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Miss Laura Jane Musser
% Parnassus Club
Haskell Hall
West 115th St
New York City.



Sunset - Ala Moana

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ALOHA

Are you going home for the holidays?
May the holidays bring you
much joy. As I open that package or
see them, I'll think of you
and my dearest friends in New York.
Enclosed you will find a letter
Remembrance from me.

Love,
Marguerite

Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
from Hawaii

Marguerite
(over)

1215 B Alexander St.
Honolulu, Hawaii
Nov. 29, 1939.

Dear Laura,
How often I thought of writing a message for "old times' sake" but somehow the procrastination took place. Your letter from home was very sweet and I missed visiting you as there was only time to get across to S. Francisco after six weeks at the Westchester County Recreation Camp which was a wonderful experience for me. Someday I'll visit you. Perhaps by then you may be able to come to Honolulu.

Since my return on the Lurline with Hato, I saw her twice. That shows that Honolulu tho' small it seems is large. She must be very busy with her school work and her family.

I'm glad to hear that you liked the gift I left behind. Perhaps it will help you to remember me and my hulas. You were very nice to me and I wish I had known you earlier. I miss the interesting concerts and operas which we used to enjoy together. Those which are

given here are very amateurish compared with those of the big city. The Community Theatre Players will present the Lincoln but I'm afraid to see it for fear I'll be very much disappointed. Menzies will be here sometime in February and I plan to hear him again. Marston Anderson is slated to arrive too in the near future.

Did you enjoy your Thanksgiving holidays? My friends and I had lovely times together and I was out every night. Yesterday I took my youngster to the Circus and enjoyed clapping, and eating peanuts while watching the various performances. For once I acted like a youngster and got by. A school maid is supposed to appear dignified and prim but I must seem just the opposite to my class for the boys as well as the girls feel a lot with me. We discuss football, sports, current events, movies etc. during recesses. I enjoy my teaching very much this year.

J. M. McCay
A. M. McCay
Pine Bluff, Ark.



Miss Laura J. Musser
The Barnard Club
West 115th St.
New York City

please.

Love
Hilda

P.S. Please excuse all
these blots I am in
a hurry for I couldn't
hit the day part without
writing and I have dozens of
things to do. H.

A. M. N. Callise
Pine Bluff, Ark
Nov. 25, 1939

Dear Latsie

You can't imagine how
much I enjoy your letters.
Though I don't always
answer immediately I do
appreciate your writing.
I owe practically everyone
now so you see I seldom
hear from anyone except
you and mama now.

I did enjoy reading
your description of the
~~program~~ ^{program} and reading the program
too. I am glad Miss Maynor

in the singing group but
 I ~~did~~ do know the teacher
 that was with them. She
 went to school in Minn.
 one year. The school was
 Hamline I think. Is that
 spelled right? These students
 raise money for the
 school on their tours
 and earn their way
 through school. Thanks a lot for the
~~clippings~~ I hope Adelaide will
 go to your home for
 Christmas. I'm sure she
 will have a wonderful
 time. Did she spend the
 whole ~~winter~~ summer in

was such a success. The
 program made me long
 for New York.

Did you like Dorothy
 Maynors ~~and~~ clothed better
 than Marion Anderson's?

It sounds as if you
 are about to put your
 old favorite in second
 place. Are you?

Lotsa I am such a
 scatterbrain until I am
 not sure whether or not
 I thanked you for the
 clippings you sent me con-
 cerning the Rust Singers
 and Philippa. I didn't recog-
 nize any of the students

New York?³

Have you ever seen
oil fields? Thursday I went
on a trip for the school
along with three other
teachers to study a community
in South Ark. While there
we visited two oil
fields. It was a new
experience to us and we
had a grand time doing
that.

I must stop now as
I have an appointment at
nine o'clock and it is
fine to now. I have lots
more to tell you so write soon.

H. M. McCay
A. M. N. Callaghan
Pine Bluff, Ark.



Miss Laura J. Musser.
Carnassus Club
West 115th St.
New York City.

A. M. N. College
Gene Bluff, Ark.
Dec 7, 1939

Dear Leticia,

This is just ~~and~~ note to
thank you for your long interesting
letter. I nearly felt as if I had
been to the programs. When I read
your letters I don't feel so terribly
far from New York and away
from everything. I let Jean see
the programs and read bits to
her from my letters. (the ones you write
me I mean) She enjoys them very much
though she hasn't met you.

From now until Christmas I
shall fairly be smothered with exami-
nation questions, papers, grade reports
and entertainments so I'm writing this

hate to tell you that I shall be
so busy working hard until though
I don't write I shall be thinking of you

I envy you. My Christmas vacation
doesn't begin until the 22nd. and
all that week^{before} we shall be giving
exams.

It's too bad I daidn't go with
you but don't feel badly. You'll have
so wonderful time if for no other
reason than you will be at home
with your family. Do you remember last
year Esther and I went to the station
with you? I hoped you won't be too
rushed this time and have a grand
trip. Give my best regards to your
mother.

My Aunt who lives in Memphis
is coming here to see me next Sat.
So I am trying to work hard this week
to leave that day so as to be with
her.

I'm sure I shall just love anything
you send me for Christmas you select

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such lovely and appropriate things. I say
how it's the gift not the giver and
if you have too much shopping to
do you can leave me off your list
and I shall still know you think
of me for you write such nice
long letters often.

Write again soon when you have
time. Lottie and I promise to answer
soon after Christmas

Love
Hilda

P.S. I'm glad Marion Anderson is still
your favorite.

H.



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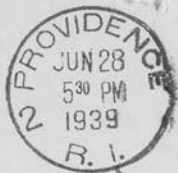


Miss Laura M. Jones
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minn.

(? So to Atlanta, the 26.

Dear Lotare;

I want to write you a long
letter when I can. I'm just
from Medical Center, they
operated on both of my eyes.
Just came home Sun, so that
why I haven't written to thank
you for your letter and beautiful
handkerchief. I had long letter from Hilda
to-day. Love to your Mother - always - see



Miss Laura J. Munser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

205 Central Avenue
East Providence, R. I.

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East Providence, R.I.

June 27, 1939

Dear Lotzic,

Your letter was forwarded to me at home. I too am sorry that we missed "good-byes". Linda not at home but in Yonkers where you left. I expect some time there with my aunt.

Mother came down to my Commencement and helped me pack up and come home. We left the day after the impressive ceremonies. Freda and I enjoyed them together.

I am writing this letter in bed - all cool, some portable, and quiet. My home is not in the city - it is in the suburbs - just up the hill from a place which opens directly into Narragansett Bay which in turn flows into the Atlantic Ocean.

I have been knitting and reading - even sewing and cooking. I have had a good deal of company. My brother graduated one week after I did. We both received some handsome gifts - mine - quite unexpected, of course. So we have doubly celebrated. In the fall, he is probably going to the Medical School at the University where I am to teach so we will take his Ford. It seems funny - we always used to plan

just such an arrangement when
we were small and talked over
our ambitions over the death
panda. Now it is all coming true!

I have not heard from Ernestine.
I do not know whether she is now in
N. Y. C. or not.

Is it true that you are to
live at International House next
year? If so, you will have to
write me and tell me all about it.
I shall probably not be back for at
least a year or two if not. I am
quite certain that I will either
get my Ph. D. in a very few years
or not at all - in which case I
hope to get an M. A. instead. It
may prove the most really
exciting degree of them all!

It must be fun to have
sisters as you do. You can go
and visit when they are
married. I shall have to miss
that part. Both of my brothers
are such "Play Boys" that I
am sure they will not marry
for years - besides they have grown
of school ahead of them.

Will write when you find
time. I shall be here - at least
"off and on" until Aug. I may be
in N. Y. C. this week end. I love
Ernestine. I'll deliver your
message.

Sincerely,
Margaret

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO

212 3rd Ave. S.E.
Little Falls, Minn.



Miss. Laura Jane Musser
C/o The Parnauers Club
West 115th Str.
N.Y.C. New York

Nov. 17, 1939

Dear Laura Jane,

I received your lovely letter awhile ago and I am sorry I did not answer before this. I enjoyed reading about Philippa and the things she eats and about the little recital she gave for you. I don't think I would like to eat some of the things she eats but I suppose a person gets used to it.

Miss Bolter told me you wrote her a letter and told me that Philippa would broadcast over the

radio. I tuned in on Sunday morning and heard her play Pinocchio I forgot the other one. If you see her tell her that I heard her and I enjoyed it very much.

I like Miss Bolter very much but I still think there's no one like Laura Jane. Helen Jean and I have learned I heart 'n' Bread by Jacques Wolfe. And now we are learning another duet called Le Secret by Leonard Gautier. It is harder than I heart 'n' Bread.

I was to a Halloween party to Martha Hanner's. I won a prize ^{pinning} the tail on

the donkey. For lunch we had a hot dish and potato chips my favorite. For desert we had cookies and icecream. The icecream was shaped like pumpkins. They were very hard because they were in dry ice. I took my spoon and tried to get some but the icecream broke in two. I had a very nice time there. I also was invited to another Halloween party at Kay Cavanaugh's. We played different game and had a lot of fun.

I enjoy school very much.
I have been wearing only
a sweater just imagine
only a sweater this time
of year. The weather is
ideal. By the way I was
vaccinated for Diphtheria
and small pox my arms
were quite sore but are
much better now.

Do write to me again
and tell me when
Philippa is going to broad-
cast again. I enjoy reading
your letters very much.

With Much Love
Bernadine

H. M. J.

Tues.

Darling Patsie,

Here - "very quick like" is the letter I said I would send soon - so its really a promise due Sept. I ran across this article about Marian Anderson in Colliers. Marjorie you've read it but I hope not - and I hope you like it. Its really has quite a human touch and I enjoyed it a lot.

Well, how does it seem to be back in New York? Pretty nice. Ill bet, altho we back here are homesome for you all ready. This sounds very peculiar I know - but nevertheless I hope you understand - I actually feel closer to you having

you gave me - even tho I didn't
have the right skirt for it and
you should have heard the
ahs and ahs - what a "lovely
sweater, Helen. where did you
get it" - and I proudly told them
from Latsie and they all claimed
over your lovely taste. It is
so pretty Latsie, the very nicest
sweater she ever had and I
thank you so much for it.

Such weather! yesterday it
rained and snowed and the
entire town looked like a flood
had struck it - today it all
froze and it takes about a
half hour of careful stepping
to get down town.

My Dad has had a salary
cut and so now I'm just
about beside myself trying to
find a job. I'm going to apply

you in New York than I do
when you're here - and - now
I beg you not to get angry with
me - it's because Mary intimidates
me so - and there you have
in a nut shell why I didn't
come over as much as I'd have
liked. I never know how she's
going to act toward me. Whether
it'll be very kind and sweet
or very aloof and politely
condescending. I don't know why
she dislikes me so - but it makes
me dreadfully uncomfortable.
Please don't be cross with me
for saying these things - because
Heaven knows that's the least
thing I'd want - but I just wanted
to explain to you how I feel.
Sunny M^e Givern had a
party the other night and so
I thought it would be an excellent
time to initiate the lovely sweater

at the Transcript, Gordon Grip
and the Telephone office. In order
to get any sort of a job nowadays
one has to be an relief and as
yet I'm not quite. It's all very
discouraging and please wish
me luck. darling because I'll
most surely need it and badly.
I've never actually applied for
a job before and I'm scared stiff.
I don't know why because the
least they could tell me is what
I expect - that they don't need anyone.
but it's just the idea of it all I
guess.

Well, dear. I'd better get dressed
for the killing. Please write me
soon.

Very lovingly,
Helen



For
Miss Laura Jane Musser
454 Riverside Drive
New York City
N. Y.

Apt 8A

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406-2nd St. S.E.
Little Falls, Minn



For
Miss Laura Jane Thusser
454 Riverside Drive
New York City
N. Y.

Apt. 8A

Wed.

Dear, darling Latsie,

Before I go into anything else. I do want to beg your forgiveness for not answering your letter sooner. I was knitting Jimmy's sweater, working day and night trying to finish it by Oct 1 - his birthday. As it were - I finally finished it two weeks late - much to his and my disgust - and since then I've been busy doing nothing. However, I solemnly promise not ever to let a whole month elapse before writing you again! I have thought about you so much and have missed you more than I can ever say. It meant a great deal to me to have you here - even before we started seeing very much of each other, and oh how I wish you were here so I could talk to you now. You're one in a million - do you know that, Miss Musser?

Well - as far as actual news goes - as usual there is none. I have been riding only once since you left - I went up alone and Mrs. Beale went along with Ben and me. Dixie acted so forelorn, poor horse. I rode Diana & Ben, Bluebell and Mrs. Beale rode Betty. They are going to ~~breed~~ breed Diana this fall - so in eleven months - they'll have a little colt up there - but it can't be ridden for three years. Both Ben and Mrs. Beale sent their regards to you.

Your mother told me you were getting along famously and I was so happy to hear it. It must be awfully interesting to meet all the different people at International

House and at the school. What sort of work do you like? Is it all piano or do you have harmony etc. along with it? There are so many things I want to ask you.

Dad has left Little Falls (except to go down to N.Y. for the Univ. Homecoming) since you left and I must say it grows very boring. There is no job to be had in this town and I do hate to think of leaving my Dad and going down to N.Y. to work. I guess that sounds rather selfish of me - but Dad all he has and have come to realize this fall that he depends on me more than I ever dreamed. He seems happier with me home than I've ever seen him - so I guess I can sacrifice a job and some good times because it really is the least I can do for him. I know other people think me awfully lazy for not getting out and trying to find work - but I can rise above that as long as I know Dad is happy. So queer world.

My life is getting up in the morning - helping with the cleaning, meals, and dishes, possibly going to a movie at night or playing bridge with Bunny, Babe, and Marguerite or staying home and reading. Lately I've been reading Burns' Dramatic Best Plays - and have read them for '34 & '35 and '36 & '37. There have been some excellent ones - I've enjoyed them.

As I re-read this letter - I feel that I should tear it up because it's so depressing - but if I write another - I'm sure it would sound the same. It's a very gray day and it seems that the atmosphere has permeated my spirits. Please forgive that also and I also promise that

my next letter to you will be much different.

Billie and Bernard are both very well and just as happy. Billie is still working at the Theater but its working out very satisfactorily. I was up at their apartment for dinner the other night and had a very scrumptious meal. She wanted me to be sure to give ~~you~~ her love when I wrote.

When will you be home for Christmas? It will seem wonderful to see you again.

Well. Darling I guess Id better stop and try to get a new lease on life. I don't know when I'll be so low and I do hate to take it out on you.

Please write me soon.

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Lots of love

Ellen



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New York City.

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New York, N. Y.

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Thursday Afternoon.

Dear Lotsie,

Nan tells me that you feel that you and I have a misunderstanding that you would like to talk over. I'm sorry about it and would like to see you about it. I do not know exactly what it is but will be happy to see you.

I'm very busy and the only time I have free is Sunday afternoon. Would that be convenient for you? Drop me a card and let me know.

Tuan.



Monday
January 9, 1939

Dearest Lotaie,

Darling I do want to
thank you heaps for the lovely
handkerchief — you know I've
always had a weakness for
pretty handkerchiefs. I have put
it in my cedar chest
and I am not going to

use it until — Oh!
first I'd better explain —
Lotsie ~~and~~ I am engaged to
the most wonderful man
in the world, at least I think
so, and that is what really
counts. He gave me a perfectly
gorgeous cedar chest for
Christmas, and we are planning
on being married in the
late summer — so you see
dear that handkerchief is to
be used on my Wedding Day.

See! Lotsie I've missed all
of our old group so much. Remember
our little heart to heart
chats we used to have — the
nights we went to the
Opera, and movie together those
will always be among my
most pleasant memories.

I was ill during the
holidays which prevented
me from accepting an

invitation to a bridge party at Dorothy Holmes. Mabel was there, so she wrote and told me all about it.

And how is your music coming along Lotie? do write and give me all the details of what you have been doing since you are in New York and especially do I want to hear about you.

I am still working at the store and I enjoy every minute of it.

My love,
Leonore

Jack W. Ronto
23-24 50th. Drive
Astoria, Long Island.
N. Y.



Miss Laura J. Musser

454 Oxford Hall

Riverside-Drive

New York City.

Astoria, Long Island.
January 6, 1939.

My Dear Laura:

Welcome to New York!

I bet you feel hot here in this springy weather, after that good old Minnesota blizzard. I have a great surprise for you!

Are you free on Sunday evening ? I shall call for you at 5.30 P. M. but be ready please so we can get to the House's Supper. In case you would be occupied here is my phone number and call me up, Astoria 8-58-58. between the hours of 9-10 A. M., Sunday morning.

Good Luck and yours as ever,

Jack



February 7, 1939

Lotsie Darling,

I wanted to answer your letter as soon as I received it, but I wasn't as fortunate as you to have any exams which I didn't have to take. I had seven exams stretched over a period of two weeks, and have never spent such a long stretch of time in a state of ~~extended~~ study! oof! Their exams are only two hour ones - but I don't think I minded the ones at "Monti" half as much. But, now they are over, so all I can do is wait and see how they came out.

Lotsie, I was terribly sorry to hear about your aunt Jane. Didn't I meet her at your house? I know how lost you must feel about it, because you have spoken to me so often about her. My thoughts go out to your

mother also, who has had many sorrows in the past few years - with the death of your uncle also. I know how you feel in wanting to go home and comfort her - but since you can't, I think it is a comfort to her to realize that her Sotsie is doing well at school and on her own merit. I know sometimes I want to dash home to fix something up there, but then I realize that those who are home are doing everything they can, and are drawing strength from the thought that I am doing the best I can where I am. Do you see, Sotsie? I know it must be the same with your mother, so don't feel you are being useless in comforting her - just because you are far away. Because I know the case must be quite the opposite.

It is very beautiful out today. It snowed all night, and has continued to snow. How I love to see the soft white down just floating down. It gives me a sense of peace

even though everything is helter - skelter at the beginning of a new semester.

This semester I am taking two education courses - Educational Psychology and Principles of Education. At the rate I'm going, I'll be well imbued with educational ideas. Oh, Lotsie, I don't know whether to go on working for my masters degree or not. My professors here all think I should. This is all very fine, except that I ought to start earning some money pretty soon. If I wanted to get my masters I will be 24 yrs. old and marriage will be a dominant question - though it is by no means the only one. I used to laugh at the old problem of the marriage vs. career - but it gives me many thoughtful moments. I can assure you. Moreover, I must pay back to my family a little of what I owe them - though I could never repay all

I owe them.

The Cleveland Symphony is coming to school very soon - and I do hope to see it (or rather hear it).

I was home last week-end after I finished my exams. I saw Jack - and he sends his best wishes to you.

By the way, how did your piano exam come out? What did you have to play for them?

Well, Iotsie, dear, I'll say good-bye for now - but I think of you often - and am so happy that you are having the wonderful year you are having, at Julliard - Write soon again - yes? no?

Love,

Mary

P.S. The answer to the last question - is yes!

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Nov. 27, 1939

Sotsie Dearest

Please forgive my delay in writing. Perhaps you will, when I tell I was sick for a week. I had the quipso - and right in the middle of exams! As a consequence as soon as I recovered, I was buried up to my ears in work. I have never spent such a week of as this last one. I haven't been able to let my mind

off my work for one minute -
because it has to be made
up before I hands giving.
When it is - oh - I certainly
will have that to be
thankful for!

But oh, Lotsie, I hope
my slowness in answering
won't mean that I may
not be seeing you next
week end. I hadn't thought
about the differences in
vacation times until
after I had written. But
it will be almost as
much fun to have you
for the week-end. I
do hope you come.

If you do come - I'm
going to see if maybe we
can get together with
some of the Montigirls.
Of course June Wagner won't
be home - and I'm not
sure about Twan. - but
I'll call them all up any-
way and see what I can
do about a little "reunion"
& flourish, there is so little
time - that it will seem
like an awfully quick
visit with them - but it
will be fun! Did you
know, or did I tell you
that Ruth Jenks is
engaged?

Oh Sotsie, I'm leaving school
here Wednesday noon - so
maybe you'd better write
to my home in answering.

I told Cliff you were
coming - and he wants to
be remembered to you.

Oh Sotsie darling -
I'm terribly sorry that
this is reaching you so
late - but I do hope I'll
be seeing you next Friday
and I know the family
feels the same way about
it. - It will be fun talking
over everything!!

Love always -
Mary

13 Norantum Place
Newton, Mass.

From Helen R. Gillespie
119 Daly Avenue
Missoula, Montana



612 W, 115 ST

~~Institute of~~ Miss Laura Jane Musser
~~Musical Art~~ ~~% Mrs. James Glen~~
~~120 Claremont Ave~~ 552 Riverside Drive
New York City
New York



119 Daly Avenue
Missoula Montana
November 9, 1939

Dear Lotsie,

How do you like
your new boarding
house? Do you like
it better than where
you stayed last year?

It was nice
that you could get
a woman to take
your music class.
Yes, I'm still taking

music lessons.

We're so very sorry
your mother couldn't
come to visit us. We
haven't had a bit of
snow since.

My Aunt Margaret
sent us clippings of
the wedding. It must
have been lovely. We
wanted so much to
go, but of course
couldn't.

We're having company over Armistice day, the Towles from Helena and the Dietrichs from Deer Lodge.

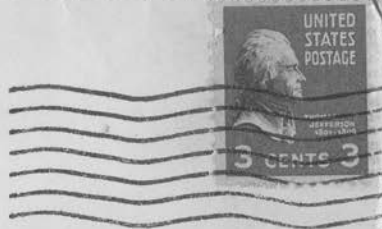
I hope I have the address right on the envelope.

With lots of love,

Helena

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
RIVERVIEW SUPER-SERVICE STATION
EAST END OF NEW RIVER BRIDGE
BRAINERD, MINNESOTA

Delores Hunter



*Miss Laura Jane Musser
606 Highland Ave.
Little Falls, Minn.*

Dear Miss Anderson:

I wish to thank
you for your very
courteous reply to my
letter written last May.



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BRAINERD, MINNESOTA

Dearest Lottie,

I'm finally writing to you, yes, I found out you had returned home & I suppose enjoying every minute of it.

I'm certainly enjoying myself & liking it here in Brainerd immensely. I'm very much interested in my work and the work itself is interesting. I have a typical office job which includes, typing, shorthand, filing, answering the telephone, keeping records etc. Its really grand. The salary is small but the field of direct contact with everything in an office makes up for it of course.

I've met a group of people here Lottie that are really grand. I am now going with four girls who come from well-to-do homes and are really swell. I work from 8:30 till 6:00 in the afternoon & of course eat all my three meals here at the adjoining restaurant. After that I play about three sets of tennis & probably get a coco cola at



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Lewis. The names of the girls are Pat Jewell, Natalie Kampman, Mickey O'Brien & Betty.

On Saturday evenings we usually go to the Spot Lite, where Cies Hurst & his orchestra are located for the summer months, and dance. Everyone here both boys and girls are excellent dancers. On my birthday we are planning on staying overnite at Natalie's folks cottage, six of us girls, leaving here at 6 in the evening & returning the following morning at nine. It will be loads of fun. It is just a fifteen minute drive from Brainerd to the lake.

The country landscape is simply beautiful here, I believe the prettiest in four or five years. The lakes are ideal, and I mean perfect.

I am staying at a elderly ladies home & she is the sweetest person & just full of fun. We get along just grand. She is so nice she always has something in my room,

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like cookies, a piece of pie or cake, always something. She also has a lovely home. I live right next door to my boss, or Jim Willard.

I also type menus for the restaurant which is a twice daily event & of course it does get rather tiresome. But they do serve lovely meals, and exceptional food. Thank heaven!

Seeing that I must concentrate on my duties, which at the present time are very slack, I shall close hoping that you will answer very soon & forgive my long silence. Please write.

Love
Delores

Tell me all about school & what you are doing & planning on doing.

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VIOLIN—EVENINGTIDE	Burleigh
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PIANO—SONATINA	Kulluak
STELLA GREGORY	
VOCAL—WHO KNOWS	Ball
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PIANO—KNIGHT RUPERT	Schumann
YOLAND MARQUEZ	
WHIM GRILLEN	Schumann
JOY HARGREAVES	
PIANO—LITTLE FINGERS	Gregory
LEVERN BEST	
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VOCAL—CITY CALLED HEAVEN	Johnson
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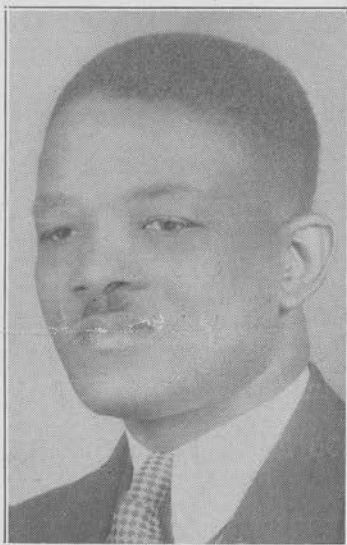
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Miss Laura Musser,
Linden Hill,
Little - Falls,
Minnesota.

June 17, 1939

Dear Laura,

I thought you had forgotten all about me but your lovely letter dispelled all such doubts. I was sorry I missed you train the day you left I got there too late. After I left you I had an appointment for the same evening you left New York!

Of course I miss you lets me did have fun and I'm looking forward to seeing you this Fall. at school if I can make it myself. I don't know how I made out with the exams but I'm quite backward in dictation and I had planned to take it this summer; but I haven't been able to find a job in order to pay \$25⁰⁰ by the 5th July when school begins and it really looks hopeless. I was expecting a job in a chorus but they changed plans for the Fall instead of summer. I haven't been to the beach or for that matter any place at all for the same reasons mentioned above; but enough of this I won't burden you with my troubles so lets talk about something more pleasant! I'm glad you're enjoying yourself and I do hope your whole summer will be one of pleasant memories.

I haven't seen Adelaide nor Augustine since you left but I expect to hear from one of them soon. New York has had some hot days but today (Sunday) it's a lovely spring day, neither hot nor cold but just right and as soon as I'm through writing this letter I'm going for nice walk in the park.

Please send me a copy of the snapshot as soon as you find time to write again and I'll send you some snaps when I get films for my camera. Much as I hate to I must bid you good-bye until your answer. Please don't keep me waiting long for it and have a good time.

Yours truly

Albertha



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Laura Musser
410 Parnassus Club
West 115th St
N.Y. C

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Hello Laura,

Thanks for sending me
the ticket & hope to see you before
the concert. If not I'll give
you a ring soon.
Elberta



Miss Laura Musser
c/o Parnassus Club
West 118th Street.
N. Y. C.

Albertha Winter
440 Manhattan Ave
N. Y. C.
1 Apt 6



440 Manhattan Ave
N. Y. C.
18. Oct. 1939.

Hello Latsy,

I phoned you and
tried to see you at school
to talk things over with
you but you're such a busy
a busy young lady you
don't seem to have any time
for me. Please tell me
your schedule & I'm over at
Guliland only for theory on Monday
because I couldn't afford



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the whole course.

Please let me hear from
you or tell me when I
can find you at home
and if it's possible to
visit you.

your old pal

Alvina



Miss Laura Musser
90 Parnassus Club
West 115 Street
N. Y. C.

Friday 17. Nov 79.

Hello Laura,

It was very sweet of you to send the ticket for Marcia's concert to me - I appreciate it very much and I'll put off every thing else in order to be there. The only ^{thing} that could keep me away would be work (that is if the play opens).

I would like you to come to our club meeting on Sunday at 4.30. if you can manage it and we'll go to the concert after. the meeting is at 343 W 117th at the Gregorij's home

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Please try and make it if its
convenient for you.

Happy to see you soon, I remain
yours truly

Albertus

35-3 W 117 St
apt 3
N.Y.C.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

353 W 117 St
apt 3

Hello Laura,

I hope you received
my card wishing you a merry ^{xmas}
and a happy new year. Your
gifts were very lovely and I want to
thank you a million times for them.

My mother just adored the bag you
gave her she said that now we
have a better place you can
spend some time with us when you
come back to New York. We have
a nice place here and I don't think

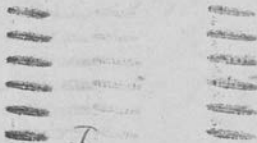
thieves will bother us. Again let
me thank you for my presents.

I'm looking forward to seeing you
when you return to New York so
please drop me a card and let me
know. I do hope you're having
a lovely time with your dad, please
give him my best regards if he'll
accept them and I tell him he
must be a grand person to have
such a lovely daughter.

Best regards from my mother
and every one else and lots of love
from Alberta.



Miss Laura Jane Mussee
Little Falls, Minn.



From
Jessie Partidge
Orwatonna
Minn.



Three stylized candles are positioned vertically in the background. Each candle is represented by a thick vertical bar with a pointed flame at the top. The candles are of varying heights and are slightly offset from each other.

Christmas Greetings

Christmas
Greetings
and all
Good Wishes
for the
Coming Year

Jessie Partridge

(over)

I'm wondering if you are
at home this year or if you
are back in New York. Last
year was certainly a wonderful
experience - I'll never forget it.
After seeing the Fair to my
satisfaction, I washed home
the last day of June. Spent
a busy but enjoyable summer
at home. Was offered several
positions but, as none of them
suited me, I decided to get a
little more practical experience
in Home Economics in
Partridge's kitchen. Am busy,
well, and happy and hope you
are the same. Give your mother,



Miss Laura Jane Murser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

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Hello Lotrie,

I thought you'd forgotten all about my letter and had given up all hope of hearing from you when your letter came.

I'm glad you're having such a lovely time. most of my days are spent rehearsing for a play so far there has been no money in it but I'm hoping every thing turns

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my last letter. you
were very naughty and
I ought to spank you for
it.

Pell is well she told
me she was going to answer
your letter but she is very
lazy about answering mails
so don't hold it against her.

My mother spent a week
with me and we had a grand
time.

All my loves

Bertha

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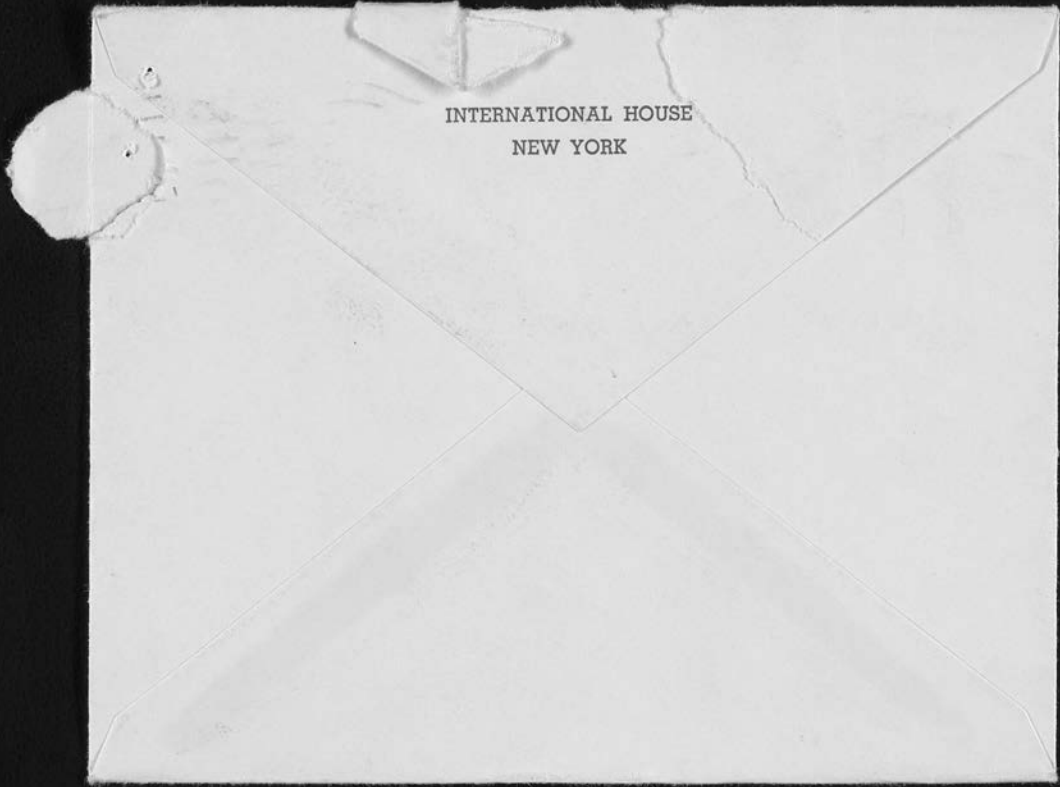
out fine. Sunday I went
to Wading River, L.I. we
had a lovely time it was
my first day at the beach
for the summer and I really
enjoyed it.

Please let me know when
you'll be back and where
you're staying. I may as well
as I may not be in school
this fall. but I'd hate to
lose touch with you so please
write and let me know
everything and don't delay
your answer as you did



Miss Laura Musser
454 Riverside Drive
New York City

Apr. 8



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Dear Laura:

This little note
is to express my
many thanks
for the enjoyable
Afternoon Sunday.
The music
was superb.

a good heart.
Aft'r I finish my
work this morning
I shall go to Mass
at 12.

Bye —

Belle

I hope that you
are feeling "swell"
to-day
(Hiedred will care
for the tickets of yours —)

So the rain
didn't matter.
Did it?

The tickets was
also received last
night. Thanks to
your house!

Why are you so
kind to me?

Your house such

Belle Griggs
State College
Fayetteville, N.C.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls,
Minnesota

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State Teachers College
Fayetteville, N.C.
Sept. 17, 1939

Dear Mr. Lamm:

Thanks to you for your
long interesting letter, I should
say that you have had
a summer filled
with many activities.

Well when I first
reached Atlanta, I was
too tired for words,
but I soon rested
and enjoyed my fine
weeks there. Somehow
I thought you were

³
Evelyn. And to be sure
I couldn't forget.

Adelaide, I think she'll
be there for the 1st Sem.

Say, Lana, I'm teaching
the 1st grade again.

I think of you when
I see them for your
love children so,

I wish I had your
or at least a portion
of your music
ability, so we could

²
coming to Atlanta
to see your sister.

See I know you looked
beautiful in the
wedding, you must
tell me all about
it.

Lana when are you
returning to N.Y. I
have much to regret
in that I can't be
in the House with
you, Rosita, and

have an orchestra in
our room. However, we
do you the radio, and
Victrola. They seem to
have sweet voices
if only, I could train
them - smile

Has it been hot at
your home? I have all
but melted in the heat.

Wasik Lindberg grand in his
message to the U.S., in that he
didn't want our country in
the war?

Ha, Ha! You ~~would~~
~~would~~

he surprised to know
that I have my year
book opened before
me on page (39)

looking at some one
on the 2nd row from the
bottom in the 2nd
space — a good picture.

Just looking like your
mother's grown up
daughter — Smile —

I hope that all
your people are

P. S.

I wrote Linda this
morning too.

well. I must say
to you again and
Sincerely that I
have not ever met
any one more charming
and of such a fine
type of person than
your mother. Sorry
I didn't see enough
of her.

Keep sweet Lotse,
and much happiness
to you - With Love - Belle