

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-