



Laura Jane Musser and
Family Papers.

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Miss Laura J. Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minn.

A. M. and M. College
Pine Bluff, Ark.
August 6, 1939

Dear Latsie,

Will you ever forgive me for keeping your pictures so long? Remember I warned you I am a terrible correspondent. Yes, it has been very hot and I have been quite busy.

I enjoyed your letter very much. I don't know the girl whose picture you sent. She is very pretty.

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improved late since
your last letter.

Today is Baccalaureate
Sunday here and in
a few minutes I must
go and be very
dignified in my academic
gown. I hope I don't go
to sleep while the
sermon is being preached.
Last night I went to
a dance the Honor
Society gave and stayed
up past my usual
bed time and you
know how sleepy I always
was.

I read in a news-
paper yesterday that

2.
Thank you for the pictures
and negatives you sent
me. I am returning your
negatives and two pictures
I took. The others of mine
are so much like yours
I don't think you will
want them.

How is the riding now?
Your account of your fall
made me think of Ferdinand
the bull in The Clovers.

This summer I planned
to be very active but
I went out to play
tennis only once so
you see I am running
true to form.

How is your little friend,
Ann? I hope she has

Marion Anderson is going to appear in a movie. She will sing one song.

School closes here Wednesday and I shall be very glad. I probably won't be able to get away before the 12th or 16th. I am going to Little Rock first to visit my Aunt^s and then home. I have most of my things packed now so I won't have to rush around like I did in New York.

Lotsie I must close now as I will be late

to the exercise.

I hope all your family is well.

Please write soon, don't wait as long as I did. Tell me all about the interesting things you have been doing this summer.

Are you getting ready to return to New York?

As ever
Hilda



Miss Laura Jane Musser.

Little Falls

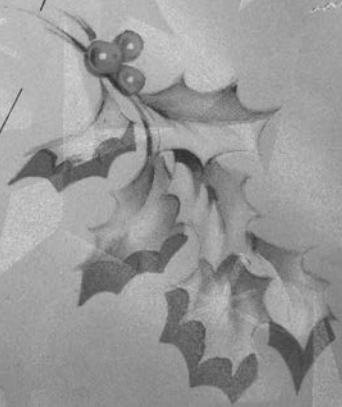
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From Mrs. S. R.

17 1030 Irving Ave. N.

Minneapolis

The Season's greetings,
and a wish
For joy and happiness
And may the New Year
add to your
Good fortune
and success!



Minneapolis Minn.

Dec 18, 1939

Dear Laura, Jane,

I am always thinking
of you and hope that you
are well and happy. I
suppose you are spending Christmas
with your dear Parents so
I am sure you will enjoy the
holidays. Give my best wishes
to your dear parents and with
lots of love from us all to you.

I am your most sincere
friend who wishes you much
happiness for the coming year
Mrs. S. Rosoff.



CONCOURSE, UNION TERMINAL, CINCINNATI, OHIO

THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES

Cincinnati, Ohio
May 28, 1939

Dear Lotsee,
You can't imagine
how I appreciated
your seeing me
off yesterday.

Hope your departure
was smoother than
mine.



I am enjoying
reading "A Peculiar
Treasure". Love Hilda

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Miss Laura Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minn.

Simmons National Bank, Pine Bluff, Ark.



THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES

Aug. 7, 1939

Dear Patrice,

Just received your letter after I had dropped mine to you in the box.

Helen's address is
157 Hyland Ave.
Ames, Iowa.

It's not certain she's still there & I haven't heard from her all summer. I didn't answer her April letter until June. Write soon. Love Hilda



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Miss Laura J. Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minn.

By Air Mail



Mrs. R. Drew Messer
Linden Hill.

Little Falls
Minnesota.



405 - East 54th Street
January fifteenth.

Sally Ann -

Mr. Pierce & Anne
have telephoned me this
morning. Of the word she
had received from you.
I have been thinking of
you with so much sorrow

and sympathy. And
I want send just a word
to assure you of my
deep love and sympathy.
Of you in all you have
have called upon to go
through - I am sure as surely
and things I have been so
proud. After she left Cloggett
since then her friends sleep
were pleased to grow less.
And now her memory of her
will always be a cherished
possession. I shall never
forget the first time I met
her in Cloggett and of
all she did for Mother
and me in our first mis-
thems and which she always
maintained. She was a
rare personality, with so much

beauty and so much charm.
I wish I were home & were
near you, so I could keep
you in some slight way
at least - I told Laura
to call on me if I were
Her slightest thing I could
do for her. - So much love,
Sally dear, and very sympathetically
and thought for you and
Dor - Very lovingly Annie.



Miss Laura Jane Messer
608 Highland Ave
Little Falls
Minn.

Laura Darling, we girls enjoyed
your sweet letter very much
and thank you for writing us
such a nice letter. We hope
to be as nice to you as you
are to us. It is always so wonderful
to have you home. You always
have so many good ideas and
understand us girls. And that
is what makes us love one another.

We are having a snow storm
at present. We sure are getting
our share of snow this year. I am
glad of it am sure it will be good
for our garden and flowers.

Your darling mother is feeling
lot better. She is so sweet and dear
always. would be hard to find
another so wonderful to every one
like she is. It is very hard for

her to get over the terrible
shock of your dear Aunt Jane
Your dear letters are a big
conferred to your mother

About 24 degrees below zero last
night. Your mother had the
two Holst familys in for dinner
Dr Freds birthday. Pauline
baked a cake and I decorated.

This morning Mrs Holst come
over with three boxes of candy
one for each of us girls in a
appreciation for the cake. very
sweet of her. So we are sharing
it with you darling

Much love to you
from us all



Miss Laura Jane Musser
454 Riverside Drive
New York City

Apartment 8a

Mrs. N. Bernard Peterson
900 1/2 First St. S.E.
Little Falls, Minn.



Dearest Lotsie -

Some time ago I wrote you a letter and now I don't know if you got it or not because I had 545 Riverside Drive and no apartment number. I'm sure you wouldn't have it as I'd have heard by now. I didn't have my return on it either.

Lotsie, I can't thank you enough

for playing at my wedding. It was wonderful music, and awfully kind of you to do it. And it's so much nicer having someone one loves do those things. I do appreciate it so much, dear, and I think the Spode is lovely. You and your family always have been so gracious. Bernard and I were talking about it the other day. Well, you're always doing such nice things for people.

Wren has told me how happy you are this year, and also a little bit about your interests. Inter-
national sounds positively grand. It would be so interesting and broadening to really know other races and people personally. And as long as you are interested in them, and interested in them enough to have them for friends I think it's a wonderful opportunity for you. I'd love to hear about your experiences.

In another five weeks you'll be home. I can hardly wait to

entertain you in my home. I'll
cover you up for a meal - if you
think you can stand it - But of
course we expect to see a lot more
of you than that.

Probably Helen has told you,
I don't know, but this can be
added to the experiences of a bride.
One Sunday noon we were leaving
Bourton and the girl she goes with, for
dinner. I was out in the kitchen
trying to fix it ~~and~~ ^{when} I found I
needed something from the top shelf
of the kitchen cabinet. Poking rather



short, I couldn't reach it without a stool, so I pulled it over to the cabinet, and proceeded to climb up on it, at the same time tipping the stool and losing my balance. I caught on to the open doors of the cabinet and pulled the whole thing down on top of me! What rotten luck, and what a ghastly mess! Hotzic, there was the horrible mixture

of jam, broken glass, flour, maple
syrup, olive oil, breakfast food, and
spices all stuck together right in
the middle of the floor - to say
nothing of parts of me and the cabinet.
That was two weeks ago and I'm
just getting back to normal. Both
Bernard and I scrubbed until 4
o'clock the next morning, and yesterday
I was looking around and I found
a piece of glass and a drop of jam.
Fortunately only jelly glasses and
mixing bowls broke. But you can
imagine the mess! There was no dinner.

By the way, Bud Tanner is mad at
us because he didn't get a special
invitation to the wedding. The family
got one but he didn't and he couldn't
understand it.

Please write me, Lorraine! I'll
answer promptly and I'd enjoy it so
much.

Best love to you dear -

Love's

(Mrs. N. Bernard Peterson)

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gould Jenks
announce
the marriage of their daughter
Ruth
to
Mr. Joseph Crosby Rauscher, Jr.
on Saturday, the thirtieth of December
Nineteen hundred and thirty-nine
Eliot Church
Newton, Massachusetts

Little Falls, Minn.
April 12, 1939

Dearest Lotsie:

Nearly a month since I received your most welcome letter, sweet, but it isn't lack of appreciation that causes me to wait so long to answer it. Just too many things to do all the time, and not enough time to do them all.

I heard the other day that Lloyd's of London are betting 3-1 that the New York fair will never open, because of present economic conditions, the war scare and what have you. It really wouldn't surprise me a great deal. Thanks so much for your sweet offer to show us around New York, and we certainly would take you up on it if we could only go now. However, my folks aren't planning to go. I am going with my girl friend, Viola Nyberg, and we are not going until fall, probably September. It will take me all summer to save enough for the trip, so that is the why and wherefore. If the New York Fair shouldn't open, I think we'll go to San Francisco. The Jetkas just returned from there Saturday, and they said it was just beautiful.

I didn't hear Marian Anderson Sunday when she broadcasted from Washington D. C. and I was so provoked with myself. I had gone to visit a sick friend, and in the course of the afternoon, completely forgot about it. I was just sick when they told me she sang the "Ave Maria" as it is one of my favorites. Do you happen to have her recording of it?

Flagstad is going to sing in Minneapolis the last of this month, and it may be that I can go down. I don't know for sure yet, as I have to leave after work and come back the same night if I go and if makes it hard, but maybe I can manage it somehow. I would like to hear her, more than anything I spose because she is a fellow Scandinavian!

Your views about social, and racial prejudice certainly agree with mine, Lotsie. I know for my part it makes no difference what color they are--as long as they're decent and nice. You have the opportunity to meet so many people at International House that I know you would be broader on the subject than I. I wouldn't carry to marry a negro or Indian, or any colored person because a marriage of that kind would never be accepted by society. And I don't believe any man would be worth casting off all the rest of your friends, do you? Even if he were as handsome as Alessandro (how do you spell it?) in Romona.

Have you seen Deanna Durbin's new picture "Three Smart Girls Grow Up?" It's just darling. I think she has a grand voice, for one so young. I also saw Paderewski's film, "Moonlight Sonata" which I enjoyed very much. If you saw the film, will you tell me what it was that he ~~was~~ played as the picture opened? It was so beautiful I thought. I imagine you have seen, or will see Paderewski in person, so the film wouldn't mean as much to you.

Did your mother and Dad come to New York for Easter? I'm sure you had a lovely time together. How soon will you be coming home for the summer vacation? We'll have to get together for a little more bicycling, doncha think?

Nearly time for lunch, and I'm what is known as "starved"--
Write again soon--

Love, *Dane*

From
I. Anderson
109-4th Ave. N. E.
Little Falls, Minn.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
454 Riverside Drive
Apt. 8A
New York, New York

FOREST PAPER COMPANY

INTER-ORGANIZATION LETTER

TO

FROM

OFFICE

DATE

SUBJECT

Dear Laura Jan- Please excuse this business paper which is all that is available at the moment. I am way up here on the Maine coast with friends, trying to escape the unbearable New York heat. Your two letters were forwarded.

I shall be home not later than the 10th of September & will tell them you wish to be placed with me again this year. About the other matter I am not of much use. Aside from Mrs. Glenn's on Claremont Ave. I know of no boarding place. Polly Williams had a room on 121st St. near Broadway with Miss Green and thinks she was very happy there. A young friend of mine Muriel Elston plans to come to New York this winter to study ^{violin} at school with Mr. Edouard Reithner, but she will have to keep her expenses as low as possible and is hoping

get some work, preferably teaching, to help defray expenses, so I doubt if she would be the one to undertake the apartment with you. She is a lovely girl and has studied 12 years with Boston symphony orchestra men who were very fine and well known musicians and has done both solo and orchestral work. Tomorrow we are taking an all day's drive to Blue Hill for an audition with Mr. Welch at his summer home. It won't be easy to play after such a long drive, but there is no alternative.

I showed Buttercup at Southampton in July and she went reserve winners. She is coming into nice coat now. Her brother Bean, whom I offered you, is sold and now lives in Sacramento Cal. I still have two lovely female puppies, one four months, one eight months whom I hope to dispose of before I return to my little house which is being redecorated and made attractive while I am away. I couldn't live thru the mess so fled here while it was being done.

FOREST PAPER COMPANY

INTER-ORGANIZATION LETTER

TO

FROM

OFFICE

DATE

SUBJECT

Your summer sounds very energetic and interesting and I shall be curious to hear whether you found your last winter's study helpful in teaching. If there were a good radio here I might perhaps hear the broadcast on Aug 25, but we get only the local station at Portland, 15 miles away and a re-broadcast occasionally of W-E-A-F.

Looking forward to our work together

I am cordially yours

Mary L. Quinn

101 Main St. Yarmouth Me - Aug 23 - 39

P.S. - About your music it is impossible to tell precisely, but there you will surely need

Bach French Suites - Bk I of Preludes & Fugues
Beethoven Sonatas 1st. vol.

Mozart Sonatas

Schumann - Scenes from Childhood

After.....days, return to

M. L. Quinn
101 Main St.
YARMOUTH, MAINE.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota

Frankley, Minnesota
October 17, 1939

Dear Lotie,

Yes, I shall call you by your old
pet name even tho we have entered
grown-up land.

Mother wrote and said you had
been out to see me. I had been home
but we were so busy sewing and
canning and working on the keltograph
that I did not have time to even
go over and visit with the Storm girls.
My folks do not have a telephone so I
just couldn't see you this time. If we
get home for Christmas I hope I shall
be able to see you then.

I saw Rosemary one day while I
was home so she gave me some of her
clothing to fix over and she told me
all about your doing so well in music.

Of course, she could not tell me any details, so you must write and tell me all about yourself. Being separated from friends often causes one to "slip up" on our correspondence, but it does not mean we have forgotten one another.

Now that you have become so musically educated please do not forget poor little me who is not thus talented.

We are busy finishing the basement to the parsonage. We shall live in it this winter but it will be quite comfortable as it has been painted on the outside with asphalt paint to waterproof the building.

This summer has also been a busy one with canning and much company. For ~~two~~ months this summer we were not without company for a day.

I plan to go over to a neighbors this morning to hear a Jew speak at 10 A.M. over W.D.G.V.

He is speaking each morning this week. I haven't heard him yet but they say he is very good.

After we get moved and settled I wish it would be possible for you to come up on the train sometime and spend a few days with us - a week end perhaps. But you would have to be prepared to "rough it" as a missionaries' "rations" and abode is not the finest.

Byron sweetly is growing. He loves to wipe dishes for me. He is also quite a chatter box.

Do you still have those pictures of Byron? as they were the very first pictures we ever took of him, I should like to see them.

Mother sent me the clipping telling about Mary's wedding. I am sure you enjoyed being a part of it.

What do you plan to do this winter?

Do write and tell me all about yourself
what you have been doing and what
you plan to do.

No it is time to go and hear the Jew,
Dr. A. A. Mic'elson.

I hope you have time to listen to him
once.

With much love,

Hazel

Remember me to your mother and dad.

Funkley, Minnesota
October 5, 1938

Dear Lotis,

Many thanks for your brim
full letter of happy events.

You surely have been kept busy
entertaining company this summer.
We have been on the go so much
this summer that we too surely
are glad for an evening alone
at home.

Tonight we are all alone and
are enjoying reading and letter
writing. It is John's birthday
today, but we didn't celebrate in a
big way.

I surely wish I could have
spayed a few games of Crochet
with you. I am very fond of playing
but have not had the opportunity
at all this summer.

We are building our church
now so we are living in the trailer
and I'm helping cook for the
carpenters.

We have a house up by

Red Lake (a mile and a half from the lake) and enjoy living in it immensely when we have time to spend ~~at~~ it. We were unable to get a house in Fankley so we put our furniture in a house up there. It is 25 miles from Fankley.

I'm sure you are thrilled about a possible chance for you to continue your music. I understand you have been teaching music. I wish I had the opportunity to study under you and I should so much like to be able to play the piano at least a little as ^{make an} do all the playing, rather than attempt to play for all our services.

Byron will soon be 17 months the 21st of this month. He says quite a few things now so he is more company than ~~usual~~ ^{ever}.

We may be thru L. F. on our way to Mpls. sometime between the 23rd and 24th. I may see you for a few minutes then. Love, Hazel

I didn't
Gorry
have stamps.
this didn't

get mailed
Love, Hazel
sooner but

Mrs. John C. Goodrich
Funkley, Minn.



Miss Laura Lane Musser

454 Riverside Drive ~~Little Falls~~
New York City ~~Minn.~~

Oct 8





Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls,
Minnesota

Monticello College
Godfrey, Illinois

MONTICELLO COLLEGE

Godfrey, Illinois

Jan. 30, 1938

Dear Lotie,

A dreary Sunday afternoon, and I've been writing letters. This is the twelfth one since Friday afternoon. I'm finally catching up, eh?

Congratulations on your fine performance in the recital! Cliff sent Mary the clipping from the paper, so she let me read it, too! I would have liked to have heard you play again. Your programme was certainly an interesting one.

I haven't been doing much because of mid-year exams. They certainly weren't any fun! I've never taken such stiff ones! But, they are all over now, thank goodness!

Mary is spending this week-end with Jennie Rose, and I've been so lost without them both. Nearly everyone is off campus. It seems so strange. So quiet!

The music symposium on March 5 is getting well under way! We're doing mostly Bach for the chorus. The "Crucifixus" and several chorals are only a small part of the program. It's so much fun playing for the chorus! Right now it's a lot of work, though, with so much extra. Rudolph Ganz has been invited to be a guest on the campus for the symposium, but we aren't certain of his acceptance as yet. I have never heard him, and I do hope he will be able to come.

Goodness, it won't be long till the Washington Birthday banquet. I can hardly wait. Monti certainly is fascinating

with all its old traditional fides. I just adore it. I thought the "Doll Dinner" was just keen, and I can't imagine what February 22nd will bring!

What have you been doing lately? Did you hear the broadcast of "Tristan and Isolde" with Kirsten Flagstad this past Saturday? If you didn't, you missed an excellent performance. The Philharmonic Symphony from New York was good today, too!

I presume you have been having your share of snow and cold weather lately! Just now it is snowing, and a strong wind is blowing - but, as yet, there isn't enough

to go skiing, sledding, or skating. I do hope it gets three feet deep. I just adore cold weather!

Well, I guess this is about all the news for the present moment, so I'll have to close. Please don't use my negligence as an example, because I'm usually not this slow. I do hope I'll hear from you!

A friend,
Rick Althaus

4 yrs. training school for elem. & h.s. teachers. Grant
degrees. About 400 students -- $\frac{1}{4}$ boys. All are white --
mainly pure Anglo Saxon and quite handsome;
the colored have separate schools. Photo shows
main girls' dormitory.

Ocean & supreme trees

Honeyuckle
vines.



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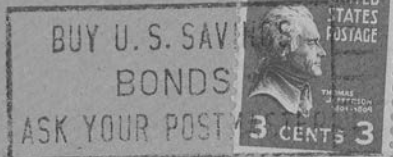
Miss Laura Jane Myrnes
Little Falls
Minnesota

P.O. Box 73, Livingston, Alabama



Left International House
Sept. 27, having been there
all summer. Didn't see you
during Columbia registration period
when I thought I might altho you
were at Jutland. I shall probably only
be here through May since someone
is on leave, my job is to handle the
public relations - assist the Dean &
Women's next quarter shall have a
class in history. I hope you will
interest me. Sincerely,
Pete Larson, Zimmerman

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THE JORDAN



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls,
Minnesota

Mabel L. Muskoff.
864 Newport Ave
Wabster Groves, Mo.



Aug 3, 1939
Thursday evening.

Dear Louise,

I was so glad to hear from you again. Here the summer is over half gone and I am just getting around to writing to you.

That is swell about your sister getting married. Give her my best wishes

And now as to my coming up to see you this summer. Well, I am sorry to say that I won't be able to make it anymore this summer, but if it will be convenient with you I will plan on coming up to see you when school is over next June. How will that be? Mother said that

On the 4th of July I went to Toledo, Ohio with some friends who were driving there. And I had a very nice time swimming in Lake Erie.

And now, I am going to "Starved Rock," Ill. in a few days with our next door neighbor. He is driving and taking his two daughters and ask me to go also. I will be gone only 2 or 3 days but I think it will be fun. He has to go on business and so will leave us at Starved Rock.

Well, I am here with at least ten other letters that I should

she and Daddy would come up to school and get my "junk" and take it home and then I could take the train and come up and spend a short time with you. And I promise, I'll be there. unless of course, it won't be convenient with you. Let me know what you think of that plan.

This summer I am trying to take a course by correspondence from school and it is more work than I had contemplated. The course is "Calculus" and that in itself is no snap.

How much longer will you be at Julliard? I have one more year at Iowa and so when I see you next summer I hope I will have a B.S. behind my name.

answer and this is the
first one I have written
so I guess I have better
get started on another
one or I never get through.
Write me again real soon.

I leave for school on the
Sunday before Labor Day
and then my address
will be 1504 Bartlett Hall
Cedar Falls, Iowa.

If you get a chance
come down and see
me at school this year.

My best wishes to
your mother and father.

Love

Mabel.

Rose Siegel
502 - 6th St. S.E.,
Little Falls,
Minn.



Miss Laura Jane Musser,
Parrascus Club West 115th St.,
New York City. N.Y.

Dear Laura James

I hope you got to New York all right,
we are getting very love-some for you. Now
we are looking forward for next month when
you come home. I hope you are getting along
all right with your music. I don't understand
all the pieces in the first grade book.

Sister got sick with the grip for 2 weeks
then we got off one week and then another
sister came. She was very nice. Your mother
was Sister Ellen. She went back a week
ago ^{she said} we were not very nice to her. She said

P.S. Please don't mind the
writing, write soon
Your Pupil
Rose Biggitt



Miss Laura Jane Murses
454 Riverside Drive Apt L-8A
New York City
New York

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Wm Alida gile - Little Falls Minn

April 22-1939

Dear Laura Jane

I do love to love you write me
and tell me all a bout yourself
I am so interested in what you
do, you are such a dease booe girl
to be there all by yourself I know
you was so happy to love Mother
and Dady, and love the loaly
trip with them,

had a cards from your Mother
not so long a go said they
would be with you a gine,

the East has so much ^{more} culture than
the middle west has, even in the big cities
can't tell you much about the girls
here, see by the paper Helen made and
Mary Hecker go to the City quite
often Billy Bang and Bensnach, as
cause keeping Bensnach in a pretty
good cook so they can wait to gather
this is a pretty quiet place for young
people I should think?

did you see Masim Halst Skillesmae
she thought you people and she might
stop at the same hotel she is not
back yet? I will be so glad to see
you when you get home
with love to my Latsai
men gile

for a few days and then I am
hope you want to be too, I am sure
when they are gone just think
how much it was to have them.
I don't see them very often but
miss them when they are a
way and am homesick.
you are all so wonderful to me,
the weather has also been very
nice yet this spring so far. It
gets a little more when it gets warmer.
I am sure it will be when you
are home and come to see me,
I know you love your work and
how good to be where you can
go to the Cooper's for the same



Miss Laura Jane Musser,
Linden Hill,
Little Falls -
Main.

MRS. DUNSTON MILLER
454 RIVERSIDE DRIVE (8A)
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

MRS. DUNSTON MILLER
454 RIVERSIDE DRIVE (8A)
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

Fri. Aug. 18, 1939.

Her summer's work today,
at the U. of Washington,
and now has her A.B.
degree all secure, so that
little chapter of her dear
young life is over. She
finished with about 10
credits to spare, so she
may go on & get her Master's,
as those make a good big
"start" toward it.

It has been unbearably
hot the last two weeks. Joseph
Hoffman, one night, and Efrem
Zimbalist, another, made me
forget the heat at the Lewisohn
station. And yesterday "Goodbye
Mr. Chips" renewed my faith
in real romance.

Thank you so much for
your letter, & for your desire to
return to me. And please do re-
member me to your dear parents
& your sister. Most Sincerely,
Dunston Miller.

My dear Miss Musser,
Just a few minutes
ago your note of Aug. 16th,
reached me, and I must
hurry to reply so that you
will have ample time
to find another home
for the approaching
milliard year.

Ruth Le Bar, of Strouds-
burg, Penn., who has
been here all summer,
(studying at the Katherine
Gibbs school), and Ellen,
each ~~was~~ ^{now} hoping to
find a congenial room-

mate. They met here in the apt., liked each other very much, and have decided to make a reservation together, which has been very nice for me.

I hadn't even thought of the possibility that you might wish to return, — for nothing had been said about it, and I always was aware that you never were entirely happy & satisfied with me here. I am sure you

will have no difficulty in locating some where else.

The summer has gone on merrily, — hasn't it? All five girls here for the summer left me with a lonesome little ache in my heart, as they waved goodbye. It was such a delightful summer — seeing the friendships of last season being more closely cemented. Some ^{have now} finished their Master's degree, but two, at least, will be "coming home" next summer. My own Charlotte finishes

November 2, 1939

Dear Louise,

It has only been a month since you left for school, but it seems a great deal longer than that. I was very glad to get your letter, and should have answered sooner. Are you still as dissatisfied with your rooming place as you were when you wrote? I hope not - you did not seem as happy as you were last year.

It does seem funny not to be going to school; but time does not hang heavily on my hands. On the contrary, I seem to be busy most of the time. I have been knitting and embroiderying and have read several books - mostly historical novels. Since the opening of the new Bowling Center, I have dabbled in the art of bowling. I haven't bowled enough to be any good at it, but I enjoy watching others bowl.

The Musical Art Club had its opening program and reception last Thursday. Beth Boeller and Mr. Pinkney, the new music supervisor,

played on the program. The day before both had been on the program when Mrs. Byron entertained St. Catherine's Guild. She is doing quite well here - she has fifteen pupils - and seems to be quite happy. I asked her over to play card Monday night, but she had already made a date with Helen. I'm glad that she is making friends - I was afraid she might be lonely here.

I saw in the paper yesterday that Helen Rozer is in the hospital with an infection. I hope she's getting along all right. I'm going to try to get down to see her. I've seen both Helen and Claudine quite frequently at the bowling alley. Helen is a pretty good bowler.

I'm enclosing some items from the Transcript which I thought you might find interesting. If I remember correctly, Rust belongs to the college of which Hilda's father is president, isn't it. I wasn't able to hear the singers, I'm sorry to say.

I went to Minneapolis two weeks ago with Aunt Muriel. It was Homecoming weekend. Julie & Auntie took in the game. Julie is very happy at the "U". She has met several girls who live quite near to her. She is in the University Chorus and has bought a season ticket for the symphony concerts.

I suppose you are attending the Philharmonic concerts and the opera this year. Your friends (!?) Josef and Rosina Levine played with the Philharmonic Sunday. Were you there to cheer them?

Did you see Mary and Roger while they were in New York? I suppose they're back and settled at home now. It seems so long since the wedding!

Must close now, dear. Please write soon. I may have a surprise for you next time I write.

Love,
Lillian



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Haskell Hall



Miss Laura Jane Musser
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Jan. 8, 1938

Dear Lottie:

I don't know how to
thank you for the
beautiful handkerchiefs.
I certainly do love them.

I imagine by now you
are all settled and are
teaching your youngsters
piano lessons once
again. Mary wrote and

said she had one grand
time at your place dur-
ing the vacation. I
can imagine you did
too - Am I right?
How's Bud? I betcha
you had a swell
time with him.

How did Mary do?

By the way, did you
have time to look
up Walter Fisher? I'm
very anxious to hear
what he's been doing
lately.

Well "Lots," as the
telephone is ringing,
guess I had better
close before my ears
give way.

Give my best regards
to your mother & father.

Thanks again for
your gift - Love,
Jane.

207-6th Avenue S.E.

Little Falls, Minnesota

May 19, 1939

Dear Laura Jane,

I haven't written to you yet so I'll make up for it by writing you a long letter. School will be out soon so I will have more time to practice my music. I know the piano selection "Goblin's Ho!ie" and I am going to learn more before you come back. It's the nicest little selection.

I am going to graduate this month. We are having our school picnic May 31 and two days later school will be out.

I planted a garden this spring. My Hollyhocks are coming up and will soon bud. They will be very pretty flowers. My sister also has a garden. I have been taking care of mine so much that mine might

be the best garden yet.

Maybe you are going ~~or~~ have been to the World's Fair. If you have, write and tell me about it. I would like to know. Have you seen many people from other lands?

When you see me again you might not know me for I am wearing glasses which I got today. I had to wear dark glasses before I got my really glasses. They are some better.

All your other little pupils said they would write to you also. Bernadine played in another recital we had just lately. I suppose when she writes she will tell you all about it and the selection she played.

I suppose you will be coming home soon. We will be very glad to see you again.

Please write to me as soon as you can and tell me what you saw in New York City.

Your Pupil,
Mildred Tettel

From
109-4th Ave N.E.
Little Falls, Minn



Miss Laura Jane Messer
454 Riverside Drive, Apt. 8A.
New York City

Feb. 15, 1939

Dearest Latsie -

It was so good to hear from you - I certainly appreciated your letter & more so 'cause I know how busy you must be -

We've heard two of Gilliard's students lately over Major Barber program - Very good too, I must say - One was vocal & one piano.

You're lucky you only have 2 tests to take, but I imagine those two are hard enough to make up for all the rest you miss out on!

My piano lessons are coming along fine. I take from Mrs. Carney from Rayston & she is very nice - So patient & kind. I have taken 5 lessons already - one each Friday night. I really can't say how I like it yet as it all seems rather discouraging. But I don't imagine anyone learns to play in 5 lessons, do you?

Went to grandpa Marion Anderson to send you her photograph? I shall certainly enjoy seeing it. I'd love to have heard her when she was in vogue, but as I had to work it was quite impossible.

Your box - chest must be swelling rapidly - you'll have so many lovely things & won't the lucky man be proud! I hope you'll have to wash your own dishes cause I positively adore you in an apron!

Lateie, you make me green with envy when you so casually mention having attended the opera, Broadway plays - seen famous dancers. For me - those are things to read about, & to you they're something real. You help make them real to me too when you tell about them - and to have you there brings them closer to me too.

We enjoyed seeing you over Christmas so much. I wish we could have seen more of you. Mama & Grandma adore you - what have you got that gets 'em?

I should certainly love to meet your friends of other lands. I should think they would be so fascinating - And how much you can learn from them too!

Life goes on the same as ever here in P.T.
Nothing exciting - nothing new. Just the same
thing every day - We've been having a real
winter with the temperature dropping to 30° below
this morning - It's really too cold for much in
the line of outdoor sports, so I keep busy
sewing most every evening - Right now I'm doing
cut work - Very slow, but well worth the
effort they tell me.

We saw "The Great Waltz" a couple of weeks
ago & I loved it. I love the Strauss
waltzes anyway, don't you? Some day I'd like to
buy an electric phonograph like yours & have
a complete library of Strauss waltzes played by
a real symphony orchestra - They're so lovely
they make me cry - Music does that to me
anyway.

Remember how we held hands & cried at
Baldie's recital at MacPhail's? Wasn't it the
Londonery (spelling) Air she played - Seems to
me she played that piece often.

Write again soon -

Much love,
Irene

Little Falls, Minn.
March 10, 1939

Here it is nearly three weeks since I got your most welcome letter--the time certainly flies by fast, doesn't it? We've been so busy in the office, and at home we have fallen behind terribly on my correspondence.

Sounds like you really went to town on your exams! Congratulations, my pet!

So you've had the flu too. Grandma had it--still has it, I should say--has been in bed for nearly two weeks now. I have been outdoing myself to keep my resistance up so the old germ won't stand a chance with me. I hope.

Right after you wrote me about hearing Alec Templeton, there was a long article in the Sunday paper about him, which I read with a greatdeal of interest. It is really wonderful how one can overcome an obstacle like blindness, as he has, and really make something of himself. And then we who have our sight, and good health kick about things that don't matter at all. Makes me feel rather small--I heard him play "Bach goes to town" over the radio one night not long ago--he was guest artist on somebody's program.

So Edna Anderson is with you there-- it must seem good to have someone from home to talk to once in awhile, and it makes it nice for her too. She is a girl I admire a lot-- she has a goal in mind, and won't give up until she reaches it. Few people nowadays have the perseverance and courage to go on and as she has--to be able to do what she really wants to do.

We have a ping pong table in the basement now-- Harold made it himself and you'll have to come over and play with him this summer. He's very good, so they tell me. I have been going to go down and play all winter, but somehow never have, so still can't play. Maybe I'll learn before you come home--if not, would you like to be my willing pupil???

So you and Jack have reached the parting of the ways--I'm sorry to hear it, but he sounded like such a nice kid--but then, someone else just twice as nice will come along in no time.

I have been skating a couple of times since I last wrote you, but the ice is beginning to melt now and the season is nearly over. Yesterday the sun came out bright and warm in the afternoon--and the snow piles have shrunk considerably. It'll be grand now when spring comes and takes away the dirty snow and mud, and the flowers bloom, and the lawn mowers have to be hauled out.

I imagine the neighbors aren't going to enjoy this spring as they should tho'--it will mean the opening of doors and they will have to suffer with my family while I do my daily gymnastics on the piano. It's really getting quite hard now--I have started on sharps and flats, and I know I wasn't born with enough fingers--

I let my mother read your letter too- do you mind? She likes ~~so~~/~~yo~~ you so well that she feels she wants a share too- and sends her love too.

Please excuse this terrible typing--however, I know it is more easily read than my handwriting, which is doubly terrible! Write soon again, and don't wait as long as I did.

By the way, are you going to see the World's fair before you come home, are you going back this summer? I hope it lasts long enuf so I can get out there--¹₂ I would like to go in September cause it wouldn't be so beastly hot then. Maybe.

Much love,

Irene

Say hello to Edna when you see her-- Tell her that the girl that works with me here in the office, Irene Timm, is staying at her house now.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
454 Riverside Drive
Apt 89,
New York City.

Little Falls, Minn.
May 11, 1939

Dearest Lotsie:

Well here the days have slipped into weeks again, and still your letter is unanswered.

Spring is here--don't you love it? The trees are full of buds, and the birds have just arrived in quantities and are busy building their nests. There is a new bird about that I haven't seen before--very pretty with a lot of yellow in it. It might be a wild canary, although I have never heard of them coming this far north. A tree at Roberts' was just full of them a couple weeks ago.

The last couple of days have been rather chilly, in contrast to the balmy weather we've had the past two weeks. We've had a fire at home and here at the office, and even turned the heater on in the car the other nite. Felt good too.

So soon you will have to leave New York and come back to L. F. Much as you like to come home to your folks, don't you hate to think of leaving and coming back to the hum drum existence that is Little Falls?

The papers are full of the fair, and I'm getting more and more excited about going. Not only to see the fair, as that really is a small part of the trip, but about the rest of the things we will see. I'm so anxious to see you now--you'll have to tell me all the "must sees", cause you know I'm awfully inexperienced, but don't want to miss anything. I believe we'll go in September--at least that's the way things look now. Will it be nice in New York in September, or still terribly hot? We don't expect to spend more than two days at the fair itself, as we'll just see the more important things and let the Sally Rand shows etc go for those that can "appreciate" them!

I had a chance to see and hear Kirsten Flagstad when she was here April 23rd. Mary Gatchell drove down and asked me to go with her. You may be sure I lost no time in accepting the invitation. We drove down Sunday A. M. and visited our respective relatives until time for the concert. We were able to get seats, but such seats! Seemed like we were on the roof we were so far up the balcony-- When she started to sing tho, I forgot all about the seat, and all about everything else too in fact. She sang with the entire symphony--and her voice just filled the auditorium. The last thing she sang was the "Liebestod"-- I can still hear her. She is coming back for a concert in September. Not with the symphony, however, but on the Artist's Course. I hope to be able to go down and hear her again, and very likely will.

May 19th

Well, here it is a week since I started the letter & still not finished or mailed - I have been exceedingly busy doing nothing in particular - If I don't mail this today, I don't agree it'll even reach you in New York.

I have been trying to get rid of my excess baggage lately & have been exercising morning & night, with a little bicycling thrown in on the side. That part isn't so bad, but I do love to eat - my favorite pastime I guess, & it is hard to curb my appetite. I have lost about 10 lbs tho - so it's showing a little.

I've been seeing quite a lot of Mary Dutcher lately. We haven't gone around at all since high school days so it's fun. She's a grand kid. Lillian is graduating with honors in June. There's a gal with lots of brains & real ability. Hope she's able to get a good job now. She deserves it.

Well, my little tossie wastie - I have nothing to say further, so may as well hold the pot until I see you, which will be soon. Write again tho & tell me when you're coming etc -

Love,
Drene

Pome: Ichie wickie was a worm
Ichie wickie learned to squirm
He crawled upon a railroad track
Along come a train
Ichie!

Don't you love
"Three little fishes?"

302ash
ames, iowa



Miss Laura Jane Musser
454 Riverside Drive apt. 8A
new york city
new york

Dear Laura Jane,

wow - what a correspondent I turned out to be. I'm really sorry & I promise you it won't happen again! First, all please excuse this lovely paper but I'm down in the grill at the union and haven't any other paper here. When was the last time I wrote to you. Did I tell you I had an operation over Xmas vacation. You remember when I was at your house I thought I had piles - well they turned out to be ulcerated hemorrhoids so I had them taken out & a few fissures ironed out. I got back to school a week late but I got caught up and ended up with all B's for winter quarter. Dorothy Mungu came home with me Spring vacation & we went around

Chicago interviewing people for jobs. You don't know of anyone that would want a good home economist don't you? When I was home I also found out that my brother & his wife are going to have a baby in Sept. what that swell. Totie, I don't think I ever did write and thank you for the beautiful set you sent me. It was just beautiful and I'm really ashamed of myself for not thanking you before.

This beautiful spring weather is not very conducive to study. I'm going to summer school this summer for six weeks and I'd like to get some kind of job for the rest of the summer but I don't know whether my folks will let me or not. Cows, the music coming I'm going to play for a skit the tri hells are putting on for a contest. I'm sure going to have to play a lot in short time. I played your arrangement of yesterday over the radio last quarter & everyone was crazy about it. I'll go to class. Write again soon.
(over) love you

Dick wrote & said wilder miller died suddenly
of pneumonia. did you know?

114 So Kensington
La Grange Ill.



Miss Laura Jane Messer
Little Falls
Minnesota



Fri

Dear Lolsie,

Please forgive me for not writing sooner but I had my appendix out a little over a week ago and I was kinda sick. I just started walking yesterday and I never dreamed I could feel so weak in the knees I can go home tomorrow but I think I'll miss all the nurses & internes because they've been so swell to me. See, Lolsie I sure would like to come and see you again but I don't suppose I can now. I'm sorry I wasn't

some practice in the first
of this summer.

Here comes the nurse to give
me a bath so I have to stop.
Thanks a lot for asking me
to live and maybe later I can.
Or maybe you can come &
see me.

Lots of love & write soon
June

home when you came
through Chicago. I went to
summer school this summer.
I was in the Home Management
house for 6 weeks (really only
five because I was in the hospital
for a week) I think I'll be out of
the darn things for good now.

Are you going back to school
in New York. If so, when?
I want to stay home this
fall & take short hand and
typing and then go back in
March for my last quarter
I think I could get a job in
extension work and stay there
for a while.

You sound as though
you're having a grand
time. I wish I could
come & play a game of
golf with you. I got



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Miss Laura Jane Musser
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New York City,
New York

Mabel Muskopf
148^a Bartlett Hall
Cedar Falls, Ia.

March 10, 1939

Dear Fatsie,

I certainly was glad to hear from you and had all the good intentions of answering your letter sooner but I always seemed to be so busy.

Your life at Julliard sounds grand and I know you must be having a wonderful time.

Our Winter term ended March 2 and the Spring term began March 7 so we had a little vacation between the two. However I just stayed here on the Campus. Clarence was here and we just enjoyed ourselves doing various things. He isn't here this term as he didn't have the money and so he has gone down to St. Louis to work for my Dad through the spring and summer. And so now I am a very lonesome

Saving Corps³ put on a Water Demonstration every year. This year they are dramatizing the story of Hiawatha and it looks to me like it will be very good.

A week ago I had spring fever and had my hair cut short. However, the main reason was because of swimming. Anyway, I kind-of like it for a change.

How long will you go to school at Juliard? I have one year here before I will finish and I sure will be glad when it is over as I am getting tired of going to school. You have to study all most all the time or if you don't, you feel that you should be.

How has the weather been in New York this winter. We have had quite a bit of snow here lately.

little girl as² we were together quite a lot of the time. Any way I will be glad to get home at the end of this term as I can be with him again. I have quite a heavy schedule this term and it keeps me busy til 4 or 5 every afternoon. It is as follows:-

1. Physiology of Exercise - 3 hrs per week
2. First - Aid to Injured - 2 " " "
3. Analytical Geometry - 5 " " "
4. Accounting III - 5 " " "
5. High School Observation - 4 " " " and Participation

Activities

1. Advanced Tennis
2. Beginning Swimming - Assistant Teaching
3. Life Saving
4. Orchestra - meets Thurs. afternoon, Friday afternoon & Saturday morning.

And also right now I have charge of the lights for the Water Carnival which is to be given March 22. The life

It is practically 11:00 and
high time I should be getting to
bed as I have Archie at
9:00 and will probably wish
I could sleep.

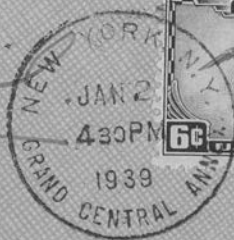
Please write again Lottie
and tell me more about what
you are doing and I'll try
not to be ^{so} slow about answering
you.

Tell Mary and Jane "Hello"
for me if you should see
them.

Love,

Mabel.

Via Air Mail



Miss Laura Jane Kussner
"Hidden Hill"
Little Falls
Minnesota

Will be very nice to see you
again - I hope you have
permeated your custom
to come with you for I've
counting on a revolver?
time with her!

Wish to a happy New Year
for you all and again
my warm thanks for the lovely
letter - With love
Henry D. Coy -

405 East 54th Street
January second.



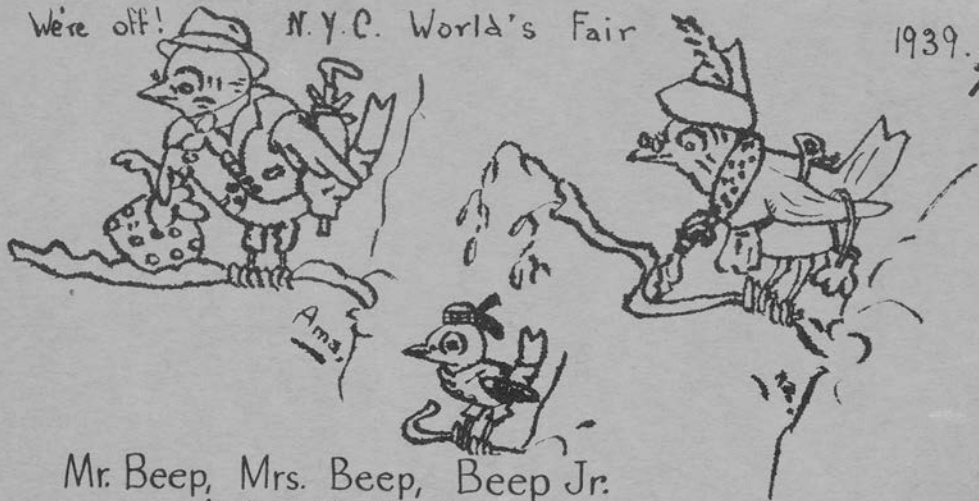
Dear Laura Jane -

The "righter" is
such a lovely one and I
am so delighted to have
it! It fits me perfectly and
I shall be proud to wear

it when I visit "kings and
queens". I thank you ^{very}
many times for your sweet
thought of me - The day
I went sleeping into you
and you were selecting the
light forms I thought very
fine such exquisite was
that after Christmas I would
make myself a present of
me, as my stock was getting
low - So you see I really ^{would}
as well as wanted me!
I am sure you are having
a grand holiday and I
hope you are getting over
your "bills" - I suppose you
will be back here again
for many days and it

We're off! N.Y.C. World's Fair

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Mr. Beep, Mrs. Beep, Beep Jr.

A story that's all true

by Edna Porter

45 West 47 Street, N.Y.C. 25¢

Took you at your word
& ordered one of these lovely
play things - electric pen (\$1 only)
Hope I did right. How's every-
thing? Here's a M.A. notice
in case you missed it. Love -

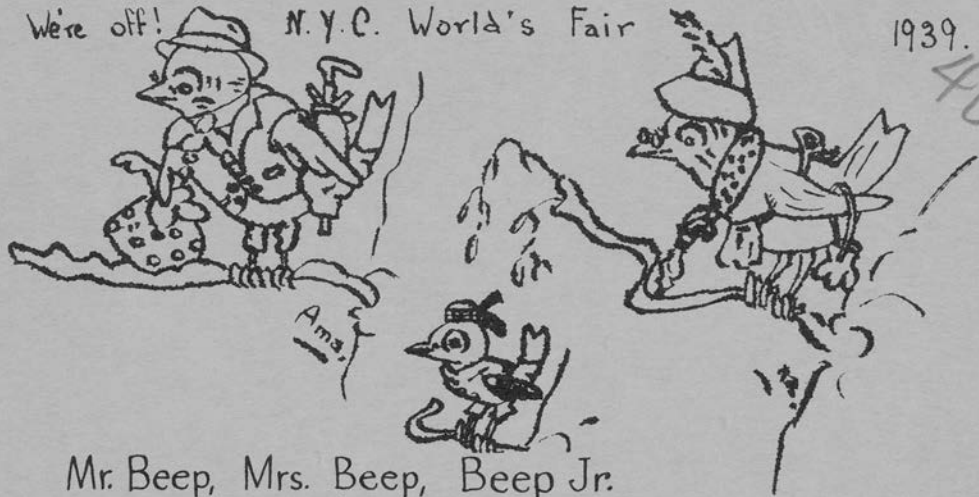
Chesters still at the milk barn
4th & 7th are. Feb. 5 P.M. 3 a.m.

We're off!

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45 West 47 Street, N.Y.C. 25¢.

Thanks for my first
X was - Here's some
for you - In Scotch -
it's just for you to
give away - La!

Best love - E. P.

[Sept. 1, 1939]

Dear Laura Jane - If you care to write Mrs. Glenn, her address is 55-2 Riverside Drive. I have heard Mrs. Trotter say that in her opinion it was the most desirable place in New York. That is high praise. It would seem to me more desirable to have an apartment if you could get a congenial person to share it, but one never knows how such living arrangements will work out till tried. Muriel Elston is going to the Tarnasans club and plans to wait on table to reduce her expenses. Knowing how much work the school requires, it seems too bad to be tied down to this, but if it is a choice between doing that or staying home, naturally she would take on the "job." She knows the rector of Trinity Church who made this opening available for her. I am glad your mother can come east to help you get settled.

One other thing occurred to me: Alice Miss La Chaise, who for many years taught French in the Spencer School

lives with her mother, a very old lady,
at 610 West 116th St. They are on
the first floor and have one lovely
really big room to let. It faces on
116th St. opposite Barnard and I
think has an old Knabe grand in
it, which could be put in good order.
It would be an opportunity to acquire
fluent French as the old lady does
not understand nor speak English.

There are very nice furnished
apartments on W. 57th St between
5th & 6th Ave - north side of the street
a few doors east of 6th Ave. You
can get one for 75 a month and I have
heard from a reliable source that
they are charming. It is a perfect
location for a musical student
and if your schedule at school is
arranged for only two days a week,
it would seem to me quite practical
to live there and be so near
Carnegie and Town Hall. Don't
you know anyone taking the secre-
tarial course at Katharine ^{Broos} School?

who might be interested in an apartment? It would be better than two music students with continuous or conflicting practice. If I could only sell my little house I'd take a five or six room apartment with the idea of subletting part. The old fashioned ones give privacy and are practical for such purposes.

Your letter to Mrs. Glenn will probably never reach her owing to the wrong address I previously gave you. I'm sorry, but it is still early. I'll phone her as soon as I return and have her write you but think it was for you to write again too.

The weather here is very uncertain and I may return at any time as I heard yesterday my house is ready. We had a northeast gale two days ago and surf like this and much higher. I've often had a studio here right down on the water front where the tide rolled

in under the house. Several Preludes
by Rachmaninoff that I learned here
are always associated with the sound
of the sea. I'd love to be here when
you tour New England and act as
guide to this particular section
which can't be seen by car but must
be explored on foot, following the
indentations of the coast. It is grand
beyond description and just now with
the full moon on the water is
awe inspiring. The contrast to the
superb beauty and peace of the water
and suspense in Europe is so great
it seems impossible both can exist
on the same planet.

Hoping these suggestions about
the rooms may be helpful and with
thanks for your delightful letters

Cordially yours

Mary L. Quinn

Ogunquit Me
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582-5 St. S.E.
Little Falls.
Minn.



Miss Laura Jane Mueser.
of Parnassus Club. West 115th St.

New York City.
N.Y.



December 11, 1939

Dear Laura Jane,

Thanks you a lot for sending us a music book. We like it very much. We just can't wait until you come home. It was kinda cold here today. Was it very cold in New York City? I hope you will like the Christmas card that we are sending you.

We just can't wait until Christmas. I am in four Christmas plays including yours. I am in our glee club, violin and my little cousin is having one. Well I guess I will have to close now.

From

Rose and Mary