



Laura Jane Musser and
Family Papers.

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Tuesday

Hello Latsie,

It's quite late now, being almost twelve o'clock, but I didn't want to let this day pass without answering your letter so here 'tis. If anything in it sounds rather queer you'll know that it's the hour and being so tired which is the cause - not really I.

I'm sorry about not being at the train to see you, but a friend of mine called and wanted me to spend the evening with him. Seeing as I did have such an enjoyable time I know you'll forgive me -

Everything you say about Golda I agree with. She and I have been friends for so long, but it seems as though I'm always finding some new fine trait of character. I do hope that she will be

able to continue the grand work
she has been doing, and may
someday become quite famous. It
would be fun to be able to say, Oh! I
knew her when she was still attending
high school - we were great chums - I
hope it will be though that we are great
chums. Using the past tense there is
not what I want to do.

I know that if you are
going to do your best, it will be
just what is needed to meet the
requirements at Vassar - what I
was trying to say was I know you'll
get into Vassar - your castle of dreams -
and no it isn't impractical, and if
you ever get discouraged or homesick
just write me a long - long letter -
ever

Tell me all about school.
I'd love it.

Honey -

Dear Laura Jane -

I don't know just what to say, for I'm so ashamed of myself for neglecting to write you. I often wondered why I hadn't heard from you and just found the letter I wrote to you dated some time in November - It was in one of my books and must of just slipped away. But really I'm really sorry, and I only hope you can forgive me.

We are having our mid-year exams, have had two

so far, and I rather think I flunked
on both. We have Latin tomorrow, and as
it is my ~~worst~~ ^{studying} subject, I have no hopes for
myself. That's what I should be doing,

but I'm so tired I just can't.

We were to have our mid-year dance
Feb 2nd but it has now been changed to March 16.
Well that's a blow - I was waiting so anxiously
for it and now it's more than a month away -

I heard you were ~~here~~ ^{here} during vacation -
Why didn't you call me up? you meanie -
But I don't blame you for not, cause I know
you must be plenty mad at me -

How do you like school - Just as
been as ever? I suppose you have now
made lots of friends and go out and have
a circus together. Boy - do I ever envy you -
Think how many years you will be through with
school, while I will be still in school, probably
making up for all the Exams I will have
flunked -

I hope you are as well as ever, and
having our great time. Hope you forgive me for
my tardiness - Say hello to Mary -
Loads of love to you
from Marilyn -

Jan. 29 - 1934 -

I would like to go to it but, you ought to know were they have it. You probably heard of the "Plantation Gardens" well it was renamed and called the "In and Out" what a name that is. I don't even plan to attend it.

We had high school Wed. evening and was that fun. We had gym & A. History. Here we ever overcrossed in gym we had to take off our shoes & wiggle our toes. Then we had a race called "Automobile Race" we had walk as if you were doing a back hand run that way and did we ever look silly. The parents nearly died laughing & did we feel foolish.

I think we ran out of news but Julie & I just can wait till the ice comes so we can go skating the pond is frozen over except in a few places. Please write soon and excuse this terrible writing.

Loads of love

P.S. my nickname is (my name) *me*
name is *thing* (in shorthand)
not *thing* (in cursive)

D

Dearest Lotsie,

Was I ever glad to get your letter & how. By your letter I could tell you were having a marvelous time.

I never was so busy in all my life as I am now. I never do get a chance to talk to anyone. The subjects I am taking certainly do take up all my time. I have a study period the first hour and the second I have study or gym. The third I have American History; the fourth, typing & fifth shorthand last the 6th, English. Your marks were very good and you would be surprised if I told you my marks. Everyone of them were C's. I know I deserved a better mark in English, A. History and shorthand. Well see your friend Julie is still in the picture. It seems so funny because my best friend at school

is Julie Gatchell. She sure is a swell kid. Lil alright when she isn't around Ernie or Rosemary Sh. Poor Rosemary has no friends whatever in school its her own fault though. She thinks she's rather superior to us. Do you know what John Fly calls Mary Ann Tarson? its "Poison". What a name.

You mentioned glee club well we have a swell time in glee club. Lil, Julie & I sit in the back row, Lil's quiet & singer and I try to imitate her by opening my mouth wide and wa! wa! waaing and she just can't strait after that. We just have a grand time.

There's something crazy I'm going to tell you. There's a boy from Pierz who goes to high school here. He's blond and has curly hair he's not good looking but cute. Julie is just crazy about him. And the best part is he sticks (terrible slang) around me and she thinks he likes me instead of her. Poor dear he really is a nice boy and

I do hope they get together.

Julie and I went to the ~~giffin~~ L.F.H.S. football game on Holloway night we sure did have fun. That was the night we both got acquainted with Es. We also went to the Larch Center game to and had a marvelous time. Little Halls ran in both games and was it a miracle.

We have a "Commet's Tale" paper of our own this year in high school only I couldn't afford to take one although it is very cheap.

I suppose you heard about the school board planning to build a new addition ~~in~~ our high school won't it be wonderful, maybe if we get it. These people are to vote on it Monday. There are to be twelve new classrooms, a community room, a combined gym & stage and I believe thats all.

There is nothing interesting going on in school or the big city off. F. They have a roller skating ring started

I also saw Log La 4
Gallienne in "The Dolls'
House." That was very
good too. We've been
quite fortunate in having
so many good things
coming. The Ballet
Troupe is coming to St. Paul
the Chan-Kar dancers
are here now. and
also George Perchevin
was here. (I was terribly
disappointed in not hearing
him).

My other wants to know
how your crocheting is coming
along. Also is sorry that she
didn't acknowledge your
letter which she did receive.
Hello to Mary!
Love & Edie

Feb. 4, 1933

G Dear Lotie,

I hope you
weren't angry with me
for not writing but
I've been so busy that
I really hadn't time -
It was ^{was} midyear final
time and you know
what that is. Thank
goodness that's over
with. I got some pretty
good marks so I was
quite relieved. My
program is the same

is making something
or other.

Did I tell you that
I heard Nathan Milstein
well. he was marvelous.
no exaggeration, either.
I think he is one of the
best violinists and
so many people say
that he far surpasses
Kreisler, Heifetz etc.

Of course I didn't
hear either of the last
but I did enjoy Milstein

3.
this term, Nathan is
taking the same subject
only I have different
teachers. Do you have
midyear promotion?

How is your crocheting
coming along. I should
completed a white heron
that is crocheting. I
think it will be
presentable when it's
finished. Really,
crocheting is fascinating.
isn't it? Every body



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Dear Alice:
Having a great time
enjoying it Chicago
at a crowded Fair.
Having in an hour for
Carroll and Patience for
two hours. Will write
you a letter next week.
Honest. Lovingly, Olga

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Survenir Post Card

THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Miss

Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Main.



Monday Evening Sept. 10, 1938

My dear Lotis -

Can it really be true that here it is almost the middle of Sept.? Where has the summer gone? Good heavens, I had hardly realized that it had begun. And now you are already thinking of school - the old friends you'll see, the new ones you'll make, and the clothes, the books, the studies - in fact, all that pertains to school. Sometimes I wonder if I shall ever go back to that familiar atmosphere once again. Who knows? This year, I prophesy, will bring many, many changes into this household. Dad is still out in California, and still very enthusiastic about moving out there. So fact he has already booked a concert for next May, so you see

he is really in earnest. I don't believe
that I shall go with my family
immediately. Rather, I shall stay here
and follow them after they have
made ~~a~~ home and become more
settled. You won't believe me, I
know, but I have actually passed
my first year with the John Yarns.
Time goes much too fast.

I have been trying to struggle
through Anthony Adverse for the
past three weeks and have only
read half of it. If you can help
it, never read a book fitfully, it
is a very poor policy.

"²" Have not seen either of the
Kays, lately, but hope to very soon.
Somewhat life becomes more
crowded each day. When you
leave school you will understand,
how and why it is, but then perhaps
you'll not have to work for your
living. If you are ever in town,
don't neglect to give me a buzz.
Affectionately, Osa

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Dear Lotsy,

Feb. 20, 1934

Please don't think I had forgotten that I owed you a letter because I hadn't at all. You ought to know me by this time what a Terrible writer I am. At this moment I owe every single person I write to besides several letters which I owe to relatives.

How are you liking school. It must be simply perfect down at boarding school. Our school isn't quite as dull as it used to be because there are lots of new things going on which our new principal instituted. For instance, I don't remember whether I told you or not, but

we are giving the Mikado.
It is seeds of fun but my,
we have to practice practically
every day. I am only in the
shows but would really
rather be there than have a
leading part because we
don't have half as hard work
and have the fun of being
in it anyway. The leads are
simply rare to watch. You
see we are giving it with
Blake, a boys school, and
the two leads used to like
each other so it is very
funny.

Have you heard much
from Little Falls. Are the
kids up there having a lot
of fun. I should like to see
them again some time. I

wish they would let me know when they come down to Minneapolis.

A friend in my room has a farm near River Falls, Wis., and I have been going out there quite a lot. It is lots of fun.

We have been having the craziest weather up here. There has been practically no snow for the last month and the temperature goes from below zero up to 40° above. Skating season is all over now so there isn't much to do out of doors.

Basketball this year has been terrible seeing that we

have had three gym Teachers in the last two months. The one we had had for several years just got married and they can't seem to find another good one.

Well, I haven't entirely run out of news but seeing that we have a nice little 300 word French resume to do in class in 30 minutes tomorrow my conscience tells me I better get busy.

Please write and tell me what you are doing. When does your vacation start? Ours starts March 23.

Love,
Penny

June 23, 1934

Dear Lotzy,

Please excuse the paper, pencil, and writing, but these are the circumstances I am writing under. It is 10:30 P.M. and I am writing in bed at Rhoda Belcher's. You see I have no stationery here and no pen. We are out at the lake and have been having a grand time. It is a school night and we were supposed to be studying, but that is very hard to do. Exams start Friday, so we will have plenty to do for a while.

I guess you think I'm pretty much of a fool for not writing for so long, but really, I'm terrible at writing letters. When do you get out of school? Rhoda and I would like you to come and visit us when you come back. We have to study for college board

exams until after June 23, but if it is on a week-end we should like you to stop off, if not maybe you could come down after that.

Didn't you say you were thinking of going to Cassar next year? That is the college I'm trying for too. This year I have to take the Cp. 3 French and Chem. It is frightful how we have to work.

You have probably been hearing about the strike here. It is terrible, and tonight is very critical. They have called out the militia. We are all pretty worried. The head of our Sunday School, Mr. C. A. Lyman, was killed yesterday. Hope they soon fix it up.

Hope you will be able to come. Please write and tell me when you get out of school.

Love,
Penny

March 24, 1934

Dear Anna Jane,

I must start my letter out as you did yours, "I've been frightfully busy" and I have. The Little Falls ^{Thurs} School Festival (that is music) ^{was yesterday} and I had to practice nearly all the ~~the~~ time. I was in Orchestra, Band, and sextet (that is six bass horns, cornet (2 of them), Baritone, Trumpet horn, Bass, Trombone we have to practice the sixth hr, after school, and at night. so soon see I got home about 5:30 and had to be back at 7:00 that nite. I would get home about 9:30 every nite. and I have to have some sleep.

I have been neglecting my studies something outrageously. I never have them. But I passed all my subjects.

I'll surely be glad when summer comes - no more studies. of course I do work so hard on them. (Oh, yeah). I never do a thing with (over)

to-morrow" but when to-morrow comes ^{let} well - I don't write and etc. That's why I didn't ans yours. I'm so taken up with my music at school I don't have time do anything else. I'm going to some practice every nite.

I got a ~~permanent~~ ^{permanent} and I like it quite well. I just got and end permanent tho - because you know my hair is a little natural wavy.

I think I'll write Harriet a letter too, so I will have to close -

Love

Marjorie

P.S.

Write Soon

not like last time

3] I have been going to quite a few parties lately. That is on Sat. Usually. I'm going to one over to Burg's tonite.

It's so cold here. There is snow all over the ground. But last week it was so nice we didn't even have to wear gloves or hats. But now Oh! me - it makes me so mad to think as soon as it gets have way decent out, it has to get cold.

How are you planning to spend your Easter Vacation? I think I am staying at home and we may have company.

After you left I only went skating 5 or 6 times. Now the river is starting to open up. So good by ice.

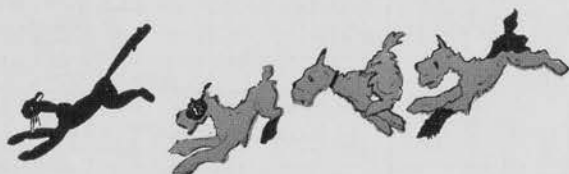
I owe so many people letters it just terrible. I never have time to write. If I don't ans. them soon I say to my self "I'll ans. it ^{for ever}"

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I just noticed I wrote on the wrong side of the paper. Please don't mind me. I mean my writing on the wrong side.

I'm writing for Tusser Essay contest. I'm reading Theodore Roosevelt it's an Autobiography only 600 pages. It has to be in the day after Easter. And I'm just on page 43. The pages are big too.

I also have a contract in Orations to hand in on Tues. after vacation. (By the way we don't have to go to school Monday after Easter).

Oh! yes, by the way Rosemary. I. got the lead. in the Junior class play. And am I mad. She certainly isn't a heroine type at all. I wanted MaryAnn to get it. And another thing that makes me mad is that MaryAnn didn't get any Part. And she really is good. And she sure is "cute".



More to follow—

Dear Laura Jane,

I have been so busy lately. You know getting ready for the State board. To day is class day and are the kids funny. I am in second hr. study and all the kids that are seniors are dressed up.

It has been very cold here lately, today I had to wear my coat to school. We really haven't had very many warm days.

Mary Ann has a cold. She was out of school yesterday because she had stomach flu. Every body seems to have it. I had it last week and was out of school a while but I have recuperated now.

I slept over to Shirley's home last night. Had a very enjoyable time. We made our own supper + breakfast because her mother was gone + so was her father and they haven't a maid now. They get a different one about every 2 weeks it seems.

Did you spend your free week end with your cousin in N. J. ? I'll bet you had fun if you did.

I'm very glad to hear that Mary Ann is going to sing a solo.

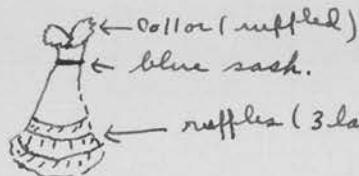
I understand she has a good voice. Do
you sing in Glee Club?

Last Fri. was the Prom. I was on the deco-
rating committee. Was it ever work. It
was all decorated like a garden. ^{with the gym} We had
lattice fence all around with sweet
peas climbing on them. ^{with fine grape vines} We had a large
arbor with a table under meth it to have
for a punch table. (by the way Shirley +
some of the Sophomore girls served the punch.
and what should they do but ~~break~~ break a
punch bowl. and there are so darn
expensive. Our Jr. Class didn't have
much money either. It was Shirley and
another girl that broke it too. Shirley feels
very bad about it.

Sat. 9:33 P.M.

Well to continue.

I got a new dress for the occasion. It
is pink taffata. I like it a lot. ~~It~~ it well-
I'll draw a picture of it. Please try to understand
it.



By the way I went to
the prom with Woody
Felix. I had a very

enjoyable time. Mary Ann went with
Harry Ely and so we all went in Woody's car.

Mary Ann had a darling or gandy dress.
It was yellow with a Brown taffata jacket.



she looked real sweet.

There was an Opereta given here by Mr. Larson ^{et. operetta.} (and I guess Mr. Lamb help). The name was "Cherry Blossoms". Shirley was in the chorus. She didn't have much to do, ^(chorus) the group came in I guess twice and sang a song. There really wasn't much to the chorus. Mrs. Woodward + Lloyd Green had the lead they were very good.

I went on a Girl Reserve Breakfast this morning. I was elected Pres. for next year and am I glad. I'll ~~be~~ ^{be} going to the Girl Reserve Camp this summer for 1 or 2 weeks. I mean I think I will. (but I have hopes)

The Girl Scouts are going to camp the 10th of June. Mary Ann + Shirley + I are going to G. S. Camp.

are you going to Camp. Mary Ann this year. if you do I know you will have loads of fuss. I just love to go to camps. Don't you? Especially way up

north.

Just one more week of school. Mon. I take
a State board in English at 8:00 and Modern
History at 2:00. on Tues. at 8:00 American History and
at two Chemistry. Now isn't that a nice
program for next week. Well thank goodness
I'll be done then.) Just ^{to} get back Fri. +
get my report cards I wonder how many
"7's" I'll get.

When is it you come home? Don't
forget to write me. You know my last
letter you didn't answer very soon so
please try (if possible) ~~to~~ to write soon.
That is if you want to. Tell me how your
school work is coming and etc. I surely will
be glad when you come back home. I
wonder have you changed any? I mean in
looks. Do you fix your hair different? I
do. Maybe you won't know me when
you come back. Well anyway write
soon

Love,
Marjorie

3 went on a picnic to south shore (one side of the island) and the surf was simply ~~more~~ marvelous. simply huge waves and could they know knock you around. The difficulty was standing on your feet. after that we got dressed and had supper and sat around a big fire until about 11: and then drove home.

Jean has just come back from playing and inter-club match, and by the sound she was fairly successful.

BETTY SCHOONMAKER
P. O. Box 1225
OAK BLUFFS
MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Zotsie,

I have an awful guilty conscience about writing but I am on the tear every minute and scarcely have time to myself, please try and forgive me and I will try to do better next time.

I have heard from my college boards but they just said that I passed the two exams but failed the scholastic

I was to play some ~~double~~
doubles match but as it happen-
ed I couldn't.

I must stop and ~~answ~~
answer a letter to Juliette
which I have owed for a
long time

Loads of love,

Betty

aptitude test, but I am having²
such a swell time here that
I can't be bothered to worry
about anything that pertains to
school now.

I am having a grand time
playing tennis every morning on the
best courts I have ever seen and
then going swimming and then
tennis and swimming again in
the afternoon and dancing or
a bridge or movies at night.

We go crabbing and clamming
frequently and it's loads of
fun.

The other day we all

instead of 5 verses.

well, I really must be getting
in under the covers. Mother is coming
up stairs. It's about 15 min. to 11.
Time for the "little children" to go to
bed. (that means me.)

Love,
Mayona

P. S.

You ans. Soon.

because you owed me
a little cash.

by the way. Little Falls played St. Cloud
in basket ball last Fri. We beat them
& does it every make St. Cloud mad.

Monday Jan. 26, 1939

MRF

Dear Laura

now don't faint receiving a letter from
me. I really should have written to
you before. You will please excuse
me for not writing. you know this is
the end of semester & do we ever
have tests. Loads of them. I'm so
glad I got a "B" in our Chemistry test.
did I almost faint when we got our test
papers back, no, not much.

I haven't been skating much
only on Sat. and Sun.

The vanity case you gave me for
Christmas was just darling I want to thank
you so much. All the kids are just crazy
about it. But —. Do you know what
I did. much to my dissatisfaction.
I dropped it down & broke it and

am I ever mad at myself. I could cry.

I suppose you are having a marvelous time at school. But - don't work too hard.

I went to show Sun. the name was "Lady for a Day." was it ever good. I also went to the mid nite show Sat. nite. the name was "Havana Widows." that was good also but not half so good as "Lady for a Day".

By the way they are having mid-nite shows every Sat. nite now.

I am trying ^{to} croch~~et~~^{et}. I guess that's spelled wrong but you what I mean. Something like knitting only different.

I went to a party over to Vera's house Sat. nite before the show. She had eight girls and we played bridge. and ~~was~~ do you think got the prize? you can't guess so I'll tell you.

I did. (Don't faint!)

I have been playing basket ball quite a bit lately. I think it is so much fun. I am on three different teams "The Scouts" "The Girl Reserves" and then just a bunch of girls that play after school. I'm really the worst player but I get there anyway for the fun of it.

Say if you can't read this there is a reason. I'm writing it in bed. Mother told me to go to bed & get some rest so here you see I am resting.

By the way I have reformed. (really) I read 5 verses in the "Bible" every nite. Some times more. Lately I ~~be~~ have been reading a whole chapter. We have to do this for Sunday School, so that's why. But I find it very interesting. So interesting in fact I read a couple chapters

Court of Monte Cristo". I enjoyed it very much and thought the acting was wonderful.

Last week Mrs. N. Woodward reviewed "Anna Karenina". She gave an excellent review and I got so much out of it. She gave so many interesting viewpoints and incidents that I had overlooked. Your gift has given me many pleasurable hours.

I had a long letter from Eleanor Bengquist and she is going to Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She likes it very much.

I'm so glad that you enjoy your work. If you like your work the battle is half won already.

Doesn't Juliette go to school

R

Sunday

Dear Leticia,

It was such a pleasure to receive your interesting letter. It is so much fun to hear from one who is away at school because your experiences are so varied and different from mine.

Last week I finished a twelve day period of teaching eight little boys and girls in the third grade at the Washington school. I taught reading, writing and language. I enjoyed it very much in spite of the hardships of teaching. W

quiet I said, "Stand; pass."
Thus, my dear, was my
first experience in discipline.

In October, I taught in the
first grade at the Hawthorne
school. I had the cutest group.

This week I am observing
in the fourth, fifth and sixth
grades. I do not know at which
school I'm to teach.

Tuesday evening Robert Sheldon
is going to give a recital at
Musical Art. He is going to
play a group of his own
pieces.

Tuesday night
Joan called me to go to the
show; thus, my letter was now
finished. The show was "The

really isn't any fun to write
these lesson plans every night
besides everything else. For
some reason or other they
(supervisor) always give me the
problem children. (I guess they
think I have patience) One boy
especially was just the bummer.

One day just as soon as we
were through with reading,
before I could say a word
he jumped up and started
shuffling to his seat. I very
calmly and firmly called out
"Joe, come back and sit down."
He came back but didn't sit
down. I looked at him and
rather glared at him and
said, "Sit down!" He sat
down! When everyone was

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any more? In your letter you stated that she was at school for six weeks so I was wondering if she quite.

Irene Anderson is now working at Ryon's. She does the stenographic work and likes it very much. I'm so glad she got the job because she is so capable and so deserving.

Marine Taylor played at Alexandria last week all for some Club. I suppose you know that she was second

just what numbers he played.

I was talking to Joyce Falk last night and she told me that Frank Larson finds it very hard at the U. He said that he wished he had studied in high school. From what I hear I guess all the L. F. boys are having a hard time at the U.

I hope you have a happy Thanksgiving and don't eat too much.

Love,

Rosemary

in a state music contest.

She is making quite a name for herself. She is so bright and such a lovely girl.

Robert Sheldon played just marvelously. He has such wonderful technique. He played four of his own compositions and Helen Steen Hulls sang.

I liked ^{Sleep} (Lullaby) best. This piece was set to Longfellow's sonnet and is the only music composed for this sonnet. It is a great wonder to me how he can remember all those difficult numbers. I am sending you the program so you can see

BETTY SCHOONMAKER

P. O. Box 1225

OAK BLUFFS

MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Zotsie,

School for the day-scholar
begins the 20th so I imagine
you would have to be there
the 19th.

Every one is beginning to
leave here and it is getting
awfully lonesome around. Mother
and Jean left here at on
the 6:10 AM Boat and are
driving to Plainfield today.

played tennis and again went
to the beach club. so I have
been very busy so far today.

I have been having quite
a bit of trouble with a
cold and earaches. I ~~all~~ got
the cold about a week ago
on a picnic when I went
in swimming without a
cap.

Well it won't be long
before I'll be seeing you
at school.

Loads of love,
Schoony

So this morning we got up at
5:00 and I have been running
all around here on my bicycle
~~the~~ I will stay here with my
grandmother until the 15th and
then come back to Plainfield
and dear old school school.
after mother & Jean left
here this morning I went
to the beach club with
some of the crowd who
were taking their last swim
before they went on the
8:45 boat. after that I

R

Jan. 5, 1934

Dear Laura Jane,

I am enclosing your handkerchief which I found after the luncheon. I thought you would want it as it is such a pretty handkerchief.

I hope the new year will be a happy and successful one for you.

I would be very happy if you would write to me sometime during the year.

Your friend,

Rosemary Kasparek

Sept. 30, 1934

My dearest darling 'de Idunas'

How I did love that darling letter
you wrote and a darling letter like that
deserves a quick reply!

I'm so glad you and mother
liked my other letter so much. Tell
mother I'm sorry about the 'special'
but was worried about the Sunday

I'm enjoying school more and
more each day though the work keeps
getting a little harder.

I'm enjoying my harmony
lessons immensely and Miss Schuch
is so darling! My piano music has been
sadly neglected for my studies but as
soon as I'm able to, I'm going to work hard

We had dramatic tryouts last night and I got in! There I knew that could knock you down I don't see how I ever did though! I am so thankful I don't know what to do!!!

I don't know as you'll find this letter very merry for really nothing much has happened.

I've had nice letters from Isabel and Helen Mearl. Both are darling girls, don't you think! Bettie Bridger and I intend to go in N.Y. the week-end of the 13th and I think will be seeing Isabel but I'm not sure! There's going to be a good opera on and I'd like to see it.

By the way would you please give me Bettie Brigham's address. I appreciate it very much, because it's very important that I get it -

Lovingly all the world of it -
"Lottie"

take them into N. Y. but I wish I could
take them out to lunch sometime.

I've had very nice letters from
home and Mpls. Shirley wrote to me and
Helen M. is quite regular and I just
adore her. Mary Anne has written me
twice since I've been here!

I'm so glad you are getting
along so nicely! It must be hard
being cooped up! Do you get around
very much?

Monday night, I went to hear
Rachmaninoff play over in N. Brunswick.
I wish you could have heard him. He
was simply divine. So much in fact
that I had goose flesh all over me and
my hair stood right on end! His own comps.
were simply too darling. Sun. morn I'm
going to hear Ramin at the Pres. Church
and I can hardly wait!

about my own comps. I'm
afraid you won't get them much before I get home.
Do write me soon with lots of

of love to all and you, dearest!

Lottie -

ljm

Nov. 9, 1934

Dearest mother,

Do please excuse me for not
writing sooner but various things
have prevented me from writing
sooner you see I've been down
in the infirmary with a bad cold
since Tuesday. I don't know how I
ever happened to catch it but catch
it I did. Although I miss school
very much it's rather fun being alone
for a little while. I've been catching
up on my solitaire and correspondence.
It's rather hard writing letters in
bed. (They're giving a most wonderful
Chopin concert over the radio. They've
played your étude and now they're playing
Polonaise.) It's gorgeous!) I had a very

with me all the time so I think
it would be fun to have Bettie. Maybe
she won't be able to come, if that's the
case I'll take the vacation alone.
Golly, I can hardly wait until Xmas
only 6 more weeks! But I'm having a
good time you may be sure. Of course
there are many drawbacks to this
place. As I said before, the girls are a
difficult bunch! Miss H. is very
comforting or has been lately. I'm going
to do my level best this year for her sake.
One of the things I'll have to fight is
absent-mindedness. As a course with
me. I also have to fight with shyness!
I'm not nearly so sensitive as before!
So I feel I've been helped in more ways
than one since I've been here! I do miss
Mary exceedingly. I do want her to be so
happy at college!

I wish I could do something for the
day pupils who I go around with. I don't

receive letters from Mary yesterday -
She seemed quite happy. I
should see Margaret and told me
all about her roommate. I don't know
why but I've taken a dislike to Miss
Finch. She doesn't seem to appreciate my
efforts in English. She gives me fair
marks it's true but she doesn't ^{think} ~~think~~
pay any attention to her ^{written} comments and
I do. I work faithfully hard in my
English. I wish I had a little more
encouraging instead thinking that I'll
do something ~~thing~~ ^{She doesn't want me to}. I wish she didn't
distrust me so much! My French is
about right so far and so are my algebra &
music. The teachers are as nice as ever!
M. J. has been nice to me lately. Some-
times she's simply awful to get along with.
Emma Jones is my best friend and so is
Bettie Bridges. Do you mind if I ask her to
take Arthur's going vacation with me.
Margaret said she won't be able to be

Little Falls, Minnesota
June 4, 1934

Dear Lottie,

I suppose you think I have forgotten you, but I haven't. I've been frightfully busy.

I had to take five state boards this year so I have been busy.

I could read your French letter but I do not take French III I take Latin Eng 4 Social Science, Am. Hist & Mo. Hist. Thank goodness school is out.

for bachelorette. Mrs. Mary spoke.

Dinner night was last Tuesday night. The setting took place in "Coconut Grove" Calif. it was a night club.

As I gave the welcome speech, I could enjoy the rest of the program. Freda Larson, Linnea Sletten, Mary Hatchel and I sang "Moon Light and Roses" in parts.

On kid day, Edward Fortiers came to school dressed as a professor. He had a fur cap with ear flaps, fur mittens a shirt & buckled cloth over shoes with wool stockings - but the most important article of clothing to complete his attire was missing - his pants! Did the kids ever laugh? Well I guess so.

Clayton Felix was a bug collector with a net. Most of them were dressed as kids.

Commencement was what that we were quite wilted before the evening was over.

Lotsie, since I have graduated my mind is a perfect blank.

We have moved across the road closest to the river. I just love it here. It seems like camping. The storms are moving out here so I imagine we will have a load of fun with them this summer.

Say, did you get my picture? I was wondering if it arrived there in ok condition.

When is your school out? Miss Houston said your school lasted longer than ours. If you are having exams now I hope you pass in all of them.

Chaptal came home from Mpls. for my graduations and she may stay home for the summer.

I must write another letter before I go to town this morning so this will be all until I see you some time this summer.

Your friend,

Hazel

October 10, 1934

Dearest Latsie,

Are we ever getting good about writing, huh? It surely is a lot better than last year.

I'm not working this week because business is so dull. Maybe I won't go back at all. It isn't so much fun as I thought it would be.

I'm writing this in the hospital. Frances had an operation for appendicitis yesterday so I'm staying up here with her today. She's pretty sick but she's getting along as well as can be expected. It was such a shock to us because we didn't have the slightest notion that was the matter with her. We thought it was just a mild case of stomach flu. Just shows you never can tell.

I intended writing before
but this has delayed everything
so much.

My cousin & I went
on a hike Sunday. It was
such a gorgeous day. All
the leaves have turned
& the woods were
beautiful. I hope this
weather keeps up cause
there's a big football game
- St. Cloud Friday night.
I doubt if will win tho.
Our team isn't so hot
this year.

Nothing has been happening
around here lately. Everything
is so dead. You're so
lucky to be away where
something is always going
on.

(Excuse this horrible
writing - but it seems if
this table isn't any too
steady.)

Joan + I saw Mae
West in "Belle of the Nineties"
last night. It was kind of
cute - typical West picture.
Have you seen it yet?

Well, I guess this will
have to due for now.

Not much of a letter, is
it? I'll make up for it
next time. Write again
soon.

Love,
Joan

I forgot to mail this—
sorry, forgive me?

December 5, 1934

My dearest Lalsie:

It's so long since I wrote to you that I'm almost ashamed to write. Oh well, you've forgiven me before so I s'pose you will this time.

It won't be long now before you'll be coming home for Christmas. I'll bet you're looking forward to that, huh?

It surely will be grand to see you again - will have to get together for a couple good chats at least.

Well, sweetie pie, now try
and tell me I wasn't born
under a lucky star! I'm
working again - down in
The Ryan Company's office. I
it ever been. I do all
the typing & take dictation
from Mr. Ryan. Also help
some with the bookkeeping
I'm writing this after
work so can't take time
to say much - we can
talk when you come
home.

Sunday we saw "The
White Parade" with Loretta
Young & John Boles. I liked
it but was rather
disappointed with the ending.

Please excuse this
awful henscratching &
write soon.

Love -

Joan

September 24, 1934

Dear Latsie,

I spose by this time you're well settled and studying hard! I'll bet it's great to be back with all the kids again.

I like my job just fine. It's lots of fun and besides I get enough to buy my own clothes and that means a lot in times like these. Of course I don't intend to do that kind of work all my life - that would be out of the question - but at least it will keep me busy until I can get a real job. I'm too young yet to do anything really worth while. You can hardly get a job if you're not eighteen.

Mr. & Mrs. Katz are both so nice to me. Mr. is a very typical Jew. He rubs his hands and everything. Mrs. is more like the rest of us but still you can tell she's a Jew.

It seems so funny not to be going to school with all the kids. There are so many past grads. There must have been even more enrolled since I quit.

Working in a store surely is good experience. You certainly get to know all sorts of people. Some are so crabby I'd take their heads & knock 'em together with great pleasure.

There's a football game tomorrow night with Drainerd. I doubt if we'll win because our team is so weak this year - practically all new material.

I started this letter Monday night and here it is Friday already before I can finish it! The time goes so fast. Something came up every night so I couldn't get at it. I hate to start a letter and then finish it some other time. You kind of forget what you intended to write about in the first place.

They're playing the most heavenly music over the radio and my feet are itching to dance - but no victim

in sight with which to dance so —

Last night Jack Malerick and his orchestra were at the new Dance Hall. I would have loved to have gone. Everyone says it was keen — and so it must have been.

It's been so cold here all week that winter coats are just about necessary.

One farmer came into the store the other day and said it had snowed at his home a little way out of town. It won't be long now & before we'll have snow deep enough to go skiing in. I can hardly wait for skating season to start. I always have so much fun down there. I hope they have as nice a rink for us ~~next~~^{this} year as they did last year. It'll seem funny not to have vacations with the rest of you kids. I'll have to make up for it in the evenings.

Well, I'm afraid this isn't a very newsworthy letter but I'll make up for it next time! Please answer this soon and then I'll write again. We don't want to write in spasms like we did last year —

Love, Irene



PARK AND LEXINGTON AVENUES
FORTY-NINTH AND FIFTIETH STREETS

The Waldorf-Astoria

New York

Mar. 14, 1934

Laura Jane Dear;

Just a note to ask you where you were last Saturday. All week Billy and I waited to hear from you but our waiting seemed to be in vain. Really I shall be furious if I hear you came in without letting me know. I had planned to meet you and thought we could lunch together.

It was so good to see you the other day and my wish is that our visit could have been longer. I shall surely see you next week.

Excuse the brevity of this note but I am in an awful hurry. My love to Mary.
Much love
Betty

1425 PACIFIC TERRACE
KLAMATH FALLS
OREGON

Lottie de Potie, dearest gal,
Greetings from all her and Sal!
Your last bright gem of rhyme and
reason

lightened up this slushy season -
(where swimming readily comes

To cross the streets all fine & dandy
in dandy

In other words we're wet out
here

and golf and tennis postponed a year.

And now the weather we've trans-
mitten

We can pure like any kitten.

(Meaning naught. But duty's done
With weather mentioned - right for
fun)

We're very glad your year so far
has been unspotted. With no

And here's to all success for you
Deserving - Working, playing too.

Because we know you weren't so
sure

of going back - "life to endure"?
But now we know you've changed the
"life to enjoy"! For all a boone.

We're ~~backing~~ you a cheering loud
and really feeling very proud -
We all have hurdles we must

But, once over, who minds the ^{jump} bump!

(Enough of my phil. wanderings -
Proceed us to more newy things.

And first of all we're moving ^{soon}

Instead of waiting until June.

Our bed is short & very hard
The ventilation's for no good. (?)

The water pump makes so much
noise

From conversation takes all joy.

- No other houses in the town
(Unless we build our very own)
So Mother wages living there
Will be much nicer - room to spare.

1425 PACIFIC TERRACE
KLAMATH FALLS
OREGON

Some days later - all moved we
But in that process I tipped a jar.
Ooh la la! 'Twas filled with ink
I was not tickled (strangely) pink.
The desk - the keeg - and some you see
Were spattered well - who clumsy! He!

I trust the play went over well
(I know you must have been
tires swell!)

And Lottie dear - although the fair
Is most deserving of my ware -
My ware, I fear, has much to ask
For if I'd undertake the task
Your needs must ask "It ~~is~~ is
from
a two year old by whom 'twas done".

I hope that all this sad
confessing
Will not make the fair depressing!
Hid?

Dinner calls - And do I hear?
(My hunger you recall? I fear!)

And I must send this
before I pick more ink
or before it's time for
holidays! I hope you had
fun with Mary and
a jolly Thanksgiving -
lots of love from us all,
Sincerely -

Nov. 26 -

My best to Luff & Naphtree -

Many
abject
apologies on behalf of
prices.

1800 ESPLANADE
KLAMATH FALLS
OREGON

We all have fun with one another
We'll get along without a father
And Mother will have company
When Dad is at the mill, you see
So off we go - and pack this week
To join the Taylor - Avoit clique.

I can't say packing thrills me much
(Not like that "Skin you love to touch"!

our most excitement of the fall
Revolved on Armistice Round Football.

We played Bend's team - not then
defeated.
It seemed results might be repeated
For Klamath had some three men
hurt

Before the game - who sat inert?
Among spectators wondering all
How many touchdowns Bend
would fall.
But boy oh boy Real spirit counts

And straggles teams it sometimes
fleets.

though Bend was leading one point
when

Two minutes left. Their ball - and
then

K. held them three downs. Whoops!
a pass

and intercepted - what you guess?

You really couldn't - like a story
Marie-type, dime. novel glory!

K. picked it off behind their ^(K) goal
and wiggled out ~~three~~ every hole
until 103 yards run
to win the ball game - it was
done!

The town went mad - and
most are hoarse -

The grandest game ever seen,
of course.

I still am wandering in a haze
Recalling oft that day of days.



Has to be used!!

Greetings to thee, Lotaie de Potaie!

I hope all with you is quite hoty today.

I've felt very sorry your poem - grand indeed
Has been answered (?) with such a snail's
pace speed.

But rushing? Mon Dieu! you've no idea
What lives we lead away out here.
hish! and I'll tell you a bit in short
So maybe I hope my excuses you'll court.

all night
too! I had
the neg. side
as to its
beneficence
for the league
of women voters.

On Monday last I worked all day
For a Tuesday debate on the N.R.A.

On Tuesday morn I was stampeded and waved
(The morn effective to be while I waved)
We debated with vim and after that
Returned to clear bedlam from our little
flat.

Out for an eight o'clock dinner - or wine.
Returned mighty late - but a mighty
good time.

(Wed) A sleepy arrival for breakfast (Take note)
Then plans for a Child Welfare Board to float.
The afternoon spent in a social game
(Perhaps you've heard of it? Bridge by name)
A hurry home for a dinner guest
(Cans and can openers - May they be blest!)
Thursday a meeting - library Club Board
Oh what a joy! (I almost pranced)
A tea then followed. Another tear
To get home to koster de Potesse there.

Some friends dropped in after dinner for fun.
(I trust they had it. They left after one)

On Friday a.m. a golf tournament match
All out for the cup we hope to catch.
A shower for Fay in the afternoon.
The family's for dinner. Bad very soon
over

For Saturday saw us away at 6.30
- a trifle sleepy but fed and not dirty -
(120) To drive over mountains - one twenty miles
To undergo golf and football trials.

<sup>*fried
for her
mine</sup> Mother and Charles* and I played 16 holes
But had to stop then to watch football
We won by a touchdown - Hip hip hooray!
Grants Pass beaten! - a lovely day.
Home again - Sleep? ah no - not today -
Preparations for hunting were soon
underway.

<sup>has 4
the dolls</sup> - Four of us drove some 80 miles more
Before we were camped - beneath
pine trees above.
A heavenly spot. Even a slight rocky
bed
Was heaven enough for my sleepy
head.

So by 3 a.m. I winked at the stars
and dreamt of driving, of golf, of races.
Until in 3 hours we arose once again
to stalk through the woods like Indian
men -
The dawn was well worth it - a
glorious sight
To even miss it hardly seems right.
(Except the next day - or most of the year
when such ideas ^{a much} arouse, ^{feebler} cheers)
Home about midnight Sunday eve
Mon. - club program - now I beg
leave

To cease this poor rambling -
in meter must have



With not even imagery or ideas
there.

But the idea is this, my kotsie dear
I loved your poem - and I assure
you, we're
always wanting some more -
some words from you
and thinking a lot of de Totie,
too.

and hoping that ~~everything~~ all
goes smoother each day
that you find life booming a
hip hip hooray!

Both hester de Paster and I agreed
a more perfect summer we couldn't
lead.

Than this one with you
except for one thing

To down your Casino luck
to bring - !

much love, kotsie. As you may
have gathered I've been ~~brighly~~ ^{brighly} busy but see light ahead. This the
result of a break-down I guess!
I am anxious to hear about school -
at all. My love to all - Sally -