

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 holidays.
Mike says he has talked
to you about it and he'll
let you know definitely
when he is leaving so you'll
have plenty of time to get
ready - I'll be on
Tuesday Nov. 20 - Two
weeks 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.

have been having some cold
fever and it showed a
bit yesterday but warmed
up today. The trees are
really shedding their leaves
now.

Mae made a trip to Knappton
on business today and has
a court hearing in Concordia
tomorrow.

Both boys well and
many are now for 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.

11/26/51

Love -

Janet

Ques

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 Dr. 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 Scotts 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 8, 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

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Phoned H. Beck
who will make
Photostats & mail to mac
(KE)

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L. A. McNALLEY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

ASSOCIATE
EVAN CORMAN

November 1, 1951.

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

Dear Leo:

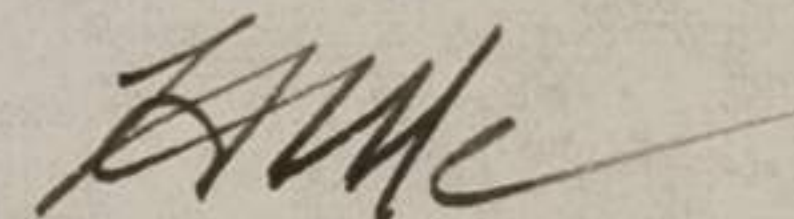
In looking over the abstract, I find that the stipulations made with reference to the party wall on Lot 76 are inadequate so far as determining any rights of the parties.

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,



L. A. McNalley.

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

Oct. 29 -

Dear Dad -

It was really nice
to see you again and to find
you feeling so well.

In all the hustle and
bustle I neglected to mention
aish any thing about your
plans for Thanksgiving. Elmer
and Mally will undoubtedly
be going. Their families for
the occasion. He will be
very happy to have you come
spend the holiday with us.
Mike will be driving out when
our vacation starts
and you can ride out with

him then ride back when
he returns to class. I don't
be nearly as tired as I have
as the one to a from there -
extra 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 help & her
schedule - Thanksgiving is
on Nov. 22 - This year - just
three weeks from next Thursday -
It is raining here this morning
and quite gloomy. He had a
nice visit with May Beth and
Charlie - Lois & me -
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 polking 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 ~~fatigued~~" (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 -

Sorry we couldn't
make it to the game last
Saturday - Dad is busy
getting ready for court next
week and I have been
laid up with a severe cold -
However I feel much better
today so hope the worst is over.
I took cold on the way home
for Lawrence a week ago
Sunday and haven't
been able to shake it off.
We're so glad to have
John is getting to play and
do hope he will continue -
He certainly has the stamina

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and determination that it
takes.

We plan to go down
next week for the K. K. - K. State
game. One has a number
coming up next week but
I hope to have it round up in
time so we can see the game.
Mary says she and Charlie
will go out to see for Saturday
and while reports he's seen
you too. He is making his
application for K. K. Medical.
School - Sherry hope he gets in -
lots and hope

Love for
you're feeling good and taking
care of yourself - Oct. 27 of
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 ran out of
gas and had to get some from
a farmer - then get the filling
station operator at Fairbairn
from his home to 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 so.

The weather has been ideal -
but he still hasn't been able
to get into the field at 27
Birmingham to do any work -
just doesn't dry out -

There is not much news.
Dad is busy as usual - he
won't be down to the game this
week but sent our tickets, &
Mary and Charlie - they will
probably go if the weather is nice
and Mary feels well enough.

Love & hope
you are keeping well but
not running any races.
Much love
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 Hodgeman 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 -

I really was fine & see you
again last week end. He got home
in good time with no difficulties
whatsoever.

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
to be a big improvement as
needed painting very badly.

I don't know much news & tell
you - he are going to join a class
in square dancing - one first
lesson is tonight & surprisingly
enough Mac is quite interested.
There will be eight couples and
one of the school teachers is to give
the instructions for two hours.

I must run to Mary and &
Duke and then have to go
town for some groceries. He keeps
eating three times a day, much &

my regret!

Hope you're taking care of yourself
and feeling better - I'll expect to
find you moved downtown 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 -

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

Mac and I are gone -
Friday
evening to be in Lawrence
for dinner as it is uncertain
as to when we can start from
here - Mac has an appointment
Saturday morning - and we can't

to go to the game Saturday
afternoon. H.A. really did
fine last night. He listened
to it all on the radio and well
thrilled to have the boys
put on such a good show.

I have been doing a little
house cleaning - it's slow
and I don't like to do it but
guess it is a necessary evil.

Mike seems to be getting
on satisfactorily - He probably
won't get out to see for so
often as he doesn't have
his car in Lawrence. The
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 Lie told you all
my news - I have been
staying at home most of
the time - nothing unusual
A report.
We are looking forward 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 though - 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 we 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. U. to win. I hope they can win a great many more before the season through.

Must close now and write Mom.

We love you loads and hope you will write 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 marrying 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 - I guess I remember, we went on to Chicago as we took our vacation starting the week-end of Homecoming game.

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

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League - The play we give is Hansel
and Gretel - and we troop to all
the public grade schools. It's quite
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 fret about -
as there is nothing you can do to
protect your self 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 we can
carry it forever and never need
to use it.

This ^{last} week-end we started
getting ready for winter - No. 1
on our list was fixing "Whi'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 Blahurst
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.
Dite said you were not feeling
well when he saw you Tuesday
so I was happy to have your
report that things are all
right.

We are enjoying having
Dite home for a few days.
He will go back to Lawrence
Sunday and settle down to the
old grind again. He and
Dace have gone to the country
to look at some of the
farming 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 or written
since we were in Minnesota
so don't know any of the family

news.

May Beth say she is fine
except for the "growing bulge" -

It was nice for Ray Jr.
& he home if even for a short
time. He hope things will go well
for him -

He will probably be down
for the down state - N. H. June
two weeks from tomorrow on Sept. 29
He have had our tickets & decided
for some time but have not
yet received them. Will let you
know again if and when he
are coming.

Take care of yourself and
use your own good judgment
about over exertion - He enjoyed
one time at the lake with you
and we glad you found it pleasant.
Must stop and fix something
& eat as the boys 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 9/12

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

Sept. 4
Tues.

Dear Dad:

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

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

a few days after he enrolls
absent from tomorrow:

I did a big washing
Saturday and another not
today. Clothes are hanging
in the basement -

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

He enjoyed the time
at the lake very much -
It was nice for Mary Bueh
to be there and Mac
enjoyed his short stay
too. We hope the trip
won't be too hard
home

MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY
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in you and, that you've
suffered no ill effects &
had no further recurrence
of your heart fears &.
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 of those lifting 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

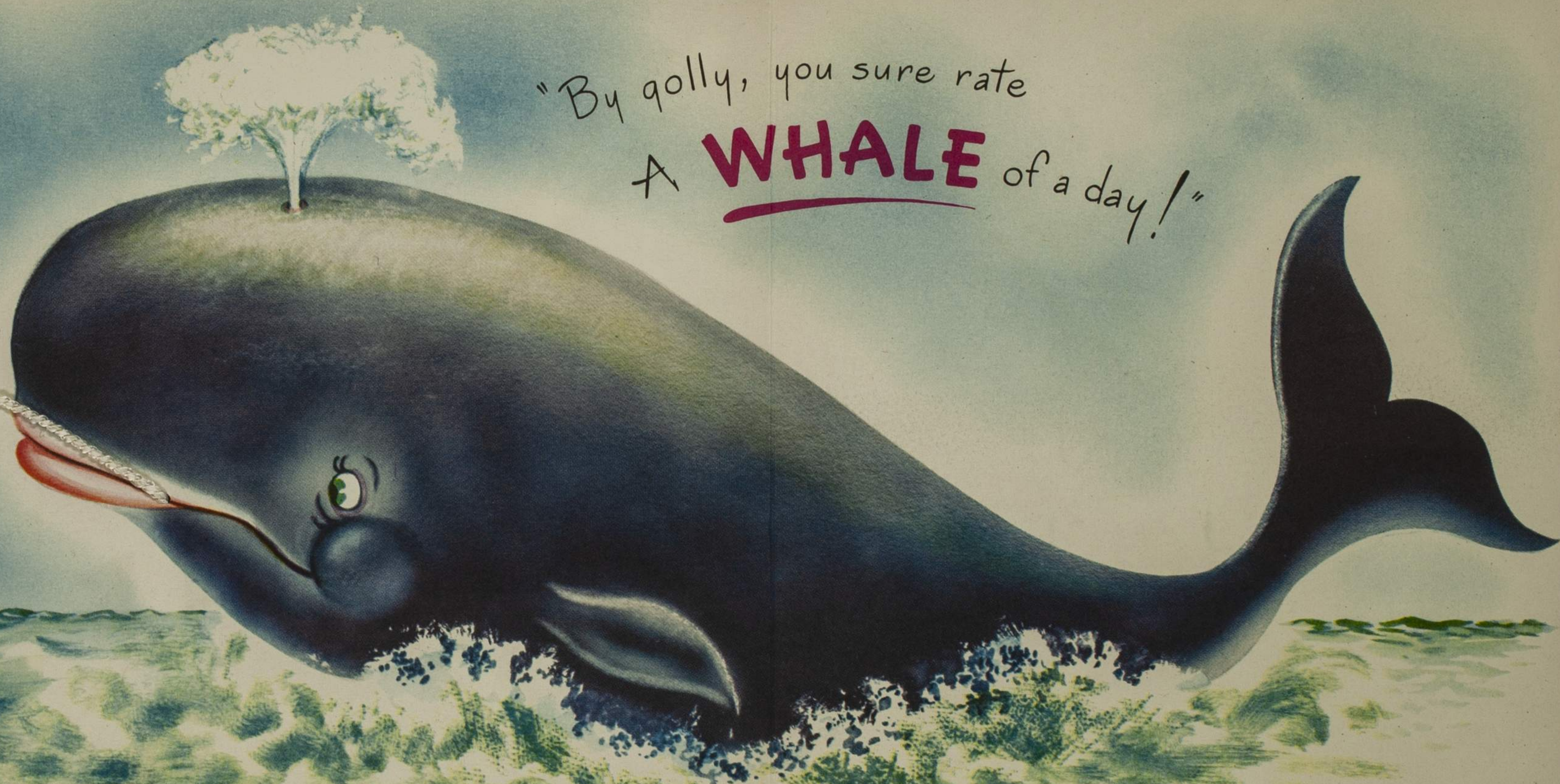
Mc Simons

Ans 6/1/6

For You, DAD,
on Father's
Day



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

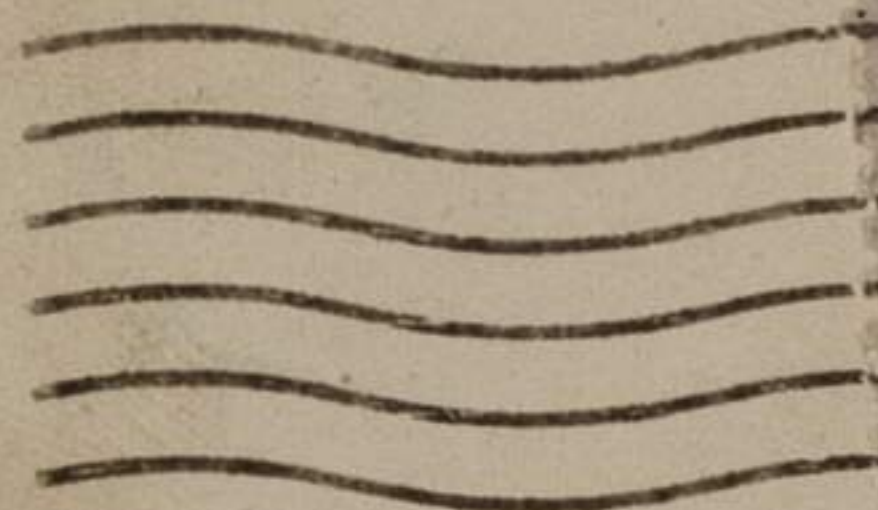


It ain't no fish story,
Dear Dad, when I say --

AND A STRING OF HAPPINESS ALL THROUGH THE YEAR!

Lots of love
from
Janet

Write French and Leckie
Parrish, Norwich
Caddy bay



W. C. Simmons
Journal World
Lawrence
Kansas

Thanks for card
and reply!

and
6/14

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

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

Sat. morning

Dear Dad -

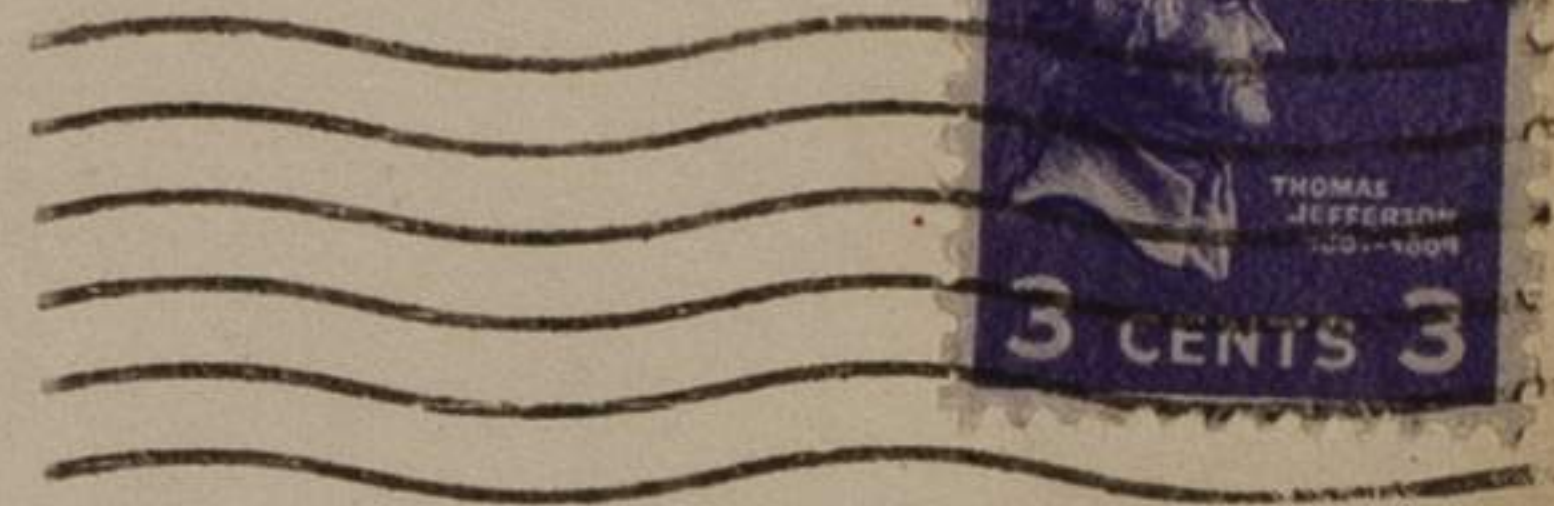
While I was working
this morning the name of the
penn came to me "Cesabranca"
Then I looked it up and
found the boy was a Corsican
sailor on a French ship
commanded by his father.
The ship was wrecked by
Nelson's fleet as it lay in
Aboukin Bay - Egypt.
and the boy and his father
are said to have perished
together when the father
refused to abandon the ship.
He are planning to leave

write this afternoon
for my more - then on & feel
Let tomorrow.

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

Much love,
Janet

ans 6/16



W. C. Linnons
Journal World
Lawrence
Kansas

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

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

Friday
afternoon

Dear Dad -

It was really fine to
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 over the
phone this morning and
Mac and I plan to drive
to Wynmore tomorrow evening
then Boarda Bus and Laurel
will go with us to Gull Lake.
Laurel will go to Camp Lincoln
and the rest of us will get
things in order at the cottage.

Mae and Bros 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.
I want you again for the
birthday gifts -
very nice
Love & love -
Janet

He got by last night.
without a rain. The river
is very high and has flooded
lots of far 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 me 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
5/21



W. C. Armon
Laurence
Kansas

722 Mass.

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

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

Tue. 4. P.

Dear Dad -

It sure was nice to see
you and to have a little
visit with you Sunday. He arrived
home about 8:30 or so after
a very uneventful trip. Monday
I talked to Blanche Monday
night. She says Pat is better
and they are planning to be in
Lawrence this week end.
If you will come home
with me either Monday or Tuesday
I will try to come down while the
matrons are there and then
we will take you home Thursday
when Doc goes to Topeka for
the Bar meeting. It has been
a long time since you have been

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

I've been having the I spent
the last few days. I went
to Concordia yesterday afternoon
with Pac as he had business
there - and he came home in a
terrible downpour.

Today is Mother's birthday.

I've been thinking about it all
morning - I'm sorry I'm not

living closer so I could see
you more often.

I'd be awfully glad to hear
from you and do hope you'll
decide to come out for this little
visit.

Much love -

Janet

wrote quite
short letter
5/21



W. C. Summons
722 Mass.
Lawrence
Kansas

MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY

401 WEST FIFTH

MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

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

Monday -
May 21

Dear Dad -

I was very happy
to receive your good letter
last week - Sorry you don't
feel like coming out - but I'm
planning to come down when
Grace goes to the Banquet
in Topeka and will spend
a day or so with you -
Then I'm going to K.C. for
a few days with Mary Beth
and some shopping - and
May is coming
me for a visit.
I was so sorry Blanche and

Pat had to postpone their visit.
Dad is spending the day
in Russell on business. The
left at 6:30 this morning. He
has to go to K. C. on work
Wednesday but will go down and
back by train as I will go
with him till later when he
goes to Topeka either Thursday
night or Friday morning.
Here have been heavy frosts of

rain. —
High School commencement
is tonight and Breckinridge
was last night. The Baptist minister
Bro. Stewart gave the sermon.
Fred. Woolgast of K. C. is to speak
tonight. Will see you soon.
With love,
Dad

May 22, 1951

Mrs. L. A. McAlley
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 5/17

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

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 Beth 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
home. 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 - even a phone
call.

He are expecting the
Johnson family tomorrow after-
noon & stay over Sunday
as there will no doubt be
plenty of excitement. I've been
baking cookies today in
anticipation of the Johnsons
visit. Must close out my
shopping.

With love -

Janet



Am 5/7

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



AMP 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
so 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
Mary Beth and Charlie but
has decided to have a tooth
pulled yesterday as he
cancelled our plans. He
has three more to be pulled
and will have that done
later.

I don't know of any
particularly interesting
news but wanted to
let you know he received
the book and appreciate it.
With love,
Janet

Dolph & Marcella - have been gone 11
full days -

MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY

401 WEST FIFTH

MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

April 24

Dear Dad -

It is always good &
receive your letters.

Mom has been gone all
day on business on western
Kansas. He left about 7:30
this morning and isn't home
yet - it is now almost 8 p.m.

I've been hunting & get
don't see you but haven't
been able to get away. but
we hope to make it before too

long. I see Daph as elected
& the Board of Directors of the A.P.
They were really in Washington

and N.Y. at an opportunity. I'm
with all the MacArthur excitement.

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

As far as we know both
Mary and Mike are getting along
fine. I think Mike must be concentrating
on his studies. I hope so -
I had a nice letter from
Blanche last week but haven't
heard from Dorde for some
time.
Lots of love -
Janet

WMA

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 mitering the last couple
of weeks - have thought of
you many many times but
just put off mitering.
I am sorry as chairman
of the Cancer Drive for this
county and that has taken
quite a lot of time, we are
now just waiting for the
returns to come in - then
will have to record all gifts
and make reports - there is

a hell right now.

We enjoyed having the
children here for Easter - and
are expecting Dora and
family to spend a week and
with us soon.

Dist. Ct. comes
today and Mac is very busy -
He expects to have several
jury cases to try this time.
It has been cold cloudy
and raining here for the past
week. A lot of the wheat seems
to be dead - winter killed
or frozen out - a something
- but some of it looks pretty
good. He can never tell that
it's harvested.

Will be glad to have you
come out to see us whenever
you can. Don't know when

MRS. L. A. MC NALLEY

401 WEST FIFTH

MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS

well he does again & Dora
I must make
and Mary so much close
for now.

With love -
Janet

To **DAD** on Easter



An Easter wish for **LOTS OF LUCK**

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he sure is

ONE SWELL DUCK!



**Happy
Easter!**

Maac and Janet
Fill



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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. McHalley
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 28. 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. Parish'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 a 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,

SCS: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. McHalley
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,

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 20, 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 Marie 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 exceptionnly 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

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 Eäster 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 Mac and I were married - and now we are getting around & taking 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 with out me or both children. Our friends have treated us royally - The news had no formal recognition of the silver anniversary - have received several lovely gifts of silver - and this evening some friends brought me a beautiful orchid to me - so I'll feel very festive. He will be home a week before Christmas and are expecting you to spend the holidays with us.

The Lions club is entertaining the football squad with their annual banquet tonight. Mac is toastmaster and Arthur Lomborg is to be speaker and will show some movies of N. A. games. I've been getting the last minute trip

done, and doing me packing.

he will be at the Hotel Roosevelt -

He had quite a storm early yesterday and it has been very cold. Took Max & Salina to take a 6:30 a.m. train yesterday & Iyeha there he argued a case before the Supreme Court - Then went back & met him at 3 - The train was late so didn't get home till 5:30 p.m. He spent most of the day on the train, then had & attended a meeting of the City Council last night.

He will probably spend a day in Canton on our way home as Max hasn't seen Joe for more than a year and longer than that since his seen 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 Beth and leave Kansas City Friday morning by plane arriving in New York about 2 p.m.

2 p.m.

Lots of love -

Janet

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

Sunday March 4-

Dear Dad-

He was glad to receive
your letter last week and
to know things are fine with
you.

Mike 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.

Mae and I went to the N. A.
K. State game a week ago
last night and saw Orde
and Gus and the two other boys
and had a nice little visit with

Them.

Aug 3/10

I really don't know much new.
This has been a beautiful
day. he rode around the
country for about an hour and
a half this afternoon. I think
seen to be in pretty good
shape. here had some wine,
The past week which
seems very welcome.

I didn't know Blanche and Pat
saw them till I saw it in the I. W.
Suppose they came for John's
initiation.

Rae has gone to the office &
work and I must write Mary
Beth and then am going
de always enjoy your letters.

Yours love
Loretta

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~~ ~~one~~ 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 e 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 916 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 rewaxed ~~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,

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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
		55.55		

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Mary Beth

Dear Granddad,

It was so ~~sweet~~ of you to
remember us with a valentine.
I'm so busy it almost slipped
by me unnoted 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 Wulfkuhler. 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 your long
arrangements are 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 here by
midnight. Mace has been quite
miserable with a cold - but
had improved somewhat - In fact
he had to make a trip to N.C.
today but expects to be home
tonight -

The says I surely misunder-
stood that you said you had
written a check for \$9000 gift
tax on the property you gave us.
The says it should have been
\$900 and that I was not alone in
that property & us, but took into
consideration other gifts you have

made to other individuals.
We thank you again for this gift
and for all the other things you
have done for us in the past.
I exchanged the slip for Irene
and mailed it to her this

morning -

It is a cold and freezing
day and very icy underfoot -
I shall try to get out in it but
must make the effort.
We are always glad to hear

from you.

With love -

Janet

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 Mike 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 he can work something out with you. He hasn't to be sure everything is all right with you. Mike says he'd like to stay at Granddaddy's than at some rooming house - and if satisfactory with you and I have ^{not} like to have him try it there for a while at least and see what results ^{the Beta house} it seems I thought about John Louis Sunday - would be he 36? It doesn't seem possible

but I guess it is. Mac has been in Salina all afternoon and just came 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. He gave last night was really disappointing - I believe Mike is right that

Dr Allen is more interested in making
Lorelita an All American than in winning
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 a rain. It is colder tonight but was
warm and nice today.

I haven't heard from any of the family
except you for some time, but guess I owe
Dorothy a letter - I want them to come

down for a weekend soon. -
I'm hoping you found the picture you
were looking for -

Love you lots and miss in all
probability. See you the last of the mch.
I am & give the reason for P.E.O. on Thursday
night "A Look at the Books" - have it pretty
well prepared tho.

Must close -
Miss me -
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. 11.

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 to 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
are here now I've saved cork you
food without salt and still
you'd find it not too bad. It's
all kind of a game, getting the
proper foods into each days meals -

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

He is going to be in Toledo
Sunday night and will try to be
here early enough to see for before
the reception - will let you
know more definitely when I

know something definite. Also I
hope to see Blanche -

He hasn't heard from Mary Beth
for a week - will call her tonight
unless he has a letter today.

Much love -

Janet

Friday - Jan. 12 -

Dear Dad -

I suppose your news means
good news and that you are
well and enjoying life. It seems
quite a long time since
I heard from you. & Salina and

Today I went & Salina and
bought a very pretty round tray
and a painted wicker basket with
part of the money you gave me
for Christmas. I'll get myself
a pretty nightgown with the rest
of it. The wicker basket is in
Ma's new den and fits in very
nicely. I am anxious for you to see
this little room as it is quite
nice and cozy and Ma really
seems to enjoy it a lot. In fact
he is in there now reading while
I'm writing to you. Last lesson in

I finished my last lesson in
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 gradual-
ly getting caught up in a lot of

little things I've been neglecting.
He need moisture here very
badly. The forecast has called for
rain the last two days & perhaps
will get some tonight & tomorrow.
I wish I could be there & see K.K.
and K. State play tomorrow night.
He has tickets & several K. State
games so will get to see some
good basket ball games at Manhattan
if things work out. So glad to hear
he would be so glad to have
you come and spend some time
with us. Can't you come out next
week while Marie and Daphne are
away? If you could come out on the
train I'd meet you the first of the
week and then drive you back
Sunday and go on with Mary Beth
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 haven't 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 named the sweater-vest (don't know just what to call it), we sent it with the Johnson package, and that you are enjoying wearing it.

We had a fine Christmas but missed having you with us. Another says you had a fine time together and I know it was nice to be with the little boys - 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 to have the children home.

The new man is promising - and he don't know just what to expect. He hopes Mike can at least finish out this year of school, it