



Laura Jane Musser and
Family Papers.

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Dunkley, Minnesota
April 30, 1938

Dear Laura Jane,

It is so long since I heard from you that I am not sure whose turn it is to write.

Of course, there has been plenty to keep us busy but henceforth I shall try to be real prompt. Did you get the book I sent you? I hope so and I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. To me the development among the Hebrews is extremely interesting.

We have a girls chorus consisting of 14 girls. They sang Easter and we plan to have a program for Mother's Day so that keeps us busy. We are having our services in the school house for the present.

I suppose you have had as much rain as we have had this week.

We were away Thur and Fri so there are things that must be done to catch up now that we are home again.

I washed my hair today. It reminds me of the time we used to wash our hair together while I stayed at your place.

I suppose all the lawns are beautifully green now that we have had so much refreshing rain. I surely wish I could see them now.

Well Byron is over a year old now. He began to walk Easter Sunday. He jabbles a great deal but doesn't say anything.

Also, please write and tell me what you have been doing to keep you busy this winter and what you are planning to do this summer. I wish I would hear from you this week. Lovingly,
Hazel

8:00 Wed. 27th. Prayer and Bible Study at the home of Axel Clauson.

10:00 Sun. 1st. Sunday School at the Funkley School. As the temperature raises on the thermomeyer, so has our attendance been raising. We are surely glad to see the adult class increasing as well as the other classes.

11:00 Sun. 1st. Morning Message. The interesting life of Esther continues.

2:30 Sun. 1st. Sunday School and Service at Orth. We were surely glad to see so many out for the Easter service. Continue to come.

8:00 Sun. 1st. Song Service and Evangelistic Service at the Funkley School House. Join us now as you did on Easter.

WEIGHTS

"Let us lay aside every weight". Heb. 12:1

This is the acid test of the amusement question. Pastors are continually asked whether it is right to engage in this or that pastime. This is the test. Does it help or does it hinder you in the running of the Christian race? Do you run more swiftly after a card party, after a ball, then you did before? Whatever helps, cling to it. Whatever hurts, throw it away. How many there are who might be swift runners, yet are going at a mere snail's pace because they refuse to apply this test.

It matters not what your weight is, it may be business, too many social engagements, something altogether harmless in itself. But if it robs you of your possibilities and makes you fail in the race, then it becomes as tragic and ruinous as open sin.

SNAP SHOTS:

It is the little words and actions that make or mar our lives.

The past is dead; while the future is coming, let us make good use of the present.

Some one said, 'There are two sides to every question- my side and the wrong side.'

The Gospel brings us, not a work to do, but a Word to believe, about a work done.

It is more important to get the slum out of the man than to get to man out of the slum.



The plough-share is like a Christian. The more ploughing it does, the better it shines. The same with a Christian. The more he reads and learns the Word of God and practices it and the more he is in harmony with Jesus Christ, the happier and brighter he appears even if he is old.

WHAT GOD HAS PROMISED

God has not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathway all our lives through.
God has not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.
But God has promised strength for the day,
Rest for the laborer, light on the way.
Grace for the trial, help from above,
Unfailing Sympathy, Undying Love.

YOUNG

PEOPLES'

FRIDAY

APRIL

TWENTY-

NINTH.

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ONLY

CHANCE

TO

TAKE

THE

FIRST

TEST.

EVIDENCES OF A CHRISTIAN LIFE:

Psalms 25:2

ANS: J-----

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION'S ANSWER:

1 yr. 10 days Gen. 7:11, 8:14

QUESTION:

What verse was the inspiration to this song, As The Waters Covered The Sea?

Pray for -
Showers of Blessing!

8:00 Wed. 4th. Bible Study and Prayer at the Genevieve Wooden home.

2:30 Thurs. 5th. Ladies Aid at the home of Mrs. George Tift. They have a big house so there is sure to be room for all.

8:00 Fri. 6th. Mothers' Day Service given by the young people. The girls chorus will be the leading feature. Everyone is welcome but we extend a special invitation to all the MOTHERS.

10:00 Sun. 8th. Sunday School at the Funkley School House. WELCOME!

11:00 Sun. 8th. Morning Worship.

2:30 Sun. 8th. Sunday School and Service at Orth. Mothers we want you to come and bring your families.

8:00 Sun. 8th. Evangelistic Service. Mothers, as you are set on a pedestal by your children, let your life "tell" for Jesus. Special music.

REGRET: As it is sometimes necessary for us to postpone our Y.Ps'. and it is inconvenient for our hostess under these circumstances, we shall in the future gather in the school house. We sincerely regret that we inconvenienced Mrs. Bert Kertland in this manner.

CONTESTANTS: Last Friday evening there were nine people who took the first test. As Gladys Bergman will not be here until the end of the contest, there are just eight contestants so far. Of these eight, Shirley Fisher ranked highest with Opal Arey and Dorothy Wooden tying second. This is only the first test so you all have a chance to do better next time and make Honorable Mention. Those of you whom we expected to be there and were not able to be with us, we hope you will be with us to take the next test. Read the book of Exodus next.

MOTHERS

"Mother"-how that word should thrill us	Would we keep them pure and spotless.
As we view our babe with pride,	We must make our lives compare
Fill our hearts with fond affection,	With the lovely life of Jesus;
Make us brave, whate'er betide.	We must take Him everywhere.

As we watch the bud unfolding,	He has promised He will guide us,
Do we linger at God's throne?	And His promises are sure;
Do we guard our words and actions,	He has left them to our watchcare,
Trusting all to God alone?	And we must ourselves be pure.

As we guide the tiny fingers	If our boys have come to manhood,
And the little feet each day,	And our girls to women grown,
Are we sure that we are following	With the stamp of God's approval,
In the straight and narrow way?	Is it not worth all we own?

They will look to us for guidance,	If we at our Saviour's coming
Surely watch us every day;	Can with them meet 'round the
Folks will say, "She's just like	throne,
father,"	Then with praise to Christ our
Or, "He has his mother's way."	Saviour,
	We'll present to Him His own.

EVIDENCES OF A CHRISTIAN LIFE:

John 13:13

ANS: JO-----?

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Habakkuk 2:14

QUESTION: Give an incident where a person was speedily punished for sin.

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

Mortal bodies fail and weaken,
And disease strikes from within.
Ills of mind, and ills of body,
Brought about because of sin.

None may know upon arising,
That before the day is done,
He may find out to his anguish,
That disease in him has sprung.

Oh, the fear, despair, the frenzy
The approach of Death will bring
To the soul who knows no Saviour;
Nor believes in God the King.

A Physician now is sought for,
Who will come, prescribe, and go;
Leaving not a crumb of comfort,
Nor a kindly interest show.

But he'll come (if not too busy,
And is sure he'll get his fee.)
Not in sorrow, not in kindness.
For he knows no sympathy.

He may have a certain knowledge;
May possess a certain skill.
He may even know the method
To correct a certain ill.

But his hands possess no healing,
Nor good health can he insure.
Only One, the Great Physician
Can affect the perfect cure.

He it is who cures diseases,
Of the body and the mind.
It is He, the Great Physician,
Who is Healer of mankind.

Call Him when your soul is troubled.
Let your heart the Saviour win.
Call Him, He will surely hear you,
Even though you're steeped in sin.

He will cure you, He will save you.
Nor will He exact a fee.
This salvation which is offered,
Costs you nothing—it is free.

Will you let this Great Physician
Knock in vain upon your door?
Sinner! Bid this Saviour enter,
To remain forevermore!

Then no frenzy will o'ertake you,
When your mortal life is done;
For you'll find, when life is over,
That it's really just begun.

William E. Anderson.

WRITE FOR ADDITIONAL LEAFLETS TO:

R. GERALD DAVIS

1819 1st Ave. S.W.

ANOKA, MINN.

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Mrs. J. C. Goodrich.

Frankley
Minn.



Miss Laura Jane Musser.
Little Falls,
Minn.

Handy Minnesota
September 22, 1938

Dear Laura Jane,

Many thanks for your interesting letter
Lately. You surely spent an eventful
summer.

I must apologize for my negligence
in not writing sooner but I fear
all my correspondence has suffered
this summer but we too have been
busy.

When one must keep house,
care for a baby, teach Bible School,
visit, and attended services every
evening except Monday and Sat-
urday besides canning there isn't
much time for recreation. But I
must say this summer has been
the most enjoyable one I have ever
spent.

We taught 5 Bible Schools this
summer in Bemidji, Frankeley,
Frog, Aikroy and Outh. There were
^{evangelists} services also ^{evangelists} every night in Bemidji;
John spoke in Frog and Aikroy
Rev. Lloyd Johnson and in Outh
Rev. H. Swenson.

We have bought furniture so we now live in a house near Red Lake. Our address after the next 3 weeks is Blackduck, ^{Minnesota} Porema Route. We are living in the trailer temporarily as we are going to build our church now in Funksley. The reason we moved so far from Funksley is that we could not get a house in Funksley but we live near our other two fields of labor Foy and Durning which are M'roal communities.

So far we have canned 290 lbs which will help considerably when winter comes.

Byron is well and growing every day. He tries to say a few things now.

No, I must write to Royce, my cousin, who is just married.

It would have been nice to see Sally and her Mother again. Does Sally have any children?

Love,

Hazel

Mr. J. Goodrich.
Dunkley.
Minn.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls,
Minn.

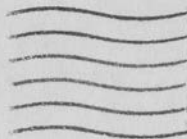
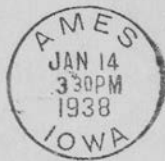
Dear Lulu

You sure will a skillful hand
with that typewriter, I still use the
Columbus system, discover & then
land. I didn't forget about over the
holidays I only forgot your card &
left it here at school. I did have
a marvelous vacation & of course
Dick did make it perfect. Is
Bud the boy that plays the piano

so well? How do you like being
the teacher for a while. I haven't
touched the piano since I've been
here. When you said grind you
sure hit the nail on the head.
I don't know yet whether I like it or
not. I'm going to summer school
this summer till July 22nd & if the
house party happens to fall after that
date I'd sure love to come. It
sounds swell elegant. Tell me
more about it. How is Mary S.
does she like month as well as ever.
I want to go there for commencement
so badly but I don't know whether
I can or not. Keep your fingers
crossed for me. Well, old gal, I'm
getting mighty sleepy. Write again
soon

love heaps
June

315 Mary Lyon Hall
ames, Iowa



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota

O.T. Pladsen

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Ear muffs
from R. Jukes

Mittens

B. Sch.

Purse

P. Kay

Moose

Saw.

HOTEL VAN CURLER, SCHENECTADY, N. Y. AT ENTRANCE TO THE GREAT WESTERN GATEWAY 9



THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES

Dear Lottie

I have to whole
afternoon to wash
while dad at a
business meeting.
Francis is all set to
go to Carnegie Tech
Library school so she's
staying east. I have
to be at school by
the eleventh so I'm
going home with dad
and get ready. Have
you heard from
Oberlin Let me
know won't you?
It was swell swimming
& sailing on the ocean
love
June

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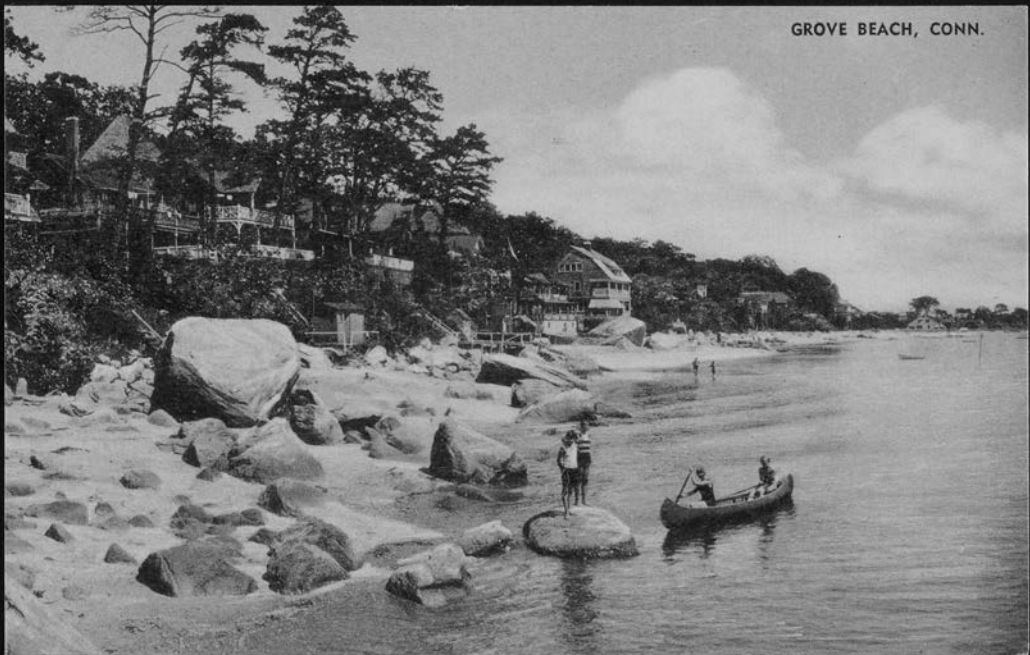


Miss Laura Jane Musser

Little Falls

Minnesota

GROVE BEACH, CONN.



POST CARD



His Lottie

am just about
to take a dip in
the ocean. I got here
today - came on the bus
from Hartford & will
go back Sunday.
How are you? Be
good

love
June

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota

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POST CARD



Dearest Lolsie,
Here I am on the
boat going from Detroit
to Buffalo. Will be
in the East about a
week. Have you heard
from Oberlin yet? I hope
so. Dick left Sunday
and I so hated to leave him
go. We had so much fun
and he's so swell. I'll
write a little later when I
have more time. I'm still
talking about the grand time
I had with you.

Love
Gene

Miss Laura Jane Muster
Little Falls
Minnesota

THIS SPACE MAY BE USED FOR MESSAGE.

THIS SPACE FOR THE ADDRESS

July 21st

Dearest Lolsie,

Well! Its all decided
I'm coming. I've been
waiting for the family to make
up their minds when they were
going East. I was going to
Wick's house the 8th of July
remember and then his mother
went to Colorado and just got
back so I'm going tomorrow.
If we drive to your house I'll
get there the 31st of July and if
I take the train I'll get there
the 1st of August Monday. Is that
all right. Lolsie, I don't want
to keep you from going
somewhere but I sure am glad
I can come. I haven't seen

you for so long. You make
me feel kinda ashamed because
you called up such a long
distance because I didn't
write but if you hadn't I
probably wouldn't have got
whether I was coming or
not. I haven't touched the
piano for ages but got out
some dust books and I'd love to
try and struggle through
some with you.

If we should drive to Little
Falls, is your house easy to
find Lottie? Wash Am.
getting so excited about coming
that I want to start packing
now. Tell me if there's
anything in particular I should
bring.

I'm having a surprise
party for my sister-in-law
tomorrow so I better get things
ready. I'll see you soon
Lottie and thank you just
loads for everything
love
June

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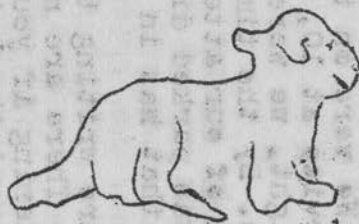






miss Laura Jane musser.
Little Falls,
Minn.

FOLLOW THOU ME



RECEIVED: NOV 10 1964

Dear Friends of the Funkley Church:

We wish to take this opportunity of writing to you in regard to the sad news we have to tell you. A week ago today, on March 23rd, in the evening, we lost our little church by fire. We had been burning the lawn in the afternoon and as far as we knew, we put out all traces of the fire with water. This was two o'clock on the afternoon. There were several men helping. We were on the church at 7:30 practicing. When we returned from prayer service at 10, we walked by the church and saw no traces of fire. At mid-night, we were awakened by loud hammering at the door and a call of fire. By the time we were out, the fire was beyond control. We had to turn all of our attention toward getting the trailer away from the church as it was parked directly behind it. We barely make it in time. We lost all that was in the church including our own four instruments. T

The reason we are writing this to you is that we plan to build again in the same place. There are not so many people here and only a few Christians. We were wondering if you would care to help us build again by sending as much toward the building fund as the Lord lays on you to give. We are not asking for ourselves and rest assured that every cent that comes in is to go toward building. The work has been going forward lately and at present we are handicapped by the absence of our church building. We hope and pray that God will move you in sympathy for the work in Funkley and surrounding communities. Send all donations in the pastors name. We are praying God's richest blessing on all those to whom this letter goes.

EXTRACT FROM BULLITEN BELOW:

Our little town of Funkley was shocked and saddened when on Wednesday evening seemingly without reason and without warning our little church was found in flames already beyond control. We wish to take the opportunity to congratulate the people of Funkley for their splendid spirit of cooperation and their heroic effort to save our home for the flames. We wish to thank each one who had a part: those who sounded the alarm, and those who did the actual tiggig and lifting of the trailer, besides the many other things that were done. I am sure you all feel the same as we do. We almost like to ask the question, "Why did it happen?" but we do not feel it is our privilege to do so, Romans 8:28 tells us, "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to His purpose." I think that this should be the line along which to direct our thinking. We cannot gain much by looking back wondering why and how but will accomplish much by looking ahead with the eye of faith planning how we are going to repair the loss.

IF YOU CANNOT GIVE, PRAY!

IN His service,

J.C.Goodrich, Pastor



Miss Laura Jane Leusser
608 Highland Avenue
Little Falls
Minnesota

119 Daly Avenue, Missoula, Montana

Dear Laura Jane,

You don't know how very disappointed we were not to have had a visit from you this summer. As it happened we changed our plans at the last minute, and although Paul and Dale were away, Helen and I were at home the week of August 15th and we could have had so much fun together. What changed our plans was the arrival of Mr. Julian Baird and his son Duncan, a junior at Yale, who were going on a week's pack trip into the mountains. They persuaded our men folks to go with them and so we did not leave on our planned vacation until a week later.

If you had come as planned you would have arrived at the same time as the Bairds did. I am so sorry that you

sprained your ankle and hope that by now you have quite recovered from it.

Have you heard from Oberlin? I think you would enjoy it there very much and so hope that you were accepted. Everyone that I know who has attended there speaks very highly of it. The University opened here on Monday, and I did not realize how absolutely quiet we had been this summer until the students began arriving. We are surrounded by sorority and fraternity houses, and since this is the week when all the rushing is done, there has been plenty of noise in our neighborhood, with luncheons, teas, dinners and dances at practically all of the houses.

Helen and Dale are enjoying school very much this year and I hope they will do well.

In case you don't go to Oberlin we shall be looking forward to seeing you this fall some time. We were so very sorry not to have seen you this summer.

Our love to all of you,

September twenty-three Helen Dale Gillispie

Jotsie :

If I am ever
to answer your letter
I must do it now,
unavailable tho'
stationery is. Please
forgive this!

A St. Louis con-
cert Mon. 3 will
preclude my working
with you before that
date. The Music
Symposium is Mon.
5, my piano recital
at Mont. the following
Fri.

Saw your pleasant
newspaper notice.
Congratulations!

Warm greetings
to you all!

Hastily -

Wivian u.

En.

I can begin working
with you Mar. 9,
perhaps once before
that date if you'd
like very much to
be here that week
& avail yourself
of lessons then.

(The last few
days before I play
my own recital
will not be so
busy, for reasons
you should under-
stand, yes?)

Monticello
Godfrey, Ill.

VIA AIR MAIL



Miss L. J. Kussner
Little Falls
Minnesota

Air mail

— M M — July 19, 1938

Dearest Latsie,

I was so very glad to hear from you, but also very ashamed of myself for not writing to you sooner. I honestly have started several times but it just seemed like something always came up to stop me.

Thank you so very much for inviting me to come up to see you and I want you to know that I would just love to come. But this summer I am staying home as I want to get back to school next fall and the financial conditions of the folks will not permit me to come to visit you. I have not seen Lee and I wrote to her just the other day. I am planning on visiting her this week-end or next, though.

Just think only about six
more weeks until school
will start again and in
some ways I will be very
glad and then again I
kind of like loafing for
a change.

Well, Hotie, I am writing
this in Bed and I am
about to fall asleep doing
so. So - I guess I
had better stop. Do write
again soon and thank you
again for your invitation.
My kindest regards to all.

Much Love,

Mabel.

So you see that it will be
impossible for me to come up
this summer and from
the way it looks I won't be
able to come until I am out
earning my own money.

The trip that you and Mary
had sounded grand and
I am sure you had a
wonderful time. I think
you will like Oberlin real
well as it is a very nice
school. Mrs Rohrbach is
a graduate from there.

I haven't done so much
this summer since Clarence
left, but I have been
running around some. I
went out to a Country Club
one night and dance and
the other night I had a
date and we took the boat
part way down the Mississippi
and back. We left at 9:15 pm
and docked again at
midnight. Had a real nice time.

M. Muskey
159-A Bartlett Hall
Cedar Falls,



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls,
Minnesota

— M L M —

Wednesday
January 19, 1938

Dearest Lottie,

I am ashamed to say it but I have two letters of yours here which I haven't answered and so I am going to kill two birds with one stone this time.

Thank you so very much for this lovely stationery. I do so like nice stationery and this is prettiest I have seen for a long time.

Gee, Lottie, but I was so very sorry that we were not able to have a longer visit together at the station Xmas time, but my train was late and so it couldn't be helped.

Lottie, I did have such a wonderful time Xmas that I almost didn't want to come back. I spent the first week-end in Chicago and saw Bob Saturday night. We had a real nice time. Then I went home late Monday afternoon after doing some shopping

there with you this summer. Thank-
you so much for the invitation and
I really would love to but at
the present moment I couldn't
say for sure whether I could
come or not. First, where is the
place? Second, during what part
of ^{the} summer are you planning on
having these people up there? Anyway
you see if I am able to get a job
this summer I will have to take
it and so will not be able to
come up, however if I am not
able to get a job I would like
very much to come up and spend
some time with you.

Thank you again for the
lovely stationery and do write
soon. Give my kindest
regards to your mother and
father.

With Lots of Love,

Mabel

in Chicago. When I got home there were
so many places to go and so many people
to see that I ~~hardly~~ ^{hardly} knew which end
was up. And Santa was so very
good to me. Then I left St. Louis
New Year's Day morning as I had
a date in Chicago that night with
Bob. Again we had a very nice time.
But as to when we will meet again,
no one knows. I have no spring
vacation and he is going to go to
school this summer. Oh well, we
will always correspond and be
good friends, I hope and as
does he or, at least, he says he does.

I have been having lots of
fun here at school. Been going
steady with a fellow here at school
ever since Thanksgiving vacation.
He lives in South Dakota. Went
to the Senior Prom with him
last Friday evening. We usually
do something every Friday, Saturday,
and Sunday evenings.

You ask me about going up
to a lake and spend some time



STANLEY R. AVERY
432 RIDGEWOOD AVENUE
MINNEAPOLIS

May 16 1938

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls Minnesota

Dear Laura Jane

It was certainly a pleasure to hear from you and to learn that you plan to come to Minneapolis to continue your music studies. It will be a great pleasure to have you take composition and organ with me.

I can take you for your first lessons Thursday, June 2d at 11 A.M. or 2 P.M. at St. Mark's Church. If this time is not the most convenient, we can make a rearrangement for the weeks following. Bring with you any organ music you wish to and some 12 or 14 line music paper.

Mrs Avery joins me in very best wishes to you and your family.

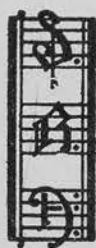
Most sincerely yours,

Stanley R Avery

432 RIDGEWOOD AVENUE
MINNEAPOLIS



Miss Laura Jane Musser,
Little Falls, Minnesota



STANLEY R. AVERY
432 RIDGEWOOD AVENUE
MINNEAPOLIS

August 29

1938

Dear Laura Jane -

Well, here I am back home again - and ready for work.

I am wondering what your plans are and if I shall have the pleasure of seeing you here soon.

Would you like to take a lesson this week Thursday at 3 P.M.? I will reserve the time for you until I hear from you.

We had a beautiful trip to the Black Hills and the Rockies. I hope you are all having a fine summer. Very sincerely yours,
Stanley R. Avery

432 RIDGEWOOD AVENUE
MINNEAPOLIS



Miss Laura Jane Mueser,
Little Falls, Minnesota



STANLEY R. AVERY
432 RIDGEWOOD AVENUE
MINNEAPOLIS

Wednesday
September 28
1938

Dear Laura Jane -

I had expected you to come for a lesson yesterday at the MacPhail School and was surprised that you did not appear.

Have you decided to go east for further study or shall I expect you next Tuesday at 3 P.M.? Please let me know as soon as you can as it affects some pending appointments for that day.

With very best wishes,
Sincerely yours,

Stanley R. Avery



Miss Laura Jane Guesser,
Little Falls,
Minnesota.

Union Station
Chicago.
January 4, 1938.

Dear Lotie.

Such a lovely Christmas
present came to me the other
day from Young Quinlan! Thank
you, dear, very much indeed. I
shall treasure the contents and use
it only on the most special
occasions.

My Christmas has been
very happy but very strenuous.
I was at home with my family
for the first week of vacation
and on Christmas day itself.
On Monday all the Monticello

business in New York and
to work in the Yale library in
New Haven. So, you see, I have
been on the train much of
my vacation.

It was good to see you for
a little while before Christmas,
Lottie. I shall be anxious to
know about your plans for the
rest of the year and for
next year. I haven't forgotten
that - I am to write to your
mother and will do so soon.

Happy New Year, Lottie, and
many thanks.

Affectionately,
Fannie Adams
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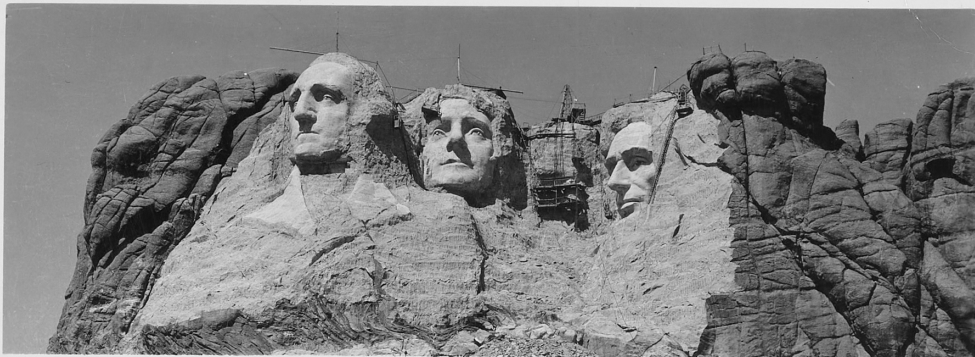
girls around Boston - Ruth Jones,
Sophie + Esther Ann Wright, Marion
Emerson, Mrs. Helen Polakowski Sweeney.
Betty and I had lunch together.
On Tuesday we had a shower
for my sister, Jean, and after the
shower I took a late train to
Philadelphia to attend the
meeting of the American Historical
Assoc. I was particularly glad
to go this year because our
own Dean Ford of Minnesota
gave the presidential address,
and a very fine address it
was!

On my way home from
Philadelphia I stopped to do

P.S.

Mary just came into the station and sat beside me.

She says you gave her such a happy time!



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CORRESPONDENCE



Sincere regards from
us three in beautiful
Black Hills. Keeping
house for a week right
under Harney Peak.

Cordially

Elizabeth

Ann

and S. R. Avery

Aug. 15/38

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota



Miss Laura Jane Messer,
Little Falls,
Maine.

Merry Christmas, Lotie!

Someday I shall try to answer
your letter with one of the
proper length. Betty was delighted
to have the telephone call from

you when you were in Boston.

Remember me to your father and
mother.

Affectionately,

Fanna Adams.

P.S. I don't think Mr. Polubough was
to blame about the delay. I asked
the register to send the transcript
but there was a new secretary and

she did not realize that there
was need to hurry. So sorry!

Monticello College,
Godfrey, Ill.,
October 15, 1955.

Dear Letaie,

Have the transcripts arrived and is everything all right? I have thought of you often these last weeks and especially since the telephone call from your mother telling me about your trip to New York. Sometime, after the first readjustment is over, I should love to hear all about Jonkhead. Did your mother say that you were at the International House? If so, I am sure you are making interesting friends.

Monticello has been having a month of Indian summer - lovely golden days and calm moonlit nights. The trees have turned very slowly, and leaves are just beginning to fall. The scenic club had a cabin party the other evening, and it was almost too warm to roast marshmallows.

In spite of my lighter schedule, I am pretty busy this fall. We have 63 Freshmen which gives me two large sections, and I am supposed to help with the "advising". If you have difficulty in getting credit for some of your work or think that girls who plan to go on in music should have certain courses at Monticello, will you let me know?

I am enjoying the new faculty members - Miss Cozart who reminds me a little of Miss Giffin - Miss Harriet Hadwell who comes from Mills College and Bryn Mawr, Dr. Hughes ^{Mr. & Mrs. Jackson + the youngs,} the Englishman who does geology, etc., but I miss the Ulrichs and Miss Giffin more than I can say. Did I write you that Homer and Trina brought Karen down here to see us? She is a beautiful, chubby, blue-eyed baby with

Homer's smile and Miriam's blue eyes and reddish hair. Miss
Miriam is still in ^{Berlin} Switzerland and ^{very much} interested in an German
volunt whom she has met there. Perhaps you know all about
this. Miss Jones is very happy at Easton. I believe that
Mr. & Mrs. Sparks have telephoned to her long distance.

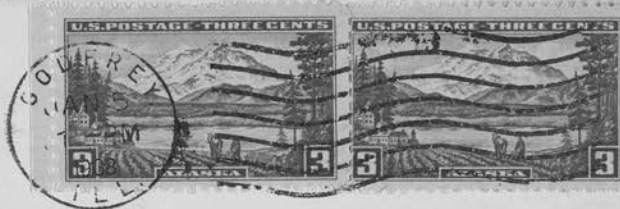
Miss Giffin has written us very amusing letters about
Adelphi. I do hope that you can see her before very long
and tell us about her apartment.

We have had a very strenuous weekend entertaining
Mrs. Rohde who came on Saturday and stayed until Tuesday
morning. On Saturday afternoon there was a tea in
Haskell. then a dinner party and coffee. On Sunday
morning the international relations club of which Sonya
Wild, the English girl, is president, gave a breakfast
at which Mrs. Rohde spoke about the diplomatic service.
On Sunday afternoon she spoke at a vesper service. I am
afraid that she left us quite worn out after such
strenuous entertainment!

Betty expects to get the first band on her cap in a few
days. That marks the end of the first year of nursing.
If you can possibly manage a trip to Boston, she would
love to see you, and Mother would be happy to have
you stay with us in Roslindale.

Keep well and happy. Lots of love dear. I know that
the music will make up for any hard work or
loneliness, but I hope that New York will ^{also} add
new friends to the many which you have made here
and elsewhere.

Affectionately yours,
Emma Adams.



VIA AIR MAIL

AIR MAIL

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls,
Minnesota

MARY SANGUINETI
MONTICELLO COLLEGE
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January 5, 1938

Dearest Sotsie,

I couldn't sleep this morning for I kept thinking of everyone from whom I had just parted and I felt so dreadfully lonely that I decided to write to you and your mother.

Sotsie dearest, I'll have to tell you again, that my talks with you will always be cherished moments hoarded in my brain. If ever I have seemed impatient or perhaps not as understanding as I should, it

has been because of some physical weakness, such as fatigue or pain, not because my will and mind were unwilling. You understand, don't you? you said I was your best friend and I am so happy that you feel that way for I love you dearly, Gotsie.

This letter may seem rather erratic to you, but I'm writing as my thoughts come to my mind. The sky was black with ~~the~~ brilliant stars dotting the sky when I woke up and I thought of you all in Little Falls and oh I couldn't keep the tears back. I am still crying - oh Gotsie how I do love everything ^{everybody} you introduced me to since I have been home with you.

Will you ever forget New

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year or two? I know I can't.
Meeting Cliff was a red-letter
event in my life. Sotsie, I love
him and truly can hardly wait
to hear from him. Don't think
this is mere sentimentality, because
I've had enough experience to
know my mind and heart.
Thank Bud a thousand times
for introducing me to him. He
certainly was grand to arrange
the dates for me. (Don't tell him
I said I love Cliff; it's something
I've confided in you alone.)

Sotsie every minute of the
vacation was precious to me.

Remember the Pier Gynt Suite?
we had fun playing it, even
if we rendered a performance
which would have made Sieg-
winer! - Remember the walks
with your mother and Hebe?
How blessedly cold was the
wind! - Remember our rides to
Minneapolis when we discussed
everything from soups to nuts? -
Remember our dreams? And how
we discussed them every morning.
Lotsie I can't thank you
enough for the wonderful vaca-
tion. I really was so happy
all the time.

I was so glad to know
you so much better and you
certainly know me better, don't you

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Really Sotsie, I'm proud that you're my friend and I hope ~~we~~ always will be as close as we are now.

I would like to write on and on, but want this to get to you right away so you'll know how much I appreciate the glorious vacation you gave me and how much I miss you.

Write very soon for I'm so lonely for you. Tell me all about the symphony with Bud, the concert etc. and about Cliff.

Remember me to Pauline, Helen, Claudia, Jim won't you. Also,

to any of the girls I met. I truly
enjoyed knowing them.

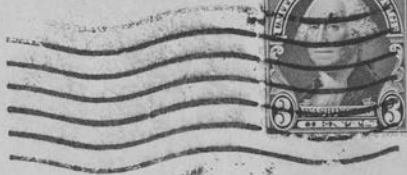
Love,

Mary

P.S. Say hello to Bud. Also to Cliff
through Bud. I hope I hear
from him soon.

Do write soon - tell me when
you intend to spend another week
here.

Love again
Mary.



Miss Laura Jane Trueser,

Little Falls,

Minnesota.



Monticello College,
May 8, 1938.

Dear Lotie,

It is a beautiful nightie -
far too lovely to wear except on some
very special occasion. Every time a
friend comes to see me I say -

"Just see the lovely present which
Lotie has sent". My birthday
comes in May, and the nightie
is my first-birthday present.

I have been back at
school a whole week today. As
you may know, I could not return

I have had a happy week getting acquainted with Karen Elizabeth Ulrich and Constance Bidlo Robinson. Yesterday Dr. and Mrs. Keating came visiting and brought their little son Richard who is a very mature young man in comparison with the tiny new babies.

Betty sent her love to you, Lotie. She received her cap on the 6th of April, but since then she has had a throat infection and has not been allowed to be on duty for several weeks. It is a disappointment to her.

after giving vacation as I planned to do. Dr. Smith felt that I could need all the rest I could get if I was to be well enough for the Centenary. I think he was right altho' I was severely disappointed not to take back my teaching.

The camys have been at its lowliest since my return. The iris is out, and glories are in full bloom. We are wondering whether we can save any of them for the "big weekend" at the end of the month.

Write and tell me about your
trip after you left Monticello.
What did you think of Scripps?
Have you any definite plans for
next year? Of course I shall see
you on May 28th - 30th, but there
may be too many people here
to give us much chance to visit.

I still think of the treat
which you gave me when you
took me to hear Margaret Anderson.
Thank you for that as well as for
the sweet blue night-gown.

Affectionately yours,
F. Emma Adams.



Miss Laura Jane Musser,
Little Falls,
Main.

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Dear Lotise,

Thank you so much for the beautiful tulips and roses and also for your letter. I am ever and ever so much better, in fact - I was allowed to sit up for half an hour today -

The letter to your mother is still on my desk at school. I composed it the night I was taken sick. I'm sorry for the delay and I'll send it as soon as they will let me get up.

Best of luck in the teaching & in the skiing!

Affectionately yours,
Emma Adams.



Miss Laura J. Mussey
Little Falls,
N.Y.

Dear Natsie,

You sweet thing
to write such a grand
full letter. I'm afraid
this is only a short
note to tell you I
still am alive. — Yours
summer plan sounds
scrumptious — I only

and the last part we
are having friends
one from the West - then
I leave for Boston for
all of July - I'm to
be a volunteer worker
at the Children's Island
Sanitarium at Marble-
head - then after

wish I could help you
make it possible. However
I don't see how I'll
off have much of a
summer - you see
two or three of my
my best friends are
getting married
the first part of June

I get back - sometime
in August who knows? -
the family have suggested
that I go to middelt - burg
for the next two weeks -
to brush up on my
French before Senior
Year - perish the
thought - anyway

as far as I can see
the summer is pretty
well eaten up - how -
ever don't give up the
ship - who knows
what may happen!

I haven't seen much
of Betty Tweeder
 lately - she's been

8, for me &

best love,

How goes the
recital? It sounds
exciting - how old
are the children
you teach? I've
been working at
the Social Service
Center in town

quite busy being
a bridesmaid at her
English cousin's
wedding - also Kay.

Bridges is quite deep
in work at this
point, but she
sends her very

with a group of 8 to
10 year olds - and
they're just darlings
although quite rough.
Really, hot air, young
ambitious to take
on classes and a
recital and every
thing - my admiration,
and dearest love

K. J. D

Say "Hello" to your sweet mother, please, for me.

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the summer is pretty
well eaten up - how -
ever don't give up the
ship - who knows
what may happen!

I haven't seen much
of Betty Tweed
Talley - she's been

159-A Bartlett Hall
Cedar Falls, Ia.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls,
Minnesota



Tuesday - 10:00 A.M.
March 22, 1938

Dearest Latsie,

I hope haven't given up all hope of ever hearing from me because I really had all of the good intentions of answering your letter very soon after I received yours.

Since I last wrote ^{to} you I have completed the Winter Term and have finished two weeks of the Spring Term. Between terms I spent the week-end with my room-mate in Lamont, Ia. We had lots of fun and caught up on our sleep. The only bad point about the week-end was some snow which kept us inside.

About a week ago on Friday evening I went to a dance here at school called the "Farmer's Frolic". It was sponsored by the men in Baker Hall. Everyone dressed up as Farmers and we had gobs of fun doing the Big Apple and acting sort of silly.

Tomorrow night the ^(women's) Life Saving Corps here at school is giving Water Circus for the formal opening of the new Women's Pool. I am not in it but I have charge of lights for it and it certainly has been a job. I think it will be good though.

I have a new set of subjects this term. Not any easier than last term, except that I am not taking any teaching course this term. My schedule is:

1. Survey of Physical Sciences - (Astronomy - Chemistry, and Physics)
(Lab Course)
2. Kinesiology - (Study of Bodily movements)

3. Educational Psychology - (Text is good by instructor
4 Club and Camp Leadership gives very dry lectures)
Activity Courses

1. Tennis
2. Outing Activities
3. Life Saving
4. Advanced Clogging

I am still going with Clarence and if things work out O.K. I may go home with him for the week-end of April 8, 9, and 10. A friend of his is driving out there and if there is enough room, I get to go along. He lives in Spencer, South Dakota.

I have been writing this letter in Ed. Psych Class and so I have had quite a bit of competition and as class is practically over I will have to finish this at some later date.

Friday - 10:00 AM
March 25, 1938

I guess I didn't do as well toward finishing this letter last Tuesday and this is the first day I have been to Ed. Psych class since last Tues. We can cut this class as often as we want to, the only requirement being attendance for exams. Tonight there is a dance here at school tonight. The "Prep Dance" sponsored by the Freshman class. I am going with Clarence and my room-mate is going with his room-mate. I expect we will have a very nice time.

As you probably noticed above, I am taking a course called Club and Camp Leadership. And along with this course we are taking a training course for Girl Scout Troop Leaders which is being given by a woman from the Nat'l Headquarters. Any way the other day she told us that she was to direct a camp ^{near} Salt Lake City this summer and had



been instructed to get up as much of her staff herself as she could and so she ask any of us who ~~was~~^{would be} interested in doing council work out there this summer to leave our names with her. So that means that maybe I will be working in a Girl Scout camp this summer. I certainly hope so because I have always wanted to do something of that sort.

The Water Carnival which I spoke of earlier in this letter went off with a bang. On ~~Wednesday~~ Wednesday night the house was packed an half hour before it began and since they had to turn about 500 people away they gave it again last night and we had a full house again last night but it wasn't packed badly like it was on Wednesday night. I am glad it went off so well and really it was a beautiful demonstration of water skills. I wish you could have seen it for I know you would have thoroughly enjoyed it.

Will, Lotie, I really don't know any more news now, but do write soon and tell me all about what you have been doing and what you are planning for the near future.

Love

Mabel