



Laura Jane Musser and
Family Papers.

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ALTON, ILLINOIS June 22, 1936.

Dear "Kotsie", (Little Falls, Minn.)

I have never been in your fair town but you would be surprized at what I know about it.

At the present time Little Falls has less than a fifth of the population of Morrison County which has, according to 1930 census, 25,442. Little Falls has 5014 people. It is the County Seat of Morrison ~~County~~ County. It had a population of 5500 in 1920. It is 97 miles northwest of Minneapolis on the Mississippi river. It is 94 miles by express from the same place. It is 33 miles from St. Cloud and 140 miles from Duluth. Little Falls has two Hospitals, one of which I believe is Catholic: St. Gabriel's Hospital and Dr. Hall's Hospital. Little Falls has a post office, a Western Union Telegraph office, a Railway Express office, and an airport. It is considered a Banking town. As to transportation it is served by the Northern Pacific Railroad and U.S. route 10N which is paved south of town and gravel north. It was settled in 1850 and chartered as a city in 1889. Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh was born there and graduated from High School there in 1918. Your town has a hydro-electric plant, creameries, flour mills, other industries and granite quarries near by but no florist as far as I could find out. What else is interesting about the town besides the fact that it has a couple of movies?



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ALTON, ILLINOIS

How do you like vacation by this time? Are you doing anything very interesting? I had my vacation on the 15th, 16th and 17th of May when I went to Columbia Mo. On the 4th, 5th and 6th of June I went to Chicago and Elmhurst to see Virginia Steven, "Stevie" to you & me (Virginia to her mother & father). How

How was the dance on the 5th out at Monticello? My neighbor, Frank (pest) Burch, wasn't there. He was invited by Harriet Joy but called her up on Fri. and told her he couldn't go. I think it was a dirty trick but it probably improved the dance by his absence.

Monticello was libly a hotel for women the 11th to 13th of June. The Illinois Business and Professional women held their confesion, or convention, or what have you, there. It was sponsored by the Alton Club. I got to go all over the building. I was in practically every bedroom in the place putting a small vase, & roses, and a card in 90 of the rooms and just cards in about as many more. I was out there from 3 to 6 or 8 times each of the days. Some fun. I was so tired on Sat nite that I went to bed as soon as I finished work at 10 30 PM and I got up at 10:15 AM too late to go to either Sunday School or Church. Was mother peeved!



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Well, I must sign off and cut out all the hot air.
and go to bed. Hope I hear from you.

Regards + Best Wishes,

Skippy.
P.S. Pardon my poor writing + spelling. Being out
of school for 17 months & not doing much of
either I got out practice. My address is underlined.
Skippy.

Air Mail



1935
Air Mail

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls.
Minnesota

thurs day.
March 26, 1936

Dear Lottie,

I promised to write
you a letter while I was
home, so here it is. I
don't know very much news
about anyone from school
except Dorothy Holmes and
Lorraine Reneghe. I went
to see Dorothy while she
was at the hospital and
she was getting along just
fine in fact she went
home yesterday evening and
she is coming back to school
Sunday Evening. Isn't that

I went down town the other
spent a lot of time hunting
around looking at all the
beautiful new spring and summer
clothes and then I wished I
were the daughter of a
millionaire so that I could
have everything I thought I
wanted. But since I'm
not, I just had to stand
and admire them and walk
on to the next group.

Well, believe that it is
about all I know except
that it seems like like
I have hardly been home any
length of time at all and here
it is time to pack up again
to go back to school, but I
guess just about every one

grand? Lorraine was in St.
Louis a couple of times and
she phoned me both times
and we had quite a nice chat.

I guess you have been having
a grand time while you are
home. Were the blizzards bad?
Hope that your mother is
all over ~~the~~ ^{the} flu and is
feeling just fine now.

I have been trying to make
up some of the work I missed
while my eyes were on the blink,
but have found it a very hard
task as some one is "all the
time for a callin" me up
and "a-wantin" me to go
to a show or something.
And since I haven't the
will power to resist, I go.

including you, feels the same way as I do about it.

Remember me to your mother and father and tell them I was very sorry that I missed ^{seeing} them the last time they visited at school and I hope they will be coming again soon.

So Long Until Sunday Evening

Lots of Love

from Your Room-mate

"Ruffy"



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota

May 19, 1938

Dear Leta,

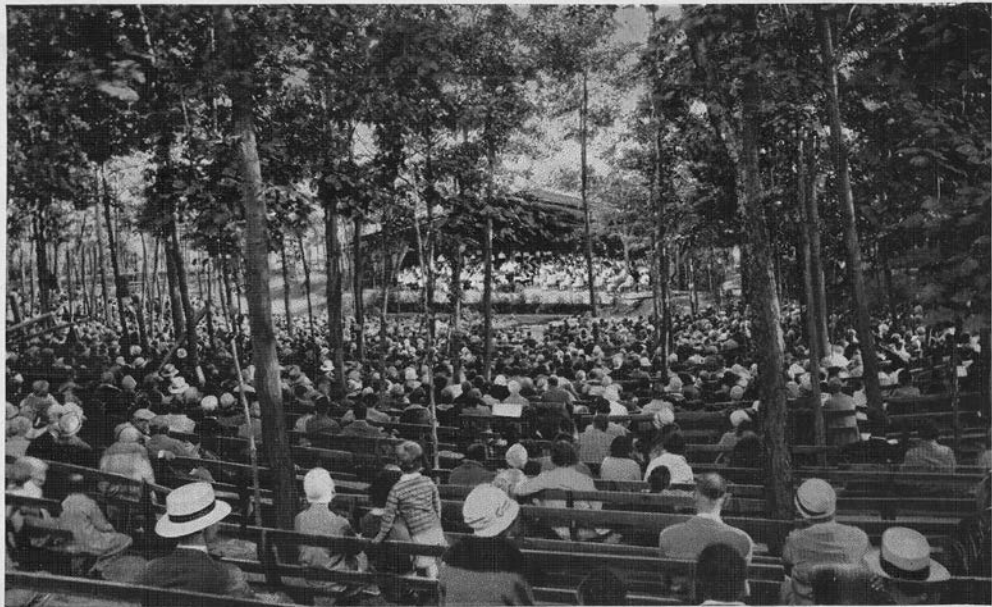
Ellen, my sister, wrote me that you are one of the members of our class who is returning for the Centennial. I am so glad you are going to be there, for it should be a most interesting time.

You have had such a nice year with your music lessons and your trip to California. I hope your summer will be fun, too.

I have not seen your cousin, Miss Taylor, in weeks. Wellesley is such a big place that it is hard to see people and to find time to go calling. I enjoyed seeing her so much last fall.

Have a wonderful time at Centennial, Leta. Please remember me to your mother. Love, Mary Pfeiffer

SUNDAY CONCERT AT INTERLOCHEN BOWL, NEAR TRAVERSE CITY, MICH.



THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES

Dear Leta

My two mother
and I are up here
at the Music Camp
for a weekend. I
thought you might
be interested to see
this card.

The Camp is still
very lovely and we
are going now to listen
to orchestra practice.

I hope you can
come here some day
Love, Mary Blair

C. T. AMERICAN ART COLORED



POST CARD

THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS ONLY



Miss Laura Lee Musser

Little Falls

Minnesota

KINZEL,
ALTON, ILL.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota.

March 24, 1934.

Dear Lotsie,

Are you surprised to get a letter from me? Who am I? Wait until you get to the end of the letter. You will be surprised. Pardon the misspelled & corrected word surprise.

Please don't mention this to any of the girls at school as they might get the wrong impression. Some people are dumb and others are dumber, if you get what I mean. You will probably see me out at school some time.

Are you having a good time on your vacation? You are? Swell. Have one for me while I work (or put in my time) from 8 to 16 hours a day in the store among the flowers or drive the truck or sedan from 20 to 85 miles an hour on the straight roads ~~and~~ streets or 12 to 80 on turns and curves. Want a ride?

How far is Little Falls from Ames, Iowa? Have you any ~~idea~~? I expect to go to school at Ames next fall. I was (am) just curious as to distance.

Let me know if you get this by writing if you have time.

Orchids
skinny.

P.S. Pardon the writing as I am known for my poor writing

HOWARD FLOLID
2220 SEABURY AVENUE
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

December 7, 1936

Dear Laura Jane,

I don't know if you will be surprised to get a letter from me but I guess it will be alright anyway.

If you are wondering why I am typing my letter it is because I think that it be much easier to read.

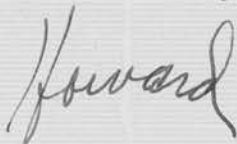
I hope that you and your frind Mary had a very pleasant stay in Little Falls on your short Vacation.

I went over to see Mary Ann the other so that I could get your adress from her. She has moved again so I had a hard time trying to locate her. Mary Ann now lives at Second Avenue South and Eighteenth Street.

I guess I am like the fellow that got up to make his first speech. Not being able to think of what to say I just stutter along. Maybe all I need is a little practice . I think that I have head somthink said about practice makes perfect.

I hope that you will answer my letter soon such as it is.

Yours sincerely,

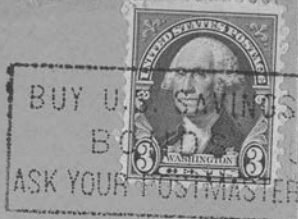
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Howard".

*The Boy
Friend*



Miss. Laura Jane Musser
Montocello College
Godfrey, Ill.

HOWARD FLOLID
2220 SEABURY AVENUE
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA



Miss Laura Jane Messer
Monticello College
Godfrey, Illinois

James Butcher
47 W. C. H.
Mount & Howard
Chicago, Ill.

Friday Evening
Chicago, Illinois

Dear friend,

Please forgive me for not writing sooner, but I truly have been so very busy getting used to the very noticeable change of environment and also getting acquainted with the "fellows" both at school and at the Y. M. C. A.

May I take this means of thanking you from the bottom of my heart for everything you did for me on that most enjoyable trip, upon which I was most fortunate in being in your company. I really don't know what I would have done if it wasn't for your knowledge and assistance in getting me started "OK."

I really think that I am going to enjoy my residence here in the city, for, as far as I

be able to be there, that is,
if you still wish it and if I
can break away from my
routine for a day or two.

Well, I really must close
now for it is time for dinner,
after which I must do some
intensive studying.

May I expect an answer
soon?

James Butcher
Y. M. C. A.
North & Larrabee,
Chicago, Ill.

have gone, everything and everyone has been just perfect. But, most important of all, I like my school work to the fullest extent. I am now fully convinced that the Diesel field is the "coming trend" and so I am looking into the future with great anticipation. I suppose you have just about all you can do to keep up your very heavy schedule too; well, I am quite sure that we will be able to bear the burden. I always have had great admiration for anyone who possessed a strong will-power.

Helen wants you to write her. I don't know if you know her address or not, but I will repeat it for sure -

16302 Summit Ave.

St. Paul, Minn.

I hope you haven't forgotten your very courteous invitation to a dance at your college. I sincerely hope that I may

James Butcher
317 - 5th Ave SE.
Minneapolis



RED CROSS
ROLL CALL
JOIN



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls, Minnesota



Friday A. M.
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Laura Jane,

I just received your letter, and by the post-mark, it seems as if the letter must have been delayed somewhere. This unfortunate delay will also be the cause for my not being able to see you also for if I had known that you were going to be at home I would have made arrangements to get back to Little Falls over the holiday.

As the situation now exists, I have made arrangements to be home Saturday, and so my folks will be expecting me - therefore I really cannot change my plans.

I surely wish I were able to attend that party you spoke of Thursday night for I am sure we would have had a perfect time.

Well, I've got just ten minutes to get to a mathematics quiz so I guess I'd better hurry.

I'm so sorry things had to turn out as they did.

As ever

P.S.

Greet your room mate for me -

I think I've met her, have I not?

Jimmy Butcher



Wed. Nov. 18-'36

Dear Laura Jane,

I really don't know just how to explain this long period of writing failure, but in all sincerity, I hope you will acquit me of my rudeness.

I suppose you have been sort of wondering what happened to me, (perhaps not, I wouldn't blame you any) well, it's a long story but I wish to take this means as my most plausible explanation.

As you probably know, I went to Chicago in September with the intention of staying there and continuing with my Diesel work. Well, it so happened that the owner of the firm which I was connected with took an interest in me (why, I don't know) and offered to send me to a university of my choice for two years, and naturally, I accepted. I had intended, primarily, to go to Northwestern but my folks wanted me closer to home, and so I finally "ended up" here at the University of Minnesota. Now, I suppose, with my actions during the past summer as a basis for your supposition, you probably are under the impression that other, shall we say "factors," have influenced my choice of schools; well, Lotie this is not the case at all. With due consideration of every possible "convenience", I wish now that I had disregarded my parents' wishes and attended Northwestern. I'm sure that I would have liked it better there

for more reasons than I would care to mention here.

Now I've been talking about myself continually; may I ask how every thing is concerning you? I'll bet you are having a glorious time again this year at Monticello, that surely is a nice school, and I really am in a position to say. Yes, but I wish I could attend another dance there as your guest, that one time will always linger in my memory as being just perfect.

Well, I guess I've said all I have to say now with the one exception that I hope that you'll forgive me for my rudeness and also that I may expect a letter from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

James Butcher

317 5th Ave S. E.

Minneapolis, Minn.

P. S.

I'm looking forward to Christmas vacation and seeing you again. Maybe we can go to the Club Ly G. yall at Brainerd to a dance. Wouldn't it be fun!



Miss Laura Jane Musser

~~Little Falls,~~

Casper

Wyoming -

~~Minnesota~~

105 West 12th Street



Jo L. Arty
Sycamore, Ill.

July 29, 1936

Dear "Lotsie",

I am sorry I haven't written you sooner but I have been so busy I just haven't had time.

I want to thank you for the darling clips you sent me. It was awfully sweet of you to do that 'Lotsie' and I do appreciate it.

I hope you are having as grand a summer as I am. I spent two weeks up North and the rest having fun at home. Mary Ellen Skirvin is visiting me now and we have found quite a bit

to do. Helen Keld was married
June 25th to Dick Clixon,
a boy from home that she
was going with. It all seemed
so sudden I couldn't
realize she was married.
She's terribly happy and
I'm certainly glad.

I am entering nurses
training in the fall at the
West Suburban Hospital in
Oak Park, Illinois. I am
very thrilled about it as
I know it will be most
interesting work. Rather
hard I imagine but I
can take it, I hope.

I certainly will miss
"Monti" next year. I have
met so many nice friends ^{there}.

Thanks again dear for
the darling clips and please
write to me "Tatie". We
want to keep our friendship,
you know.

Please give my best
regards to your Mother and
Father.

Loads of love,
Jane



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Monticello College
Godfrey
Illinois

June Campbell
River Falls, Wisconsin

120 South Third Street
River Falls, Wisconsin
March 29, 1936

June

Dear Laura Jane,
you asked me to forgive your negligence in writing, which I assure you is ~~of~~ very easy to do. A girl who has a cold plus examinations ~~is~~ has double injury. One is bad enough without having the other. I confess I can't give either one for an excuse.

Aren't you the lucky girl though, to get 3 A's, 3 B's and one C. How do you do it? I bow my head in great shame when I think of what I got. We have three twelve week terms, instead of semesters. I did better my second term than I did the first, but I can not boast of ~~the~~ my marks. I'm so proud of you. What subjects are you taking? This term I have ~~Geography~~, geography, music methods, English composition, ~~history~~ & Economics,

biology, and orchestra. I certainly made a mess of writing it didn't I? We had Modern World History the first term in place of economics. It is such a relief not to have history this term. I don't suppose you feel that way about any of your subjects, do you?

I have never heard Eugene List. But, I would certainly like to hear him sometime.

Our college orchestra is having an opportunity that I never expect to have again. Our director is studying at some school the last part of this year. A man from the cities is taking his place. This man from the cities, Mr. Liegal has played clarinet in the symphony orchestra. It is such a privilege to have him here. He is teaching as many of these so-called

symphonic touches of music.

What is the appropriate position of Godfrey on the map? I have been looking for it on maps, but, as yet, I have not found it. Probably I have had my finger right over the name, what do you bet?

I like the tradition of "calling day" at Monticello. We have something similar to this, but not quite so much connected with it. On the day of registration, all the students who have been here before, in the Y.W.C.A., are assigned a "little sister." "Big sister" must see to it that "little sister" doesn't get lonesome. Big sister takes little sister to the first all-school party.

Last night Mother, Daddy,

and Harriet went to the "Masquerade"
formal. They had such a good time.
The gym was decorated with
paintings, by one of the college girls,
representing nursery rhymes.

I guess I've done a lot of scratching
and scribbling in this letter. I
hope the next one won't look as
bad as this one does. You notice,
that I am expecting you to write
again. Please do write ~~me~~ me.
Your letters are so cheery.

Love from
June

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO



LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Monticello Colledge
Godfrey, Illinois

Dearest Lottie,

Please excuse ^{me} for not writing to you for so long. I should have but I have been somewhat busy. Its a very poor excuse but I hope you forgive me.

Please make off you don't see this paper but all my stationery is used all up.

My, but I certainly have to apologize. I'm writing this letter with my coat on because its terribly cold here. Its about fifteen below.

The seniors are going to give their play tomorrow, the twenty third of this month. I'm a little behind time but it can't be helped. When I type in stenography class I date my letters January thirteenth I think I should get my head examined for some thing.

I haven't been skating for about three or four days because its too cold. Durr! We have our graduation rings now, very nice looking. My ring is gold, with a reddish brown set in it. We could have gotten a blue, black or white stone to.

I am certainly lacking anything to talk or write about. Oh I must tell you about our lovely Physics test Lottie it was very difficult to swallow. Phooie, and it was a semester one to. Tomorrow I have a test in stenography and I must make at least 38 or more words a minute. I make 32 heavens its terrible. Excuse the spelling of some of these these words (we have you read that "excuse" before in this letter) but I'm rather poor in spelling,

thats putting it rather mild. My doc love
my self.

This table wiggles and squeals as thou
it wants to tell me what to ~~write~~ ^{write}.

Our basket ball team is playing today
tonight but I don't think many will
turn out for it. Our team hasn't been
very successful because of their con-
founded swell heads, there really is no
one like them. (Thats what they think).

Tomorrow we don't have any sixth
hour but some of the students have. The
matinee of the senior play "Reaching (another
mistake) In the Garden of the Moon" is
to be given then.

I must close now because everyone is
going to bed and Im all my self writing
this letter. Poor me.

Please write to me soon lotsil, and
will answer you promptly I promise.

Love

E. L. L.

P.S. What do you think of the piece
"The Music Goes Round and Round"
I think its grand. Don't tell me you
did not hear it?

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Dearest Lotie,

I'm so sorry I didn't write to you as soon as I received your letter. You have waited a long while and I'm terribly sorry. The weather is wonderful here just like spring. But we are in an absolute deep water any place we wish to go.

I have been plugging along in my school work trying my best. We have organized clubs now and I joined the Skiing Club; there are about 30 members. We are separated in groups of 5 and have one girl as chairman of the group. I am honored with the position in our group. The girls in my group are Elenore Soska, Valeria Plomski, Laura Siegal, and Ruby Shermhorn. The week before last we hiked for fifteen minutes (to group) to the water tower and this last week to the fox farm on the River road. We were unable to see the foxes because more foxes were coming, if you get what I mean. Miss Schogland is the head of our club and is very nice.

We are going to have night school Friday evening of this week. I will have to subjects, beloved Physics

We had a speaker, an American, who spoke about the Ethiopians. He was a young man, about 26 or so, who spent four years in Ethiopia as a government representative or such. Some of the things he told us were certainly interesting. The women of E. put old butter in their hair and spires as a beauty aid. The speaker said when the thousands of women get together in one group the odor is overpowering. They make their bread from a seed mixed into powder mixed with just water and nothing else. The ~~fact~~ this on side while other remains raw. They can not bake it on the other side because it is too difficult to turn it over. They put salt in their coffee & old butter as a special treat. You can buy a wife there for \$5.00 a pig for a quarter, 3 sheep for 50 cents and a cow for two dollars. Now isn't that something. So bad the men can't buy their wives here for that.

We had National Honor Society emination last Monday. Father Thurvald gave a talk and several members of the society. It lasted for about an hour & ten minutes. It was

and social problems.

By the way I seen the show night before last starring Guy Rogers and Marlene Dietrich in Desire it was good for it gave thing to do with mine. Don't take me wrong Lotsie but I still love mystery & detective stories.

I was so sorry to hear that you were sick. I certainly appreciated your writing to me even though you were ill. I hope you are well now and will stay well the rest of the year. Will you have spring vacation this school term? We are only going to have only two days vacation. Well I certainly hope you do have spring vacation so you will be able to come home, for we miss you very much. By the way, how is that fine music teacher and you getting along? I certainly am glad that she's so nice to you. I'd just love to meet her myself. Well there is one consolation, I have heard her play the piano, and what a wonderful player she is.

There is not much to do here, in fact nothing at all at present. Wouldn't it be great to have our walks we used to have in those long summer evenings?

rather tiresome, but we got out of some of our classes.

I have been reading a lot lately but I have to stop and consider my studies more.

I played basket ball one evening last week. It was rather fun but the coach, or Julie Houser shared his choice by choosing all the older girls graduated quite a while ago from high school. We high school girls were left out in the cold almost.

Well I believe I just can lose you any longer with my nonsense. But I'll be waiting for your letter every day.

Love Delores

P. 5 I am going to have my pictures (graduation) taken next Sat. I'll give you one if want a cute little monkey like me, I really am very cute. Tsh! Tsh! am I conceited.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO



LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

*Delivered
Quintan*

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Monticello College
Godfrey, Illinois



Jan. 11, 1936

Dear Latsie,

I enjoyed your letter immensely. I'm sorry that it has taken me so long to answer it.

I imagine you had a lovely Christmas. I did, too. I went to my first formal dancing vacation. It was the Christmas dinner-dance

at the Country Club. I
really had a grand time.

Congratulations on making
the hockey teams! I
imagine you enjoy
it immensely.

Have gone out several
times lately. Chiefly with
a boy named Brad Bryan.

I see Ann Stein around
school, but that is practically
all. She runs around in
a different crowd than I.

Do write when you have time.
Fondly,
Ann



Miss Laura Jane Truesher
Monticello College
Godfrey, Illinois

1402. III Tullberry
III scatiné, 180.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Aug - 1

Dear Lotsie,

I don't know if you're at home or not, but I thought I'd try -

It's useless for me to apologize for not writing, but shall we let bygones be bygones? -

How have you been and what have you been doing since I last saw you?

I have been having a

I visit the Rosoffs quite often. They are getting along quite well. Lois and her husband have been staying with them and that helps ~~me~~ a lot. I once read a poem which said

"They are not dead who live
In hearts they leave behind."

and that may express my feeling for Gella. I can't say any more

Lotsie - It's a feeling that I cannot ~~find words for~~ ~~find words for~~

and please let me hear from you and be sure to

very uneventful vacation. I spent a week at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Detroit Lakes. We drove through Little Falls and I looked at everyone that went by hoping that I would see you - Other than that I have been at home all the while. and strange as it may seem I'm very anxious for school to start -

Call me if you come to
Minneapolis - Love

Honey
Beretitz

Please excuse the scratched out
words -



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls, Minn.

H. B.
1406 N. Sheridan
Minneapolis, Minn.

JOHN HANCOCK MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

JAMES QUINN
DISTRICT MANAGER, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

January 30, 1936

My dear Lotsie:

It was a pleasure to hear from you a few days ago and discover that you are so happy in your new surroundings. Isn't it fun to go to school when you are with congenial people? I am thinking very seriously of going to school myself next fall when I am in Calif. It would seem ~~xi~~^w strange to be toting books around again after being out of school for three years, but nevertheless, I think I shall give it a try. It won't hurt me, anyway.

We shan't be leaving for California until April 21 next, or just as soon as the symphony season closes. You see I haven't been out there at all, yet, but the family was there seven months this past year, and enjoyed it tremendously. They even bought two brand new duplexes in Los Angeles as an investment, so I guess that they are very much in love with the place. We shall undoubtedly live in Hollywood, but that is not certain yet. If you go out there, and you really must, be sure to look us up, won't you?

I am trying to write this in the office, and since the boss happens to be out, everybody is acting up, and what it is doing to my powers of concentration, I can't tell you. Kindly forgive me if I seem to ramble without a thing said.

Just now the main topic of interest and discussion is the weather, and I can tell you that we are certainly getting our share. Goodness, how I hate cold weather!!

JOHN HANCOCK MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

JAMES QUINN

DISTRICT MANAGER, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

To top it all off, I have had a house guest for a week from Iowa, and you can imagine how hard it is to entertain her when it almost freezes your nose each time you poke it out of the door. And then, too, when you work all day, you haven't such an awful lot of pep to stay up till all hours of the night for two weeks in succession. I guess that you must know how it is, don't you?

What is your sister doing? Is she going to Vassar? I'll bet that you sort of miss being close to New York, don't you?

Well, my dear, it sort of looks as if the lay of the land here at the office doesn't permit that I keep on with this letter, but at least I got a chance to say "hello, how are you?" Thank you again for your nice letter, and when you get another chance, be sure to let me hear from you again. (Note, too many agains in that sentence) I shall be in Minneapolis until April 21, and after that I won't have any address for a while, but I promise to keep you posted on what is going on.

Much love to you from

Olga



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Monticello College
Godfrey, Illinois

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Kuchynka

2858-5 James ~~Th~~
Minneapolis
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JOHN HANCOCK MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

JAMES QUINN
DISTRICT MANAGER, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

March 4, 1936

My dear Lotsie:

Your nice letter arrived some time ago, but I have not had even a minute's time to sit down and concentrate long enough on a letter. These last days in Minneapolis are proving to be mighty busy ones, and it seems as if I have a million things on my mind at the same time. Note the subtle compliment, "on my mind"-- well, I guess I have to say it for myself, because no one else will. Your letter is at home and I am typing this at the office, so I can't remember all the questions that you wanted me to answer, except that you wanted to know whether or not father knew a certain cellist with the Chicago Symphony. No, pappa never heard of him, but perhaps if he could actually see him, he would remember who he is. You know the men meet so many musicians constantly that they sort of forget the names. Speaking of 'cellists--we had a wonderful one with the orchestra last Friday. A Russian Jew and a wonder. Was called back for two encores, had a beautiful tone and played with unimaginable ease. Oh, yes, thrills and hearthrobs--Nelson Eddy will sing with the Symphony next Friday. I am glad that my ticket is in the third row. The whole house is sold out! What do you think of him?

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The mercury is beginning to show signs of coming up over the zero mark, and I can't tell you how overjoyed we all are about it. Oh, how I hate the cold weather! When the sun shines the whole world seems to be a different place in which to live. My brother out in Calif. reports a steady temperature hovering around seventy all this winter, wouldn't that make anyone angry to read?

I am thinking very seriously of going to the U. of Southern Calif. next fall, or did I tell you that already? If I did, forgive me for repeating myself, but I am quite thrilled about going. The only thing that worries me, however, is the entrance exam. You know it is over three years since I graduated from High School, and you can forget an awful lot in that time.

I am glad to hear that you are doing so well with your piano. The longer you will keep at it, the greater a joy it will be to you, I am sure.

Do you realize that it must be about two years since I have seen you? My goodness, do you think you'd still know me? I hope that you are coming home for the Easter holidays so that you can stop off at Minneapolis and see me before I go to Calif. on the twenty-first of April. Do you think that there is any possibility of your doing that? I surely hope so! Let me know, won't you.

Well, my dear, I guess I have pounded out enough for this time. Write soon and tell me all the doings and goings on.

Lovingly,

Olga



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Esther Barnett
1391 West Decatur
Decatur, Illinois

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Decatur, Illinois
June 16, 1936

Dear Laura Jane:

My trunk,
bag, two coats and I are
safely at home. I came
nearly forgetting the two
coats in the process of saying
three good-byes to Miss Adams.

I hope that you are
enjoying your vacation
with your room-mate &
getting plump at the same
time.

Enclosed is a tiny remem-
brance in appreciation of
your kindness to me.

which I'll never forget.
All good wishes to you,
Esther Barnett.

1391 West Decatur Street
Decatur, Illinois
June 15, 1936

Dear Miss Ford:

My trunk,
two coats, bag, and I are
safely at home. I came
nearly forgetting the two
coats in the process of say-
ing three good-byes to
Norma. Today and yesterday
I've been



Miss Laura Jane Musser.
To Mrs. Huntington Taylor
1425 Pacific Terrace
Klamath Falls
Oregon.

Model Muskegs.
864 Newport Lane
Webster Groves, Mo



Aug. 2. 1936

Dear Hattie,

I guess you have been wondering why I have not answered your last letter. Well I'll tell you that it was neglect on my part. But I have been pretty busy for I ~~was~~ ^{have been} working for my dad at his office for the past three weeks.

Are you are coming back to Monticello? Well that's fine. I still don't know what I am going to do. I wish I did.

Yes it was lots of fun seeing Leonore but she has gone home now and I have not heard from her since. Hot. Holmes called me up

the other day. She has been staying in the country all summer and was in for a week. You said that you were having hot weather in Little Falls, 100 degrees I believe. Well about that same time it went up to 109° here in St. Louis.

You certainly had a nice time on the fourth. All I did was to lay around and try to keep cool.

I have been taking driving lessons ^{during} this this past week. It is lots of fun. It is almost time for supper so must close.

Love

Mabel.

P.S. I will send you another picture of you as soon as I get it developed.

P.S. Write me soon and tell me about your vacation.

LOTSE'S BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Little Falls, Minnesota.

November 23, 1936.

I am led to believe (Anti-Scotch)
That it is better to give than receive.

So on this my Natal Day
I have gotten some rare gifts to give away.

Spasm No.1.

Now when Foxy J. B. gets a chance
He goes to Minneapolis for a darn good dance
He sneaks in the Dance Hall to glide and to whirl
So here's something snappy that will make him happy
A swell dancing Hula Girl.

Spasm No.2

There are things that make us happy
There are things that make us blue
But when Amy spieled the Cornet
No one could blow like she then blew.

Ein, Zwei, Drei, lets go fortissimo
Blow, Amy, Blow.

Spasm No.3

When Arloeen was tiny gal
She played the church organ fine
But now since she has grown up big
She doesn't play a line
Her flats are sharp and her sharps are flat
So to get back her touch and music manner
We'll please her to pieces with thisswell Pianner.

Spasm No.4

My soul my dear Regina
Seems filled with sweet accord
For music seems a fine treasure
We all do wish to hoard.

Now with your love of music
I'm sure it can be shown
That you play the piano much better
Than this Silly Xylophone.

Spasm No.5

Now there is Henning by whose intelligent look
You can guess he reads book after book
He likes some that are good and reads most of the bad
He Ha Has when its funny and sobs when its sad

What then shall he get to whet up his mind
But the most thrilling fiction his friend could find.

Spasm No.6

It is plain we all know that our Sal surely can show
How we all can possess a sylph-like form about which to blow
You have only to tumble, turn, and twist to perfect a fine figure
And you'll be o.k. if you follow the antics of this little
Jigger.

Spasm No.7

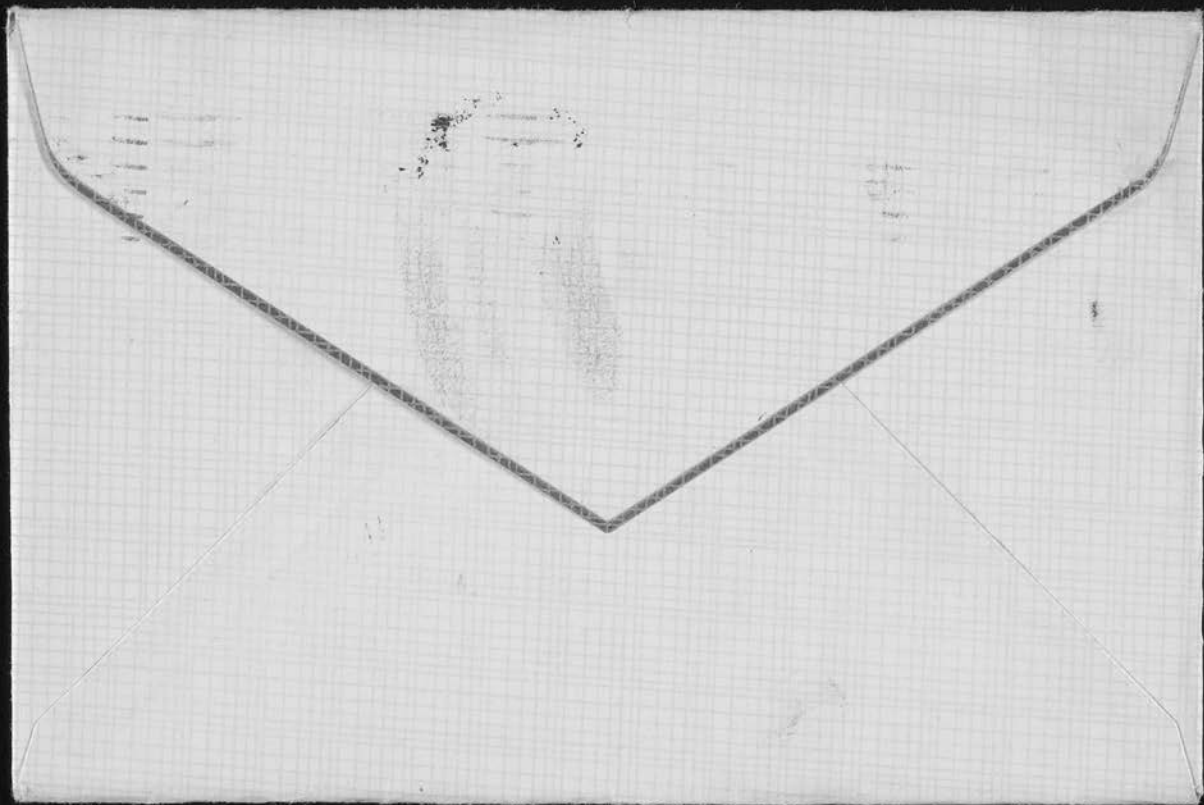
I have now a tough subject and that's no Ballyhoo
So what will I do for Brudder Drew
There are many things that he enjoys
From Noodle Soup to Monkey Toys
He likes to sing if you will listen
And when he thinks he makes a hit with a skit
Your old eggs must go amissing
But what he likes best is real Hullabaloo
So let him go to it with this bunch of Kazoos.

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I can now tell from all your expression
That it is now a mighty good stop time
So here endeth the Lesson.



Miss Lizzie Musser
Monticello College
Boonville, Illinois



Tuesday

Dearest Lizzie.

Here, honey. you can't say that I am not answering promptly now. For news! That's the question. You know, I am not the social elite that I use to be.

I went to St. Cloud two weeks ago tonight. I stayed with Cogan two days, and then I took the

she asked to be remembered to
you.

How's your music, darling?
Did you have a nice time at
your dance? I bet you did.

I went to St. Cloud one
Saturday night with Hooley
Jain to a dance at the Brew.
Had a fair time. But I don't
especially care for the escort!

besides down to Mpls. I stayed down
with my aunt at the Maryland Hotel
for 9 days. I saw 6 shows, bought
some shoes and a hat and dress,
went to the Minnesota Room twice
and out with Larry twice.

I had a grand time. Then
on my way home I stopped
off at St. Cloud three days.
I saw Miss Johnson and

There, honey. I think I have
proven that I am really quite
anxious to hear from you. I
love to hear of your "doings"
So don't disappoint me. Write
soon and maybe I'll know
some news by that time.

Did you hear that Albert Barion Jr.
died? What a shame. isn't it? There.
bye-bye honey. Remember — write soon.
Maryann



Miss Laura Jane Mueller
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Darwin H2012 —

Imagine my surprise when I ran into your
sister Mary last Sunday night in Grand Central.
It was such fun to see her all of a sudden
out of a clear sky and we had a lovely
long talk all about everything —

Your friend B. Voghe is in
the Infirmary at present - I went now
to see her this afternoon for a minute.
Remember how we could never go
near the Infirmary last year.

Have you heard the latest -
that Hurdge is having a dance
with Housenwille this Friday
night - isn't that a riot?

You ~~would~~ love my
roommate - she is majoring in
music and is perfectly wonderful -
I am going to hear her play
on Thursday night. Any other

roommate plays the radio from
noon till night —

I thought your marks were
splendid — I don't see how you
carry so many subjects —

Write soon — Hop and Cds of Love
Bridges



Miss Laura Jane Messer
Monkello College
Gadpary —
Illinois

Friday —

Dearest Lottie —

First it is to thank you for the adorable
Christmas present and the cutest Christmas card
I have ever seen — you were darling to think
of me, Lottie, and I do love they pin
with all my heart — I hope you had
a lovely vacation — I had a perfect time but
am still finding it excruciatingly difficult
to study after so much gaiety — How was

Helen? I almost met Frankie and June
in New York - the first day of vacation
but they happened to get out a day
earlier - than we so - that was - that -
I had dinner with June Period last
night and we both have the bug
to go to Nassau or Bermuda during
the ~~Christmas~~ Spring Vacation - I
hope we can - write, Lottie, write
soon and let me know all about the
price of eggs & such current topics -

Lots of love
Bridge

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Dearest Lotsie,

Well, I know, it's about time to do a little corresponding right now. How's everything? Yes, I am fine, and I hope you are the same.

You asked me how school was. Well, I went for a week, and then I got an interview with two architects. I saw them last Monday, and Tuesday I started working.

They are awfully nice, and the work is easy. Quite a bit of typing, some shorthand, and a lot of filing and telephone calls makes up the schedule.

How do you like the springy weather? It's the really first warm day we have had. Guess I'll hafta get out my little ankle socks and play kid. More fun!

Gee, it was good to see you this spring. I only wish we could have seen more of each other. I don't suppose I will see much of you during summer either. Unless of course you stop in to see me when you are in the Cities.

You'll probably be out traveling anyways. Mother and Dad are going to New York I think. I'd rather earn some of my own money though so I am not going with them.

Tomarrow I am going home over Easter. Guess I'll celebrate and go to Church. Better make a holiday of it too, and accompany me in your dreams.

Went to a dance at the U last Sat. with Larry. Jack Malericks orchestra played and I had a heavenly time. Then we went to the show Sun., Tues., and Thursday. Saw Little Lord Fauntleroy as one of the pictures. I liked it an awfully lot. Have you seen it?

Do you hear from any of the kids at home? I'll say hello to all I see this week-end. Rather it will be only one day and a half.

I am going swimming with my aunt at the Y pool tonite. More fun, if you don't hear from me you'll know that I forgot to swim.

Well, honey, I gotta go to work, the bosses might accidently drop in. Be good, and write soon.

Loads of love,
Maryan