be all

Love you lots and will be all
probability see you the last of the week.
I am & fine the lesson for PEO on Thursday
night "A Look at the Books" have it pretty
well prepared tho.

Must close
With love -
Janet

February 12, 1951

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

I am always so glad to have you drop in to see me, but your visits are so short that I always wish you could stay longer. I have not heard anything more from Mike, and the fact that he knows that he is not nailed down where he is but could come over to our house at any time undoubtedly makes him happier even in his present surroundings.

We none of us like the idea of being shut in. We are born with the desire for freedom and we can hardly understand how people can be born, live their lives and pass away in one small community, perhaps never having been more than a few miles from their homes.

I went to church as usual yesterday and also made a visit to the cemetery where everything seems to be in good shape. It is well kept.

Later I took Mrs. Rankin to dinner to the Eldridge and then spent perhaps an hour at their home.

Lovingly,

WCS:bjh

February 7, 1951

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

Dear Janet and Mac:

Nothing special to tell you, but it has been just a week since I have written you. I have seen Mike at least once since you were here. He was out to the house on a short visit.

There is nothing especially new to report. I think it unfortunate that at a period of worldwide unrest we should have so weak a representative in the White House.

Everything is moving along nicely at the office. I shall be glad to see you as often as possible.

Love,

WCS:bjh

Thursday 4. M.

Dear Dad -

So glad to get two good letters from you recently. We're expecting him home this afternoon for a few days - it will be nice to see him again. I'm glad he comes out & see you occasionally and know he enjoys it.

Mac and I went square dancing last night - it really is lots of fun but very strenuous. We are on a salt free diet and Mac has lost seven pounds - I have lost a few too - If you see him now he's covered with good without salt and still you'd find it not too bad. It's all kind of gone, getting the proper foods into each days meals -

excluding all salt and steel man-
aging & have something that tastes
good.

We are going to be in Toledo
Sunday night and will try & be
here early enough & see if we
the reception - will let you
know more definitely when I
know something definite. Also
I hope to see Mary Beth
the last few days for a week -
unless we have to -
Trunks are -

Just

Friday - Jan. 12 -

Dear Dad -

I suppose good news means good news and that you are well and enjoying life. It seems quite a long time since I've heard from you. I went to Salina and

today I bought a very pretty round tray and a painted wash basket with part of the money you gave me for Christmas. Tom has got himself a pretty nightgown with the vest of it. The vest looks very nice and fits in very well. I am anxious for you to see this little room as it is quite nice and cozy and Tom really enjoys it a lot. In fact seems to be now reading while he is in there. I am writing to you and have just finished my last lesson in "The History of the American People" a couple of days ago and mailed it in and am really glad & have that off my mind. I'm gradually getting caught up in a lot of

little things I've been neglecting.
The heat moisture here very
badly. The forecast has called for
rain the last two days & perhaps
will get some tonight or tomorrow.
Dish I could be there & see KU
and K State play tomorrow night
he has tickets & several 75 cent
gones ^{to} will get & see some
good basketball gones at Manhattan
if things work out.
He moved be a good & have
you come and spend some time
out as. Can't you come out next
week while Marie and Doug are
away ^{if you come} to Saenia the first of the
week. I'd meet you back
spend a few days with Mary Beth
while she has vacation between semesters.
Let me know if you decide to do this -
Lots of love -

Janet

Sat. Jan. 6 - 1951

Dear Dad -

I havent. heard from you for some time but decided to drop you a few lines to let you know I'm thinking of you often and wishing the best of everything for you.

Suppose you wanted the smother-
nest (don't know just what to call
it, we sent ours with the Johnson
package, and that you are
enjoying using it.

We had a fine Christmas but
missed having you with us. Mother
says you had a fine time together
and I know it was nice & to be noted
the little dogs - they have so much

enthusiasm!

Our New York trip was fine and
we thoroughly enjoyed it - got home
just in time to start Christmas decorating
and meat planning and last
minute things. It was good & has
been a pleasure.

The Sheldon's home.

The new car is coming -
and we don't know just what to
expect. We hope him car at least
finishes out this year of school, it