

Christmas Correspondence, 1951



This is what the Doctor ordered!



But..



DO take more leisure
DO enjoy your Friends more



DO come see us!



Thank you, we will!

Silver Bells, hear them ring
FOR YOU!

Julia and Alfred Hill

Country Club Lane ☆ P.O. Box 209 ☆ Swarthmore Pa.

From the Chester Times of October 15, 1951

... as they mark the 250th anniversary of their corporate existences, have much to look upon with pride. public into th

News is News

A week ago this morning for the second time in three days I felt a pain in my chest. Recognizing a danger signal I drove to Chester Hospital and a cardiogram was suggested.

The result of the "reading" was that I was hospitalized with the information that a slight heart disturbance had been recorded.

The verdict of the three physician friends who sat in on the discussion was uncompromising: "We have caught this in time. However, you must go to bed for at least a month and probably for six weeks. You must cut yourself away from visitors, no matter how much you enjoy them. You must discipline yourself completely. You are under our orders for your own good."

The reward held out to me—if these rules are followed—is a return to normal life, which right now was never more attractive.

To one inexperienced in hospitals, the sudden turn of fate which places you under the constant surveillance of doctors and nurses and away from the busy routine of life is a "shocker."

This is a report only on the first week. The signs of improvement are definite; all tests have been favorable but the strict regime continues.

I wish I could convey something of the overwhelming emotion which comes to one who has received as many thoughtful courtesies as have been extended to me this past week.

There are so many things I'd like to say in return. (To those who have sent flowers I have found satisfaction in having some distributed to others in the hospital who can enjoy them with me—but please go slow.)

Seven years ago my brother, Ormond, who publishes a newspaper at Kearney, Nebraska, had an attack somewhat similar to mine. Sunday morning I received a letter from Ormond which said: "It isn't such a handicap and I think you can learn the same thing. Based on my experience, you can do a lot of things you want to do and not do a lot of things you do not want to do. Just find out what your limits are and then stay inside those limits."

"I've a hunch I could step up my present activities without any adverse effect but I know I can go my present pace without trouble, so I'm not trying to find out what my outside limits are. I just go along at a pace that must be well within my limits and I'm having a lot of fun living."

Why all that detail? Well there must be some way a newspaper man can express appreciation which overwhelms him. I'm trying to give the news.—Alfred G. Hill.

Thought for Today

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January 15, 1952

Mr. Alfred Hill
Country Club Lane
P. O. Box 209
Swarthmore, Pa.

Dear Alfred:

I received your interesting communication of October 15, which came December 18, so there was a little lack between the date of the news story and the date of mailing.

One thing that your letter called to mind was the objection that Dr. Harvey, our college physician, had at being mentioned as a Negro physician in a story which you wrote. You may remember that after I passed it off, he said to me that if I were not going to do something about it, he would take the matter into his own hands. In reply I said that if he ever laid a finger on a man in my employ, he would find he was dealing, not with him, but with me. Dr. Harvey has gone to his reward quite some time ago. I guess on the whole he was a pretty decent sort of a chap, but had rather of a high-handed manner that didn't go very well with me.

Everything here is running along just about the same. We are probably a little larger, probably have more subscribers, and it doubtless takes more money to run the institution than it did in the old days, but business has been good and we are thankful that it happened to be our lot to locate in Lawrence.

In a way, I lead rather of a lonely life, but it might be a lot worse. Dolph is the only one of my children living in Lawrence. Dolph, Jr. is a Marine at Quantico and John Simons is finishing his sophomore year at K. U. Mike McNalley, the son of my daughter, Janet, is attending K. U. and drops in to see me frequently. He is preparing to be a doctor. His grandfather, Michael McNalley, was a physician, and he has two uncles and an aunt who are physicians, so the boy is definitely destined to become a doctor.

I now have three great grandchildren, all of them boys.
I know it has been quite sometime since you were here, and yet
it does not seem long.

I am glad to hear from you and wish you well. Give my
regards to Mrs. Hill.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:en



May your Christmas

be a Happy Day

With a year ahead

That's all that way!

Dear Mr. Simons, We do
want you to know we
do appreciate your cards
& we want you to know
we are also thinking of
you at this time.
We keep about as busy

January 15, 1952

Mrs. Nellie Reese Evans
2101 W. 49th Terrace
Kansas City 2, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Evans,

I was glad to receive the note on your Christmas card. The relationship we had with the Evans family was a very happy one. We were fond of Mrs. W. R. and were always happy to have her drop in at our home.

If Mr. and Mrs. Jennings were here during the holidays, I did not hear from them. It has been quite a while since they were here. As I recall, we called him to our church in 1917 and he was with us for 10 years. But he left us nearly 25 years ago, and I think we have seen him only once since that time. We always liked the family. The tall daughter, whose first name I do not recall at this moment, made her home in Kansas City for some time and may still be there. Of the twins, it is my remembrance that one of them passed away, and I think she was the stronger and more rugged of the two.

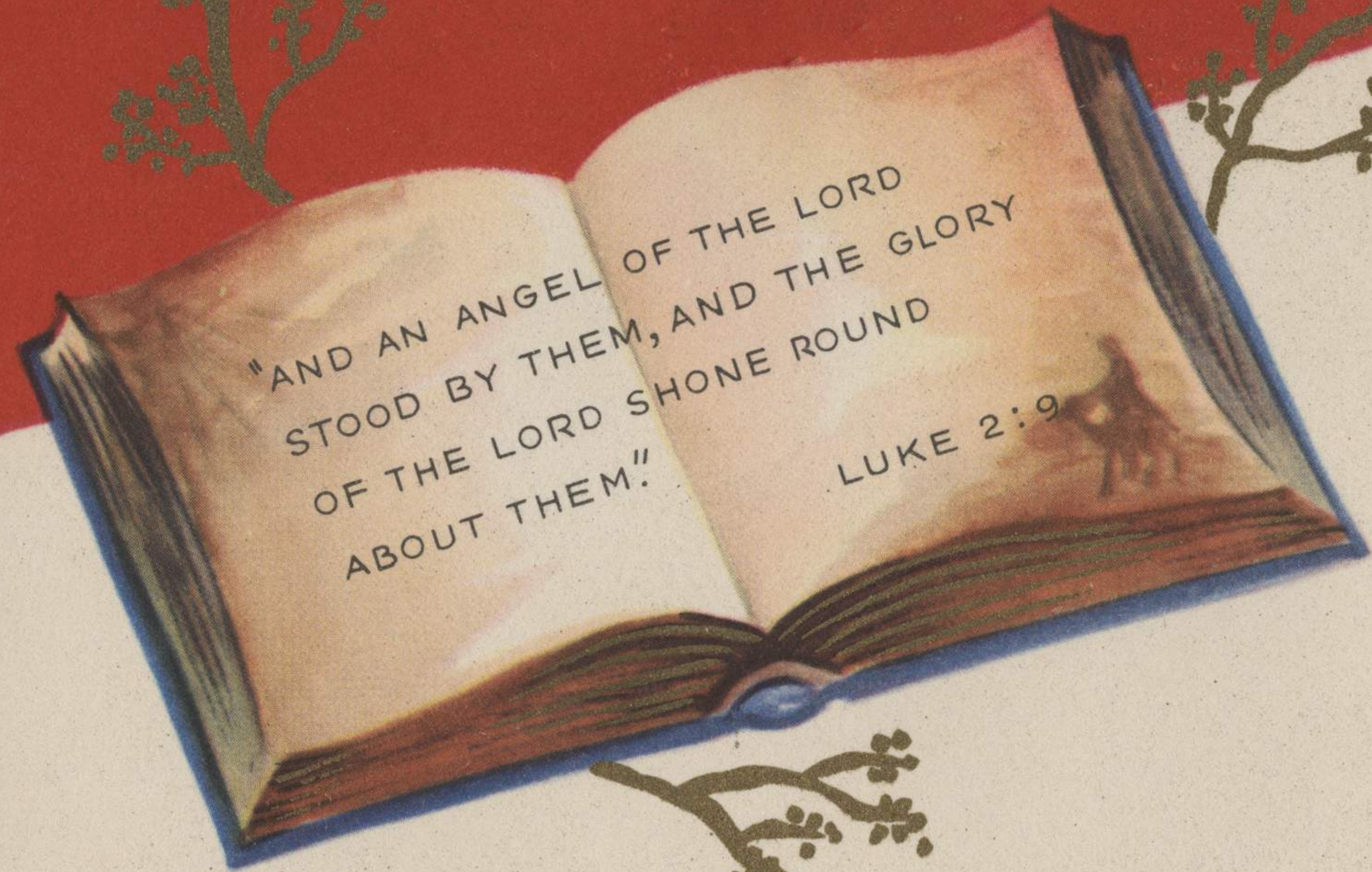
At the church, I am about the last leaf on the tree. There are not very many of the real old timers left.

I am always glad to hear from you and will be glad to see you any members of the family who may come to Lawrence.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:en



May the Joy
the shepherds knew,

Bring Blessings to you

this happy Christmas Day~~

Marvin + Eula Belle Flory

January 15, 1952

2nd Lt. Dolph C. Simons, Jr., 055013
1st Training Battalion, Camp Barrett
Co. "A", Marine Corps School
Quantico, Virginia

Dear Dolph,

In thanking you yesterday for the Christmas present, I neglected to include the fine World Atlas that I received from you. This is a dandy book to have and I certainly appreciate it, but I think you must have blown yourself on your old granddad.

Lots of love and best wishes and I'll be very happy when you become a regular member of the force.

Lovingly,

Granddad

WCS:en

January 15, 1952

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Flory
Cerro Gordo, Illinois

Dear friends,

I was very happy to receive your card with the note from Eula. I am of the opinion that Eula may owe her life and health to me. She had quite a serious infection in her nose and I felt she had neglected it, so I took her to the doctor one evening and waited for three hours for him to treat her case. I do not think she realized the extreme danger that always exists when one has an infection above the mouth. In such cases, the blood goes through the brain before it has an opportunity to be purified by the heart and lungs.

We have had a very pleasant winter so far, some snow and cold weather, but no really bad weather.

I sincerely hope that the doctors at Rochester found out what was the trouble with you and were able to cure it.

In regard to myself, I still can not use soap excepting a little on my hands and even the water with the chemicals which it contains causes an itch so that I have to be rather careful in regard to baths. When I am in Minnesota where we have pure water from the well without the addition of any chemicals, I can use our shower bath for going swimming without any trouble.

I know that you had a fine time Christmas with your husband's brother.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:en



season's
greetings...



Florence and Billy Booth
Chuck and Pat

January 15, 1952

Florence and Billy Booth
1720 Ross Avenue
St. Paul 6, Minnesota

Dear friends,

I was glad to receive your season's greeting. It has been quite some time since we have seen each other, but I remember well when Billy assisted in the wiring of our building and of the acquaintance we had with you and your family some years ago.

I think that you know Mrs. Simons passed away October 30, 1948. I am fortunate in having a student in advanced engineering and his wife at our home. They have made it possible for me to continue to live in my home.

It was good to hear from you and any time you may have occasion to be in this area, I shall be glad to have you visit me.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:en

Dear Granddad,

Jimmy and I
want to thank you
for our Christ mas
checks. We surely do
appreciate them and
you'll be surprised to

know that we haven't
spent them yet. You
wouldn't know he
was the same little
fella that you saw.
He grows just like
a weed and seems
to be getting along

January 15, 1952

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

Dear Mary Beth,

I was glad to get your short letter of recent date and to know that you are all well.

I am sure that Jimmy would surprise me by the growth he has made. Isn't it queer how these little fellows can entwine themselves about our hearts so strongly? Perhaps even their helplessness appeals to us. Maybe it makes us feel strong because they are so little and so frail.

It is rather interesting to me that my three great grandchildren are all boys. Some of you will have to have a girl to break the record.

I shall be happy to have you come up and spend the weekend with me anytime you can.

Much love,

Grandad

WCS:en

January 11, 1952

2nd Lt. Dolph C. Simons, Jr., 055013
1st Training Battalion, Camp Barrett
Co. "A", Marine Corps School
Quantico, Virginia

Dear Dolph,

I spent several hours yesterday reading the book you gave me, "Meet The Master", and found it intensely interesting. I appreciate the book very much coming from you and now I appreciate it also for its excellency.

As you know, I have always been very fond of you and proud of your ability in so many ways.

Not very much in the way of news. The weather is rather pleasant and the snow is mostly gone.

Lovingly,

Your grandad

WCS:en

BRINGING
YOU
GREETINGS
OF
THE SEASON



Elma Buckley

January 14, 1952

Mrs. Elma Buckley
945 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Cousin Elma,

Thank you for your recent card. I remember well the pleasant visit Gertrude and I had at your home some years ago. As I recall, you had several daughters, but I am not sure whether or not you had a son.

I hope that your life is pleasant and that your family is getting along nicely. As you know, Gertrude passed away more than three years ago. It seems such a pity that she had to be taken, because our lives were very happy together and we had looked forward to more trips together to foreign lands. Both her mother and sister were also very dear to me but they too are gone.

I shall be glad to hear from you whenever the spirit moves you.

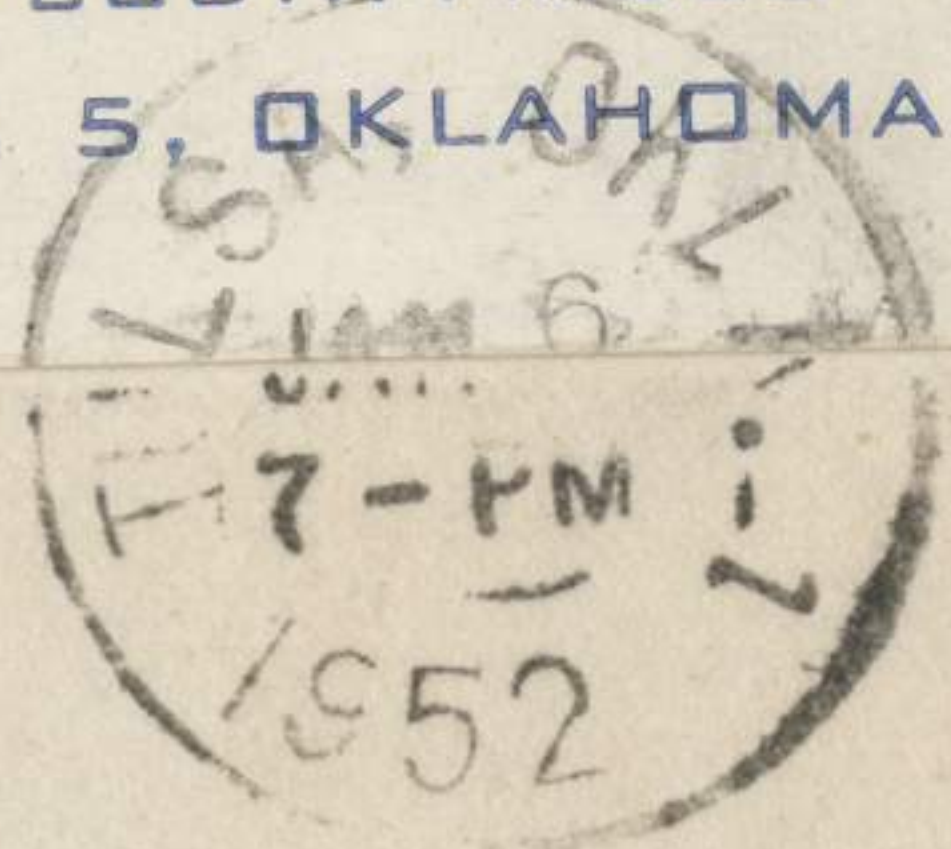
Cordially,

W. C. Simons

WCS:en

MRS. E. PALMER SHELTON

1500 SOUTH FRISCO
TULSA 5, OKLAHOMA



— FIGHT —
INFANTILE PARALYSIS
JOIN MARCH OF DIMES



Mr. W. C. Simons
2500 Vermont
Lawrence
Kansas

Mrs E. Palmer Shelton

1500 So. Frisco

Tulsa, Okla.

(Thank for dinner &
entertainment)

today. You were dear to
think of us and we
both want to thank you
for remembering us so
generously.

I trust this finds you
feeling better. We all enjoyed
your visit and are looking
forward to the next one -

Tell Blanche we miss her
and thank you again and
many blessings to you &
yours for 1952 Sincerely
Mary Ann

Mrs. E. Palmer Shelton

January 8, 1952

Lance Johnson
213 North 12th Street
Wymore, Nebraska

Dear Lance,

I just received the book from you entitled:
"The 30th Anniversary
Reader's Digest
Reader".

I thank you very much for it.

The Reader's Digest contains each month very good literature. If you have already found interest in reading it, it indicates your mentality is far ahead of the ordinary boy's of your age. Personally, I think the Reader's Digest is a very interesting magazine and although I have probably read many of the stories that are repeated in the book you have sent me, I am sure that I shall find pleasure in reading them again.

Much love,

Grandad

WCS:en

We are all well, and the boys are enjoying their vacation. School starts again Wednesday. Dolph is reading one of the books he received for Christmas. He loves to read, and does quite well. According to him he is the best reader in his grade.

Lance is going to take this down town now to mail it; so I'll close -

Loads of Love,
Dorothea

January 7, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen W. Maloney, Jr
2005 N.E. 29th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Pat Jr., Marie and "Odie",

I want to thank you for the handkerchiefs you sent me for Christmas and to send you my continued love. I know that I shall never see as much of you as I would like, but I am happy to hear from you and to know that you are well and happy.

I think it possible that Marie has returned from the visit with her family in Mississippi, and if so, I know you are both happy to be together again.

I shall be happy to have you visit me whenever you can and to stay just as long as possible.

Lovingly,

Your granddad

WCS:en

Mrs. Owen Wayne Maloney, Jr.

~~You know that in~~
~~some things you can~~
~~do way more.~~

~~I hope you~~
~~hope to see you~~
~~soon.~~

~~Love~~
Marie

"Happy
Christmas"

A Gift From

The
Wellmanns

January 9, 1952

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wellman
Transportation Advertising Co.
806 Transportation Building
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear friends:

I want to acknowledge receipt of the apples, which unquestionably are the finest apples that I have ever seen. I am glad to have them, not alone because they are excellent but because it reminds me of you.

The apples recall the pleasant time we had when your little daughter was with us some years ago. She was a charming little girl and perhaps now is married and has a home of her own. I always think of you as a manly and courageous youngster, who although seriously handicapped by a stiff arm, conducted yourself in such a manner that no one knew of your handicap. You were a bashful youngster and the first time we called at your home on the hill west of town, you almost hid out in order to avoid meeting us. I still remember and think I could pick out the house where your family lived on New Hampshire or Rhode Island.

John Simons, Dolph's youngest son, will finish his sophomore year at K. U. this year. Dolph, Jr., is with the marines at Quantico. Dolph is the only one of my children residing in Lawrence. Blanche Maloney lives in Tulsa, Janet McNalley in Minneapolis and Dorothea Johnson in Wymore, Nebr.

I am fortunate in having a nice young couple with me, which enables me to maintain my own home, and today they are cleaning house; something that every man avoids and every woman considers a must.

Please remember me to your daughter.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:en



*Greetings
from*

Eileen & Carl Olander

To

MR W C SIMONS
JOURNAL WORLD
LAWRENCE KANSAS

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The Swiss Colony

MONROE, WISCONSIN

January 9, 1952

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olander
619 North Batten
Wichita, Kansas

Dear loved ones,

I was so sorry not to have seen some of you when I was last in Tulsa. Little Wayne was such a well mannered little chap as a baby that he must be quite a boy now. Give him my love and tell him I should like to have a letter from him.

The cookies that you sent were excellent and we enjoyed them very much.

As you probably know, I visited Blanche and Pat in Tulsa not long ago and as usual had a very pleasant time.

Housecleaning is on today at home, so that when you come up to see me everything will be in ship shape order and I will be happy to have you come.

Lovingly,

Grandad

WCS:en

Del 2902 R
Frank Case

The weather is terrible in
Oklahoma City now - it has
been steeting and snowing
since yesterday - and it is like
a sheet of ice outdoors now.

We are quite snug in our
house - and so is "Ullie" -
he enjoys being in with us
when it is cold.

I hope we can spend next
Christmas together.

Lots of Love,
Marilyn

January 2, 1952

January 9, 1952

Marilyn and Bob Riggs
2110 Elmhurst
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Marilyn and Bob,

I want to thank you for the box of fine assorted cheese sent me for Christmas. I have always been fond of cheese and this selection is excellent.

I was sorry that I didn't see you when I was last in Tulsa. I had a very pleasant visit with Blanche and Pat.

I know it is a little hard to get away, especially at this time of year, but I shall be happy to have you visit me when you can.

Today Mr. and Mrs. Scott, who are making their home with me, assisted by a good colored woman are cleaning house at home so that everything will be ship shape when you come to see me, which I hope will not be too far away. I had a mighty nice time when I was with you a year ago.

Lovingly,

Your grandfather

WCS:en

January 8, 1952

Holmes and Peck
7 East 7th Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear friends:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your year book for 1952, and to express my appreciation for the gift. I find it necessary to keep track of my correspondence and your year book enables me to do so with greater ease.

I appreciate your friendship.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:en

January 8, 1952

Decker-Coy Agency
7 East 8th Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear friends:

I want to express my appreciation for the year book recently received from you. A record of this sort is a very great help in keeping track of one's correspondence, and I certainly appreciate your kindness in sending me your copy.

Sincerely,

W. C. Simons

WCS:en

January 8, 1952

Mr. W. G. Hutson
Eldridge Hotel
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Billy:

Again I have received from you a beautiful neck tie and I wish to express my thanks for same. I note that the tie came from Marshall Field of Chicago. This is of special interest to me because my sister, Julia, whom you knew as Mrs. Brady organized the welfare department for Marshall Field's big store in Chicago, and headed its welfare work for nine years. At that time I was a frequent visitor at the big store.

I appreciate the gift very much and wish you success and happiness in 1952.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:en

January 9, 1952

Miss Mabel Schendel
3623 Wyandotte
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mabel:

I want to thank you for the nice box of shelled hickory nuts received for Christmas.

I think of you frequently and always with pleasant memories. I understand that you are doing well and I am glad of it. It was mighty nice of you to remember me after all of these years.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

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January 9, 1952

Dr. and Mrs. J. Russell Wickey
Public Square
Belleville, Illinois

Dear cousins,

Again I want to thank you for some fine handkerchiefs received for Christmas.

I occasionally hear from your sister, Mrs. Gooding, but I think it has been some months since I have heard from her. I presume Grace's children are growing up. They were a fine looking lot of youngsters when I saw them.

Give my love to all the family.

Lovingly,

Your cousin

WCS:en

January 9, 1952

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

Dear Mary and Charles:

Christmas has come and gone and we certainly enjoyed the fruit cake which you sent us. I also enjoyed reading proof on your Christmas story. I think it is fine for you and fine for your neighbors and friends in Wisconsin that you have shown so much interest in their welfare. Sometimes people living in the country are apt to feel that they are forgotten, and I think it is nice for you and for them that you have continued your active interest in the welfare and progress of their school.

We have not had a great deal of snow, but there has been snow on the ground for at least a couple of weeks.

Dolph, Jr. is in the Marines at Quantico, and was home for a few days during the Christmas holidays. We were all very happy to see him. As you may know, he is to be married February 7 to a very charming young woman of Rochester, Minnesota, whom he first met at Gull Lake. I am sure she will make him an ideal wife.

Love and best wishes to you both,

W. C. Simons

WCS:en

January 9, 1952

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas
2846 Indiana Street
Topeka, Kansas

Dear friends,

Thank you very much for the gift of the American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art. I know I shall find pleasure in going through it many times.

I hope that everything is well and happy with you. I was in Topeka for the funeral of my good friend, Arthur Capper, and I could not help but notice that a lot of my long-time friends like myself are growing older.

On account of bad weather and partly on account of not feeling tip top, I have not been to church for several weeks, but I had a pleasant chat yesterday with your successor, Mr. Ferre.

Housecleaning is on at the Cedars today so that the rooms will all be fresh and bright when you and Mrs. Thomas come down to visit old friends in Lawrence.

With love and best wishes, I remain,

Your friend

WCS:en

January 7, 1952

Mr. Mike McNalley
Beta Theta Pi
1425 Tenn. Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mike,

I am sure that I shall find constant use for the beautiful jewel box which you gave me for Christmas. I never have had one place in which to keep such articles of jewelry as I have, and I am already making use of your gift.

I know that you must have had a nice time at home and that you are making good use of your time here in Lawrence. Some how I can't help but be sorry for the boy or girl who wastes their time at K. U. It is not so much what you are able to put on the examination paper to get by, as what you store away in your head for use throughout life.

You have always been a brilliant student and if you carry out your intentions of becoming a physician, I am sure you will be a credit to yourself and family and will add to the living comfort of those who engage your services. With a grandfather, two uncles and an aunt in the practice of medicine, you will certainly find yourself at home.

I am always glad to see you and hope that you will spend as much time with me as you can afford.

Much love and wishes for success from,

Your loving grandad

WCS:en

January 7, 1952

To the Simons family:

I am putting this in the form of a letter because I want to express thanks for the different gifts received from you: the blue tie from John, the book, "Mr. Jones, Meet the Master", from Dolph, Jr, also "The Maine Man In the Making" from John, and the carafe from Dolph and Marie.

I think the family was very generous indeed with me.

I appreciate all of the remembrances very much and hope that the year we have now entered will be full of happiness and pleasure for you.

Lovingly,

Dad

WCS:en

January 7, 1952

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Johnson
Wymore, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea and Bus,

I want to thank you for the hat which you gave me for Christmas. I have not yet gone to Ober's for it and may wait until the spring styles are here.

When road conditions are more dependable, I shall be very happy to have you come down to spend the weekend or longer with me.

My health has been good. I had a very pleasant visit with Blanche and family.

Everything is moving along nicely at home. Elinor and Wally look after things well and are pleasant companions.

I have not had my car out of the garage for a couple of weeks, but Dolph has been very fine in calling for me and taking me home.

I also want to thank John Dolph for the Cadie cloth. I find a Cadie cloth one of the most convenient things that a man can have in caring for his footwear. The tie from Charlie is just right.

Love to all,

Dad

WCS:en