

August 10, 1943

Q A/c Owen W. Maloney
409 Trg. G. P. Squad RI
A.A.F.T.C. B.T.C. #4
Miami Beach, Florida

Dear Owen:

It has been a long time since I have written you, and I should be glad to hear from you.

Blanche called us up Sunday night and said that letters from you indicated that you were happy in your present work. I hope that you are. You have certainly been kept on the anxious seat for quite some time.

I think that you realize I have always had a lot of confidence in your ability and believe that you can do well anything that you set your heart to.

Your illness and the absence made necessary thereby from your school work was unavoidable and was nothing for which you should blame yourself. Just hit the old ball as hard as you can, remember that you have fine parents, and that you mean everything in the world to them, and that your old grandad thinks you are a mighty fine boy.

If there is anything I can do to add to your happiness, just let me know. I shall certainly be glad to hear from you.

Your grandmother joins me in sending love.

Lovingly,

Your grandad

August 10, 1943

Mr. Lawrence Unfred
c/o M. N. Penny Construction Company
750 Delaware Street
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Unfred:

Nearly a week ago you told me that you had certain articles that had been given you by Mrs. Cherry. Since that time we have recovered probably between \$300.00 and \$400.00 worth of stolen property and there is still property that is missing.

You promised that you would bring certain articles to my office and you have not done so.

I hope that you will not make it necessary for me to get a search warrant and send officers to your home to find out what, if anything, you have that belongs to me.

Please understand from this letter that I would like to have you bring to me every article of jewelry, clothing, linen, etc., etc., that Mrs. Cherry gave to any member of your family. Be assured, if it is not our property, we have no claim upon it.

I am reporting the robberies to the company that carries my burglary insurance.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

August 10, 1943

Mr. Dolph Simons
Gull Lake--Route 3
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Dolph:

I suspect that you have written one or more letters to me, but to date none have been received.

It turned cool last night and we have had a light rain during a good part of the day. The highest temperature shown at the gas office was 76 degrees at 9 a.m. and at 3 this afternoon.

Florence Fishback has been dressing chickens for us today and we are going to place them in one of your lockers. We called Fritzel's and they say they have a master key.

Gertie phoned me a short while ago that she had found the binoculars hanging on a hook back of some garments that were on a clothes pole. They had certainly escaped me. That incident now is largely closed.

Everything is running smoothly at the office. We held the paper for a few minutes in order to carry a bulletin about Churchill's arrival in Quebec.

Dorothy and Moody looked thru your house last night and found everything in good shape.

I don't know anything else of importance to tell you.

Love to all

Dad

August 9, 1943

Dolph Simons
Trail's End Camp for Boys
Glen Haven, Colorado

Dear Dolph:

Yesterday was the hottest day of the summer so far with a record of 109 degrees at the gas office. That was just ten degrees higher than on our front porch and about thirty degrees higher than in our basement.

I suppose you already know that John continues to be the lucky fisherman and while your dad caught some and Ernie caught none, John landed 5½ lb. and 4 ¾ lb. walleyes. A letter from John this morning said that he caught the big one with a frog.

Your vacation will soon come to a close and we shall all be very glad to see you. We think you are a fine boy in every way and are happy that you could have such a fine outing.

Freddie Van Bebbler goes into camp near Emporia leaving today. He is a fine little kid, and I hope he has a good time.

I don't know whether any of the little girls in town are red-eyed because of your absence or whether they have forgotten you all together.

Phyllis Buehler went to Tulsa with Eileen Saturday night for a two weeks' visit.

Lovingly,

Granddad

August 9, 1943

Mr. Dolph Simons
Gull Lake--Route 3
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Dolph:

I enclose herewith communication from Rusco.

I called on McClure today and had his promise that he would cooperate, reserving the right to say how much until later. There were some questions which were not clear. It seems to me that \$1,000.00 as a suggested contribution from the Kansas Electric Power is rather large unless it includes all the Kansas Electric Power Company plants and property in Kansas.

This is Monday and the advertising run is probably a little lighter than usual. The temperature yesterday at the gas office was around 109 degrees, although it was ten degrees cooler on our front porch. A temperature like that is not conducive to business activity. It seems to be cooling off a little today and I understand the predictions are for cooler weather.

We had a long distance talk yesterday with Julia at Chicago. Mary Jule and Vera were at our house so all four of us talked. I think she is still quite sick, but recent reports in regard to her condition are reassuring.

We have definitely arranged with the Logans to look after our place. They will spend each night there and Mrs. Logan will look after canning both for you and ourselves. When Logan gets thru with his work on the Hill at 2 o'clock, he will go to his home in North Lawrence to look after things and will then come out to our house. He thinks we can dismiss Brown and that he can attend to whatever work there may be. Saturday he drained the old oil tank and poured the oil into the buried tank.

Raybert Thornton and Mrs. Lydic are on vacation this week. Bus Johnson is looking after the press and the girls and Moody are doubling up in the office. I think I shall leave Mr. Moody in general charge and have already told him to discuss with Murray or Farris any matters that he thought it wise to take up with them.

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I sent my wardrobe bag by prepaid express this morning to Don Freeman at Brainerd. It probably will not reach Brainerd much before we do and it saves handling a heavy piece of baggage.

Brown picked a nice carton of tomatoes from your garden this morning and Florence Fishback is putting them up today.

I had a nice letter from John Simons this morning and he writes well.

Last night we had a long distance call from Blanche. Nothing special, but just to talk things over. She said she believed she would spend her vacation money this year in long distance calls to us. It has been exceedingly hot and dry in Tulsa and their yard man quit them shortly after Pat went away.

We have not as yet gone thru your house, but will do so this afternoon to see that everything is all right.

We had a nice letter from Marie which I think arrived Saturday night.

Love to all,

Dad

August 7, 1943

Mr. Dolph Simons
Gull Lake--Route 3
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Dolph and family including Ernie:

Rusco of the Kansas Press Association called yesterday stating that a campaign was being undertaken to secure from industries in Kansas a sufficient amount in pledges to underwrite an advertising campaign for the papers of Kansas which would include five 75-inch ads for each paper, the purpose of the ads being to boost the sale of bonds. He asked me to take the matter up with Hercules, but I told him that you had represented the Journal-World with Hercules and knew what men to approach and how to approach them. I told him to outline his campaign and send it to you so that you could take it up upon your return. I told him to also submit the matter to me in writing and I would talk it over with McClure, but didn't know whether he would have authority to place a contract for that sort of advertising or not.

He spoke to me also about the Jackman interests including WREN, and I said that Jackman was a peculiar chap, that one of his boys at least had gone into the service, and that I rather doubted if he would participate. I also told him I didn't believe it would be best to approach him from the local angle, but that it would be better to have the matter presented to him by strangers.

Bill Neustifter told me that he had the papers at the Eudora post office Friday afternoon at 4:20 very much to the gratification of the people at the post office.

Bob Price dropped in to visit us for a few minutes this morning. Farris is looking after some business in Kansas City this afternoon. Everything is running along smoothly with the best of feeling all around.

Gertie and I have to drive to Ottawa this evening to take Eileen and Phyllis Buehler. We had presumed that inasmuch as Phyllis was being given a fine trip, Buehler would take them to Ottawa, but he told the girls that shortage of gas prevented him from so doing.

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I think that it is a mighty good thing that you have a minister on one side of you to counterbalance for a stuffed shirt on the other side. That ought to make a good ordinary decent citizen out of you. You could see the beauty of holiness on one side and parsimony in all its horrors on the other. When you get back, just drop this letter somewhere so Bill can find it.

I think we are getting things lined up at home in very good shape. We have already spoken to Logan about occupying our house. An investigation indicates that he stands well with the people who know him. He is working today changing the oil from the old tank to the new one, and I am very happy to be informed that apparently there is no water in the old tank. I had anticipated that there might be at least a couple of inches.

We haven't received word from the Lake since you arrived, but know you must be having a fine time.

Woeste just said that Jim Dougherty told him we would have a Sentinel next week.

Love to all

Dad

August 6, 1943

Mr. Dolph Simons
Gull Lake-Route 3
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Dolph and family:

It turned off cool last night and it has been quite comfortable today, the high being eighty-six at 3 p.m. We had six-hundredths of an inch of rainfall, but it seemed like more and was good for the grass and growing things.

Business is coming along nicely. We had ten pages yesterday and again today. Leonard McCalla sent in an order for the special primary and general election supplies for Anderson County. This had not been included in our count and makes the total count to date twenty-two. We are getting out a copy of the Sentinel this week which will be charged to Hercules. This may be the last copy, but that we don't know. We missed out on the Jayhawker by \$42.00 which was a pretty close bid.

I am hoping that you borrowed my field glasses when you went hunting in Colorado and have not returned them. If not, I am sure that Mary must have taken them, and she won't admit anything or if she does, she will not tell you the truth about it. I am protected under my insurance, but would rather get them back because your mamma gave them to me.

I wrote checks for the monthly bills today and they did not seem high.

We have had acceptances for your publicity committee today from Hugh Powell, Roy Bailey, and Virg Hill with the Capital at Topeka will do what he can for you although he is going to be away part of the time.

Enclosed is a complimentary little letter from Cy Shannon. Also enclosed is a mimeographed sheet from national headquarters of the War Fund Campaign which arrived airmail this morning. Another enclosure is a letter together with stamp from Dr. Trump. I don't know his boy, so I cannot volunteer any information. Should you want to get some Journal-World stationery, get the key for our cabin from Grayce and you will find plenty of it in the bookcase north of the fireplace.

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We were real farmers today and sold three and one-half dozen ears of Golden Bantam Sweetcorn and your mamma got busy today and canned two quarts of tomatoes.

We think we shall arrange with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Logan to occupy the house while we are gone. He is the man who has the cattle and I spoke to one of the policemen, Ralph Hubbell, and he said he would almost stake his life on the man's honesty. I told him that I liked Logan, but before putting him into my house, I thought it would do no harm to ask a few questions.

We saw Mable last night and while she was very nice in showing willingness to help out as she could, she said that she would be rather afraid to spend the nights there alone and did not know of anyone that she could call upon to stay with her.

Everybody is happy. The boys are doing excellent work--ten pages today with pretty nearly a fifty-fifty layout, and the press must have been running by about twenty minutes of four. The boys have all been working together nicely and in the best of spirits.

I don't know whether we have quite got the paper cutter fixed or not. It is operating, but making a noise.

You will notice by the paper that Lester McCoy has been elected chairman of the Board of Regents.

Brown is giving pretty good service at home and I think is rather proud to have us keep him and let the other fellows go.

Lots of love and best wishes

from

Dad

August 5, 1943

Mrs. C. H. Hoinville
7539 Colfax Avenue
Windsor Park Station
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Julia:

I haven't any news.

Dolph has joined Marie and John at Gull Lake and I had a letter from Grayce. Also one yesterday or day before from Lillian.

Gertie found out day before yesterday that our maid who has been with us for three and one-half months and who had been very capable and dependable was stealing from us. We have recovered, I think, the greater part of the loot, but I think that my field glasses are gone. We are covered with a reasonable amount of theft insurance so we shall lose only the things that we do not know were taken.

It seems to me vaguely as if mamma had an experience with a maid who stole things years and years ago.

Victory gardens are a success and we have been eating our own vegetables for a month or more. Have also put up a lot of canned goods. We were sorry to lose our maid as she apparently was quite an expert at canning.

We have had the welcome news today that Catania had fallen; that Munda had been taken; and that the Russians had forced the Germans out of Orel. We are very happy to hear of the favorable aspects of the war, but the war is not won yet by a good deal. I am afraid that it may be some years before we can shake off the national socialism which now prevails and we probably will never have the opportunity for initiative and enterprise that has made this great nation.

I sincerely hope that you are gaining somewhat every day, and I am sure that if Mary Jule comes to see you, that it will benefit you. However, try to avoid any arguments or disagreements because I do not believe such would be beneficial to you.

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Eileen has been spending a few days with us and a letter from
Blanche says it has been very hot in Tulsa.

Lots of love to you and Charles.

Lovingly,

Your brother

August 5, 1943

Mr. Dolph Simons
Route 3
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Dolph and family:

Dorothy will pass on to you any letters that we think you should see. The only magazines that have arrived so far for you are Time and Life.

We were glad to know today that Catania and Munda have fallen and that Orel is in the hands of the Russians.

Scrivner is in town making the rounds today and brought us a mat of a new cut of himself, one minus the overseas cap.

I had to spend several hours today again on our theft case. I spent an hour at the county attorney's office where Hiling and the Sheriff questioned Mary and advised her to come thru and tell where any further property of ours is. We couldn't get anything out of her and she still denied the knowledge of my blue suit which I learned last night thru McClelland that she had given it to him claiming that it had belonged to her husband. He returned the suit today and one pair of pants. I told him there were two pairs of pants and when Gertie and I went over to McClellands to look thru Mary's things once more, I found where she had taken the other pair of pants, ripped them up, and had sewed them into one piece which would have been large enough for a skirt for someone, but not for her. We recovered a heaping bushel basket more of stuff including jewelry, shirts, hose, sheets, two fountain pens, and a lot of other things. We didn't get anywhere with her at the attorney's office, but decided she might be a mental case, and they took her over to the health officer. Later she rather proudly informed me that she was going to work for Dr. Chambers. I presume he wanted to keep her under observation for a short while and thought that would be a good way to do it. However, he will find it rather of a dangerous way because apparently she takes everything that attracts her attention. Among the things we recovered today was a box containing a half-dozen neckties of John Louie's, so she had even rumaged thru boxes of that sort. Well, that's out and over, and Gertie and I are not going to worry about it any more, so don't let it bother you.

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A suggestion made by Billy Neustifter that it would be very easy for someone to steal your tires with the garage open has caused me to ask that the door be shut.

I presume you took Bob over to the dog hospital.

Eileen was with us several days, but spends most of her time with her little friends.

We have ten pages today and the paper will be running in a few minutes although it is only about half-past three. Everything seems to be moving along nicely with no kicks. Ernie was on make-up today as John was working in the job room.

I had a letter from Grayce and a card from Mr. Weaver.

Farris received a very interesting and informative letter today from Ed. Of course, it was only such information as could pass the censor.

We hope to have Vable occupy the house while we are gone. I had a nice card from her this morning and we shall follow it up.

Love to all

Dad

Enc.: Telegram

Also received acceptances from
Sid Harris
Red Wheeler
Howard Rusco

August 5, 1943

Mr. Melvin McClelland
809 Alabama Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. McClelland:

Two or three weeks ago our Mr. Moody purchased auto stamps for each of our cars. He says that he put two of them on my desk.

We have been unable to get track of them in any way and it is possible that I may have taken them home where Mary Cherry might have picked up these two \$5.00 stamps and either has them herself or may have given them away.

If you know anything about it, please advise me.

Sincerely,

W. C. Simons

August 5, 1943

Mr. Lawrence Unfred
401 Pleasant Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Unfred:

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If you know anything about it, please advise me.

Sincerely,

W. G. Simons

WCS:df

August 4, 1943

Mr. Dolph Simons
Route 3
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Dolph:

We thought of you at noon today and knew how happy you all were to be in your comfortable cottage at the lake.

I had a nice letter today from A. D. Weaver, and if you are out fishing near Rutgers, I am sure he would enjoy very much having you run up to see him. He has been down to Frampton's twice to meet Pophan, but the kingfisher must have been out on the lake.

I think Gertie told you a little about her unfortunate experience yesterday with Mary Cherry. Well, it kept growing worser and worser and she called me about eleven o'clock today to come home. I had previously seen John Riling, County Attorney. We sent our truck over the McClellands for Mary's trunk, and I told Gene Johnson to ask for her bag also which he did and it was your mamma's fitted bag that we have been hunting for for the past two months. We also found her green coat and all together probably \$200.00 worth of matter was recovered from her grips, trunk, fitted bag, and the bag itself.

We then had Gene take her trunk and bags and Mary away to McClellands where she is stopping temporarily. It is extremely fortunate that we found out about it before leaving her in charge of the place. It seems that she had ransacked practically every drawer in the house--the northeast room, the closets, and the buffet on the dining porch. We feel sure that she got away with a number of small things, but we were fortunate in getting most everything back.

Whether or not to prosecute, I have left to the judgment of the County Attorney.

Everything has run along smoothly today. Davidson is handling the forms in good shape, and Ernie Mullins is helping out. We are having Woeste help Andy as necessary, but he hasn't required much help as yet.

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Everything is lovely and the goose is hanging high, and we hope we can arrange to take care of your tomatoes for you as scheduled, but we are not sure.

We have sent a note to Mable telling her that the place is open if she wants it. When I saw the God-forsaken looking place in which she has been living, I think she should be glad to get back to the breezes of Wakarusa Township.

I had a nice letter today from Col Baldwin. Dr. Trump of Ottawa called for you long distance today, but did not care to talk to anyone else, so we don't know what his trouble was. Maybe he wanted to let you in on a gold mine.

A package arrived from Crown Drug Company, Kansas City, today and we forwarded it to you, thinking perhaps it was kodak film.

Dolph Jr.'s laundry arrived at noon today and arrangements have been made to have it returned to him tomorrow.

Love to all

August 4, 1943

Mr. J. B. Eakin
Box 306
Santa Rose, New Mexico

Dear Jess:

It has been a long time since I have written you, but I think of you frequently and hope that everything is moving along well with you and Mrs. Eakin.

We have had a pretty good summer for Kansas--a reasonable amount of rainfall and not too many but enough hot days. While the temperature has ranged up to 104 degrees, it has not stayed at that temperature long. Crops look good and the county is cooperating in every way that it can to supply food products.

Victory gardens have produced a vast amount of food products this year and the lockers in the refrigerating plants are well filled.

Our daughter, Mrs. Maloney, has moved to Tulsa to join her husband who is the head of the Maloney Tank Company. We were sorry to have them go.

Mrs. Dolph Simons and John have been in north central Minnesota for a few days and were joined today by Dolph who will spend ten days or two weeks there. I am hoping to get away for a short while, leaving a week from tomorrow.

The big Sunflower Ordnance Works plant has brought a great many people to Lawrence and the surrounding neighborhood. Things connected with the construction department have largely been terminated and doubtless many have left. The Hercules plant is still operating and how many employees will be necessary will depend very largely upon the continuation of the war and the amount of powder required.

The help situation has been bad, but I think probably it will ease up a little now.

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Julia's health has not been good. She has been confined to her room nearly all of the time for the last ten months. I think there has been some improvement in the last ninety days, but not as rapid recovery as we should like to see

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely

Your friend

W. C. Simons

August 4, 1943

Dolph Simons
Trail's End Camp for Boys
Glen Haven, Colorado

Dear Dolph:

Your dad and Ernie got away last evening and should be in Brainerd by noon today. I hope they will have a fine time.

I have been interested in reading the good letters you have written your family. I know that you have been getting a lot out of your experiences this summer. You have found out that you could do a lot of things in the way of long walks and climbs that you didn't know you could handle.

I think you will find that you have learned a lot of things worthwhile that will be useful to you as time passes.

We all love you and want you to have a splendid vacation.

Lovingly,

Grandad

Mr. Jensen

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Q Apr Owen W. Maloney

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Miami Beach, Fla

MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

LITTLE FALLS DIVISION

LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

Crosby, Minnesota

July 24, 1943

W. C. Simons
The Lawrence Daily Journal-World
Lawrence, Iowa

Attention: Glenn A. Moody

Dear Mr. Simons:

I have your letter of July 8th concerning your electric service account for your summer home located on Gull Lake.

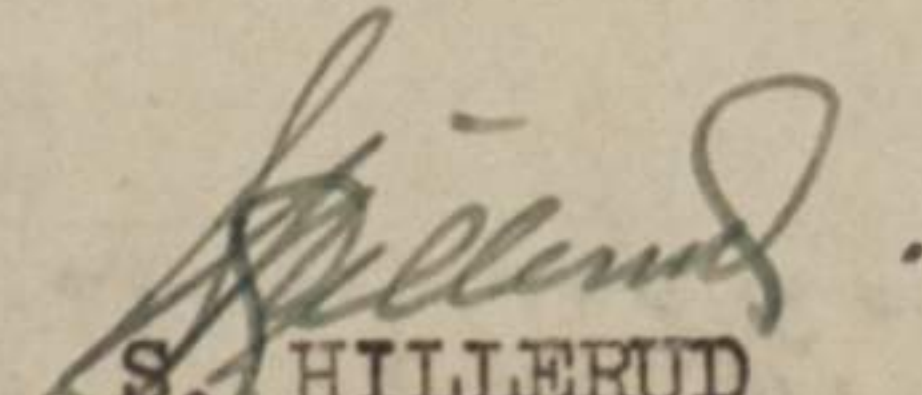
We received the check which you sent on July 8th which covered the payment for 1/3 of the yearly service charge. The yearly service charge at your cottage on Gull Lake is \$16.00 per year. This figure of \$16.00 amounts to 14% of the total cost of bringing the electric service to your summer home and covers the cost of maintenance, which would be repairs and up-keep, on that portion of the line in connection with furnishing electric service to your home. The amount of \$16.00 is divided into three payments of \$5.33 each, payable on June 1st, July 1st, and August 1st.

Regarding the last paragraph of your letter of July 8th, the above paragraph also applies to Dolph Simon's account who also has a cabin on Gull Lake. Mr. Simons has paid \$5.33 or 1/3 which is the first payment on the service charge. To date Mr. Simons owes \$10.67 or the second and third payments of his service charge.

The total amount of the service charge could be paid in one lump sum on June 1st if you would like to handle it that way and then if you would use electric service any time during the summer months, you would only be billed for the service used.

All remittances should be mailed to the Minnesota Power & Light Co., Pine River, Minnesota.

Yours very truly,


S. HILLERUD
District Sup't.

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cc: Mr. Taylor
Mr. Heiberg

July 31, 1943

Mr. A. D. Weaver
Rutgers Lodge
Route 3
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear A.D.:

Next Monday will be the happy anniversary of an important event which happened in the life of your father and mother quite a number of years ago. You see, I knew your father and I am sure he was delighted when he looked over his square shouldered, well formed baby son.

And your life since that time has been one that could well have had his commendation. It is mighty fine to have lived in one community as long as you have been in Lawrence and to have been identified with so many forward looking movements. You have had your influence in the educational, Christian, social and business side of this community and we all hope for you many more anniversaries of this important event.

Analyzing the situation here, I think that on the whole Lawrence has acted wisely. We have taken care of our new residents without having entangled ourselves with increased indebtedness. It was fortunate that we built our community building when we did for it would have been exceedingly difficult for us to have otherwise handled the many things that have been housed there.

I think there is every indication of a slowing down in connection with the war plant. Building for a continuous supply in case our coasts were seriously attacked, it is quite likely that our big war plant and others like it will never be called upon for any large output. Of course, we are losers in any extravagance that may have been entered into by our government, because we are the ones who in finality will pay the bills, but in this case the government stands to be about the only loser. I understand that the building of the Happy Homes was guaranteed by the government, and I feel that there will be some loss there, but meanwhile Lawrence has enjoyed the acquaintance of the new people, the University has done a splendid work in training thousands of young men for naval and military service, and the churches have all done their part in trying to throw proper influences upon the community.

A.D. Weaver

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July 31, 1943

All this you know as well as I, but it is a rich and interesting part of the long life that you have lived.

I hope that you will thoroughly enjoy your stay at Gull Lake. I think it is a delightful spot for a vacation, and if at any time you feel a little weary of Rutgers, you can walk over to the Pine Beach Hotel in a few minutes' time.

With every good wish and appreciating our long years of friendship, I remain

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

July 28, 1943

Miss Lillian Gowdy
3751 Aldrich Avenue South
Minneapolis 8, Minnesota

Dear Lillian:

I have just reread your letters of May 15th and of June 27th.

A letter this morning from Grayce said they had had some ninety degree temperature in which it was eighty degrees in the house. I hope you have been able to be comfortable.

In your letter of the 15th, you spoke of the advantages of going quietly and peacefully as did Etoile. I, too, think it is fine to go that way, but we never can foresee just how the grim visitor will come to us. For some reason or other, I have never had a fear of death and I hope that when your last hours come, as come they will soon or late, I trust they will be happy ones, and I am sure that whoever is with you will try to do everything they can to show their love and regard.

I know that your home must be lovely this summer, and I hope you will get a great deal of enjoyment out of it and out of your porch and garden. We have given more time to gardening this year than ever because it is the first time in a good many years that we have expected to be at home thruout the summer season. Dolph has been a champion gardner and has raised a lot of vegetables so that he will go into the winter with a couple of well filled lockers.

Marie is planning to leave tomorrow for Gull Lake. She will go by train and will be met by Grayce in Brainerd Friday noon. Dolph plans to go up Tuesday, August 3rd, and it is barely possible that Bertie and I will go up about the middle of August. Not having a car, it will be extremely difficult for us to get around as we have to make train and bus connections, but if it is in any way possible for me to see you, I want to do so. I am not certain that we shall go up at all, but we may.

In your letter of the 27th, you spoke about having a seat at the cemetery. I am afraid that a granite seat would be very expensive and probably hard to get, but we have a very attractive

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cement seat on our lot at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lawrence. If you have seats of that character for sale, please let me know and also state the price.

Grayce tells me that there was a bad wind storm a day or two ago which blew down a large tree east of their house. While our cabins are seemingly of a fragile type, they are in fact quite well made, and it would be very difficult for a storm to blow them from their foundations.

I am always glad to get your letters and I think of you many times.

Lovingly,

Your brother cousin

July 28, 1943

Mrs. Vanera Miller Smith
1318 West Redwood
San Diego 1, California

Dear Mrs. Smith:

I was glad to receive your good letter of July 18th, and I am sorry that I do not recall Will T. Reed. For a number of years the annual enrollment at the University has been in excess of 6,000, so it is possible for me to meet only a few of them, and I am sure that I do not remember the slight acquaintances now as well as I did some years ago.

I was glad to see the advertisement of the First Baptist Church. I met the pastor, Dr. John Bunyan Smith, probably 20 years ago when he was pastor of the big church at Wichita, Kansas. He was known as a fundamentalist, but that division is seemingly much more kindly than it was some years ago when the so-called fundamentalists and modernists were at bitter odds. I was happy that during the two years that I was president of the Kansas Baptist Convention, no feeling whatever was developed along these lines. I feel that essential Christianity has a big enough base to hold all who come, and we need not quarrel over the things in which we differ, but rather rejoice in the things in which we agree.

Kansas is being quite erratic this year in the matter of weather which probably means that it is carrying on about as usual. We had too little rain in the beginning of the year, followed by too much, then a dry spell followed by more rains, and now gardens and some field crops undoubtedly need moisture.

We had expected to remain in Lawrence all summer, and perhaps we shall do so. On the other hand it is possible that we will spend the latter half of August at Gull Lake.

Mrs. Simons is getting along very nicely and I think is becoming more sure of herself in the matter of walking. You may be aware that she broke a bone in her left leg three years ago.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

July 29, 1943

Mr. C. H. Hoinville
908 Railway Exchange
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Charlie:

I appreciate the receipt of the correspondence in reference to the work of your committee. I am certain that you are doing the work well and it is fine to know that it has won the favorable comment of the higher ups. Your letter to Mr. Engel seems to cover the ground fully.

I am glad to know that Julia can get around a bit, but realize that it must be with a good deal of courage on her part and perhaps with some loss of strength. On the other hand I can think of nothing more tiresome for Julia than to lie in bed for hours at a time with no one to converse with. I think the only thing to do is for her to take it just as easy as she can and I am quite sure that is what she is doing.

It is still warm and dry here, but crops have not suffered severely as yet.

Love to you and Julia,

Your brother



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Pastor

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9:30 a.m.—Church School.

10:45 a.m.—Children's Church.

10:45 a.m.—Sermon: 'Who Shall Rule the World.'

6:15 p.m.—Baptist Fellowship groups for all ages.

7:30 p.m.—Sermon: 'That the Church May Grow.'

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You Are a Stranger Only Once

San Diego, Calif
July 18-1943

Dear Mr. Simons:

I met a man today who graduated from K.U. ('97), and who knows you. But before stating his name I'll give the setting. Coincidences are extremely interesting, are they not!

Following our church service there is a luncheon and fellowship hour, primarily for service men and women; but attended by folks from our church also. Today there were 175, and the first time I have attended. Each one was asked to tell quickly, their name and 'where from'. My home has been here for almost two years, but I said "Formerly from Kansas". At my right, sat a man who asked me, "Where in Kansas?" When I replied "Lawrence", he said "I went to the University there". We really got into conversation then, mentioning K.U. Profs etc. And I mentioned you, Mr. Simons. Now, the gentleman's name is Will T. Reed (Reed, it wasn't plain), he is not in the writing business now; and has

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been 20 years since he was in Lawrence.
It's interesting how we meet up with people,
thus. I'm writing you of this meeting as
Lawrence was on my mind.

The Baptist Church here is a very
active and Gospel preaching church; and
well-known for its large and spiritual
young peoples department. Prayer meeting, I'm
told is out-standing. Service men and women
find open doors there daily from 10 o'clock to 10.

The Museum at Balboa Park, I mean the
buildings, have been taken over by the Navy.
The zoo is in full operation, and increasing
also in population, as well as an augmented
attendance.

Barrage balloons are round about us
here. I can see 8 or 10 from our house. We
have a fine view of the Bay and air port.

I do miss the lonely trees at Lawrence
and the greenness. The orange groves are
pretty here, but they are not in this
vicinity

Donald is still working at the Plant

which is a huge mass of camouflage.

Hope the summer months are comfortable there, and with enough rain for the crops.

Trust you and Mrs. Simons have a pleasant summer, and enjoy good health.

Sincerely yours

Vanera Miller Smith

1318 W. Redwood

San Diego #1 Calif.

1417 N. Blackstone St.
Jackson Michigan
July 2 - 1943

My dear Cousin,

I was glad to hear from you recently in only a short letter - I so often think of you and your family.

Perhaps Billie wrote you of my illness since coming home? Words cannot express the surprise and disappointment it was for us.

When I left the Sawit was with the doctors permission. I was going to main living room for all three meals, dressed and outdoors for a part of hour everyday. I rested even more at home - then I contracted a hard cold and about that time, Willard & Betty came from Buffalo altogether it was too much and the day after they left was taken ill with a hemorrhage. We couldn't find help of any kind - Eugene had to stay home three weeks. Then he went to work leaving me alone for the day - it was risky but it had to be. I couldn't sit up in bed but everything I needed was left in reach including the phone. Four weeks ago I had another small one - Eugene was home a week again then school was out and we could get a neighbor girl. A very capable sea-sawt little girl of fourteen. She comes 7:45 A.M. stays until 1 p.m. then comes in twice afternoons, to see if I need anything. I am gaining steadily now.

The withholding tax will cut into our small earnings. Eugene is putting in all the overtime he can to catch up on what we lost in the spring. We both are worried over what is going on in Washington - the coal strike and other domestic issues. I had hoped Chester Davis would be over food ⁱⁿ ~~and~~ all its branches. I can't conceive of the people electing Roosevelt for fourth term.

Yes, Lillian swears a great deal yet her letters are cheerful and she thinks of others - asking me if I would like plastic earrings for my birthday!

I intended to write a little note to Cousin Julia but was taken sick and am way behind on all correspondence. I am so sorry she continues to feel ill. I hope she doesn't have to leave her home - if she does, it would be pleasant to be in Lawrence with her people.

Eugene has made strawberry jam and canned rhubarb - also several shortcakes. We haven't near as much fruit as usual - that isn't due entirely to the wet season Eugene has been unable to give them the care he usually does.

I wish for you a very happy birthday July 8 and many many more.

Your letters are always welcome even the little ones. Remember me to Mrs. Simons - I trust she is well.

Your loving cousin
Kathryn L. Drought-

July 28, 1943

Mrs. Kathryn L. Drought
1417 North Blackstone Street
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Kathryn:

I am enclosing a carbon copy of a letter I have just written to Lillian. I also enclose two letters that I have received from her. While she writes you direct, I thought you might be interested in her letters.

There ought to be some way in which you can arrest your lung trouble. A very good friend of mine, the Dean of the School of Chemistry at the University, was stricken with tuberculosis some years ago and was a full year or more living in a make-shift tent in his yard. It did the work and while I think he tries to exercise a little better care in looking after himself than in the old days, he is now carrying a very heavy load. We have a sanitorium in Kansas at Norton which has done good work. I don't know what the situation is in Michigan.

With your will to live, and with your loving husband and family, your attitude would be favorable to complete recovery.

Love and best wishes from your

Cousin

ENCs.

July 28, 1943

Panagra
Chrysler Building
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

I wish to express my appreciation for the beautiful picture and sketch of the Cauca Valley Colombia.

Mrs. Simons and I were fortunate in taking the cruise on the Nieuw Amsterdam in 1939, and some day after the war, we might take a flight with you to see more of the interior of the Continent.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

July 27, 1943

Michael C. McNalley
Camp Lincoln
Lake Hubert, Minnesota

Dear Mike:

Having made a cleanup in selling newspapers in Lawrence, you doubtless are on easy street financially, but I thought maybe you could use an extra \$5.00 someday during the summer vacation.

In order to keep from losing it, I believe I should leave it with the camp management, but tell them you want to be paid off in cash from time to time instead of slugs.

Hoping you have a fine time,

Grandad

July 27, 1943

Management
Camp Lincoln for Boys
Lake Hubert, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

Michael McNalley who has just registered in is a grandson of mine and I regret that he is very round shouldered.

I shall appreciate it very much if you can help straighten those shoulders while he is there.

He is a mighty fine boy and I am sure that you will like him.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

July 27, 1943

Minnesota Power & Light Company
Pine River, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of July 24th.

In accordance therewith we are sending you herewith our check for \$21.34 to cover balance for 1943 on annual charges for cabins of W. C. Simons and Dolph Simons.

Hereafter please bill us on June 1st of each year for the annual charges for service, and bill at your pleasure for any current used during the summer months.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons

WCS:df

Enc.

July 14, 1943

Mrs. J. V. Fritzel
Route 6
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Fritzel:

I want you to know how greatly I appreciate your kindness in sending me the small photograph of my sister, Etoile.

I am not surprised that you remember her because she loved her pupils and never forgot them. We were very happy that we had had her in our home for a little over two weeks before she passed away as she had not been here for any length of time for a number of years.

Again thanking you, I remain

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons.

WCS:df



STATE OF KANSAS

DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER

Official Health Certificate and Release for Livestock

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Place.....

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This is to certify that I have this day examined the animals shown below and have found them apparently free from any contagious or infectious disease. Said animals have been purchased by

[Signature]
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(Purchaser) (Address)
at the community sale.

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	Calves.....		Mules.....		Goats.....

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	Released for slaughter.....
	Released on permit to serum laboratory.....
	Released to commercial feeders' quarantine pens.....
	Released on { veterinarian's owner's vaccination certificate which accompanied hogs to sale.....
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	Released on vaccination with serum and virus at sale and moved subject to quarantine.

REMARKS:
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[Signature]
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7/13/43

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\$ 491.00

total \$245.50

From M. C. Simmons

Received 245.50

W. F. Rogers

7/13/43

July 13, 1943

Mrs. Dolph Simons
1509 Mass. St.
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Marie:

Laura Beth Sifers, whose home is in Iola, will be coming to Lawrence to enter the University. Her father is a brother of Betty Sifers Hollingbery.

Her parents are trying very hard to find a home in Lawrence.

From what I hear, I think it might be well for the Kappas to look her over. It may be that Betty belonged to some other sorority and might have an inside.

I am writing this because it is on my mind now.

I met Mr. and Mrs. Sifers yesterday, and I got the data about the girl coming here from Geneva Hunter Monteith.

Love,

Dad

WCS:df

July 12, 1943

Dolph Simons
Trail's End Camp for Boys
Glen Haven, Colorado

Dear Grandson:

I have had a lot of pleasure in reading the letters you have written home. You are a fine boy and we have a lot of confidence in you. We are glad that you are having such a good time.

Your dad and I were discussing yesterday some of the benefits that we thought you would secure from your fine vacation.

John has been taking abold of things very nicely in your absence, but I am sure he has often been a bit lonely for his older brother.

I think the weather has been fairly ideal for June. While the days have seemed warm, the temperature so far has rarely been above 90 during the day and goes down to 70 or the upper 60's at night. Chiggers are rampant and hungry.

Three more beeves came out to the house Saturday making 15 in all. We ought to have enough for a hamburger next fall in any event.

We have been enjoying our fried chicken, but the old red hen has quit laying, so the noodles have already been made to cook with her. Wish you were here to be with us.

We had a fine time in Tulsa and found everyone happy in their new home which is very attractive.

Lovingly,

Granddad

July 12, 1943

Mrs. Don A. Freeman
Tree Tops
Route 3
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce:

Mr. Weaver has secured quarters, as you know, at Rutgers on the Point and leaves tomorrow.

I think he will try to meet you while he is there. He has another birthday on the 2nd of August when I think he will be 85 years old.

I am enclosing a carbon copy of a letter to Julia.

I think it possible that Don may have a filled or crowned tooth that is ulcerated in the root which might easily cause the various symptoms with which he has been troubled.

We think of you often.

This is the first summer we have really had to fight chiggers because when I am here alone, I have kept out of the grass and Gertie has been away during the hot weather.

Much love to both of you.

Your brother,

July 12, 1943

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

Gertie accompanied Blanche and Pat to Tulsa a week ago today, and the following Wednesday evening I went down and we returned Saturday, arriving home about noon. They have a very pretty home, and you and your family would certainly enjoy visiting them, and I know they would be very happy to have you.

Upon my return I found a very beautiful tie and handkerchiefs which you sent me for my birthday. It is almost worthwhile to grow old when your children remember you so kindly. I have been the recipient of so many pretty ties, stockings, and things of that sort that I am afraid the public will think I am trying to be a young sport when I wear them, but you watch me blossom out in that tie of yours.

Mr. Myers who works for us said that he understood that the wheat on your north farm had averaged 38 bushels. That certainly was a good yield. I hope you found everything satisfactory with your Ellis County farm.

Mo seems to have the knack of being a good lawyer and businessman, and at the same time can operate farms successfully. I think in this he is rather unusual.

We want to see just as much of you as possible and we are planning to come to see you. I think probably under the circumstances it might be best for us to take a train to Salina and have you meet us there, the time to be arranged between us.

Again thanking you for your birthday remembrance and with lots of love to you and yours, I am as ever

Lovingly,

Your father

July 12, 1943

Mrs. H. F. Johnson
Dawson, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea:

When I returned Saturday from Tulsa, I found the very beautiful sport shirt which you sent me for my birthday. I have not yet worn it, but I am sure that I shall make good use of it.

We are always very glad to get your letters and to hear about you, Bus, and the boys.

I think that you would enjoy very much making a visit to Blanche and Pat, and Bus would take a lot of interest in their plant which is very busy and seems to be well organized.

The summer so far has not been at all bad, the temperature not raising much above 90, while at night the thermometer goes down to the lower 70's or upper 60's. Chiggers, however, are bad.

In spite of all the money we have paid for help, our yard looks unkempt. Having sold the horse and mowing machine, I have been unable to cut it myself, and the colored man who cut it last week in exchange for the hay did a mighty poor job. It looks now more like a moth-eaten fur than a neatly trimmed yard.

I saw a little boy on the train while I was going to Tulsa who was a few months older than Charles, and while he was full of ginger, he could not talk anywhere nearly as well as Charles.

Give the boys my love.

Lovingly,

Your father