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Family Papers.

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Mrs Laura Jane Musser
of Monticello College
Godfrey
Ill.

MRS. R. D. MUSSER

LITTLE FALLS

MINNESOTA

[Jan. 21, 1936]

MRS. R. D. MUSSER - 608 HIGHLAND AVENUE - LITTLE FALLS - MINNESOTA

Lois Darling -

Again we are rewarded for going to
the P.O. last Sunday with your lovely
letters and one from Mary. You do
write me and us such newsworthy and
interesting letters and we do love them.
You will soon be in the throes of
Midyear and how relieved you
will be when you have finished -
I do hope you won't be worried up
about them for if you are Calves
then you will pass with good

Charles -

As to my coming down I don't know
just yet for I haven't heard from
Betty or from Aunt Jane as to whether
they are coming or not. If they do
come and should be here they may
I can bring them down with me -
I know they would love to see
the school and of course especially
to see you - I would love to be
there for Miriam's concert and
if possible will be there for

The 7th of January. I am so happy you
are getting along so much better with Miriam
than you did and are not nervous any
more and thanks be to you for thought not
to write for weeks but you know how
I all said that. Miss Chopin Ethel are
you taking now. I agree with Miriam about
you taking more robust pieces for I do
think that is what you need and you
will love Chopin. It is a good thing you
put your love to me up to a certain
standard for other ones are quite low.

and I also am glad for Mamma. Mamma
thinks you are advanced enough to
take the more difficult music -
You certainly are learning it quickly.
As to her treating you like a little
girl, that is probably only your
sensitivity or imagination - My aunt
is perfectly happy - go - Tuesday with her
but when I come down I will find
around and see what I can do!
I expect she suffers much from
loneliness and so make her as happy
as you can -

I am certainly glad the work is

Came at last - More than 12 of them?

Are sure that you enjoyed the
Millstein Concert. That was a joke
on you to think you forgot your
money -

Nels and I were taking a walk
the other afternoon when Mrs. Highon
was just going into her home. I spoke
to her and she asked me in to see
Albert's baby boy - I went in and they
certainly have a darling two month
old baby - He was so sweet -

My day then is something going on
so I don't seem to find much time
to practice my organ or piano -
Last m. m. had duplicate - In the
afternoon I played contract with the Ryans
and Mrs. Meyer. In the morning Mrs. Jensen
and Mrs. Gillespie were here to read -
Afternoon and Mrs. Gillespie were here to read -
Sunday m. had dinner at the Gillespie
Mr. Gillespie has had a bad cold so
has been in bed a few days -
Queen's Cattle Penicillin has been in
the hospital with pneumonia -
Are you taking your iron or cod liver
oil - Please do not forget to take them.

Is little from Aunt Abby saying she doesn't
hear from you these times and did hope
you had received the ~~envelopes~~ fruit - So
if you haven't written please do so at once.
She mailed one of your graduation photos so
I sent her one of the little ones -
She has not been home that she had sent.
On our Sunday another one was - two have
tubercles I got in the city - Soda - everything
was - Jordan & Co. -
You may have a guess the next Aunt
turn and it has to be a nice breakfast.

For you -

Paul Bastien has gone to Honolulu
to work -

We have been having 20 below zero weather.
Is it cold down there!

With a heart full of love from Daddy
and me and want as often as you
can - How do you enjoy the Chorus?
Devotedly
Mother.

Jan - 21st 1936 -

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Lotus Darling -

We arrived here this afternoon and on the way in I said I would like to go into the Cemetery which on the passing to see where my grand mother and grand father also were buried and while I was taking a movie of the lot here comes the funeral College of Vis Pres. Curtis - McElron along with the others and as we were passing the lot where he was to be buried I got a movie of the flowers under the canopy - the men standing there to keep the crowds back saw me trying to get the picture from the car and told them all to stand aside thinking I suppose that we were some close friends of the departed!



Well my precious Child - You just
don't know how I hated to leave you
the other morning - I wish I might talk
to you this minute & hear your voice
and whether my thing is going as you
want it to - There is absolutely no
reason why it shouldn't for you
have such a loving personality that
anyone does for you - I just don't
want you to be under any strain
what so ever - Didn't we have a grand
time? and how we loved being in the
school and meeting your teachers
and friends - It was a delightful
experience and Daddy felt the same
way -

We drove to Columbia where we
had dinner at the Sun Chair Club Hotel
and which proved real fun Daddy for
he was so sick all night from being
eaten fried chicken - We arrived in Kansas
City about 4:30 P.M. and called Mr North but
couldn't get him until after we had had
our dinner - Mrs North was away but he

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Came in to call that evening and we
enjoyed seeing him and our visit
with him so much - this morning he
came to take us for a sight seeing trip
in his new Plymouth out around the
residence district which is very beautiful.
He came back and had dinner with us
and then we left for here -

I bought a valentine box of Candy
for your senior friend and one for
you (the small one for you!) but didn't
get any other cards for you to give
but maybe able to do that in the
morning -

Be sure and write me to the Baker
Hotel - Dallas - Tex. - Taddy joins in



Sending a heart full of love to you
and please remember us to all
of your friends and teachers —

Devotely
Mother.

Feb - 11th / 1926

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Topeka, Kansas



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Letters mailed in Hotel Envelopes, if not delivered will be sent to DEAD LETTER OFFICE
unless the writer gives a return address.

Dearest Lottie -

What a joy to hear your happy
voice this morning. You just don't
know how grand it makes me feel
to know that you are happy. I
do know you have had a grand time
with Aunt Laura and I expect right
now you three are driving to Burlington
where you will take the train for College.

You must have been pretty busy in
the last few days with exams - and
I am delighted to know that you have
passed so many with high marks.
Now you realize that by keeping

Calm and not allowing yourself to get worried and nervous how much better you can work. I don't wonder you and the teachers are surprised at the results.

It's a shame that you are having cramps when you are sick. You will not have them if you keep your bowels open at that time and all times. Drink plenty of orange juice and other fruit juices or the fruit itself. For the cramps are caused by pressure. — I am very glad you had a nice talk with Mrs. White for that always helps. Just to appreciate ~~of~~ all she has done in helping you and

you was to understand at the results. —
Wait the doctors in trying all the
did it you — It shows how invaluable she
is and how it means nothing to get upset.
She was only to a short letter for I am
going to see you as soon as I can
that you get well - and in this time a
Grand new letter —
Daddy and I are leaving for Muscatine
Thursday in our new 6 passenger (old)
Minn. hired in our old 3 passenger (old)
and in 3 hrs we never by a large car

For a 5 or 6 is large enough -
We will arrive at Monticello late
Friday afternoon -

Shirley Lamb took the lead in a
play a wk or two ago and
borrowed that old White Crepe or Chee
pleated dress you used to dress
up in and the black hat with the
pink lining — I didn't see her but
all said she looked nice —

I haven't seen a girl since you left
so can't tell you about any of your
friends -

We are as busy as ever playing

Contract and young rat to Annus and
Luchons. I had a luncheon for
Mrs Sumner and Mrs Ogleson Thursday
before they left for the East - They
left last eve - and will be gone 3 months.

Last eve. in Mrs at dinner with the C. & F.
Hobbs - Tonight in go to the Sandbars
tomorrow to the J. B.'s Tuesday to
the Gillis' - That's quite a program
isn't it? Well my precious child
till Friday - Please tell Mr. Rolinbaugh
I shall be happy to see him there -
Dearest Tom - Mother -
Feb. 2nd 1936



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February 16th 1936 -

My precious Lotis -

Your note came a short time ago
and as soon as I could get at the
desk to write to you I am doing so -

That was a splendid message and
now I feel so much better that I
did last night after your letter came
for it always upsets me awfully when
you are not well or are not happy -

You don't need to worry about Mr. B.
or anyone else. It rather interests me
and also amuses me the manner in
which different people, especially teachers
attack a problem (which is really not
a problem) to arrive at their desired ends.

In the first place you know and I know
and the teachers all know that you have
been doing excellent work but as Mrs. West
agreed with me, when they have a student
who is tight and conscientious as you are
the tendency is to push them and goad
them on to do perfect work - Now frankly
Mr. B. was omitted and something had
gone wrong some where and you happened
to be the one on whom he could put his
finger - He impressed me as feeling
a little out of sorts when I talked to him
but he, too, knows your capabilities and
is anxious for you to make a big
success at Monticello for that will be
splendid advertisement for the College -
and as I have always told you my own
views criticizing our my movement or actions
if it doesn't conform to the prescribed
mode of action and deportment - I. E. - When
you look away from a speaker - they
notice and naturally say you are not



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paying attention - or if you have given
alibies - Don't do it! If he said
you are a burden to the Faculty - I
think I should have flared up and said
"I will go to the teachers and ask them
if that is the case"

Now Sister Darling don't get upset. and
I know you don't for more than a few
minutes - I know they are all anxious
for you to be able to stand on your own
and he certainly didn't have a very
factful way of getting it across -
All we can do in this world is to take
criticism and when we are by ourselves
go over it and see whether anything they
have said is true or just - Always know
that the critic is trying to help you
but one is fortunate if the critic is

Smart enough to get it over in a
tactful way - A big person can take
it no matter how it smarts and
a little person just droops under it -
Now you have had some criticism
that hurts but show me the person
who hasn't - You feel it is unjust
and so do I - but that doesn't
help matters - just you go on in
your own happy way - Be my dignified
in his classes and don't ask "ah, yes"
or "no" from him or any one -

A letter from Mr. Whitcomb sent to
Litchfield after your marks were sent
in - and which Marie has forwarded to
me here and it came this morning -
He writes "Laura Jane's record is excellent.
She is doing a fine job and should
be congratulated - I have rarely witnessed
a more pronounced advancement in
general attitude and procedure than that



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of your daughter since September - We
are really very much pleased with
her progress!! - How isn't she splendid.
You Mr. Roubough is telling me
what the Teachers tell him - so just
put what Mr. B. has said in its proper
place in your mind and don't be grieved
or puzzled -

Daddy and I don't care at all about
your continuing after you have finished
at Monticello - in fact I would rather
have you go to Pelesley than Vassar.
It might be that Margaret will be there
but don't breathe it to a soul or
mention it to Margaret or anyone.
You may just want music -
No so long you so and you just

have no idea how m want you to
be happy - Don't lay so much stress
on criticism - just smile and say
nothing is the best way - for people
like a real sport and I know you are.
The just loved being with you - Be sure
and take 2 tabs - of cod liver oil 3 times
a day -

I fear the night after the concert
standing out in the wind gave you
the cold - I do hope my precious child
you are alright now - The girls are
Certainly dear to you as are the children -

It is so cold here - The Cliff Museum
are coming today and I hope m can
be there tomorrow for San Antonio - Daddy
insists he has to be home by the 6th
of March, so in that case m will be
in Monticello around the 1st of March.

I shall try and get a note off
to join Butcher today - I hope I can.



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his address - Yes I have -

With love from us both
and please give my love to the children
and to Mrs. U. What a grand visit we
had with her father - and how disappointed
we were not to see her mother -
Devotedly -

Mother -

Please send me a letter at once to
San Antonio - Texas 9/ The Plaza Hotel.
Feb. 16th 1936 - We are stopping here
a short time only where that you had better
send by air mail and at once -

THE BAKER

DALLAS, TEXAS



Mrs Laura Jane Musser
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BAKER HOTEL

DALLAS, TEXAS



Miss Laura Jean Musser
Monticello College
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Lotus Darling.

No word from you since m left
so I am sending a day letter to you
for I am most anxious to hear
how you are. Whether you received
all of the Valentine Boyes sent to you
to distribute amongs your friends and
whether it is still as cold as when
m left.

M spent one night at Bartlesville
Oklahoma and the roads were so
icy m could only drive about 20
miles an hour - m saw several cars
trucks etc in the ditch and one way
just ahead of us turned around
to face and then into the ditch



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Fortunately was not upset.

Thursday we went to Tulsa - Oklahoma
and had lunch and then on to
Oklahoma City for the night. The
Bethmore Hotel there is the finest hotel
I have ever stopped at. But it certainly
has kept cold. down to zero until
this morning - now it is about 40 above.
Daddy and I went to hear Admiral Byrd
speak last evening at the huge Texas
Centennial Bldg. - It was very interesting
and thrilling. His moving pictures were
very good. The "penguins" you would
have loved - just like little people - the
way they acted - so curious of the men
and one after Loring satisfied his
curiosity he went back to the crowd

Waiting him - Climbed up on an ice
block and told them a long story!

I don't see how humans could live in
that cold for so long - Admiral Byrd
said the picture gave me an idea
of how this country looked 3000
years ago -

This is a fine substantial city but
I do like the cities in Oklahoma
and I can now understand why Miss
Rogers loved that state so much -
Cousin Margaret and Cliff went to here
until tomorrow and I imagine Mr
Will can leave Monday or Tuesday for
San Antonio - Write me there % of the
Plaza Hotel - San Antonio - Texas -
Mr Will probably to there a couple of
days anyway - You can send your
letters by air mail which I like this.

Daddy going in order of love - It
was so grand having you and mother



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Your friends and your teachers -

Devotedly -

Mother -

I'm my love to Mabel-Catherine Beil and any
others in that -

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HOTELS

JACK WHITE OPERATOR

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Love Darling -

I am waiting in the car for Daddy to
come for Mexico City so will just drop a
line to you before leaving -

Mr. Stiles are clinging to our fur coats and
are beginning to wonder whether we are going
to find any warm weather any where.

This is a most interesting city and the first
place we have found that shows a marked
Spanish influence - All of the Oklahoma
and Texas cities are so clean and well
built -

I tried to find Mrs. Norsham but as yet
she hasn't come from the north -

Do hope you are all on your feet
and are happy about everything - We will
be at Monticello in about 2 weeks I

SAN ANTONIO
JACK WHITE
MANAGER

CORPUS CHRISTI
C. W. POINTS
MANAGER

PLAZA



HOTELS

JACK WHITE OPERATOR

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Imagine - then it will be only a short
time before you will be coming home for
Easter Vacation -

Don't worry about my crossing streets!
You are Mother has had considerable
experience in crossing streets and the
principal thing is not to get muddled!
Had a letter from Mrs Gillespie and a note
from Mr Patience saying it was 46 below
at home - at least on Larnix it that cold -
I wonder how it is with you now -

With kindest love to my precious child -
Devotedly - Mother -

THE PLAZA HOTELS



SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
JACK WHITE, OPERATOR



CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS
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Lotie Dear. We arrived here
Friday night after a 1200 mile
trip on the train from Laredo
Texas. We are leaving again for
Laredo & Corpus Christi tomorrow
night. There is a beautiful
city and the Mexicans all speak
Spanish. We drove on the mt. going
to Llanas where Mr. Dwight Moore
had his summer home. It is all so
different but we have enjoyed it.

Miss Lues / Mrs. Weaver

Monticello College

Godfrey - Sep -

U.S.A.

Hope T. has a letter from you soon.
I want to tell you from us both.

Little Falls - Minn.

March 14 1936



Lotus Darling -

It was grand getting such a
happy letter from you after we
reached home Thursday - It was
as good as a tonic to me - I was
so happy to be able to spend that night
at Monticello and to see just how you
were and also to have a talk with the
various people and to hear all of the
nice things they had to say of my
Lotus - There is no reason for your
not getting the "Blues"! Am glad your
enthusiasm for piano has returned and
it made me laugh to hear how Miriam
couldn't stand your drumming! It
was so vehement -

We drove as far as Jackson Mill where
we had our lunch and then on to

Muscatoine where we arrived about 5 P.M.
Found Aunt Laura fine - I wanted to go to
bed but she had asked Judge and Mr Jackson
for dinner so I had to come down and
make an effort - Was in bed all next
day but got up for the dinner Aunt
Laura gave for the Mulberry Club - I
felt so miserable I had to lean once
and lie down but managed to sit
up until they left - Was quite sick all
night but able to lean for home Wednesday
We drove into a bad blizzard just out
of Minneapolis so had to spend the
night at the Redasson and came home
the next day - Have been so happy to
be back and am feeling better because
I can stay in bed -

A very sad thing happened last
week - The Burton boy who was in

a bank in Leavenworth M. D. was
taken by ill with sinus infection.
They put him on a train and
he was 10 hours getting to Minneapolis
and was unconscious most of the
time - Dr Roberts, Mr Mrs Barton & Alice
met him there - Dr Roberts had engaged
an airplane to take him to Rochester.
and he went also while the family went
in a car - The Pilot lost his bearings
and after four hours came down in
a nose dive into a snow bank -
The plane turned completely over
and Dr Roberts had 4 ribs broken and
his shoulder in 2 places - No one else
was hurt - The Ambulance took the
Barton boy to Rochester and ^{they} operated

but he died and his funeral was Thursday -
The family are crushed of course -
& Roberts is getting along nicely and
his son is home -

It doesn't look like Spring here -
There are no tumble burs to perch
on our noses! Only snow and ice
as yet -

We can hardly wait for you to get
home a week from today and by that
time I will be myself again. I hope -

Remember me to all of your friends
and Teachers - With a heart full of
love for my precious little daughter -
devotedly
Mother -

March 14th 1936



Miss Laura Jane Musser
of Monticello Collyer
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LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

After 5 days, return to
MRS. R. D. MUSSER,
608 Highland Ave.,
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.



Mrs Laura Jane Musser
of Monticello College
Pocahontas
Iowa

Lotus Darling -

Just a note this morning to
tell you how much good your
bright Cherry pie did for me
when you called last evening -

I have secured your ticket for
Friday and reservations out of
Chicago that evening at 10 P.M.
It will be grand having you home
and you just don't know how
glad I am you have pulled yourself

out of the "slough of despond" and
are really enjoying life again -
For my happiness is your happiness!

I have practically been in bed
3m since returning but I had my
first good night last night so hope
I will be able to go out today for
a short walk -

The snow is piled high all around
us and it looks as though Spring
was a long way off -

Have had several invitations since
coming home for luncheons etc but
of course cannot be able to accept

Any thing so far -

I am proud of your being able
to get along on so little allowance -
You are your clothes and other things
counted up so that I have waited for
you to ask for money before sending
it - You surely have done my well
and of course I trust you to do
your part in being nice to others
too - which you have been -

Will enclose \$35⁰⁰ for your expenses
home - it may come to that but I want
you to have enough - just for more

days Honorals!

Not forget you and remember
me to your friends too -

Devotedly -
Mother.

[Nov. 18, 1936]

MRS. R. D. MUSSER

LITTLE FALLS

MINNESOTA

Folli Darling -

Miss Houston has just called inviting us for dinner Sunday at the hotel and don't you think it would be a good idea for you to have your hair cut and curled Saturday morning in Minneapolis?

I will meet you in the car there. When your train comes in and we also make an appointment with Gustafson for cutting and curling - I know you would rather have it curled here but I shall feel happier if you have it

all attended to before you come
home so that you will be looking
your best when all of your friends
see you! You took alright along
to your Mother for she looks beyond
your hair! You can have it cut
any way you want to do it worry
about that. Then we can come home
that afternoon - and that will be
off your mind -

I am feeling a little better each
day and hope by Saturday to
feel grand - But to the city

Yesterday for a treatment from Dr Zittel
and that helped a great deal -
With basket of bon —
Devotedly

March 18th 1926

Mother -

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638 Highland Ave.,
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
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Mrs Laura Jane Musser
of Monticello College
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Linden Hills
Little Falls, Minnesota

[March 30, 1936]

Lottie Darling -

Your letter was joyfully received and I am delighted that you called on Eddy Palvin to go with you - He must be quite a character - Be sure and write one of your interesting sketches of him -

Are then many of the Monticello girls and teachers on the train going from Chicago?

We are very lonely after you left and only wished the vacation night had been longer for me to see our Lottie more

than she can possibly realize.
Your piano concert the other
evening I don't think about
because your tone work and
technique is so improved -
Keep up the good work and
the "Healthy Attitude" and you
will win out -

Yesterday I was still feeling
sort of miserable so decided
to start drinking fruit juice.
All afternoon I alternated
grape fruit juice - Orange juice
and pine apple juice and felt
much better as though my head

belonged to my body!

Don't Ma come in yet during the afternoon and stayed
for lunch - He thinks Dr. is going to be alright in time.

I am going to the Mayor's for lunch this noon and

may some contract but if I feel bad this noon and

don't return me to the city and come back the in.

but learn to know tomorrow and in certainly will

Miss Ma -

It is so cold today - took a short walk out this
afternoon this morning - It on 24 above zero - But
this me soon has to give up its fight and

how m. m. appreciate Spring -

There isn't much to tell you
m. Lavinia saw many people
on any one except the Gillespie
and Mrs. Roberts -

With kindest love to my
precious little daughter -

Devotedly

Mother -

March 30th 1936 -

Love Darling -

Just a m. note for I want
this to get off - Am sending
you a check for \$25.00 and am
writing again for the Chopin Prelude -

It certainly cheered me up wonderfully
to hear your happy darling voice last
night and I only wish I might be
able to hear you next Friday - I
certainly am glad you are coming
first on the program so that
you won't have to dread it all morning.
Will call you about 10:30 & see
how it all went off so don't
be far from the phone -

Are disappointed your pictures must be
with the chorus group. You usually
take such a fine photo. What was the
matter?

When your letter reached me it was
the 27th and of course I had no way
of getting anything in Golda so you
just wrote her and tell her you will
remember her letter on - she will appreciate
it just as much - the rest of the
thing I will attend to.

By the way Mrs Phillips wanted to buy your
bicycle for Helen - she gave you \$10.00 which
is much more than it was worth -
if you want one when you return
I will get you another -
Dearest love to my
precious daughter - Devoted
Mother.

[April 13, 1936]

MRS. R. D. MUSSER - 608 HIGHLAND AVENUE - LITTLE FALLS - MINNESOTA

Lettie Darling -

It was a grand surprise having
you call last night but it made me
feel bad to hear you're been working
so hard for your voice sounded very
tired. Please don't overdo - I must
much rather not have you give a
program than have you overdo! You
must get plenty of sleep!! Be out of
doors all that you can be.
I am so tickled about your going
for you will be able to compete with

me maybe when you come home -
My come back has been a little slow
but now I am feeling much better -
How soon it will be out of the question
for me to go to Monticello in two
weeks for it would put me back again
I fear - How I should love to hear
you play - Your mother does love you
so and would go to the ends of the
Earth for you if it were necessary but
if I could do the least little bit I have
to pay for it - so I walk around
the place with Helen - look at the
baby chicks which are growing fast,

Come back to the house and meet. that the girls
have a bad one but I will conquer it in
time.

The girls, Pauline & Marie, also steam, appreciate
the things you stand about the good and
after awhile will stand you more - You
will be home now in a little less than
three weeks and how in this regard to
know you back home again -

Many had a grand time on his vacation -
Especially you and Jean from the storm -
The power stops me in the back the morning

That Helen was coming to see me.
She will be home until Saturday or
Sunday -

Peg Woodworth is being cured by Dr. Zittel
and seems so happy -

Expect you had a lovely day with
Mabel yesterday - How do you
enjoy playing in Chapel?

I sent a knitted dress from Philip
which I think would be becoming and
hope it fits and that you like it.

With warmest love and remember me
to the children and your friends -
Devotedly

April 13th 1936.

Mother.



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[April 21, 1936]

MRS. R. D. MUSSER

LITTLE FALLS

MINNESOTA

So precious -

Here I am in your room, when I slept last night, thinking about my darling little girl and of how I loved your wonderful letter of April 15th. You certainly do write the most delightful and interesting letters and I have read it through many times -

I was so sorry you had another cold and I do hope by now you are all over it - You just mustn't get so tired for then you are apt to take colds and other things - You don't

know how thrilled I am that you
are going without your glasses and that
you don't feel under a strain and are
able to see your notes so well. Also
I am simply delighted that you are
taking eye up - that will help so much.
I had such a dear letter from Mrs. White
about you and she spoke of how fine
you looked - and how dear you are
and of how your entire attitude toward
everything seemed so changed. Well your
Eyes must have burned I am sure -
How I do wish I could go to hear
you play May 1st but I simply can't
take any risks now that I am

beginning to feel better. Your stay in bed
two days has not just to relax and just
that rest helps me now than anything else.
But it is splendid you are getting such
big dividends for good. It looks now as though
you might beat me when you come home
this summer.

That me and I expect you were out
to Stuttgart and saw my answer to letters
all about it. You know Margaret is out
to Berlin - You certainly had a good
me. And I expect me about you. It was
a shame you had to drop out of the

play but you will probably have another
chance later on - You have such a
full schedule it probably means
for the best -

I am sure the Huttigs would appreciate
being asked to your program even if
they wouldn't be able to go -

How I should love to hear you play
for chapel - Mrs so interested in what
different ones said to you about your
playing -

There is so little to tell you about
here for I have done so little - am
counting the days until you are in

home -

So Eddy Polaris didn't stay with you
when you went to the movie? Well I
am pleased to know that you can
call on him for just such a purpose.

It is still so cold here - I went out
one windy day and played 5 holes but
it was too cold - Harriet was out
since - Aunt Laura hasn't been back
since you were here - She has been
having a cold as long as I can see has
in Muscatine and she just talked
to us over the phone and said they
all took castor oil! Am going to the

city tomorrow for a treatment -

Aunt Maud asked Daddy and me
down Thursday to spend the night -
She is having some young men speak
on the Oxford Movement. I can't go
and neither could Daddy -

I must this to go to with a heart
full of love to my precious child -
Pauline will send you another spread
soon - Devotedly Mother -

Will write Mrs. Welch as soon as I can -
April 21st 1936 -

[April 10, 1936]

Leta Darling.

What a wonderful letter
 you wrote and you just
 don't know how happy I
 am that you are able to
 do so much and that
 now your teachers are
 understanding you ^{& you them!} Why?
 Because of your healthy
 attitude towards life in
 general!

Am glad the golf clubs
 arrived in time and if you
 try and teach some one it
 will be the best help you

game -
So now you are playing
Lymna in Chapel. Good for you.
And when you And you are
going to play in a Concert
or give a number on a
program I just cannot
believe it for what have you
had that you can play?
It will be fine also for you
to play with Miriam in a
two piano number also a
grand experience to accompany
this Jones - that all will
help your sight reading
and help you to accompany

Don't think -

The girls and I are pleased you and the other
enjoyed the School Concert & were proud for you.
They will And also to some day -
This is the first long day in two had - Tomorrow
and the two Thursdays - soon now on I know I
will just take my self - that and I visited the
Hollis - Mrs Pitt and the Fairbanks. So dinner and
Daddy had to go to the store for I had's sleep
the night before but O. J. B. gave me a delicious surprise

^{I'm sure to see it soon}
and I slept all of the night
and have been better ever since.
Especially since my last
treatment at Dr. Zettl!

I sent you an Easter
greeting and trust it
reaches you alright.

Was certainly surprised that
at last you are going
to perform in a play
Don't get your thought
centered on Holly Wood!

Dearest Tom and write
soon. Tell me about Edgy
Galvin. Devotedly
Mother
April 10th 1930.

I sent you a pink knitted suit from Philip. Hope it fits.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
c/o Monticello College
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Linden Hills
Little Falls, Minnesota

(May 4, 1936)

Lotie Darling -

I had expected to write to you
Eve this but couldn't get to it.

It was grand hearing your sweet
voice on the telephone last Saturday
M. Although I wasn't absolutely
sure how you felt about your
program you were so upset with
the "upsetters"! Now my precious
life is altogether too short to
bother one's head about trifles - and
when you are dealing with high strung
people - just realize that and wait
until the atmosphere clears - Always
be pleasant your self and undoubtedly
you are so keyed up you might
have said something - not intentionally

- That sounded a little crude and they didn't feel they could overlook it. Now if it were I - I would go to them and tell them just that and you would find they would be smart about it if you say you are certainly not intending to be rude and I'm sorry if it sounded that way! and presto! the dark clouds will be gone - It would be foolish for me to write to them for you are now old enough to make these things out for yourself -

Today your program came but no letter - and maybe I wasn't disappointed! I am so anxious to hear all about it - even the bug flying around your head! - I that you played in a two piano

number - didn't you? or is that to come later or? How are the chickens and other relatives?

Daddy left yesterday for Muscatine for meetings - I felt lonely to see him go for Sunday is not a 1. B. while for dinner and I get to bed and feel pretty bad yesterday but had a good night sleep and feel much better today. It has stormed and is much cooler. I shall be so glad when I can get out for golf - How nice of Mabel to visit you for a few days - After school close - You miss enjoy that I know - Are you coming to just observe under your cover

often? I hate to have you ruin
your dresses with perspiration -
I know sometimes it can't be
helped for I did the same way
only I had to wear shields -
Just think you will be home
now in about five miles and
I can hardly wait!

Aunt Jane and Sally will be
here in a couple of miles &
hope. It will be grand having
them here - There are no leaves
out on either trees or shrubs
as yet - Some little Crocuses are
up - and look so pretty -

The Enclaved MS is last night
manuscript - I don't know who gave
them the items - Put it in your
Memory Book - With so much love to
my precious daughter - Devotedly
Mother -
May 4th 1936 -

Miss Laura Jane Musser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Drew Musser, 608 Highland avenue, participated in a student-artist recital at Monticello college the evening of Friday, May 1. Miss Musser, who is studying piano at Monticello, included in her program a piece of her own composition.



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