

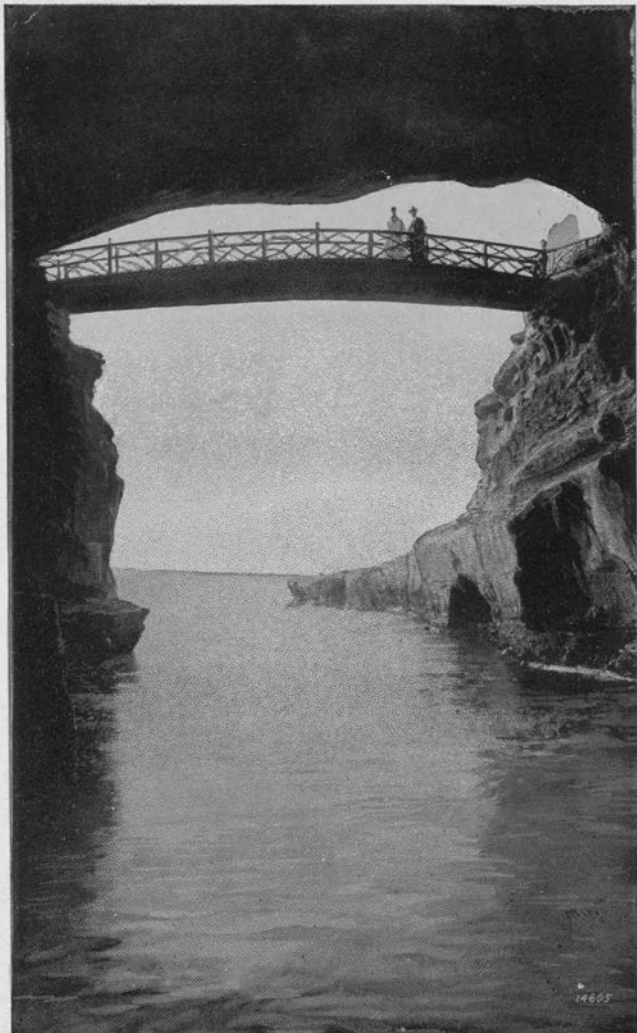


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Family Papers.

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123:—At Sunset Cliffs, San Diego, Calif.





CARD

THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS

Miss

Laura Jane Messer

608 Highland

Little Falls

Minnesota

MADE IN U.S.A.


 Dear Laura Jane I am
 seeing such beautiful
 scenery around here, and
 wish you were here and
 could see it with me, when
 you come and next winter
 we surely will have to
 come here and see it, and
 wonderful formations
 of the Rocks along the shore
 the sunset is beautiful and
 the breakers seem almost
 like mountains, and the strangest
 caves and rock formations.
 Let me hear from you sometime. ^{Love} Bobbie

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Holland.



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Dear Laura Jane:
I don't believe
you would enjoy
Playing in
costumes like these,
do you?
L. D. Garvin.

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota
U. S. A.

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I miss you & am my love & Aunt Bobby.

My blessed love Laura Jane -

This morning the postman brought a special delivery letter from Aunt Bobby and a letter from you to Daddy and me and you Aunt Mary. How I loved those letters and I read them to Aunt Ida and Dan and they too they were such nice letters. How I wish I could see you and Mary

right now for I miss my father
so much - How you and Mary
must love little Drew Mueser Davidson
He looks just like a little boy but he
is so little, just like just walker
Did you like the music box Daddy
brought to you? He took a long
trip yesterday and saw so many little
children in bathing - I'll Aunt Bobby I
can't let letters & enjoyed them so much - ^{my father} Mother

LINDEN HILL

Dear mother :

I am sorry you didn't get a letter from me at Detroit. Things have been just fine here. I have made helpful bag for the girls. I hope you have all kept well as far as you have gone on your trip. There isn't much news to tell you. Except that I had Lillian over and we had a nice time. What city are you getting in to now? Have you gotten into New York yet?

Things are going fine at school.
Aunt Marion and Ben
and Saga left yesterday.
I can't think ~~have~~ ^{of any}
things more to tell you

With love from
Laura Jane

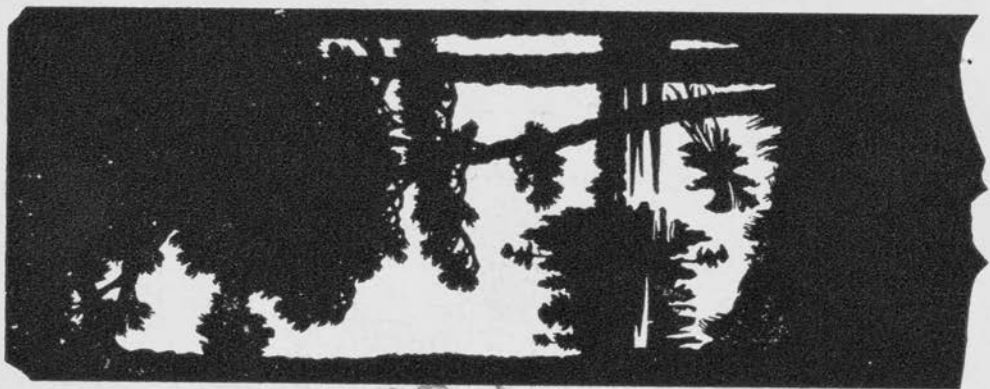
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Lake Plantagenet

Dearest Helen, Mamie and
Pauline.

Please excuse me
for not writing to you
before.

I am having such a
lovely time here. The
first month wasn't at
all fun. Because
I had to get acquainted
with all the new
counsellors and new
girls. although many
of the campers are old.
But the second month
is just keen.

Perhaps you would
like to hear what I did
last Sat. but before I



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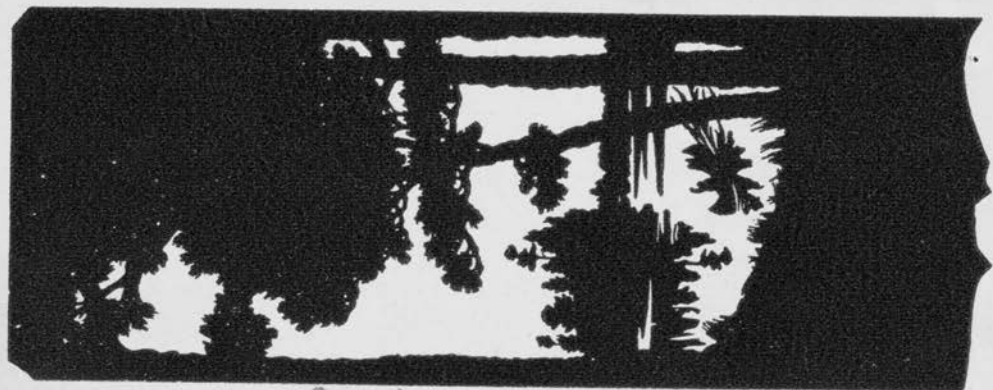
start. I will tell you a little bit about camp news. I will start at the beginning as you would probably like to hear what I did at the start.

The Sat. I came among one of the old girls seemed glad to see me, while the new girls stared at me in a friendly way. Well that night happened to be Prom night, (which means gypsy night) every body dressed up as gypsies and

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when I came it was
supper time and all
the gypsies were eating
in the most curi-
ous manner and they spilled
all the food over their
shirts. of course I had to
be very careful about
my dress but even then
I got a few spots on it
after supper we had
dances. Gretel Hirschfeld
seemed
the only girl who was
glad enough to dance
with an old poker like
me. Of course mother
and her friend stayed



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for supper and for a
few of the dances. then
sad to say she had to
depart. After she left
Some of the campers
gave a play which we all
said was keen. Then we
went to bed to have a
good night's rest.

The next morning
was Sun. nothing of
interest except at 11 o'clock
we had soap dip. Then

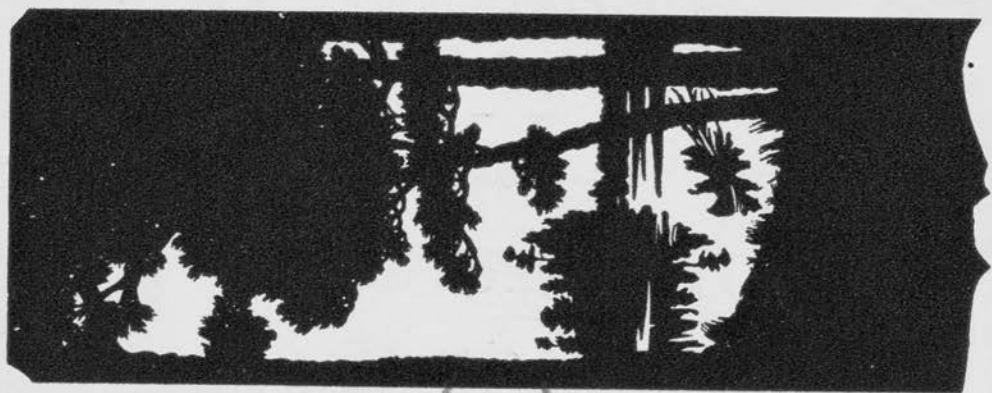
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we all dressed up in
white shorts and went
up to bible discussion.
Then came lunch.

After that came
rest hr. Of course I
slept and refused to
wake up when our
cancellor Becky blew
the bugle which meant
that rest hr. was up.

Then we had swimming
which refreshed us all
of course I could only dog

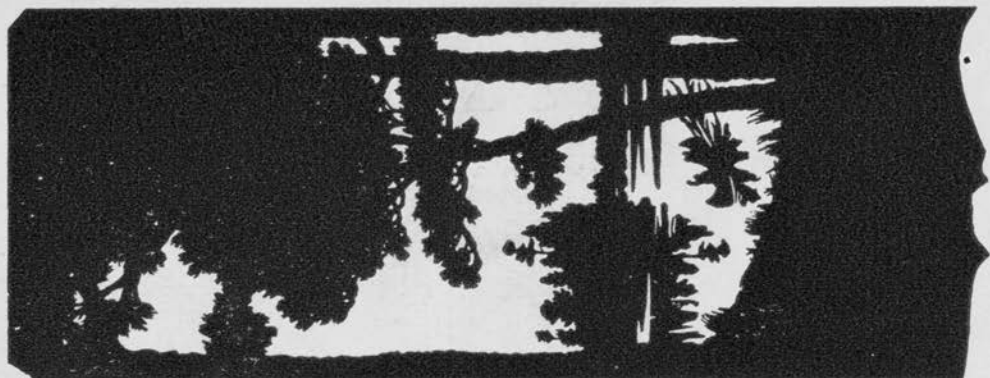


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paddle to my great
sorrow. Then we did
nothing of interest except
read until supper time
then after supper we had
respers which was pretty
good skip over a few of the
weeks. in which we were
all scheduled for different
things like tennis, life
saving ect. the next Sat
after Roman night

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we had a circus in
which each ~~cabin~~ had
a stunt to do. Our
cabin occupants acted
like monkeys while
the others were dogs and
ect. The next week
was just the same as
last and that Saturday
had a play which was
called Robin Hood
and his merry men
which was keen. The
next week was the



8
same as the last two
The next Sat we had
a Tabler party which
means for all the
people to be as ragged
as the can be. I was a
regular roughneck,
both of my eyes were
black and my skin
was dirty and my
hair was all tousled
up. almost everybody

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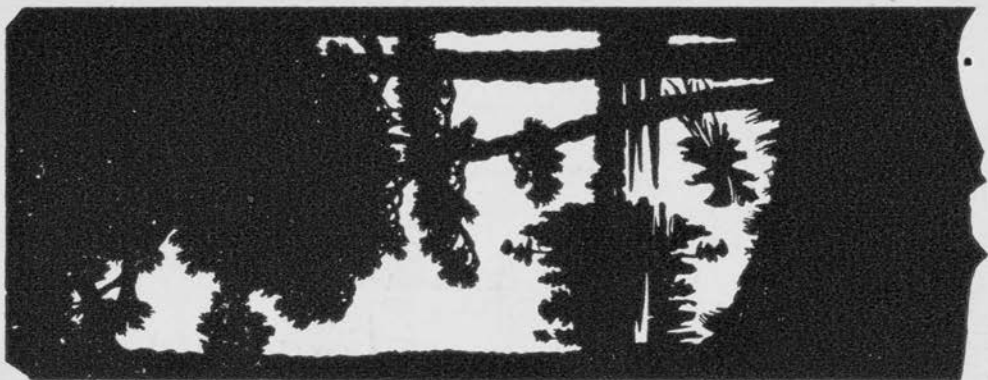
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was the same as I
excepting the ~~girls~~
girls. We dressed
up as country flappers
then ^{we had danced} we went to bed.

~~the~~ We also had
a birthday party on
the same day we
had a tashie party
and there was a great
deal of excitement.

I would like to
know how

every one is at home
and I would like to



10
hear a few lines from
you. I will close
now as this letter
is getting a little too
long and it might
tire you to read more.
Give my love to the
family and tell them
if possible to be up
for the pageant
which is going to be

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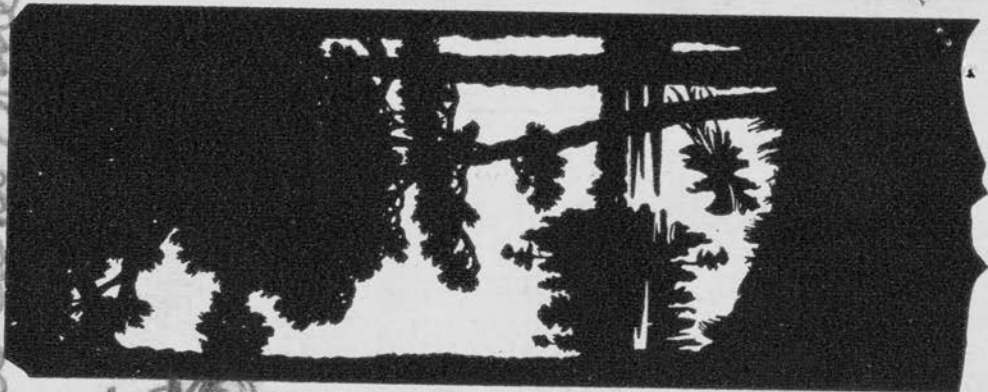
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this Sat. I would
like you three to
come too if possible

Remember

~~the pageant is~~
this Sat. Ash
Mrs. Danahoe if
she can come too
don't plan to stay
for supper up here
as I've said she
wouldn't allow any

P.S. let me know if you can come



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one to stay for meals
here. Bring a
picnic supper along
but eat it before you
arrive here. The
pageant is going to
be a grand affair
and I am to be in
it. So please come

Lovingly
Laura Jane

July 15, 1928

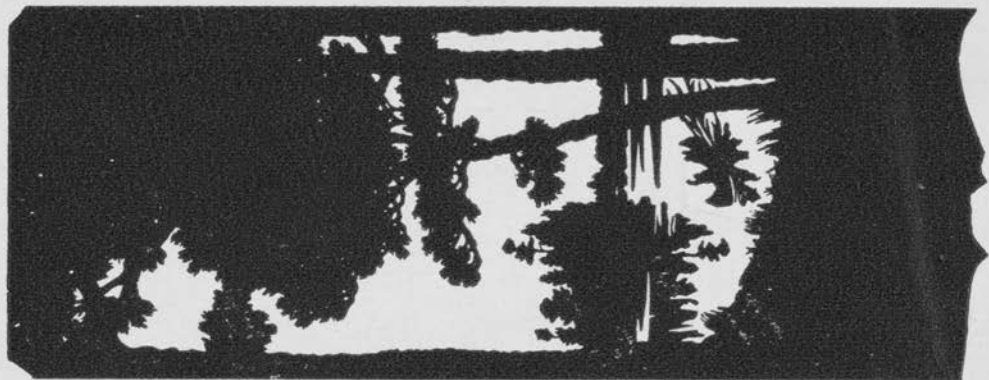
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Dear Mother,

I hope you arrived home safely. It is terribly hot to-day and in swimming I skinned my leg horribly, on the diving board. I am awfully glad that I can stay two months.

Will you please send me two pairs of overalls, and my riding clothes and boots. And when you go to ^{my} mine will you please get me ^{a pair of} a pair of thin riding breeches as my wooden ones are too hot to wear ~~to~~ in hot weather and the white ones I usually wear for horse ^{the} show.

And will you please put quite a lot of gum in ^{with} everything as we are all ^{allergic} to chew it in our own ^{allergic} And I left a very good ^{allergic} white shirt with long sleeves at home and will you please



and that.

I hope you can see and
see us soon, Give my love
to Daddy.

Love
Mary.

Camp Merriwyn
Lake Plantagenet

Dear Mother:

I like it up
here quite well.
But I got a little
homesick today
But I will try
to make others
happy as you
suggested and
so be happy
~~myself.~~
~~ess myself.~~

I will tell you
what I did
after you went
Well they gave
a little play
after you went
it was very
good.

I had a
good night
and I slept
 $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour
I can swim
in the water
for ever so
long.

When are
Dr. Bates and
Mrs. Lierson
coming up to
see me



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I want to see
them very
much.

Will give
my love to
the girls and
all my friends

With
love from
Lava and

P.S. Write to
me soon
won't you
Everybody is
sorry to me.

May 28, 1927

Dear mother.

I am sorry I didn't write to you sooner. You must be having a very lovely time. Have you seen Margot yet? If you have please give her my love. Mrs. Donahoe's sister Mrs. Sheridan is here. Today I took her for a walk around the place. Then we went to our reserved seats as you will be anxious to know. I will tell you the reserved seats are nothing but a high pile of wood with a smaller pile of wood next to it.

We use the small pile of wood for
steps and get up that way.
I am going to Deland's and
Leta Mads house tonight.

Yesterday ^{evening} I went to Jean's
birthday party we had a
very nice time. We played
all sorts of games and we had
some very nice refreshments.
We had two kinds of angel food
cake and vanilla ice cream
and chocolate. Then we went
home. I am going to write to
aunt Bolder the poor lady
will want to hear from me
since I haven't written to her
for months. Have you seen
any thing interesting or

historical yet? I hope you have
please write to me about
it. I can hardly wait until
my birthday comes. It is
going to start at 3 o'clock and
end at 7 is that all right? I am
trying to be as good as I can
to the girls. Sometimes I get
out of patience and then
I feel ashamed of myself
and try to be as good as I can.
A other thing I want to
tell you is that Miss
Bomer says that my
mails are in good condition
and that she hopes they
will be that way when
you come back.

With heaps and heaps of
love to you and Aunt Jane
from your little daughter
Laura Jane.

P.S. This letter is to
Aunt Jane also.

Daddy and I send our love
to Cousin Marget Walker
and the family

Camp Merriwyn
Lake Plantagenet

Dearest Mother:

I hope you
are, having a
wonderful time
and that you are
getting a good
rest.

Pam said
that Lillian
couldn't come
up for the
final Banquet
Because it
would be a
private affair.
But mother
dear I would
like you to
bring me
home in the
auto. Because
I don't like
waking up at
an early hour
as 5:00.
I will tell



for your self
Laura Jane

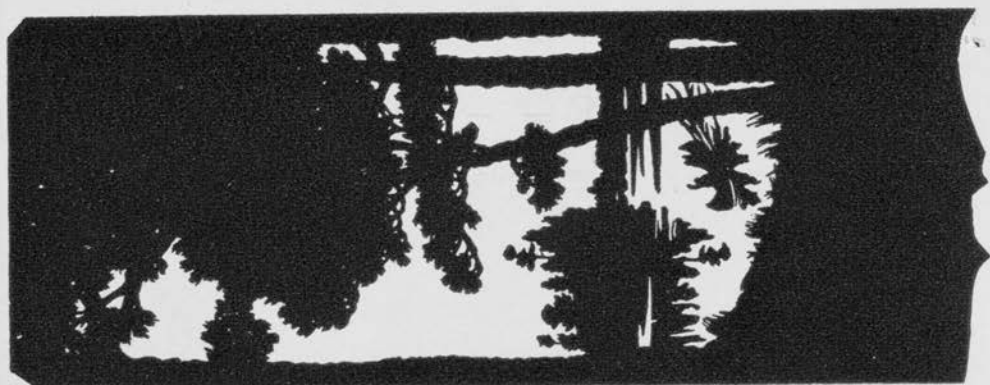
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you what the
pageant was
like. Well
the name
of it was called
queen Autumn
arrival and there
we had different parts of
autumn called the
leaves, the butterfly
the periwinkle the
crysanthemums, the
Bumble bee, ~~and~~
the breeze, and
the frost sprites
and they all
danced beautifully
well to me my lady
to everyone keep a lot

Camp Merriwyn
Lake Plantagenet

Dearest Mother,

I received your
lovely letter this morning
and was so glad to get
it I can do quite a lot
of things in swimming
I can do the float on my
face as you saw
me do. and I can do
the back float on
my back pretty good
I can do belly flop



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going under water
I can swim under
water very good, I can
jump in the water
going under water
I can side stroke
very good.

Now mind you
Don't tell Sillian or
Heber Maude what

Please give Alice and
father my love and

Camp Merriwyn

Lake Plantagenet

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keep loads
of it for
yourself
sincerely
said Jane

I can do.

It is certainly as home

that you can't come
up for this Sat. for

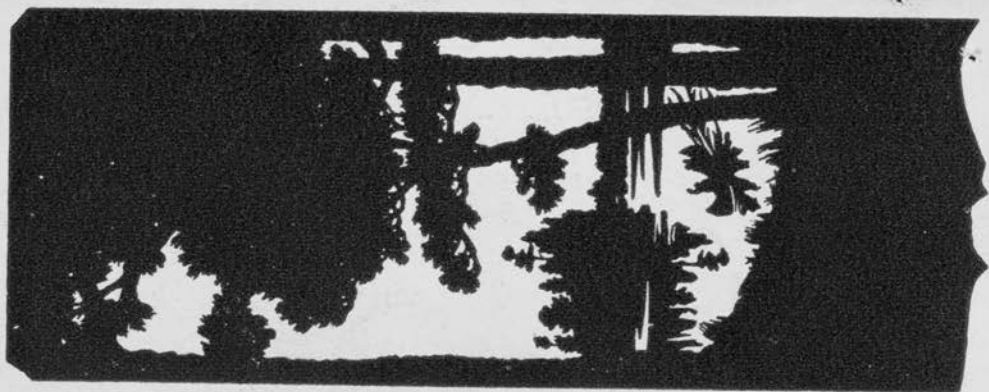
we are going to have
a tackie Party. Please
try to come next Sat.

if you can for we
are going to have
a pageant and I am to

be in it. Please
tell daddy I enjoyed his
letter very much

P.S. Give papa my love too

Hope you had a wonderful trip



Mother dear, Prue
said that she
wouldn't allow
any parents or any
outsider to have much
with the camp so when
you come up for
the Banquet and for
the agent bring a
picnic luncheon along
Prue said she would be glad
to have your children with us,

With a great deal of love to you all
affectionately Laurie Jane

P.S.

I hope
you
don't
disagree
with this
letter but
it is so
long
I hope
you
will
Miss
Blum

MRS. R. D. MUSSER
808 HIGHLAND AVENUE
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

Feb. 3rd
1929 Sunday

Dear mother & daddy.

I hope you are having a
nice time on your trip. You
must have had a good laugh over
my funny letter. I myself think
that that letter was not very
appropriate for you. Things have
been going along pretty smoothly
except for the little cold I've got.
I am almost over it. Today guess
who came for dinner? I don't
believe you will ever guess so I will
tell you. It was Miss Blum. And
truly mother I want to hug and
kiss her which I think you ~~will~~
object to. She has the sweetest and
saddest face of anyone I know of.

We, I mean Mary G. and I are making
dates with her. We are going to see
her every other day in the week which
I hope you won't mind. It seems
as though I can hardly get along
with out her, she is so motherly,
don't you think she is? We enjoyed
her very much and I hope you will
let her come often. I showed her
some of the movies and she
enjoyed them very much. Mary
and I have a regular crush on her.

One day I got mad at her but she
looked so sad at me that that
bitter feeling melted and I nearly
cried. One can't be mad at her
for long and I am ashamed to
say that most of my friends
dislike her for some foolish reason.

~~It~~ makes Mary & I feel terrible
Well mother dear I hope you will
come home soon and visit
school just for the sake of seeing how I get along
Well I must close now

and Jim since Friday coming
home tonight and Margaret leaves
Sunday for Europe. Her grand
mother Taylor and aunt Mary
are going with her expect to be gone
a year. I never saw any one I love
better than Margaret she has made
my summer so delightful you
cant imagine a more lovely
girl Sylvia is charming too
and both she and Sally have lovely
times together + the boys flock around
them like bees They are going to
have a party tomorrow and expect



Friday August 11th 1927
Just to say Jane wishes me
to write a word to say I am
pretty well and want to see
you all more than I can
express

I am very well and thinking of
you all constantly We are certainly
a large family Otis and Marian and
the boys make it lively I can assure
you Then Sylvia and me and the
boys dont allow a minutes respite
I am certainly enjoying Otis ~~he~~
he looks perfectly fine Has been
in the woods with Hunt Margaret

all kinds of a lovely time When do we
have you and Drew and the little girls
here I can hardly wait to see you. I am
so glad Laura Jane has enjoyed camp
so much it must certainly have
done her a world of good I enjoy
Mr and Mrs Vanostern ever so much
They run in very often and Mr plays
double drumming with me and we
play about evenly I miss Drew very
much and think I can beat him
now once in a while I certainly get
a longing to see you all every now
and then We had a nice visit with
Lodydia and Miss Hoffman They arrived
home safely Lots of love to all my
friends and your darling self as well
always the mother who loves you with
all her heart

Mother

were so good and I never saw Otis
& Marian look or appear better than
they did this summer Lydia &
Miss Hoffman were very enjoyable
Lydia's teeth looked so much
better and before she left were
quite well Jane is playing golf
and Sylvia & Sally are picking flowers
and I am sitting in my room
writing It is trying hard to rain
I suppose Margaret is or has been
with you I miss her very much
she is so good to her grandmother

Wednesday August 17th 1927

My own Dear Sally  You can't know
how much I love you and yours
It is so different for me to write
but how I do want letters. I am so
old and still, as I sit by myself
thinking of those I love so
dearly Laura Jane is always before
me I want her so much I'm
so glad she has had such a nice
summer and learned so much
Otis and family have gone and
they make a large hole for they

We expect Charles to be home

and for that matter every one
is Margaret seems so beloved in
Coeur d'Alene. Mr Grey cant say enough
about her brilliant mind and has sent
down to her to look over one of his
important decisions in law the boys
are as thick as bees around Sylvia &
Sally and all appear to have such
jolly times I wonder if Ed & Laura
are with you now I always enjoy them
so Tell Mrs Gile I wish she and I could have
a ride together My love to all the dear
people I am having a lovely summer
out here and feel I have lots of dear
friends in Coeur d'Alene I went out
to Hayden yesterday afternoon with Jane
and the young folks and read while they
played golf & then they came up here
in the evening and we played cards
and had a lovely time Lots of love
to little Mary and all of you Mother



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Daddy and I

POST CARD



Saw some
flamingos the
other day on
a little pool
on Mrs. James
Grouse and they
looked just like
this - in fact
some in home and
well to so happy
to see our little girl
much on mother

Mrs. Laure Jane Mueser
Little Falls

Minnesota

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April 29 1919

John Darling -

We have just left the hotel and it is
7:30 A.M. - Pretty good night weather? especially
for Mary who loves to sleep in the morning
but I guess it's because Roger is waiting
at the other end! Now a red light so
I can write a few lines so that you
can read it. We have a long day ahead
of us - Hope to be in Chicago by noon -
So we may be able to almost get to Memphis
but not quite -

I have been thinking of my "Letter Hopper"
so much and of how Darling you are
and shall be so happy when you get home.
You can think of me at the Country Club
on Tuesday working hard - I do hope I can
arouse enthusiasm for the Club. Certainly
needs to arouse more interest in order to
be successful - Be sure and write me my

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Write thing you do - all about your friends
I liked them all but Adelaide and Hilda
were my favorites and the little Hawaiian girl
or was she a Philippian - she one with the
blue dress and white collar -

I did like Miss Finner so much and
especially when she told me what an
unusual girl you are and of how much
she loved you and wanted to teach
you next year - Mrs. disappointed not to
meet Miss Crowthers - Mr. Wedge was
the most cultured and delightful man.

Try one Mrs. so dear to me - wish I
might have been able to stay longer -

I loved Armg Mary Taylor - she is one in
a million - Hope you can see her once in
a while - It was also a joy Armg Mrs. Coy
and Ben Bennett - And Mrs. happy to hear
from Betty and Dick - I am sorry Betty is

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Feeling a little unhappy about Allan - I
wish they could be married at once.

Remember always how much I love
my precious little girl - I always
think of you the first thing before I go
to sleep and the first thing in the morning
and pray God to keep you well and
so fill you with His Spirit that He
will always be an inspiration to you
and that what might seem to you to be
critical and unpleasant in Mother or Daddy
is only because in our devotion and deep
love for you in perhaps are clumsy in
the way we express ourselves - so let's
always be happy together - Devotedly -
Mother -
The road is so rough I can't write now now.