

THE EMPORIA GAZETTE

December 27, 1939.

Dear Ider M.:

I am glad you listen to Bill. He has a good voice and what with his daily news letter and his broadcasting stunt he is probably a pretty busy boy. His mother and I, of course, are proud but we are not so anxious as you might think. Bill is thirty-nine years old. He has a right to live his own life. The hesitant and cautious hand of age should not be put upon him, even with its anxiety. So we are telephoning him, wiring him and writing him to have a good time, stay as long as he

can and forget Emporia. Win or lose
we ~~will~~ be happy about it.

We are both well. We seem to
be going into the winter with strength
and hope.

Sallie joins me in affection-
ate greetings and every good wish.

Most cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'B. A. W.' with a stylized flourish at the end.