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Twenty-eight men went into the service from the ranks of our employees. It seemed that we were constantly engaged in closing up our ranks, but we did not try to have any of them hold back. Not only did we let our men go, when we greatly needed them, but we whole-heartedly engaged in all of the drives and campaigns. I was chairman of various groups and a Four Minute Man. When all of the military units had been removed from the state, we organized the Home Guards, of which I was "Vice President" and another citizen "President". Knowing nothing of military affairs we refused to assume military titles, even temporarily, but the Home Guard within a few months became Company H. of the National Guard, still an active part of the National Military strength.

It is impossible to recall the many places in which we have worked with the public. When we had a disastrous flood in 1903, which inundated North Lawrence, the shoulder of my black coat went under the muddy keel of a boat to carry it from its anchorage in the river to where it could again be launched below the dam. All that day, while in my ordinary clothes, I stood waist deep helping women and children from the boats to dry land.

I am a member of the Farmers Union and the Central Protective Association--commonly known as the Anti-Horse Thief Association, and was a charter member of the Farm Bureau.

I have never been a candidate for an elective, or an appointive office, but I have served two years as president of the Kansas Baptist Convention, and another year as Vice President and state chairman of Laymen. I served for a year as president of the Kansas State Historical Society, and am still on the board, was on the board of the State Chamber of Commerce, and am a member of the board and was for six years president of Sunset Home for the Aged and Concordia Hospital, Baptist institutions at Concordia, Kansas. At home I have served in many capacities including being a member of the board and Governor of the University Club. I am now president of Lawrence Memorial Hospital; secretary of the Lawrence Board of Health; member of the board of a building and loan association, and of a bank. I am moderator of the First Baptist Church, and a member of the board of directors of Kansas Baptist Convention.

As busy as I have been my son, Dolph Simons, is equally busy. My son-in-law, O. W. Maloney, who is sales manager for our publishing plant, has served as a member of the board of the Chamber of Commerce; as president of the Country Club; and as Exalted Ruler of the Elks. Our advertising manager has worked with the Business Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, and is the consultant and advisor for many business men in the community. Our managing editor, Captain J. W. Murray, has been with us