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Miss Laura Jane Musser.

Little Falls

Minn.



MRS. S. J. ROSOFF
100 IRVING AVENUE NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA



Minneapolis, Minn.

July 20. 1939.

Dear Lotie,

When you were here
last week we spent so much
time discussing various problems
that I don't believe I told
you how much I ~~app~~ appreciated
that wonderful book you gave me
I enjoyed it very much it is
very interesting and one can't
help but admire such a
character.

Lois is also reading it and
 is enjoying it as much as I do.
 Remember me to your dear parents
 and sister Mary I remain
 your most sincere
 friend
 Mrs. S. Rorff.

P. S. People wonder ~~what~~ it is
^{who} ~~that~~ is so lovely to me, and
 I tell them she was a dear
 friend of Golda's and that is
 enough.



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City.

MRS. S. J. ROSOFF
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MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA



Minneapolis Minn.

March 17, 1939.

Dear Dotzie,

I was very glad to receive your letter with all the interesting news. I can see by your letter that you are enjoying your studies and also your social life, and are taking advantage of the many interesting things there are to hear and see in New York.

We have had a very cold spell

here again snow and wind
and are quite disappointed as we
were looking for spring already.

Are you going home for Easter
vacation? I suppose your parents
are anxiously waiting for you. It
is lovely this going home for
vacations. After I was married
and lived out of town for
several years I used to look forward
to coming home as an event
of the season.

There are a few good shows
coming here soon and the concert
as usual but of course, it is not
like New York where you get
such a variety at all times.

We also all enjoyed having
you visit with us and hope
you will visit us soon again.

I hope you will get well
and enjoy your Easter vacation
With kind regards from the
whole family and love from
myself I remain

As ever
your most sincere friend
Mrs. S. Ross.



Miss Anna Jour Messer

~~Kinderhook~~

~~Little Falls~~

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Miss.

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October 12, 1939

Dear Hanna Jane,

Many thanks for your
very nice letter of congratulations
and good wishes. Sorry I've
been so long answering it. But
settling down and running a
house is rather puzzling for
a beginner.

We have a lovely old antique-bellum
home which we're fixing over. It
still isn't completely furnished,
but we're making some progress.
I hope that you'll get down sometime

to see it.

Was interested to hear that you
have chosen a musical career
for yourself. my best wishes. I'm
sure that you'll do very well.

Again thank you for the letter.
Truly,

Mary Anne

M. Carter
CAMP ATWATER
East Brookfield, Mass.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

CAMP ATWATER
East Brookfield, Mass.

August 8, 1939

Dear Lotzie,

Just a few lines to tell you that I am very busy but received and enjoyed your letter. I have been here since July 31st and will be here until August 23rd. Try and write me herebefore I leave. Letters mean a great deal in camp. There are 150 girls here at present and about 35 workers. I am supervisor of girls. It is a big job but I enjoy it. I am teaching a course in camp counselling in which about 25 girls are enrolled-all aspirants for counselling.

Have you heard from Ernestine? Did you know that she was sick? I have asked her to come here and visit before she leaves for Georgia. Some man friend of hers is teaching the music here. I have brought up a friend of mine from Providence who is assisting. She has a group of little girls, 9-11 who sing every day. There is also a Glee Club and an Octet. The camp sings many spirituals which I am sure you would enjoy. Sunday night we had a talk about the origin of them. Also on Sunday, we dedicated a new hut which a kind lady gave us. I had to make a speech of acceptance for the girls. Somehow, I lived through it.

My girls firend has written the loveliest hymn for the camp. It is entirely original. It was sung for the first time on Sunday. The whole camp really sang it. I am helping her along because she does not have much. She is one nice girl, however.

Well, this is a long letter for a camp one because I have so little time. Oh, I must tell you that we have an Indian girl here for the season from India. She wears her native soston. She is talking to the camp to-night. Well, write soon.

Sincerely,
Margaret

New York, N. Y.

6 Morningside Avenue.
New York, N.Y.
April 30, 1939

Dear Miss Musser, [454 Riverside Dr. N.Y.C.]

I must begin this letter to you by apologizing for not having answered it before now, but I had contracted an awful cold and was advised by my Physician to remain in bed for a speedy recovery. I do hope that you have been well and enjoying the loveliness of the spring.

I really don't know how to thank you for having sent to me booklets concerning the method of teaching at the Juilliard School of Music and I am whole heartedly indebted to you for this kindness.

I sincerely hope you will not be as long in answering my letter as I was in answering yours, with sincerest thanks,

I am

Sincerely yours,

Cassandra Gonzalez.

PS Please pardon this in formal stationery as it was all available at the present.

Do you know this Waltz by Moszkowski. Liebeswalzer. (Love Waltz) I would love to play it for you sometime I have just finished studying it and it's really good.



Miss Laura Jane Munner
To The Parnassus Club
West 115th St
New York City
New York

196 - Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn.

Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee
December 3, 1939

Dear "Latzie",

Just a note until
I can write and thank
you for your recent
letter and the enclosed
check. The girls certainly
appreciate the same more
than we can express.

Friends are being

quite kindly and I believe
we shall secure enough
money before long.

At Christmas time I
hope to be able to secure
many from friends at
home. I am speaking to
our group of Church
ladies about Fish a few
days after Christmas.

I shall be going home
for Xmas in a little over
2 weeks. That's perfectly
thrilling - it is a little distant
you see - 30 hours at any
rate.

Hope you had a
pleasant Thanksgiving. I
had a grand one and
am now attempting to
recuperate.

Am getting ready to
go hear the Fish Jubilee
Singers and a program.
Have you heard them

over the radio on
Monday night. Last Monday
they received \$100 for ringing
an Carver's Hour.

Well, Lettie. I'll try
to write before Christmas
if any way possible and
you do the same.

Thanking you again
for your kindness,

Love,

Margaret

To Carter
Frat. Univ.
Nashville, Tenn.



Miss Laura Jane Munser
To The Parnassus Club
West 115th St
New York City
New York

Tricks University - Box 196
Nashville, Tennessee
November 16, 1939

Dear Laura Jane,

Am so sorry that I failed
to answer your first letter sooner.
Someday, I was looking for a card
which would indicate your N. Y. C.
address!

I am so glad you are enjoying
your year back at Julliard. I
see you are getting around as usual.
I certainly miss N. Y. C. here but
still I have plenty to do.

You would enjoy the music
here - that department is strong, give
concerts every week - displaying real
talent. Last Sunday, Katherine Van Buren
gave a song festival - she teaches here
but is a well known woman from
Tottusfield, Mass. Then I know you
have heard the Jubilee Singers from
Tish and also the story of their origin.
They even have a Jubilee Day here - the
whole is so important. Then there
is a Choir with some 80 voices. Only
this evening I have been talking
in care to the organist who is
a white fellow from Oberlin. He
is a very clever organist - Arthur
Crawley. The Choir and Jubilee Singers
sing spirituals as I have never
heard them sing before.

My work keeps me very busy

indeed - there is so much to be done.
The girls are so fine yet we need so much.
For example, we should like to have teas
every week in Jubilee Hall but have no
Silver Tea Set. We are at present
attempting to raise money to purchase
one as if you know anyone who
would like to help - I would more
than appreciate any kind of contribution -
no matter how small. Christmas I hope
to go home and raise a little by speaking
to some women's clubs.

And then besides acting as
Assistant Dean of Women, I am also
teaching psychology to nurses at
the medical college which is affiliated
with Froh. My brother is here
taking up dentistry - hoping to follow
in my father's steps. It is nice
having him so far away from home.

I may see Executive next week -
she may come over from Atlanta
with some fellows who are
coming to see me for week end.

The college dramatic society
just gave "Night Must Fall" this week
end. It was very good indeed.
What plays have you seen this year?
Who is still at International House
- are there more Americans there
this year? This row is a dread-
ful thing - I hate to realize it,
don't you?
I'll try to write more frequently
and pretty soon. Love,
Margaret



Miss Anna Jane Musser
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New York, N. Y.

.. ANN McNAIR

509 Chestnut Street, Cloquet, Minnesota ..



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509 Chestnut Street, Cloquet, Minnesota ...

April 3

Dearest Laura Jane,

I wish when I get so lach about writing letters that someone would put a pen in my hand and make me get to!

It really seems as though spring was here - of course it could be a lot warmer and there'd be no risk coming but I'm so sick of snow and sleet.

About two weeks ago I was in the hospital for eight days - nothing serious - I just had a huge wen removed from the top of my head. The hospital here is a perfectly wonderful one and I don't know when I've had such a grand time. A mother

week or two wouldn't have bothered
me a bit you should see the
slushy cap she's wearing - one of
the operating caps!

Rastus is certainly glad
that slushy weather is just
about over. When it was so
slushy, he loved to go out and
wallow around but when
he came in, he'd be told in
no uncertain terms to jump up
on his chair and dry off.

Our Senior English teacher
is getting married this week
which has caused a lot of
excitement - She's such a darling
and although we're all glad she's
getting married, she's going to
be awfully missed as she was
head of our school paper and
the Honor Society. I went
up to see her wedding gifts -
goodness - seems to me she had
everything under the sun.

.. ANN McNAIR

509 Chestnut Street, Cloquet, Minnesota ..

You must have such
fun going to all the operas al-
though I'm afraid if I saw
very many in a stretch I'd
fall asleep.

Have you read "Rebecca"
or "All This and Heaven Too"?

Here comes "The Garden
Party" - one of my favorite programs
I wish they'd have good programs
every night.

Love,
Ann.



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Prof. S. A.

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May 11th

Dearest Anna Jane,

If I were you I would simply throw this away with out reading it or bothering to answer it! I had your letter in my hand and it's dated April 10th. I promise it will never happen again.

Guess who was here yesterday. A very, very, grand person, with a keen sense of humor and he has about the biggest heart of anyone I know. Did you guess? Yes, of course right! It was your father. He was here in town for some sort of mill meeting or other. I don't know just what, and he stopped in on his way. Your father and

Mother are both such grand persons. I only wish we lived where we could drop in on each other.

I'd love to write to Adelaide - is her last name Martin? Let me know in your next letter and I'll write her right away.

Whenever I hear Marian Anderson sing, the shivers just chase each other up and down my back! There's something about her voice that always makes me think things over and somehow I always feel as though she was singing directly to me! That's a queer way to express it isn't it but golly, it thills me.

Have you ever seen "The Picture Crossword Puzzle Book"? It's crossword puzzles with the definitions given in pictures - It's really such fun although sometimes a great deal of imagination is needed to figure the pictures out. I have cross

ANN McNAIR

509 Chestnut Street, Cloquet, Minnesota . .

word puzzle but I think if I ever finished
one I'd fall in a faint!

I simply can't resist temptation
for a long time I read hardly anything
but murder mysteries and then I started
to read some of the finer books "Fortitude"
"The Redlake" Some of Shaw's plays
and books of that type and now I'm
back to mysteries again. Right now
I'm reading "Fatal Descent" by Dickson
which is about, if you haven't read it,
Sir Ernest Tallent who is murdered
as he is descending in his private
elevator!

I wish you could see Raster!
He's stretched out flat between the
sunroom and the living room
with his little back legs stretched

and behind him just like a duck. He looks
so uncomfortable but he likes to sleep
either that way or stretched out on
his side with his four paws together
and one big floppy ear over his eye. By the
way we measured his ears and from
tip to tip and they measured almost
twenty inches.

By the time I finish my Bookkeeping
course, only three more weeks, I expect
to be able to start a business of my own!
Honestly it's just funny! He's made
out so many sales orders and credit
memorandums it's getting to be a
habit. of course my trial balances
never check and then I do get mad!
Thank goodness I'm usually alone
when I'm working! Tsk, Tsk!

Lots of love,
Ann.



Miss Laura Jane Musser

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~~Little Falls,~~ 454 Riverside Drive

New York City
New York

~~Minnesota~~

Apt 8a.

119 Daly Avenue, Missoula, Montana

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Jan. 10, 1939

HGA

Dear Laura Jane,

I want to thank you
for that nice purse. I have
a green coat and that will
go just swell. I have two
kinds of shoes black and
brown and it will look

very nice with both. I
don't think I gave
you an appearance as
it really looks.

In school we have
~~not~~ had any defeats in
basketball. We just
have to win all our
games this year because
the team which we will
have next year is not
just perfect.

I got quite a few
nice Christmas presents.
Your mom gave me
a lovely nightgown. I
am making a bed jacket

for it now in Home
Economics. I was the
first of all the schools
to get mine finished. I
got an average of B+.
(It is a nightgown but
is not as nice as your
mom sent me.)
With Love
Helen (P. S.)



Miss Laura Musper
Linden Hill
Little Falls,
Minnesota

Penelope Jane Johnson
246 W. 128th St.
New York City
Sept. 18-

7/13/39

My Dearest Laura,

Unfortunately, the lady
whom I work for was bit
by a dog, so fortunately, this
week I haven't been working
at night, so I'm making this
time, to catch up on some back
work, and luckily I ran across
your letter, which reminded me
of the fact that I hadn't answered
it yet. Gee, I enjoyed reading it
so much. I guess I've read
it about four times. You can think
of so many interesting things to say.
I appreciate hearing from you.
I guess the Davis & Salento fight
was the most interesting of all

I'm determined to stick to my music.

I will surely be glad when you return. How does your mother feel about letting you come back?

Are you still composing? Out there with the flowers, crows and etc. you should receive lots of inspiration.

You didn't say anything about your cripple girl friend. How is she?

Yesterday I was so warm I almost fainted at work.

fights. Everyone was so excited. Negroes paraded down the Avenue shouting with praise.

I am still working in the music store, and I've ~~to~~ added to my summer's work some pupils, so I've got a pretty full schedule for the summer. Even if it is almost over.

The Fair officials are still having trouble over their money. It seems to be a failure financially.

My girl friend whom you speak of is a little heart-broken, her boy friend treated her very mean. That's why

Can you imagine me being in
summer school so hot as it is?
Do you practice much?

I guess I won't take
any vacation for the summer.
Just prepare to go to school
in the fall.

Poor W. P. A. workers, they are
just miserable. No work, and
nothing to look forward to.

Well, I— guess I've said
enough. Hold Tight! (~~on the~~) and
you'll get the record.

Be good, Write Soon.

Love, Penelope.

Answer soon
And I'll promise not
to take so long to write you,
the record was terrible, as
I broke it. Ho. I'll have to do
better than that. As they
accept the rotten
chess. June 28, 1939
246 W. 129 St. #10
New York City

My dearest Laura,

I hope you will forgive my delay
in answering your lovely and most
enjoyable letter, received some time
ago.

I have been studying hard and
working harder than ever, these few
weeks since school closed. So that
some what accounts for my negligence.
Laura, I miss you so much. It is
so lonesome here, with all my friends
seemingly gone.

I got tickled, when you spoke of
relatives, we have six, visiting

I spent one day at the fair. Found it very interesting. There is so much to be gotten out of anything of that sort, one has to have much time, in order to grasp all. I shall try hard to return.

Tonight, New Yorkers, are excited over the fight. Harlemites are really excited. They are so sure of their man, Louis. I hope he wins.

I happened to see the King & Green. Lucky for me. I was really thrilled. Even if I didn't approve of the vast expenditures - wasted during their stay. However, I'm trying hard, not to be a peccant, Her Ida.

Your sister, must be very happy now, that she's about to be a wife. I guess you'll be next, or are you

here with us now. You can imagine how wearing that is on my nerves.

My grades were not so bad. But A in violin. Not Bad. Eh? I'm still disgusted with my teacher. He seems so stubborn.

I received a card from Kim today. She's in Calif. Poor girl. She won't arrive home until around Sept. Imagine, traveling all that time. She is all alone, and must spend a month in Japan.

I have been unable to attend any of the stadium concerts, the cause of my work. But I shall arrange, somehow to attend soon. Her crowds have been quite satisfactory.

I didn't as yet, write Miss Anderson. I guess, I'm a little shy.

married to your career? - I'm not! Ha.

I wish there were more and bigger
You made me home-sick. Went away
Gave & etc. You must be as fat as
a pig. Have you gained much?

Have you gotten a Tan? How is your
friend, who wrote in a letter to you, such
inspiring remarks about M. Anderson. I hope
she's enjoying good health.

I shall never forget your kindness,
taking me to all of those Concerts. And
especially the Anderson one, which
I probably would never have attempted.

It fills me with inspiration to have
a friend as generous and kind as you.
I shall always remember and in remembering,
I shall try to let my accomplishment
some day be so great, that you
will always be proud of your goodness.

How are your mother & dad. They must be
proud of you. Please give them my best regards
and with real love. Love, Penny.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
454 Riverside Drive
New York
n.y.

K. S. Davison
Poughkeepsie, n. y.

Tuesday

Dearest Hotsie,

I shan't burden this letter - and you with explanations and apologies for my rudeness in not even acknowledging your kindness and hospitality - all of which I loved - but I will merely rush in with my usual brusqueness - and tell you that I want to see you on Thursday evening - when I intend to be in New York.

Do telephone me - tomorrow - Wednesday night - anytime between ^{9:30} ~~10:30~~ + 11:00 - and tell me that I will see you - also whether you have seen "Abel Lincoln in Illinois" -

I am writing for tickets - and hope that we will get them at this late date - but we will go to some theater - I am looking forward to our evening - and wait your call tomorrow night.

With all my love,

Geeg.

P.S. The phone number is 4024,

1 Fulton Court
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.,

2112 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa
September 30, 1939

Dear Lotsie,

Mariam Kiewell told me that I owed you a letter. The chief thing that she neglected to tell me was whether the letter should be one of apology or just a letter. If I remember correctly, You are the one who owes the letter because I think that I wrote to you last. If you did not get it, it is probably just as well.

Marion has also informed me that you are going to a business school in New York State, is that correct? I wish you a lot of luck because I am now taking much the same thing but do not seem to be doing so well with it. Just what kind of a business course are you taking? Mine is merely a sideline. I am more interested in securing a commission in the Army. I am at present a cadet second lieutenant in the R. O. T. C. unit here at school. If things don't work out the way I want them to happen, I will finish the course in business and go to work somewhere, I hope.

Since I am taking, or rather have taken, French, I just took time out to try to sing a few songs in German. I know a little, very little, German from association with Germans. I know parts of German and French songs but that does not mean that I can sing. There are sharps and there are flats but I can't even sing in the right cracks. I do like to try vocalizing a little on O Claire de la Lune.

It has been just about five years since I met you the first time and nearly four years since I have seen you the last time so recollections are rather faint with me. I do not believe that you remember a great deal about my appearance, either. In which case, if there is a case, I think an exchange of snapshots might be in order. I am going to have a snapshot of myself ~~ma~~ printed again for another purpose and again, if you agree, I can have another print made and send one to you. I would like you to agree.

The typing, my thoughts, and my memory seem to be about alike - rather nutty. They typing is something I picked up after I bought a typewriter and thus lacks training and smoothness. The letter runs like my thoughts, rambling on and on. My memory is terrible because I now think that I remember Marian telling me that you are studying Music. I wish you would tell me which of my brainstorms is the correct idea, Business or Music.

I am a Member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity here at school. We have a lot of fun in the house, playing cards and kidding each other about the craziest things. We also cuss and discuss each other and affairs of the heart, school, national, international and political. It is like learning to live over again to move into a Fraternity. It is almost safe to say that nothing of a personal nature is sacred except secrets that never become known and the U. S. Mail.

I must close this letter now and go to dinner. I hope that you will answer this soon.

Sincerely,

Skinner Kinsel



May 15, 1939.

Dearest Sotsie,

How I loved your "newsy" letter! It must have been wonderful to be in Washington during Easter. It was so cold and miserable here at school - that I had a difficult time trying to feel Easter at all! - And to have heard Marion Anderson sing! Oh - dear - it must have been glorious -

You are lucky to be getting out of school so early! Mt. Holyoke doesn't officially end until June 12th. I would love to see you after school ended! - I might get terribly disappointed if I don't - it's been a long time since Thanksgiving. The whole situation is this: my room-mate wants me to spend a week with her on Long Island - which would be from the 12th ^{thru} the 19th of the week. Well - my exams end on June 6th or 7th, even though school officially closes with

the graduation on the 12th. Since I
am living in a cooperative house, I'm
not supposed to leave until June
12th - But I understand that if
I get some people to do my job - I can
leave as soon as exams are over.
I have finally got someone to do them -
I have also written home telling
them I would like to go to N. Y. -
then I could spend the rest of that
week with you. When my room-
mate comes to N. Y. on the twelfth -
I'd like to have you meet her.
She's very nice - and maybe the
three of us could do something together
in N. Y. - before I went out on Long
Island with her. I had hoped
you could spend some time in Boston
with me after that - only I'll be
starting work at Brae Burn as soon
as I get back from Long Island.
I haven't heard yet - just when
I start - so I really don't know
just where I stand. - Does all
this make much sense, Lotsie?
Everything is so very complicated
that it sometimes doesn't make
much sense to me! I guess it
all boils down to this: You
can expect me in N. Y. by the

twelfth for sure - and if I can definitely
arrange it - by the 6th. The last I
will be so much better because
we will have time to be together,
don't you think? Of course, I know
this all depends on whether you
can stay in N. Y. that long or
not - I certainly hope so! And
then, if I find I won't have to go to
work the very day I come back
from Long Island maybe you could
come to Boston for a few days if you
like - I suppose, however, that you
will be dying to return to Little Falls
and I don't really blame you -
because I do love it. However, if
you can't this spring - maybe
you could come East a week be-
fore school opens in the fall - when
I will not be working for a
certainty!

Iotsie - how exciting about Mary!
I'm glad she decided on Roger -
because what I saw of him - did give
me the impression that he was
very nice. I imagine she is very
happy about it - I am myself!
Will she be married at home or in
church? And what fun to be
shopping with her! Is she going

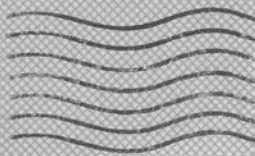
to furnish her home mainly in
antiques - or was she just trying
to get some special pieces?

O h, Lotsie, I felt terrible about
the failure of the other girl's mar-
riage. She was so nice and seemed
so happy about her marriage.
It not only makes us wonder whether
we are civilized - but also makes us
think twice before we contemplate
marriage.

We had our May Day this last
Saturday. We gave Petrouchka as
the Pageant and then the May
Queen appeared with her court
at the very end. They approached
from a winding walk which led
down from a hill. They were all dressed
in pink satin - and the effect
against the new, bright green of the
trees, etc., was beautiful.

I have so much more to tell you -
and no time to say it - so I guess
I'll just have to store it up until
we see each other - which really
won't be far off! - It will be so
much fun and thank you, so,
for suggesting it!

Solve,
Mary



Miss Laura Jane Mussau
Little Falls
Minnesota

MARJORIE R. FLOID
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OF NURSING
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

marge

Sept 18, 1939

Dear "Latsie,"

What a surprise to hear from you so soon. Thanks so much. Latsie, you know what it means to get letters from people at home when you're away, I guess. Anyway, it makes a person feel better. Your letter pepped me up because I was sorta down in the "dumps" that day.

I've been so busy lately that I don't know what to do first. We get up at six o'clock in the morning and have our beds made and room dusted by seven. Rather we eat breakfast at seven over in the hospital. We also have our classes there.

that is on the first floor - (I call it the basement)

Our classes start at seven-thirty. This is what we are taking now: microbiology, Anatomy and Physiology, nursing arts, massage, and Bandaging. I like all of my classes but my favorite one is Microbiology.

We've been on duty for three weeks now. We are on the floor for two hrs. One in the morning and one in the afternoon.

I really know how to make beds, - Lotsie, so if I'm around when you're making yours I'll show you the "Art" of making a bed. (That's what they call it around here, Ha! Ha!) Remember the time you use to have making your bed?

marge

I'm just crazy about nursing. Really, there is something new everyday - And then we put into practice what we learn in class.

I understand you won a prize at a party given by the A.V. Taylors. Good for you.

Sister Barbara asked me to ask you if you remembered a Miss Mettel. I think she was a very good friend or something of your mother. Anyway she lived in Little Falls at one time.

Well, Katsie, are you

going back to New York. I know
you'll enjoy it if you do go because
you certainly did last year. And
then you meet so many
interesting people from all over
the world.

It is that way here, too.
People from every country
you can think of.

How are the piano pupils
and the lessons? I'll bet that
is fun.

We swim twice a week
and they have such a grand
pool that I don't mind a bit.
I passed my two swimmers'
tests so now I am working

marge

on my Senior life saving. We
have to be one to graduate.

How's the golf - I'll bet
you've improved now that the
game is over between the
Little girl and you.

Wed. we are having a
unit test in Microbiology so
guess I'd better get started on
some of the reviewing for it.

Write soon!

Love

Marge—



Miss Laura June Musser
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~~New York City,~~
~~New York~~

~~Apt. 8A~~
Hotel Washington
Penn. Ave., at 15th St.
Washington
D.C.

Please Forward. if possible.

Hitchcock Cottage
Mt. Holyoke College
So. Hadley Mass.

enjoyment
and satisfying
entertainment



April 8, 1939

Dearest Sotsie,

I was so glad to hear from you! I was beginning to feel that I might have offended you. I was going to write to you anyway, and ask you how you were - and what was the matter.

Oh, Sotsie, I hope this letter reaches you, while your parents are in the East. You see, my vacation doesn't take place the same time ~~your~~ ^{yours} does - and I'm at school while you are in Wellesley. But if you had a chance to run down to Holyoke - I'd so love to see you - and your parents. I only hope this reaches you anyway. But if you can't come down - the family would love to see you - if I'm there or not. You know that!

my vacation was last week (march
28 to April 8) - So, much to my
sadness, I won't be spending
Easter at home. I had hoped to
be able to, but since I just got
back, I guess I'll have to stay
here. The weather has been
so gloomy that I find it hard
to believe that to-morrow is
Easter.

You certainly must have had
a wonderful year in New York,
Gotsie - the best of music at your
back door, so to speak. During
my spring vacation I had the
thrill of going to my first Metro-
politan Opera!! They were in
Boston that week! Wasn't I
lucky? My cousin Joe took me -
(remember?) and I had a perfectly
marvelous time. We heard
Thais with John Thomas singing.
Joe asked for you and asked to
be reminded to you.

That week, my sister was in
an operetta given by the school.
It was the Student Prince. Ann

was the Duchess Anastasia - and really did her part well. I haven't seen her in a part for so long that it was fun to do. The only trouble was that just a few nights before, I had gone to Paris so the Student Prince was a little overshadowed!

Oh, Lotsie! Did you see in the New York papers where Ruth Bryant Owen Rhode is to teach at Monti? I saw that wonderful!!! I'm so thrilled about it! I have a big place in my heart for that school. I was so happy there - and met such good friends there. Don't you feel that way, too?

Cliff and Jack are both fine. I imagine Cliff will come East this summer for his vacation - and will attend the World's Fair. Have you gone to it yet? And will you stay a little while after vacation for it? Maybe we will be able to get together

again, then.

Yes, Sotsie, I read about all the rumpus the D. A. R. made about Marion Anderson - and I was amazed, to say the least. It was down right silly! - But Sotsie - what do you think of our dictators?!! They certainly are pulling the world's patience to the limit! I do fervently hope war can be prevented. Oh, I fear it so. Think of how warped and broken millions of lives will be made again! But, then, I suppose one could say that these men are wasting lives anyway. The whole situation is so involved, isn't it?

Well, Sotsie darling, I'll say good-bye - but I do hope this reaches you while you are with your parents. Do wish them a "Happy Easter" for me - even if it is late. And, oh, if you can by some miracle of luck, come down to Holyoke, I'd be thrilled! - So, I'll keep my fingers crossed & hope!!
Love,
Mary



Miss Laura Jane Mussel
Little Falls,
Minnesota

Friday.
morning

Dearest Laura Jane,
your opinion of me
must be about as low as it
possibly could be but honestly
this has been such a relaxing
sort of summer - I've lazed
around and just not written
to anybody. Please forgive me.

I'm crazy about the little
bale of hay - it's up in my
bookcase mid all the rest of my
collection.

William and Polly
were for eight very short days.
It seemed as though we
were on the sun every minute
etc and yet we didn't cover
half the things we wanted
to. The weather was perfect

grand except for one day and
of course that had to be the
one day when Cousin Ruth
and Bing had asked us out
to their cabin at Club Lake.

I think one of the most
interesting things we did while
they were here - one afternoon
we went to Lake Friedensburg to
see the millers - Teddy used to
live just a block from here before
^{she} they married - They're gradually
building on to their house and
they have the sweetest baby! This
particular afternoon some of
the radio staff men of W.E.B.C.
were there (John Miller was with
them last winter) and also a
midnight who works at the ^{Flower}
in Duluth. It was really
lots of fun.

And Maids is here
I think till after Christmas.

She's such a lovely person
isn't she? She told me how
wonderfully good she is
New York - I'm so proud of
you!

I can imagine how ex-
cited you're all getting over the
wedding! Aren't wedding fun
though? All the parties and
gifts and getting everything ready.
Sad to say I missed out on
both my brother's weddings.

Isn't the war horrible?
If only Hitlerism can be
absolutely squashed - But why
should men have to die because
some maniac wants to own
the world. If only we can keep out
of it but I really don't see how we
can. I've been corresponding
with a boy who's now in London
although his home is in Scotland
and I'm afraid he's fighting by

now.

Continued
Sat. A.M.

Goodness it was hot yesterday! As far as I can remember it's the hottest September 15th we've ever had.

Rastus had such a grand time swimming this summer. At first He was scared to death every time a wave would hit him but finally he got so he just didn't want to come out. He's such a funny monkey!

Much love,
Ann.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, AT NIGHT, ROCHESTER, MINN.

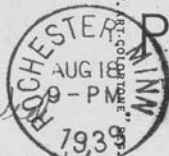


St. Mary's School of Nursing

THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES

Dear "Lotsie"

Got down here Wed
noon and have thought
of you many times -
Especially the musical
cake. 'Ha, ha.' The party
was lovely - and thanks loads
the girls here are
just grand and we all
like it so much. Write
Love, Marge



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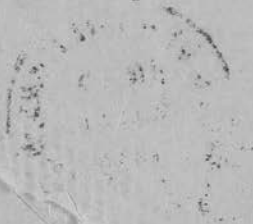
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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minnesota



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475 E. Park St.
New Britain, Ill.
Aug. 20, 1939.

Dear Lottie,

So sorry to have waited so long in answering your letter, but I have been East and didn't get your letter until I returned last Sunday.

Indeed, time has passed so quickly that I wonder where I am at times. While in Boston I saw Miss Adams and Marian Emerson, and Dutch Smith. The other girls were not at home although I tried to call all of them. I am sorry that I missed Mary "Lang" because we had so much fun in Chem class the last year at "Monti". I have kept in pretty close contact with the dear old school for the last year because next year I expect to go to New Orleans for good.

Just last Thursday, I saw Miss Cressy in Springfield but

² was unable to speak to her before she got lost in the crowd. You see this week is our State Fair and the capital is so crowded that you actually have to push your way around.

You remember Miss M. Barnett - the teacher we named (human map). She is teaching one more year at Colgate and then she starts her writing career. She intends to be an authoress the remainder of her life. Mr. Glicksmann is married to another Ph.D. - in Chicago. She visited the school last year and Mrs. Cressey said she had a charming husband! Oh yes - -- grab a chair - -- don't faint - -- Aldus Hatch is married also - -- to a little blonde French girl. She has only been in the United States for about three years. She is perfectly beautiful and a marvelous dancer. Just like you would expect Mr. Hatch to marry - something intriguing.

Carene Suezely is now in San Francisco doing some professional work. All last summer I lived in

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a trailer with her while she rode for the Midwest States at the fairs. She is still the same sweet gal -- just a dream.

Mr and Mrs. Kating have a baby boy who will be two years old to-morrow. He is just the picture of Clark D. Moreau. Mr. K. hasn't changed his sniffles. Oh yes -- you remembered Helen Rohrbaugh -- our assistant in lab -- well she is married and next year she and Mr. Huey will be teaching at Monticello again.

As you probably remember, I have a terrific antipathy for Pres. Rohrbaugh. There was never a worse hypocrite (to my nation) in the entire United States. That man caused me more grief than any other soul I have ever had contact with. So now he is feathering his nest and hiring his entire family to run our dear old alma mater. Honestly, later, my visits back there used to make

* we feel so depressed. I used to
almost cry because all that school
is now is a place for snobs. If
you remember correctly, about the
only real snobs we had in our
day was Florence Rice and Louise
Olin - - - well I wish you could
just see the place - -

Very tragic about poor Hilda
Miller. She really never knew what
was wrong but she knew she would
die. Billie Maister told me she was
conscious until the very last and
told her husband everything she
wanted done.

Blotch Smith, President of class of
'38 is measuring a miniature from West
Point but she can't be married for
two years yet, so please don't tell
any more so it will be published in
the bulletin. She will announce her
engagement next year in August
to be married in June.

Rose Adams (Janie Rose Simmons)
lost Tuesday in New Guinea. She is
going to University of Illinois and
majoring in Chemistry. She will

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graduate next year

Janie Quitz graduated in June from
a nurses training school at West
Suburban Hospital in Chicago (rather
Oak Park) this June. She is also in love,
but whether she is married or not
is the question. Janie owes me a
letter, but heaven only knows when
and where it will arrive.

I shall go to Charity Hospital
in New Orleans next year for
training. Moreover, I am going
with a boy from Mississippi who
is getting transferred as soon as
possible from his St. Louis Broker's
office to their office in New Orleans.
At the end of three years he will
be established at a salary quite enough
to live on, and I shall be through
training, so if anything happens to
him I can support my self. You
may remember him sitting at

Monticello a couple of times purely
for business reasons --- well
through Carey, George and her
brothers, Ed has become a matter
of personal reasons now. He is
indeed very sweet, but I donot
intend to announce any engagement
until three months before my marriage.
I donot believe in them because there
is many a slip between the
announcement and the wedding.

Write to me again dear, if I
am in New Orleans. Mother will
forward the letter and then I can
send you my address.

Loads of love
Elizabeth

454 Riverside Dr. 8A.

Wed, July 12 '39

Dear Miss Mueser,

I was afraid
you might miss this
picture for your scrap
book. It was in last
Sunday's Times. -

Miss Newell moved
to 150 Claremont Ave, so
I could keep my promise
to the Indiana teachers
for the summer session.
She drops in frequently
and seems to be enjoy-
ing her juggling work.

up her faithful work,
and return to the super-
the change in frequently
for the summer season.
to the business transac-
I could keep my promise
to 150 Charles and the 20
Miss Newell would
perhaps find me.
Dear Miss Thomas,
I was afraid
you might miss this
letter for your copy
book. It was in last
week's time.

The summer is going by leaps, isn't it? I have a dear old friend arriving next Sat., to stay two weeks, & have had to find her a room at 47 Clarendon Ave. Other friends are coming from Florida, late in July, and more from the Pacific coast in August. The Fair seems to be a great attraction. It is certainly pleasant to anticipate one's dear friends coming.

Thank you for the things
you asked me to have. They
will come very useful
some day. It has been very
cool recently. One of the girls
slept under two blankets, but
one was enough for the rest of
us. With sincere regards to your
dear family, - and hoping every

Jan 4
508-3rd St. S.E.
Little Falls, Minn.



Miss Laura Jane Musser,
Parnassus Club,
West 115th Str.,
New York City,
N. Y.

Dear Laura Jane,
at last I am finding a few
minutes time to write to you.
I meant to write so many
times but I have so much
school work to do that
it takes up all my spare time.
How do you like your work
this year? I hope you are
enjoying it. Carol and
I enjoyed every minute that
we spent at your home.
We were very sorry when
you left. We both practice
every day but we don't take
lessons because Daddy hasn't
got a steady job yet. Right
now he works for your
Daddy in his "lumber yard."
Gee I wish he could

stay there all the time because
he likes it so much, When
Daddy gets a steady job-I can
take piano lessons again. I

just looked over my bottle
collection and found that I have
about sixty of them, I almost
got discouraged when I heard
a man on the radio tell
about his bottle collection.

Believe it or not he had
5000 bottles but later on
during the program he said

that he collected ~~with~~
bottles, Beer bottles and
any kind of bottles. I

only collect small bottles.

I go into Beauty shops
and get different kinds
of fingernail polish bottles
and perfume bottles. I just

love my hobby, although
I hope to get many more.
Well so much about bottles
Carol and I got vaccinated
last Tuesday for small
pox and diphtheria, and
have to get another on
Monday which I am
very sorry to say.
It certainly did hurt.
I got mine on my leg
and Carol on her arm.
You should just see
them. Did it snow in
"New York" yet, my little
brother can't wait oh!
there goes the 5th hour
bell, I'll have to close
my letter now, I hope

you write soon,

"Love and

"Best wishes
from your boy



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Of the Parnassus Club
West 115th Street
New York City

MISS HELEN JEAN BLAKE
405 FOURTH STREET SOUTHEAST
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

Dear Laura Jane

I have been going to write you ever since I recieved your nice letter.

We enjoyed hearing about Philippa. I don't think I would like to eat raw meat like she does. I heard Philippa over the radio one Sunday and she played very well. I wish she had announced her pieces so I could hear her voice. Will you let us know when she is going to play again so we can listen to her.

You asked about what pieces I have had so I will tell you. Bernadine and I have two duets, they are Short 'nin' Bread and Be Secret. I have already had Menuet in G Major and I am working on these, The Wild Horseman, and two pieces from Mozart's Sonata, one is No. 14 and No. 12. I am working on the scales of D^b and A^b and I have had the scales of A, E, B, G[#], C[#], B^b, and E.^b I like Miss Bolter but I miss you so much and the nice times I've had with you. Mother says you were too good to us.

I have missed only one day of school and I have gained four pounds since school started. I like school and Miss Pagan is my teacher again. She has asked Bernadine and I to play Short 'nin' Bread Friday afternoon. Next year (over)

Bernadine and I will be in junior High
School and can't wait till the time comes.
Mother doesn't want me to grow up so
fast.

I wish when my aunt Helen goes to
New York to buy hats in January I
could go with her and visit you and see
Philippe. I hope you are having a nice
time.

With Much Love

Helen Jean

Little Falls, Dec. 27/39.

Dear Laura June:

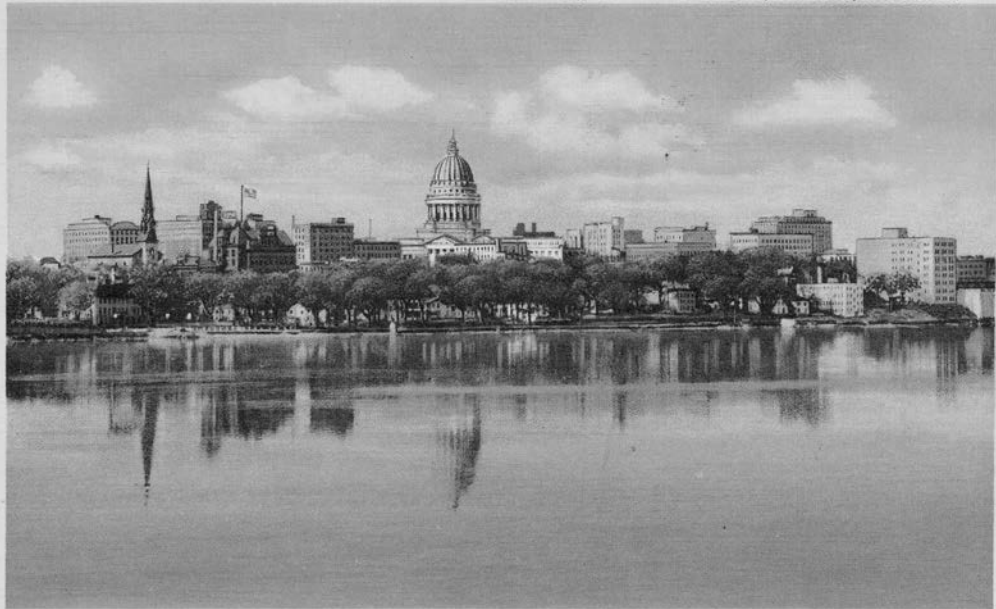
I thank you so much
for your dainty gift. Almost it
tempted me to be sick.

Wish I could tell you
how much good your
thoughtfulness did me.
Some way words fail to
express the inner shades of
meaning. Don't you think so?

Am sure you will have a
happy Holiday season.
May the New Year bring you
the fulfillment of many of
your hopes and dreams, and
may you find much
happiness awaiting you in 1940.

Your Grateful Friend
Minnie M. Cochrane

1807 MADISON AND THE WISCONSIN STATE CAPITOL, FROM LAKE MONONA, MADISON, WISCONSIN



THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES

Dear Lotsie -

This is ^{20 miles} a
perfect trip! ⁵³⁰ We are
enjoying it so much.
Cecil writes ^{later} and tell
you how much I ap-
preciated your metric
~~letter~~ but it was lovely
and thank you so much
for it.

Love,

Pauline B. Peterson



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Miss Laura Jane Musser
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Little Falls, Minnesota



Miss Laura Jane Messer
Little Falls, Minnesota.

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Dear Leticia,

I know you're surprised but it's really true - I am writing this letter! I don't know why I've put it off, but you know how it is - so busy - only letters written go home to warm up the hearth fire!

Life is simply one assignment after another. Honestly, I'm looking forward to three months without some Boy saying - "Miss Lamb - what does Kant think of so & so?" Ah well, guess I'll live.

I'm camped for three

diary.

Mother and Dad may
come down Saturday.
That would be nice
'cause I could get out
to see them - I hope.
This school is some
stinker for rules!

Mid-amateurs aren't
too far off - but I'm
putting them on reserve
for future headaches.
If you have any
spare tablets send 'em
down - I'll need 'em!

Tonight is a foreign
policy dinner, too.

Some Spanish fellow
is going to speak.

Sounds interesting,
but I guess I'll have
to read about it

weeks for getting in late
so - I'll plenty of time to
study - my - oh - my - am
I happy!

Last week I went down
to Northfield and tonight
I think I'll go to St. Pete
for the swimming meet.
If I can't - then we'll
go to a school dance at
St. Ally Hall.

How's every little thing
up your way? I imagine
bridge club is going to
town with six spades!
The play quite a bit down
here - when we haven't
some thing else on hand.

They're having some
swanky parties at the
U this next week - but
I'm camped so - they
mean nothing in my

by way of the press.

I saw John Hughes
last week. He came
over to a basketball
game and dance.

Here comes Company!
Guess I've have to
give him my undivided
attention - for the present.

Do write.

Love,

Shirley

Mildred Tittel
207-6th Ave. S.E.
Little Falls
Minnesota

Laura Jane Benson
Parnassus Club
West 115th St.
New York City
New York



November 4,

Dear Laura Jane,

I am going to write you
a long letter to make up
for the time I did not write.
I bet you had a nice trip to
New York. I can hardly wait
to see you again Christmas.
I started on some Preludes
but I am finding them
quite hard. I started on
Prelude numbers seven and
nine. I can play slowly Bach's
Prelude number four.

I am getting along fine in
High School. In music I had
to give a report on Robert

Schumann. I played one of his pieces from "Scenes from Childhood" for the class. I learned many new things about Schumann in giving that report. Even things I did not like.

When I read that he went insane and had to go to an asylum, it was one thing I didn't like. We are studying about many other composers like Bach, Shubert, Mozart and Mendelssohn.

I'm in the Junior High Glee Club now and it will give me a chance to sing with my other girl friends. I went to a Halloween party at the High School. We sure had a good time. Alice is taking lessons from Miss Boles. She likes her pieces Miss Boles gives her very much. I wish you could hear her play Solfeggietto. She is starting on Poupee Valse. That is my favorite piece.

of her's. I started to
play it a little myself.

Florence is writing you
a letter too. Goodbye and
write to us and tell us
some of the things you saw
on your trip to New York.

Your pupil,
Mildred

Nov. 4, 1939

Little Falls, Minn.

Dear Laura Jane,

I have been wanting to write to you for a long time. I hope you are having a nice time. I am getting along fine in music. I learned three new pieces in my music book. I am learning Petite Tarantelle now. I am getting along fine in school. Those story books you let us read are very good. I am almost finished with one. I wish you were here. We got our violin report cards yesterday. I got 90% for my average. I am waiting

for it to snow. I suppose it snowed
in New York. The time is going very fast
for me. Pretty soon it will be
Thanksgiving. Write soon. Love for

Your music pupil,
Florence.