



Laura Jane Musser and
Family Papers.

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509 CHESTNUT STREET

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MINNESOTA

My dear Lotie,

I love your necklace
and like to use it! I want to
thank you for all your thought-
ful kindness to Ann. The box
came too late for her, but I shall
treasure it as coming from you.

One of the Cast Letters Ann
wrote was to Mrs. Schuyler. The
wrote Ann a pleasant note and
we felt that we should write to
her - a stranger - first. We listened
to the broadcast, heard Phyllis
so well and enjoyed her, and
we thought of you! Often Ann
would say, "I must write to
Laura Jane," but it was getting
to be too much for her. And to
the Cast, she was independent, and
if I offered to write to anyone
would think she could do it
another day.

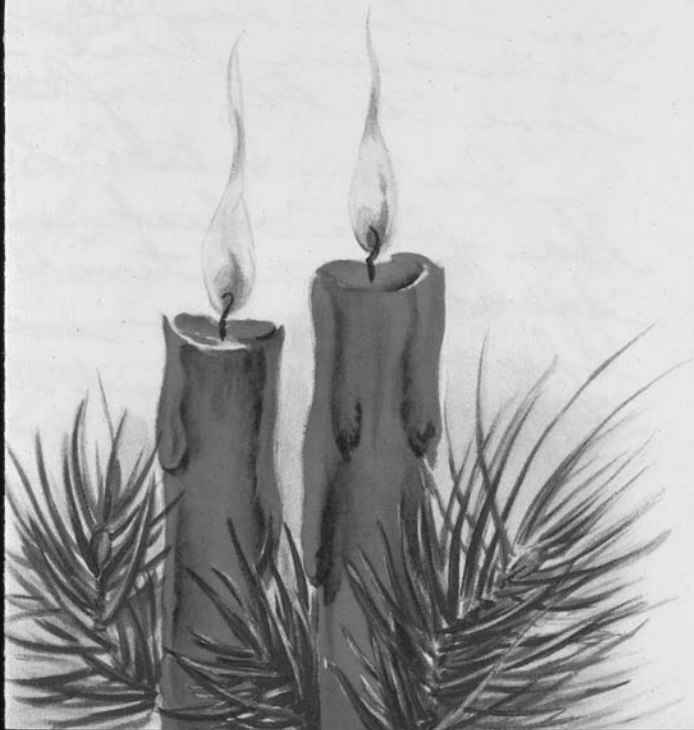
I am sending you a
picture, taken on our back step,
in Ruth Cox's cap and gown. Ruth

Chair is in the picture, too. I
must put it into my note to
your mother.

My husband joins me
in wishing you a New Year
full of happiness. Thank you
again, dear. With love from
Gertrude J. Fairhair.

[1940?]

Merry Christmas





With best wishes
for a
Happy New Year
Lee Koopman

Dear Laura Jane,

Each year seems to go by more quickly than the previous one, and here it is time again to say 'hello' and exchange an annual greeting with you.

My children are certainly growing up. Lyn is now twelve and is almost my height. She attends school in her wheelchair and gets along beautifully. By the way, she loves the piano and seems to be doing very nicely at it after two and a half years at lessons. Right now she is playing "Rhapsody Ar. by John Schaum", it sounds pretty good but she isn't satisfied.

I am Assistant Den Mother for the Cub Scouts this year and it keeps me busy along with F. A. and Bridge there never seems to be enough time to just relax.

Laura Jane please bring me up to date on what has been doing in your life since we last exchanged notes. Would love to hear from you.

In Jan. I take Lyn back to Warm Springs, Ga. for a check up, and I think she will spend some time there next summer. She spent eight weeks there this past summer for rigid therapy treatments. We do notice improvement in her left leg and have hopes of her discarding her brace when she stops growing. May you have a very happy Christmas

Love,
Lee

Margaret Elizabeth Walther

My Dear Laura June -

I have put this off for so long, I must get it out of the way to-night -

You have never given me your New York address, and I have wondered so many times just what it is. Now with Christmas getting close I wish so I want to be sure to have it.

Will you spend Christmas at home this year, or at Marion as you did last year? Be sure to let me know.

I missed Marion Anderson's concert in Duluth, and did want to hear her. The weather

was bad, so just couldn't
Make it.

Drop me a Note soon! We
tell Me all the News -

Sending My Love to you
Sargie

Saturday

Dear Laura Jane,

Thank you so much for your kind note. I am happy you found Miss Anderson and Mr. Rupp and enjoyed the company of their guest. It was great fun having you come up for the day. You must do it again with a little more leisure.

I have been very busy planning the Christmas program. I hope it will work out well. Dorothy Bales, who has studied with Mr. Galamian in New York and played in Boston Pops will be our violinist, accompanied by Mr. Patterson of Christ Church. She will play "Siciliana and Rigodon" by Francaeur-Kreisler, "Prayer" by von Weber and "Ave Maria" by Bach-Guonod. Then we shall have English and Continental Carols sung by Miss Isabel Donachie of Glasgow, Scotland,

who studied $3\frac{1}{2}$ years in the National Academy of Music in Scotland and in the Royal Academy of Music in London and had a traveling scholarship with the Classical Music Division of the National Entertainment Service during the war. She traveled in Britain and Europe. She will sing "In Dulci Jubilo" (German), "Lullaby" (Polish), "Masters in the Hall" (French), and "Rocking" (Czech), "A Virgin Most Pure" (English), "Christ Child's Lullaby" (Scottish), "The Holly and the Ivy" (English), "The New Year Carol" (English, composed 1492, tune Greensleeves), and "The Twelve Days of Christmas", arranged by Frederick Austin. Miss Libero of Goa, India, will talk to us on Christmas in India, and our own Dean & College Students will speak or read poetry.

Last evening I heard Miss Hagstad. It was completely thrilling. Never have I heard an audience so completely carried away. They refused to leave though the management turned down the lights twice. They called for more and continued applauding. She has a magnificent voice. I gave up a Harvard Law School invitation to a formal dinner & dance to hear Miss Hagstad. I was glad her program was so gloriously exciting. Unfortunately, the majority of seats in Symphony Hall were empty. Love Rich

November 26

My dear Laura Jane:

Just sitting here reading over again the story of Marian Anderson you gave me, which recalls a book I read some time ago by her first accompanist; and I realize how much, much more real she will always be to me now because of your kindness. What better day could there be to tell you so than this Thanksgiving Day — it was a thrill that will carry me thru many hours and something that would not have happened except thru your thoughtfulness.

I am grateful to you, Laura Jane, not only because you

Have so many friends you could have given that ticket to, but because you thought of me with some degree of friendliness, I know, prompted by your realization of what it would mean to me to have this opportunity to hear and meet Miss Anderson.

Sometimes I wonder if a hunger for the esthetic may not be more keen and searing than actual physical hunger—I say that I suppose because I have never experienced but the one.

We may have had an impossible dream when we thought of getting her here, but we have to dream or life just isn't worth living, is it?

You must make so many

If your dreams come true,
may you continue to do so.

You are a dear, and do thank
that very lovely mother of
yours for her part in this
happy occasion.

Sincerely

Nell Suedke

"Hon. A. M.

My darling Doodle Bug -

You truly did think
of me and my garden when
you picked my gift and how
I do love it. Oh so many
Thanks darling for such a
Grand gift

Mine was a queer Christmas
this year with my three men
in the Army. Martin in Washington
Drew in La, and Jim in Texas.

However it wasn't any harder
for me than it was for them.
I had my very bestest friends here

Christmas Eve for dinner and after
cleaning up that mess of dishes, which
we could hardly do after eating so
much turkey, we sat and listened to
the radio until after mid night. Nan
and I sewed part of the time.

I was terribly disappointed I couldn't
get your spread done but there for a
while I had to stop all sewing. But when
it finished I hope you'll like it. I won't
hurry any with tele that for if I do, it
ends up our grand mess. And that
I don't like. I've made some cute
aprons for they don't call for any close
work. Machine and basting. And
since I'm keeper of "Pots and Pans" I
want cheerful looking aprons, for those
"Pots and Pans" sure ain't cheerful looking
after some thing sticks in them. Sure am
glad I like cooking. If I didn't I'm
sure I'd have a case of "Well lets not
eat, or we will eat out."

I loved your Card darling and the
message you put on it.
I know that you had a happy time
at home and that Christmas was lovely
these. If I could have gone any place

That is where I'd loved to have
been.

A heartful of love and again
Oh so many thanks for your
Grand gift. I just adore it
Affectionately

Alvin.

At the office
Tuesday 7/21 -

Dear Laura Jane,

I am certain that we have all been wishing for the cool wide waters of Lake Ontario these past few days.

On Sunday Bubbie was giving a playmate "Lessons in Swimming" in the manner of Laura Jane - It was a very pleasant echo of our good times.

The toys are en route to Little Falls - in time, I trust, for many more gleeful events. Thanks very much on Bubbie's behalf.

Enclosed are some snaps.
I think they are very nice of you.

I wish you had had more of
a chance to tell me about your plans
for yourself this next year. I would
be interested should you have time to
write.

Fondly,

Marjorie

Friday

Dearest Laura Jane,

Just received your second letter today and I am so glad that you are having a good rest. I would have written sooner - but I had a relapse of my sinus infection and have been rather busy with it. On Tuesday I decided that I needed some medical attention so I called Miss Votipka for the name of her doctor, (Reckford) and saw him Tuesday also. He told me that the last infection was not quite cured, and he proceeded to drain it out and prescribed some medicines which worked so well that I was able to begin working again almost immediately. On the way home from the doctor's office I met

I am sending you the letters that have come during the past week -

Mrs. Cruthers (is that the correct spelling) called last week and very kindly inquired about the outcome of my scholarship - It was really very sweet of her - She asked me to call her - but I think I would prefer to wait until we can go together - at least to call on her -

It is about 10:15 - and I have to see the doctor again this morning before going to school - so excuse me that I write in such a hurry - Have a good rest - and give my very best regards to your family -

Much love,

Barbara

Ruth on the bus - We were so surprised to see each other. She was going to sing a concert some - place - and also told ~~me~~ that unfortunately the Lemonade opera is going to close tomorrow. However, she said they plan to give some performances at Christmas - I was really sorry to hear it - they are such an excellent group.

There is nothing new - except that I attended Mr. Hutcherson's first piano class on Wednesday evening, and met some very interesting people. He has a very large apartment filled with beautiful things - pictures, books, furniture, etc. You would like it very much.

Monday



Dear Laura Jane: -

I had a most enjoyable evening Saturday night at the opera 'La Boheme' and appreciated you thinking of me with an invitation. The Opera season here is such a thrill for me that I hate to miss one performance but since I will not sit in "Nigger heaven", I feel two is about all I should see. Wasn't I lucky to get that seat right in back of you Saturday afternoon for \$5.00? I felt I was and it was so pleasant being so close to the three of you that

Alice and your mother,
but keep some for
yourself.

It looks like it might
rain. I am going to
take a chance tho and
will leave now for the
golf club to practice. I
played pretty well yesterday,
- 49-52-101- so maybe
when I go out tomorrow
morning I may or hope
to be in the 90's.

Again many thanks
for inviting me to
the biggest event of our
season, the 'Opera'.

Sincerely,

Esther

I didn't mind sitting by
myself. Then too, I did
appreciate riding back &
forth with you to.

I enjoyed meeting your
friend too, but didn't
have much opportunity
to become very well
acquainted as she was
meeting her husband right
outside the auditorium,
while I thought she might
ride at least part way
with me.

When you come in
with your Mother be
sure to give us a ring,
and we hope it will be
real soon.

Give my love to

*I just don't know
how to TELL you...*



Dear Laura,

As always, it is
bedtime when I get
to sit down for a
minute so I'll just
say we hope you'll
have an especially
pleasant day on
your birthday and
another full and
happy year ahead.
Affectionately,
Lillian

...how much I wish you

A

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Lillian



Sat. 12 M - I'm glad I wrote
you too, because your reply
today makes my day somehow
with the world as it is! a chat with
you is best. I think of you so often!
of course, you must know that
I don't have to see you necessarily
I'm so full of a number of situations
current. Did I tell you that the Poland
Hayes autobiography is started in the Aug.
"Atlantic Monthly"? I'm enjoying it and
hoping he changes his last chapter
up to date. It's a chance of a life time!
Geo. S. - seems to think R.H. is to
get out. I almost understand that
so often they've been told to stand
+ fight it out - wear it out or whatever
[They ^{radio} are talking anti-slavery
in the air! La! la! a book ^{Prof. Fisher's}
"The Drums of Morning" by ^{program} ? ? ?
Did you see the last P. S. "Geo. &
family! Thank heaven 6 of the traitors
since June 27 (A.K.'s birthday) they've been
begging for it. Do you want the Helena
Kub books? - June has it up in the
"Berkshire Musical Center" where she
won a scholarship - where she
back in the fall. ^{you next fall} ^{get her} ^{Mass} She'll be
in buying all ^{don't believe} her mail ^{photo}

Here is grand - you'll like it. Tap it up.
no, the Chinese want there Sun. To me
no ^{Chinese} songs are such a much
That day with Ann Brown trying hard
you in the window like a bird in a cage
proved it. He talks well, probably as good
as anybody, but his "b-a-g" got lost
in "p-i-g" which could get mixed to his
ear but I could never get "p-i-g" to be "bag"
never in a thousand years. I have given
up that struggle. I'll admit Paul Robson
did a fine job with his children's thing
in Chinese. It is a splendid record - He
you it - if not I suggest you at least hear it.
But don't let me stop you in an
idea - that would never be my intention.
I wanted you to see that Jody letter
particularly. She writes so well and
exact, I can picture things.
"your way" now, dear, thanks, but skip it.
In time I may, not now! P. + Jody
left soon at the birthday party for
the Aug. birthday boys party - but we
had 30 to 40 + cake - no design - but we
lit candles were enough the "11"
But that taste, I never get cover it.
enough - never!

3) I shot that horse - "black out"
broke? - throw it away, altho I
said shed glue it. I'll send
you something else of his
she's the cutest thing. Her 6 ft 2
husband 40 yrs - goes to war.
But her famous sister, Tatiana,
got out of Greek, Athens & is in
Fr. hoping to get to Paris soon
where her aunts live & she knew
people. She will. But she's not
an American life radi - so,
will see? I've always been
close to the n.a.c.p. (1907) I was at
the 1st meetings, we talked over hair
then but now I hate it & calls it almost
(or does) perhaps its outgrown itself, why
not say so & do something, why
There are certain negroes
the whites! I've been snubbed by them
I've been snubbed by them every
something! The Pres. now of that
n.a.c.p. is my personal friend
I imagine the 52 late him.

They "never say a mumbling word" about him - well, that tells me all. The whole thing is deep + long, will take a day off some time. I told the Ss immediately - Mr. Spingarn is one of my best friends, that puts a stopper on things but I didn't want to hear anything against him - He's never done anything, in my eyes, but good to so many. Maybe they disliked his bro. Joel Spingarn also pres. of the Naacp - he had money, he could help + I'm sure he did, but a good thing can go in a circle. He was disliked, I did some of his poems in br. For H.K. Hauer of him less than a B.S. [I see none of him at all now or lately]. The Spingarn medal comes more than Joel! I'll try to get Geo. Foster more material, now that Geo. wrote a col. against the Naacp. They hope against the out in the war I will, Br. Loebe she is!

5) I've read + re read your letter - it touches on so many points. I hope I've covered them all.

I never go to the Stadium any more - I helped start many places but now I don't feel the pep-damn it! I'm trying to overcome it but haven't arrived yet. ~~But~~ there's a M.A. notice for you. I never forgot her + your bk. Burleigh's an old dear - I've known him years. He lived too long is all - ha! Remember all of Sept. is my month, I take all because no one ever could remember my real date. I still enjoy my café at 14 St. + 7 St. we had a lovely murder just on the cor. there one night. Some neighborhood - drunks + gangsters etc. but also interesting people, too. Enuf for now. Love, too,
Best love - E.P.

The A.B. Springarn
Pres. now
has also been their
lawyer for 25
yrs. all free - even his
confore to places - that couldn't
have been any crick!

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1-6
1-1
Laura Jane Musser

1942

Hello Laura Jane,

I had a minute between classes
at Columbia so I thought I'd see whether
you were in — and just have a minute's
"hello".

Hope you're having a good summer!

Ruth Satterberg
Fifth Avenue Hotel

Miss. L. J. Musser

Suite 1206

1943

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The Buckingham

SIXTH AVENUE AT 57TH STREET

New York

Miss MARY TAYLOR -

OR

MR. MORGAN TAYLOR -

 The Buckingham Hotel Aug 3rd
SIXTH AVENUE AT 57TH STREET
New York

Dear Miss Musser -

I hope you have been fairly comfortable in the apartment. I have been in the city very little.

Dorothea has written asking if I have seen you, and if you are comfortable and able to work. She feels you have much to give and hopes you have had a profitable



SIXTH AVENUE AT 57TH STREET

New York

Summer *

I paid the enclosed
electric bill -

The rain is welcome if
it keeps it cool +

All best wishes to you

Yours

E. Alan Richter



My darling Latsie.

If we don't stop

getting rani, we

will all have "Black feet" and

float away and its cold too.

Daddy took us up to Mill Lake

Yesterday then on to Maddens
for supper. A convention was
going in full force (mostly
liquid taken) And the noise
was simply awful. We couldnt
hear each other talk. We left
for home right after supper.
We stopped in Brainard &
went thru part of the paper
mill. Got home shortly after
eight, for ran out of gas just
seven miles out of town. The
gas gage showed quarter full
when we stopped its was broken.
Its been so wonderful to
have Betty and Jim here and
they are so happy. Betty likes
this part of the country but said
she knew she would freeze in
winter time. They may stay up here

needless to say. I hope
they do for I guess I'd
have got Smith again.
We've played Hearts and had
lots of fun doing dirt to
the Con man.

Well darling must get to
work now. But wanted to
tell you I'd take care of the
things for you.

We all send heaps of love
and wish you had been
here with us.

Affectionately
Alice



The Waldorf-Astoria

May 12 - 46.

Thanks you Miss Wussor
for adding one more
pleasure to my very
full week.

Sincerely

Lucy M. Cochran.

The Methodist Church

LITTLE FALLS, MINN.



REV. E. C. MEAD, Minister.

Res. 206 Second Ave. N. E.

Telephone No. 476

Always Ready to Minister to Those in Need

For the order of Sunday services and special announcements see the inside pages; for standing notices and outline of church organization see last page.

Invite Your Friends to Church

This is one of my Saturday jobs.

Services for Sunday, Sept. 20

"I will praise Thee, O Lord, my God, with my whole heart." Psa. 86:7

Organ Prelude Mrs. Arthur Bestul

Hymn No. 381 The Church's One Foundation.

The Apostles' Creed

Scripture Lesson Phil. 2:1-16

Pastoral Prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer

Choral Response

Hymn No. 212 O Happy Day

The Psalter 38th. Sunday, 1st Reading Pg. 605

The Gloria Patria

Worship in tithes and offerings

THE SERMON: FAITH IN A DAY OF FEAR

Hymn No. 243 Holy Spirit Faithful Guide

Benediction & Doxology

Announcements

The Youth Fellowship will meet at 5:00 P.M. for a missionary meeting, followed by a supper and the regular evening meeting with Installation of Officers

The choir will practise at the church on Thursday evening, September 24th.

The Youth Fellowship is sponsoring a concert to be given by the great negro orchestra, THE VICTORY QUINTETTE. THIS is one of the finest musical organizations ever to visit Little Falls and should be given our patronage. More complete announcements will come later.

The District Conference for the ministers and the Womens' Society will be held at Renville on Tuesday, Sept. 22 beginning at 10:00 A.M. The pastor will attend accompanied by Mrs. Preston Manbeck, Mrs. Henry Werner, and Mrs. Mead.

REMEMBER THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY. THE PARENTS ARE INVITED. There will be a short program with recognition to ^{those} going into a new class.

World Communion Sunday will be observed at the morning worship service on October 4th. This is a required service of the church and every member MUST be present.

The Grace Farley Victory Circle will meet at the parsonage at 4:00 o'clock Friday. Diane Vick has the lesson and Shirley Anne Larson the devotions. Each girl is asked to bring her wash cloth 12" by 15".

All teachers and officers of Sunday School keep the date of October 13th. open.

THE STATEMENT

Church weekly Budget . . .	\$48.50
World Service Budget . . .	7.00
Collections last Sunday	.
Envelopes	30.00
Plate	5.25

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The Methodist Church

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Organization

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Regular Meetings the Third Tuesday of Each Month
at 8 O'clock at the Church.

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WILLIAM H. NORMAN, Custodian.

The Women's Society of Christian Service

Meets the First and Third Thursdays of each month.
The first meeting in the homes of the members; the
second meeting in the church parlors.

The Sunday School

Meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock.
Primary, Intermediate and Adult departments.



The Epworth League

Meets every Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.
A devotional service for young people.



The Men's Forum

Meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock.

501 West III Friday
my way March 21st

Dear Laura Jane -

I was surely glad to hear from you. I did wonder what had happened to you, but it was an angel that sent you to Minnesota when you were needed so much. I'm happy to know you have been able to relax more recently & that your mother is much improved. Do hope you can persuade her to rest all summer without company, or on the other hand, if

may be right for her to do so,
as she enjoys people so much.

I want you to come direct to
my house and believe we
can work it out. I am out all
day, which will give you an
opportunity to get a lot done
and you will have a piano
and do pretty much as you
like. Let me know when
you will arrive and perhaps
I can meet the train. Other-
wise come on up and I will
leave the key for you if I have
to go out for a while. If you
should decide to stay we
can have a phone in the apt.
Love to you & yours, Linda

My dear Laura Jane - I am mailing
a white purse to you today - It was woven
by the mountain people down south who
make my towels. I intended to get it
to you earlier but seem to postpone
wrapping as long as possible.

I have thought of you so many times
this summer and wondered
when you would be coming home -
A note from Grace said you
were to arrive today.
A number of Little Falls
travellers have called on
this summer and some



have been out to call: Mrs Raymond
Brick, the mother of your friend and
I had a long telephone conversation
a few weeks ago while she was in
Seattle. She was here such a short
time, she couldn't get out.

My sister Bess has enlarged our
flower garden this year and made
room for many new things. She
planted one of the Easter lily bulbs that
you sent me and it was beautiful
with four lovely white blossoms -
Experienced gardeners tell us to
leave the bulb in the ground and
it will grow very tall with many blooms.
Your thoughtful gift has given double
pleasure to all of us.

A few weeks ago I heard a radio
program on which Carol Brice sang -
you sent me a program of hers
and I was interested in hearing
her voice. She has great volume,
hasn't she? The whole program was
given to solicit funds for the thirty
two negro colleges in the United States.
I never hear Marian Anderson

Sing - She sang Fun on the telephone
hours but her name is never
mentioned among the artists to
appear on future programs.

Do you intend to return to New
York for study this fall?

Do write to me - I haven't had a
letter from you for such a long time.
Warmest greetings to your
father and Mother -

Much love To Laura Jane
August fourth. From Laura B -

It was on a cloudy mornning
In the sunny month of June
When we had word from Henry
She'd be in Little Falls soon,
With her busy little children, your
things would go, go, soon.

I hunted in all the little boxes
As quick as any little fox,
For a Key to lock your treasure box,
In case the young should get hard on
And make your things like Kindeberg
for a store -

I found a Key in a corner deep
Where for years no one had taken a peep
It fit the lock, just like a clock
I turned it quick and with one fast leap.
Hid it in your bottom drawer *
Gee, I bet these kids 'll be sore.
Auntie.

* Lower left hand.

Jim writes his in Manila
& how quickly they are
cleaning up the mess the
Japs left behind and how
perfectly awful the prices are.
Drew is training for B26 is
over seas and working hard.
Well Darling its time
this gal tumbles into bed
for some shut eye.
Lots of love Darling
Alice



(Have a lot to tell you).

Jan. 15

Laura J. Dear:

It is about time for me to thank you and acknowledge your card and gift. Sweet of you to remember me when you are so busy and your time so taken up with your friends in N.Y.

I envy you! You lucky girl to meet all those celebrities. The best thing I can do is to watch and enjoy them on T-V! I spent a month with Mom and my sisters in Wash. D.C. We had a nice holiday together there, and now I'm home again. Please let me know when

I can look forward to seeing you.
That invitation is still open you
know. for you to visit Mpls. and
I am sure Paul E. also is
wondering if I was only
kidding about introducing him
to that sweet "Gal" - Laura J. ??
No doubt you're a pretty sophisticated
by now? Love - Benjamin

1945

Things - Wed. May 9 -

get tickets and take check
to Billy 320 Park ave.

Have room vacuumed -

Work on speech -

Thursday -
by Esther, Mary, Alice +
Ethel Prescott - Fannie & Mother
Dance Lesson at 3 PM -

Recital at 5 PM -

Percussion 8 PM -

Phone Lawrence Jones -

Fannie will phone me
at 1 PM -

Lotsa darling.

I hope I've sent you
the right things and
they will reach you
alright.

Mother thought you
might need these two
suits and these blouses.

. Lots of love
Alice

Thursday May 10 - — tell Miss Knight that
you can't come Thurs.
9 AM - ~~Piano at Mr. H's.~~
get tickets for play
2:30 - 5 - Friendship House
6:30 - Stouffers - 57th Str.
8:30 - Play -
Friday Morning

Write Alice to send tweed coat
+ red checked coat - also beige
coat - also straw navy blue hat
wide brim -

Wednesday

Dear Laura Jane -

Thank you for the Easter greetings -

I hope that you are well and enjoying a nice Spring. Here the weather is usually beautiful and there is a lovely bush with pink blossoms outside of the room where I practice. There is also a magnolia tree which is just about to blossom. They are wonderful!

How nice that you will be in Chicago next week - I would love to see you - and to play for you again - It must be years since I last played for you - Only I am in school again. N.U. (working towards a Masters degree) - and have a terrific schedule right now - Am playing two programs in May - in addition to some other work - and am ~~not~~ ^{not} usually able to leave school until 6 P.M. or thereabouts. Are you taking the evening train to Minn.? If so - perhaps we could spend the evening together -

I knew that you would like "Crock of Gold" if you hadn't already read it - I have read it so often that I almost know it from memory -

Please let me know your schedule for next Tuesday - and if it will be possible to meet -

As ever -

Barbara

Sunday evening

Dear Laura Jane,

I wanted to write to you several days ago but I had company all week and it seems I never got time to do it. The beginning of last week I received another box from New York and found in it such an adorable sun suit and bonnet for Mary. My, my, I'm afraid my little girl will be quite spoiled when she gets a little older and will want all her clothes coming from New York. It was so sweet of you to send this set to her and I must say it is adorable--such a delicate pink--and that bonnet will be so cute on her. We both thank you so much for remembering us and only hope we can reciprocate a little when you come home. We are looking forward to your visiting with us in our apt.

Sargie and Hub are moving to Bemidji. Hub is going to sell insurance and have his headquarters there. It seems as if the meat firm he was working for in Long Prairie got in trouble with the OPA. Anyway, before this happened I guess he was considering going into the insurance business. I haven't seen Sargie for several weeks.

Little Mary is getting to be quite the young lady now. She was 5 months old the other day and is surely at the age when she notices everything and she is getting to be such fun now. She has so much hair for such a young child--I put it up on kid curlers and it's a scream to see her. Most people think she resembles Johnnie more than me, for which I am happy, of course.

She has a little boyfriend--five years old--who comes to see her every day. As a matter of fact, I hope you got my letter I wrote you after receiving that darling dress for her. It seems as if Mary's boyfriend has been taking mail out of my box as he says the mailman never leaves

him any mail. Sometimes I write letters and put in my box for the mailman to pick up but they never reach their destination because this little boy has taken them.

Karen Felix had a birthday party this past week and Mary and I attended. She seems to enjoy these parties. Did you know that Vera and Woodie are divorced now. It seems such a shame when a youngster is involved, too, and Vera is such a lovely girl.

Pap

Patty ~~Kank~~ had a bridge party this week. I saw Barbara Lovdahl there and had a nice chat with her. Her husband is in Germany and she doesn't intend to go over there as conditions are too bad over there to bring a child as young as theirs. Joan L. is expecting a baby. She and her husband are in the East, as you no doubt know.

It has been 9 months since Johnnie was killed and I just finally got information that I wanted concerning his death. The Govt. is so reluctant to divulge any information. I finally wrote to Harold Knutson and I must say he was most kind in going through red tape to get information for me.

Marge and Harry were given notice to move--so they are looking for an apt. in which to move and that is a big problem even in Little Falls.

I have heard that you will be home in June so will be looking forward to seeing you soon. Thank you so much, Laura Jane, for sending Mary that darling sun suit set.

Love from

Lure and Mary

Mrs. Barney Burton

Dear Laura Jane,

As always
it was so much fun
seeing & being with you
again. I enjoyed every
minute of my stay in
N.Y. & so did Mildred.
We were glad that we
were there the week before
the "strike".

I've been very busy
since I am back as
Mildred & Joe left for
Cuba. I am at their
home several days a
week to see that all
goes well & then come
back to my little home.
Next Friday I spend in
Washington with Regina

o Helen, By the way, I had
a nice merry letter from
Regina Holst. I'll hope to
see you once more
before you leave for home
& will probably be in N.Y.
some time in March. My
best love & give my love to
your dear Parents. Sincerely
J. Burton.

Baltimore
Monday, Feb. twentieth

Mrs. Barney Burton

①

Too much like Back'o

1 choice

②

OK

③

OK

④

OK

⑤

O/K.

⑥

1st choice

I have OK the suitable subjects
and marked 1st choice on the
2 better ones. you pick the
ones you like best.

Have a good summer &
work hard. regards

Gianni

Dear Mr. Giannini?
I am sorry I didn't send
this to you earlier.
Hoping you have a
pleasant summer.
Says
Sincerely,
Laura J. Mueser

Dear Betty: "Exie" delivered
four babies, all by herself one
rainy afternoon and seemed
very proud of her job but I
cant say they are very beautiful
yet - and each one is different.

Theres a white one, exactly like
Felix - a yellow one, a gray
and a black and white (mixed)
They all have pretty blue eyes.

I will try to find out what
sex they are later. The white
one is to go to Mrs. James, the
lady who gave Exie to me - she
asked for a white one - and
if the gray-blue one is a male I

think that is the one I prefer
for after having Felix for two
winters I do not want any
more light colored cats -

I will see how they come out
and will give you a good
one, even if we have to wait
until Eric has some more.

Be sure to find out from
Phillipa how to teach a cat
tricks, won't you?

Phillipa sent me a lovely
Swiss sheer hanky with her
autograph in The Center and
I am enclosing the Thank you
note - I haven't her address

and there was no return on the envelope she mailed to me - Will you please see that she gets it? - and thank you for doing it -

We are enjoying our Grandson and his mauna - I am so sorry you couldnt have been here now. Jay Neil is such a good boy - He eats and sleeps and plays on a schedule that is never broken and the results are perfect - He isn't a bit nervous or upset by the change.

Our weather is cruel - It rains five days to every sunny one we get - but our gardens are growing (and so are the weeds, darn 'em) I think the birds and rabbits and cut worms all have ribs on and are busy getting their share now - I've lost so much I've planted -

I shall be hoping to hear about your visit to M.A -

Give your mother my love - and keep some - and write soon, wont you?

Love - Grace

Little Falls Minn.

Tuesday

My dear Laura Jane:

I don't like misunderstandings,
do you?

I know you have been so exasperated with me because you have felt I was completely ignorant and inexperienced, when I really, Laura Jane, have had a great deal of experience in club work, arranging programs etc. in the last twenty years.

I have been Pres. of the local Business & Professional Women's Club in Aberdeen & State Executive Secretary, President, Vice President and Secretary of local, state and national federations of Women's Clubs. I have introduced Lena Modren Phillips and Alice Ames Winters from the platform two of the most outstanding club women in the U.S. Have attended and been active in arranging and looking

✓ many, many
programs and plays for both
of their district, state and national
meetings — not as famous artists
as Marian Anderson I grant you,
but the routine is the same.

You will know I enjoy good
music when I tell you that the
six years I spent in N.Y. I always
held a season ticket to the Univer-
sity Artist Course & the Symphony
Orchestra, and took regular classes
at the University in the subjects
I most enjoyed. I must confess
I do feel I have gone almost
completely "to seed" in the three
years I have lived in Little Falls
which probably accounts for
your poor opinion of me; but
past experience has taught
me that you cannot do any-

thing worth while without the
full cooperation and enthusiasm
of your committee or organization.

Believe me when I ~~feel~~ say I
like you, and appreciate what
you are trying to do in bringing
good artists to L.F., but I feel
it is something that must have
the interest of the entire Musical
Arts Club organization, and, of
course Mrs. Lamb is the logical
one to make the decisions — She
is such a dear I am sure you
will enjoy talking to her any
further developments, and you
may be sure I will cooperate
wholeheartedly with anything
she may do.

Sincerely

Nell L. Medsker

Notes are sometimes so much more satis-
factory than telephone calls, don't you think?

The Rev. and Mrs. George W. McNary

request the honour of your presence

at the marriage of their

daughter

Patricia Elizabeth

to

Mr. Bruce Alden Gregory

Friday evening, the twenty-ninth day of November

at eight-thirty o'clock

First Congregational Church

Little Falls, Minnesota



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FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Hello,

*Wish you could
have come here with
me. I've been and
seen so many places
that I'm sure would have
interested you greatly.
She gave it to Fannie.*

*Miss Laura Mueser
London Hill
Little Falls,
Main.*

Sunday Evening

Dear Hanna Jane,

It was lovely of you and Bernadine to come to Boston to share the joys of Miss Anderson's concert with me. Somehow she is of such rich spiritual depth and beauty that we want to share her programs with our friends.

I do hope you found Miss Anderson and Mr. Rupp at Back Bay Station. Of course, they

exercise, brothers to my family,
read the paper, and shall soon
retire. I shall read some
of Tagore's poems first, however.
They have a delicate sensitivity &
like.

I hope tomorrow can be a
quiet one for you so you will
be fully relaxed for the
evening's opera — but then
after hearing you say that
you had achieved a

would choose it — it is quieter
and no doubt nearer their
hotel. Then, too, the train leaves
somewhat later there, and they
have more time to arrive. I
should have thought of that before
the train man suggested it. I was
glad to see many available
seats. Do tell me you were
not too tired after so full
a day — and week end!

I came home immediately,
wrote a letter to Robert Frost
inviting him to our chapel

most rare quiet in the past
year, I know that your
ability to do much with great
ease has also been achieved,
and an occasional heavy
schedule can perhaps be enjoyed
without undue strain. The
discovery of which you spoke
is a truly beautiful one.

Luth

Pine Beach Lodge on Gull Lake

Monday P.M.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Madden, Jr.
Route 3, Brainerd, Minn.
WINTER ADDRESS
Pine Edge Inn
Little Falls, Minn.

Lotus Darling

Was so happy to get your letter
and I already had sheets, pillow cases bath towels
plus two lunch cloths & napkins and a cute luncheon
set of checked material I found. Mother got a white
table cloth & napkins.

I thought you might need spreads altho you had not
mentioned such, so put in the two with the pink
french knots and hope these things are alright.

That laundry box had not arrived before I left
but have your dresses all folded and ready for
Pauline to tuck into it. Also soap and Mother
said you wanted some for soap.

I hope Honey that you'll be very happy in
this new place and that I did send the right
things.

We went to put clothes up stairs and found a
lovely collection of moths, so every thing had to be
taken out and sprayed the closets after a thorough
cleaning. I was nearly dead after that business
and hope no more appear.

We came up here yesterday afternoon. Its so cold

ON GULL LAKE IN MINNESOTA

and rained yesterday after (peris gone dry & warm)
we got up here. The sun has been out today but
its still cold and have kept a fire in fireplace.
I finally found the negative for the picture I'd
promised to send you.

Unc writes that Vick stands alone and walks
if you hold her hand. Pretty good for 9 months.

Drew spent 10 days with them in Monroe before
going on to the new field at Liberal Texas.
His now flying B-24 and then comes the B29
and over sea.

Jim is in Manila altho got a new address so
he may be elsewhere by this time.

Time to go to supper now so had better stop.
Lots of love and write when you can and
I'd hope I got the right address. I did the best
I could after that awful cleaning job.

Affectionately

Allen



UNITED STATES MARINES

Dear Laura Jane,

Your nice letter, which I received this weekend, has evidently been following me around a bit. I've moved several times within the past few months, though not very far each time, as I'm still at Quantico, and expect to be here for quite some time.

The school I was sent to has closed (probably until the next war -- a long time off, I hope), and I am now on duty at Quantico until the powers-that-be decided to ship me back overseas. I'm enjoying it here; the "duty" is good; and Washington is only an hour's distance, so there is much to do and many things to see.

I saw Jim once, several months ago. Since that time I have tried to reach him by telephone, but have not been able to do so. I could contact him at the Pentagon (if he is still there) during the day, but as yet I haven't arrived in town before the place closed for the day. I don't know his address, and evidently his telephone is listed under someone else's name.

Beth and I are hoping to get simultaneous leaves, around Christmas time. Hope you will be there, then. I should get fifteen days, and am looking forward to spending a good part of them listening to some of your records. That is, if you brought your collection back with you, and will be home during the holiday season. Are you planning to return to N.Y. this fall?

When I arrived in the States last June I thought surely you'd be in Little Falls when I got there. But I learned from the family that you were visiting friends. Jim, when I saw him here, I think said you were on the Hudson somewhere.

Perhaps we can get a bit of good correspondence started, now that we're both "located."

Sincerely,

Marine Corps Schools Detachment
Marine Barracks,
Quantico, Virginia
September 24, 1945.

Miss Musser; We're so happy
to have you visit our CAM-
pus, And I was so delighted to
have you visit our sewing
Room. I hope you will come
again soon.

Sincerely
Beatrice B. Josey

Sunday -

My dear Anna Jane: -

Your very nice letter to
our little Grandmother came
after she had passed away.
She just went to sleep on
July the seventh - no time
of suffering, but giving a
little wake every day. As

she expressed it; "I am
just worn out." And so it
was, but she had lived a
long full life and was
mentally keen to the very
last.

We were so glad that
both Marion and Mary Ellen
were here at the time, so
that she had a last little
visit with both of them.

Alma and I took little
Grandmother to Lake Benton
where she rests beside her
husband. The friends
there were so lovely and
so helpful. -

Grandmother always loved
you and your grand parents
and we all appreciate the
many lovely things you
were ever doing for her.

We hope you have enjoyed
a pleasant year in New York.

Ever sincerely yours,
Ethel H. Pike.

Tuesday
P.M.

Dear Laura Jane,

No, I'm not lost.

I'm so sorry that I didn't answer your first letter. The time seemed to go so fast. For the past two months Mother has been quite sick. With my music and schoolwork - I really have no time. But, of course there's no excuse for my not writing you before this - so please forgive me - and I promise to be more prompt in the future.

Several years ago, I,

3 Was open to the public, and because you wanted me to do so. When you see Miss Anderson in May, be sure to give her my love.

Really, Laura Jane, I can't wait until I can play some of your music. I am looking forward to the time when you send your newest ones. When you are a great composer - I will say - "I know her!"

If you are going home for Easter - be sure you plan on staying here for a few days. I am very lonesome for you, Laura. You know, every time ~~you~~ I see you I get so inspired. You do something to me - you make ^{me} want to work,

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too, had the mumps - and I remember very clearly how miserable they were. I certainly hope that you are over them by now, as I know what you're going thru.

On April 4 Miss Anderson sang here. I was dying to hear her - but Mother was very sick and I couldn't leave the house. And, Laura, I'm sorry if you misunderstood me about the contest for the Anderson Scholarship Fund - If there's anything I said that didn't sound right, I apologize, because I certainly didn't mean it. It was only through you that I knew of Miss Anderson's Scholarship. I was anxious to enter it because it ~~wasn't~~

4 to compose something - you just inspire me. We'd love to have you - but I must warn you that we won't be home Apr. 21 & 22.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon at any time except those two days. I lately have been working on Brahms Op 117, and Rhapsody in G minor. Also a very beautiful Schumann Novellette in ~~F~~ minor. I have started the Waldstein Sonata but as yet haven't taken lessons on it.

It's very late - and I must close - so please give my love to your Mother - and write soon because I enjoy your letters immensely.

All my love,
Barbara
Mother sends her love, too,

Dear Laura Jones,

I want to thank you very much for the lovely valentine. I think it is the prettiest one I have ever received.

I am getting along just fine in school. It's a little hard now but I guess it will be okay. In music we are studying about composers. I told Mr. Pinchney that I saw Joe Hoffman and he said that I should sort of give a report on him. We are also studying about Alex Templeton and I intend to tell a little about him too. About those records I ~~heard~~ heard. All those musicians you acquainted me with sure

do come in handy this year.
I've ^{reported on} ~~mentioned~~ Marian Anderson,
Philippa, and now these two.

I have been so busy this
year that I haven't practiced
much. I still play my preludes
but I haven't advanced for.
I still play for the sortette. I
had to play at the Lincoln School
and at the High School. It went
swell. I always get so excited
and scared though. Like I
used to get at the good old
recitals.

I had to stay home from
school one day this week because
of a cold I have. It's much better
now and back to school I am.

We had a Latin test today in
school. It was really tough but I
got by with a B. Will I must
go now.

Much love
Florence



us & tell me when you'd
be able to come & see us
for awhile - We'd love to
have you & show you a
few of the sights around
Semidji. Please let us
know.

May love to you &
your folks -

Sadie

Monday
P. M.

Dear Laura Jane,

At last I'm settled &
will drop you a note at
once -

It was so nice seeing
you a week ago & also
your folks. Dad thinks
so much of you & liked
your folks so very much.

I want you to write

in the City ² next Sunday
I have asked a
~~celist~~ cellist to
play ~~her~~ in our
C. E. Meeting.

Come to our tea as
he will be there
and you may
enjoy playing this
(over)

accompaniments. (3) I am
writing you both as
my guests to the tea. He
says he will bring
several pieces to choose
from as he doesn't want
to bring anything too
hard for the

Accompanist to play.
If you wish I will send a
card to Jack Nelson telling him
to be sure to come next Sunday
the Social Tea will be late as
the Manscomb Choral really is
late getting on. With my love
Margaret Oelsky.

MARINE BARRACKS
NAVAL BASE
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Monday
November 24

Dear Laura Jane,

If I have properly timed the mail schedules, this will arrive at Number three-ten the day you return to New York, and I should imagine that you are happy to be back in the hub of the universe again. I do wish I had been home, though. Perhaps I would have then had the opportunity to meet Miss Anderson.

On Thanksgiving Day and the following weekend, I shall be in Washington D.C. at Colonel and Jean (Berg) Carlson's. But I plan to spend the weekend after that in New York, over the 6th of December and will return Here Sunday the 7th. Ordinarily I should prefer to spend the "long weekend" of Thanksgiving in New York, but I have already accepted the invitation in Washington, and my sister Beth plans to be there.

If in the meantime you are not too busy, I hope you will contact my sister Jean. She would love to see you, and I think you would enjoy renewing your old acquaintanceship as well as meeting Dr. Cobb. He is just a grand person. Their telephone number is LEhigh 4-8861 and they live just off the Drive at E. 86th St. I am planning to stay with them Dec. 6th and 7th, and I hope I can see you then. I shall know more definitely at that time if it is possible for me to attend the concert January 4th at Carnegie Hall. I can think of nothing I should enjoy more.

Will you plan to have dinner with me Saturday evening, Dec. 6th? I'll polish the gold buttons on my dress uniform and you brush-up on your French in the meantime. I know of a wonderful restaurant where we can celebrate à la Francais.

Sincerely,

Bud

Saturday Night

My dear Laura Jane,

I do hope you'll forgive me for not writing to you long before this - but this blasted hot weather really got me down and on top o' my touch of mild heat exhaustion, Mary Lee kicked up a fuss and wouldn't eat. So I have been head over heels in changing formulas, trying to keep her as cool as possible and believe you me - I was starting to wish for snow! But be that as it may - we all survived, guess you always do, and now that it has been cool for the past two days, I am getting a little bit o' zip and ginger back.

First of all, mydear, I want you to know how thrilled we were with your wonderful gift for our little punkin - we have almost worn it out showing everyone what MaryLee's "Aunt Laura Jane" sent her. I know I have never seen a more darling bunting set and that precious little sacque makes her look just like a rosebud. We have been trying to get some really good pictures of her so that I can send some to you and to Mother and Dad - but we aren't too sharp at taking in-door pictures and none have done her justice - yet, we will get some good ones soon - I hope - and then you shall see her all dressed up in your lovely gift. Oh how I wish you could see Mary Lee, Laura. Where she gets all of her charms we'll never know - but she is a precious child and so pretty for such a tiny baby. Maybe one o' these days, when you are visiting your parents, you can whip off for a few days and come down to see us. How I would love that and Bob says he feels as though he knows you right now! Can't imagine why - can you! Anyway, let's talk that over the next time you come West - how about it?

Something very special happened in the Robert Lee Anderson household the other day. Bob surprised me by driving up in a new car! Yes, we

finally made the grade and now have a blue, four-door Custom De Soto. We are happy as larks over our new possession and poor old Gertie - our faithful '39 flivver belongs to someone else. She was a good old car and must have gone on her heart alone these past months -so we thought it only fitting and proper to name the successor for her - hence, we have Gertie the Second! Mary Lee has already had several rides in her new car and her approval came right away. That little bug loves to ride - thank goodness - so we tuck her in snug and warm and off we go until it's time for another feeding. Tomorrow, though, she will visit her Grandmother Anderson - who loves her to pieces - and we will take a little longer trip to try to get some more miles on her to help get the engine broken in before Winter. I don't understand all the details - but that's what Bob says must be done.

I haven't too much news to tell you this time. Mother and Dad have just come back from Mexico and now Dad will leave for San Francisco to be gone some two weeks on a medical affair. Mother is feeling wonderful and has been entertaining like mad. I told her to take it a little easy for she tends to over do when she feels ship-shape.

I had a long letter from Rosemary last week and as you probably know, she gave up her position and is now a housewife. She says they are so much happier now that she can be home and I guess it was a wise decision on her part. Irene will be out there soon and I know they will have a wonderful time together. Rosemary's Father and Mother are to or have already moved. I'm not sure if it was to San Diego or to Washington State - a brother lived there, I think.

Well, my dear, it is most time for Bob to come home. Do write when you can and tell me about your summer at home and what you are doing. Give my love to your Father and Mother. I do hope she is much better.

Much love to you as ever,

Shirley



The heart of the world

ouch! Sat. Dear LG -
See Philippa's name in
today's Times "winner"
again! 'This a honey!

We've been eating a
fresh "papaya" from
Miami. Had a party
with it. Nadia & Chester
& I were my base fiddler
friend-20! In such a
stick-in-the-mud since
I " " a car-
efuse but true. ^{yes,}
I love the spring days here.
LOVE - E. P.

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THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS ONLY



Laura Jane Musser
607 W. 115th St.,
C/o Barnasue Club
City -

Monday

Dear Anna Jane -

Rec'd your nice letter
today & should have
written your mother
to thank her for the in-
vitation to visit Minn.

The fact is I'm away
from Friday to Sun-
^{ends} eve, taking long weeks
as vacations & still
have a day or two
left. My little apl.
gets pretty dusty

x several fireplaces.
of course you'll
see it next summer
if I ever get it all
fixed up as it is
some run down
but not too bad.

Well anyway I
I'll be glad to see
you & will look for-
ward to it. I'll call
you on Nov. 3rd

If I tho² you could
stay with me I'd
ask you. The sofa in
the living room
is comfortable to sleep
on but the bedroom is
right off of it so
there is little or no
privacy.

I bought a small
farm in Mass. Cape Cod
type, quite roomy

as you'll probably be
here then. If you arrive
sooner let me know.

Her's hoping Charlie
will be in town. He
spoke about vacation
in Texas but I'm not
sure just where.

Love to you & your
folks
Gerda

J Esmond
Walnut, Ill.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

Dear Lotsie

Boy! was I glad to hear from you - I thought maybe I was on your black list or something. I'm sorry to hear you were sick and I was awfully disappointed that we missed you in Little Falls you mentioned in your letter that you might be coming up this way so I'm writing right away before you change your mind. Please come & see us. I know there's no train that comes here and I don't know how close you could come. If its Rock Island or aurora or Chicago ^{or any place} will come & get you if you'll just let us know when you'll get there.

I'm trying to write this on my lap and Truman is wrestling with the boys on the floor. Every so often I get

bumped - I could move I guess
if I weren't so lazy.

Bring your bathing suit
and old clothes. we have a
golf course and we can go to the
show + listen to the band concert
on wed. nite and of course we can
always talk + talk. I have these
little indians that never let
things get dull anyway.

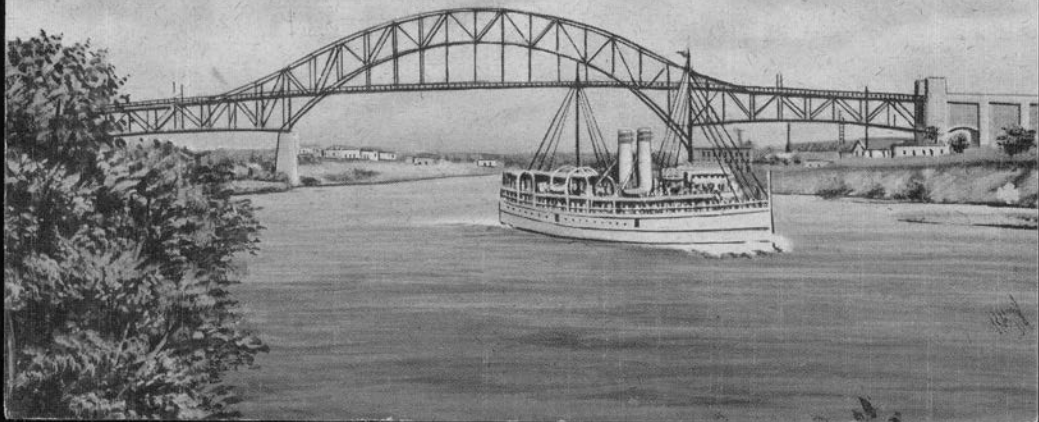
We've been going on quite
a few picnics lately and it
seems like I go up to Ottawa or
the kids from Ottawa come here
about every other week end.

It's time to put the boys
in bed and they're jumping all
over me so I have to stop. Please
come and let me know where +
when to meet you. I'll get the
jeans all spiffed up and ready
for you too.

lots of love
Gene

P.S. Dad + aunt are
still at 114 S. Kensington. but daddy is gone
trips for the com. wealth Edison meet-
ing of the time.

New Sagamore Bridge, over Cape Cod Canal, Mass.



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1935 at a cost of approximately \$1,500,000. Length 1833
ft. Central Span 135 ft. above high water. Width of arch
500 ft. Maximum height of steel work above sea level 270 ft.

Wellsfleet Mass.

Dear Laura Lane:

We love to be here
and the weather is beauti-
ful. We do hope to
have a wonderful
vacation and we are
sure that you too will
have it at your home.
Remember us to your
parents and love
to you from us
both
Yours Shippin
Ruffe

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Miss Laura Lane Musser
Little Falls, Minn.

testimonials to the effect that Stalin's war is versus Hitler, rather than the Nazi army or the German people. ^{30x} It seems impossible for anyone to doubt Russian fury against the invaders of their homeland. The Slav - Teuton racial animosity breaking out again. History is full of it.

The Polish question is hard. The Poles have a sort of national penchant for disagreeing with other nations, not to mention themselves. What boundary are they asking for? Poland has had dozens. Besides, that Russian land they want was originally Russian, and they stole it in the course of a medieval war, when Poland was really powerful. We shall see what is worked out.

Do tell me about the Bahai Center Latin-American evening.

Be good + have fun.

Love,

Rossmery

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT RACE?

Questions

1. The Germans are an Aryan race. True - False.
2. The Jews are a Semitic race. True - False.
3. The Germans are not a pure white race. True - False.
4. Skin color is the most important physical characteristic. True - False.
5. The white, black and yellow people are as different from one another as dogs are from cats. True - False.
6. Man's physical appearance is affected by his environment. True - False.
7. The Jews are not a race. True - False.
8. All Jews have curved noses, which distinguish them from other people. True - False.
9. All the Danish people are typical or average Caucasians. True - False.
10. American Negroes look to Europe, Africa, and America for their ancestry. True - False.
11. If we add all the characteristically black, white, and yellow people together, we have only some of the people of the world. True - False.
12. The blood of Negro and white people is the same. True - False.
13. All children of parents who are from different racial groups are inferior to both parents. True - False.
14. All the foods we eat are a gift from ancient Europeans. True - False.
15. American inventions provide us with only some of our basic comforts. True - False.

TOTAL SCORE _____

Instructions: If you think the statement is true draw a line under the word "True," but if you think the statement is not true draw a line under the word "False."

After you finish, your leader will give you the correct answer to each statement. Count the number of answers you had correct and place that number in the space after "Total Score."

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT RACE?

By

Edmonia White Grant, Director of Education
Race Relations Division
American Missionary Association

1. The Germans are an Aryan race. True - False. False, because there is no Aryan race. The term Aryan applies to language spoken by a pre-historic people who spread over parts of Asia, including India and the Iranian Plateau. An Aryan is anyone who speaks an Aryan language, as Sanscrit, Armenian, Slavic, English, German, Yiddish, Latin, or Greek.

2. The Jews are a Semitic race. True - False. False, because Semitic applies to language. The Arabic and Hebrew languages are Semitic. Today, few Jews speak Hebrew as few Roman Catholics speak Latin. An Arab who speaks an Arabic language is as "Semitic" as a Jew who speaks Hebrew.

3. The Germans are not a pure white race. True - False. True, because there is no pure race of people. Biologically we produce pure races of animals by controlled breeding, by mating brothers and sisters, parents and children, and other close relatives. People do not mate in this way; that is why there is no pure race of people. In man there is only one race--the human race. There has not been enough incest in human relations to produce pure races of people. The German nation is composed of people of several physical types in about the same percentage as the French. So many waves of migrations have taken place in Europe that the people of any European country may have all kinds of ancestors: Cro-Magnons, Slavs, Mongols, Africans, Celts, Saxons and Teutons.

4. Skin color is the most important physical characteristic. True - False. False, because everyone (except albinos) has some of the two color chemicals, carotene (which gives a yellow tinge) and melanin

(which gives a brown shade); the only difference is in the amount of carotene and melanin present in your skin.

5. The white, black and yellow people are as different from one another as dogs are from cats. True - False. False, because human anatomy which is the same all over the world proves the unity of the human species. Fertile children have been born from the mating of even the most extremely varied physical types of men and women. If mankind were a series of mutually infertile species, this unity would be disproved. In spite of close association cats and dogs do not mate, they are mutually infertile. But differentiated human types cross and re-cross.

6. Man's physical appearance is affected by his environment. True - False. True because man spread from somewhere in central Eurasia to all parts of the world. As he went toward the equator those with dark skins tended to survive because they could resist the strong rays of the sun and thus adjust to the long, hot summers. Dark pigment acts as a filter against the actinic rays of the sun. Of course, the strong rays of the sun made men darker too. Those who went northward tended to survive when they had lighter skin because they were better able to absorb the sunlight in the short summer months and to store up Vitamin D for the winter.

7. The Jews are not a race. True - False. True, because Jews are any people of any nationality or "racial" group who practice the religion of Judaism. There are Chinese Jews, Ethiopian Jews, Jews of India, American Negroes of Jewish faith, Polish Jews, Russian Jews, Italian Jews and many others.

8. All Jews have curved noses which distinguish them from other people. True - False. False, because the curved nose sometimes associated with Jewish people is found among millions of non-Jewish peoples in Eastern Europe and Western Asia. This is also true of other physical characteristics

called "Jewish." Jews and non-Jews share alike the physical characteristics of the people in the land of their origin.

9. All the Danish people are typical or average Caucasians. True - False. False, because no nation of people conforms to the average set up for a racial group. The average Caucasian is an abstraction, a statistical concept useful to anthropologists engaged in measurement; as is the average Negroid or Mongoloid person. Thousands of people who consider themselves Caucasian must be measured in trying to find one who has the physical characteristics of an average Caucasian. The same is true for Negroid and Mongoloid people.

10. American Negroes look to Europe, Africa, and America for their ancestry. True - False. True, because American Negroes are a mixture of African, European and American white, and American Indian. Since the American Indian is classified as a Mongoloid, the American Negro is a representative of the three major physical types--Negroid, Mongoloid, and Caucasoid or black, yellow, and white. Many other people not classified as Negroes are combinations of these same three groups, as many people in Latin America. American Negroes look to various countries in Europe, to the American Indian, and to Africa for their ancestry. Very rarely does one find an American Negro who has only African ancestry. And most American Negroes are at least four generations removed from Africa, so greatly removed that there is no more attachment to Africa than there is to Europe. The combination of people whom the American Negro represents gives added evidence of the unity of the human species.

11. If we add all the characteristically black, white and yellow people together we have only some of the people of the world. True - False. True, because the people who are known by the three classifications are the minority of the people of the world. The great majority are the "in between."

those of various colors of tan and brown as well as other physical characteristics.

12. The blood of Negro and white people is the same. True - False. True, because all blood is classified according to type A, B, AB, and O. These four types are found among all peoples, Negro as well as white. A white American soldier who needs a blood transfusion may find a donor whose blood matches his among any people--Chinese, Negro, Indian, or any other. A white soldier who receives the blood of a Chinese or a Negro does not change in physical appearance because his physical characteristics were determined by genes, tiny cells inherited from both parents. Nor is there any way to tell the racial group of the donor from an examination of his blood. There is no Japanese blood, no German blood, no Negro blood, no English blood, no white blood.

13. All children of parents who are from different racial groups are inferior to both parents. True - False. False, because in Hawaii where there is no racial separatism, marriages between people of the most diverse "racial" groups take place in the churches, and the children of mixed marriage are not discriminated against but develop and hold positions according to their ability. In other places where hybrids or half-castes are subjected to social discrimination, they appear to be inferior. White people who are discriminated against also appear to be inferior. But some white and some hybrid individuals brought up as outcasts rise to positions of eminence. There is no biological evidence of the inferiority of the half-breeds. "Every civilized group of which we have record has been a hybrid group, a fact which disposes effectually of the theory that hybrid peoples are inferior to pure-bred ones." Ralph Linton, "The Study of Man," New York: D. Appleton-Century, 1936, p. 34.

14. All the foods we eat are a gift from ancient Europeans. True - False. False, because the crab-apple and the hazelnut are the only important

foods contributed to our table by the ancient Europeans. Everything else we eat we have borrowed from some other people. If the contribution of the American Indian alone were removed we should have no kidney beans, lima beans, chocolate, corn, peanuts, pineapple, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, pumpkins, squash, avocado, tomatoes, tobacco or turkeys.

15. American inventions provide us with only some of our basic comforts. True - False. True, because modern inventions are built upon inventions of the past, inventions from all peoples. Here are some of them: Egyptians: copper, bronze, wheat, the plow, alphabet, ink, paper, glass, playing cards, checkers, chess; Babylonians: codified law, coined money, the arch; Hittites: horses as draft animals, iron; Assyrians: cotton, banks, postal system; Chaldeans: astronomy, the zodiac, the week, degrees of the circle; Arabs: camels, the use of milk, calculus, algebra, Arabic numerals, zero, coffee; Chinese: tea, porcelain, gunpowder, silk, rice, parasols, spectacles, mariner's compass, asbestos, kites, paper money, and the fingerprint system of identification.

Civilization, as we know it, has come from many sources; we add our contributions to this continuous, world-wide process.

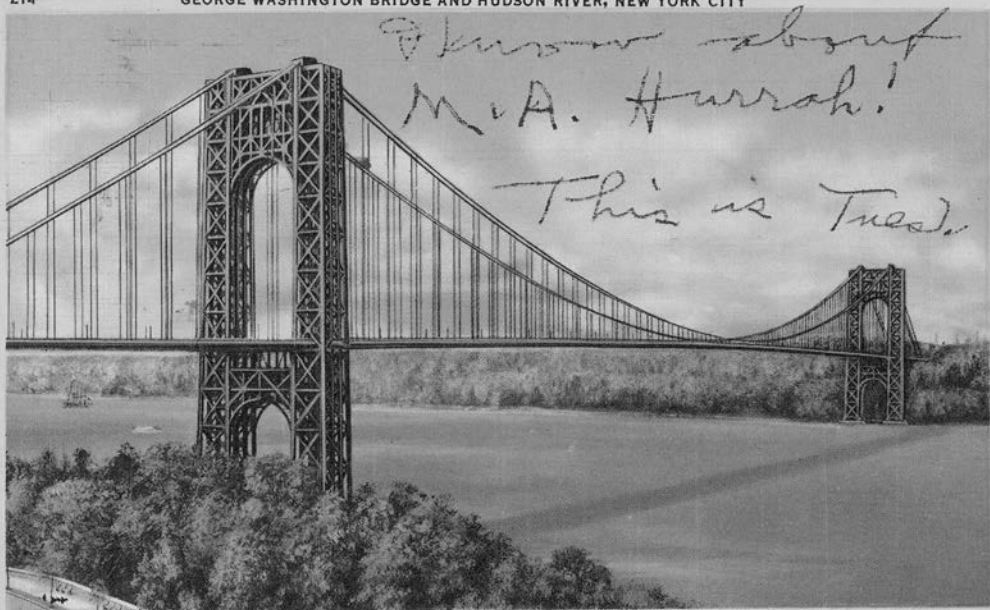
If you want to know what some scientists say, you may read the following:

"The Races of Mankind," by Ruth Benedict and Gene Weltfish, Public Affairs Committee, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y. 10 cents.

"Man's Most Dangerous Myth: The Fallacy of Race," by M. F. Ashley-Montagu, New York: Columbia University Press, 1945.

"The Science of Man in the World Crisis," edited by Ralph Linton, New York: Columbia University Press, 1945.

"The Mind of Primitive Man," by Franz Boas, New York: Macmillan Company, 1911.



Dear LGM: I want to

GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE

One of the main highways between New York and New Jersey. The bridge was completed in 1932 at a cost of over \$60,000,000. The main span is 3500 feet long. It enters Manhattan at 178th Street and connects over ramps with beautiful Riverside Drive.

report that July 9th
was Vienna night at
the stadium. My friend
Dean Tennyson was the
"star". Jody photoed me all
over God's heaven & took me
back to her dressing room. I
had Chester there in 165-
after he visited the Schnygers.
It was all delightful &
thrilling. Love - E.P.

POST CARD

Laura Jane
Messer

Little Falls,
Minnesota





Hotel Dania

Telf. 6-686-687

Grundlagt 1860

Heia haura gæst:

Please give me some
word as soon as you receive
this about the apartment
— whether Willie received
my letter or not — etc.
I am awfully worried because
I have not heard from

you since I last wrote.

I may have some
surprising news for you
when I next write —
and perhaps I will not
return until Summer.

Please write me. Up to date,
I am sailing around Dec 10th
from England. With love —
Anne

Wesleyan

Service

Guild

'45

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January .

Date: Jan. 8
Place: Oestreich Home
Hostess: Mildred Oestreich
 Evelyn Pinkney
Worship Leader: Ethel Robertson
Program Leader: Margaret Carnes

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February

Date: Feb. 12

Place: Margaret Carnes

Hostess: Margaret Carnes
Violet Wester

Worship Leader: Marjorie Larsen

Program Leader: Erma Hynes

5

March

Date: March 12

Place: Deloris Werner

Hostess: Deloris Werner

Erma Hynes

Worship Leader: Violet Wester

Program Leader: Jean Peterson

6

April

Date: April 9

Place: Kay Mead

Hostess: Kay Mead

Lois Skinner

Worship Leader: Deloris Werner

Program Leader: Margaret Lindberg

7

May

Date: May 14

Place: Peterson Home

Hostess: Jean Peterson

Ethel Robertson

Worship Leader: Kay Mead

Program Leader: Ethel Robertson

8

June

Date: June 11

Place: Phillips Home

Hostess: Bobbie Phillips

Ardel Erickson

Worship Leader: Lois Skinner

Program Leader: Ruth Verbrugghen

9

July

Date: July 9

ANNUAL PICNIC

10

August

Date: August 13

Place: Alice Savage Home

Hostess: Alice Savage

Ruth Verbrugghen

Worship Leader: Margaret Lindb

Program Leader: Kay Mead

11

September

Date: Sept. 10

Place:

Hostess: Marjorie Larsen

Aurora Haas

Worship Leader: Margaret Johnson

Program Leader: Evelyn Pinkney

12

October

Date: Oct. 8

Place: Margaret Lindberg and

Margaret Johnson Apartment

Hostess: Margaret Lindberg

Margaret Johnson

Worship Leader: Margaret Carnes

Program Leader: Alice Savage

13

November

Date: Nov. 12

Place:

Hostess:

Worship Leader: Ruth Verbrugghen

Program Leader: Ardel Erickson

14

December

Date: Dec. 10

Place: The Church

Hostess: ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
PARTY

Worship Leader:

Program Leader:

15

Benediction

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love
With the Holy Spirit's favor
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord
And possess in Sweet Communion
Joys which earth cannot afford.

Amen.

Benjamin

My dear Grace of Christ our Savior
and the Father's goodness love
and the Holy Spirit's love
and grace as ever.

There may be some in union
with each other and the Lord
and peace in sweet communion
and a vision which cannot be lost.

Yours

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LAURA JANE MUSSER=

LINDEN HILL

SINCE APPRECIATION OF BEAUTIFUL USEFUL GIFTS NO LUCK SO FAR
FINDING ROOM ANYWHERE SITUATION SEEMS HOPELESS WILL
CONTINUE INQUIRIES HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL LOVE=

DOROTHY CROWTHERS..

BARBIZON · PLAZA · HOTEL

101 west 58th street . . . central park south . . new york

Dear Miss Musser -

After talking with you
last night I found today
that I am going to be
sent out of town.

I am sorry not to
have gotten to see you.

My very best wishes
to you.

Cortland

Succeeded only with help of friend living
at Waldorf in obtaining room for you there.

Reservation is in mother's name. Telephone
us before registering unless mother is at
Waldorf desk to meet you. Nothing else
free in New York. Not even through
Juilliard Student Bureau. We look
forward to seeing you. Love. L



Dear Laura Jane,

I haven't heard from you for so long
and I do hope you are fine and happy.

We love it out here in California--
the weather is simply glorious and
how grand it is to have Mary outside
every day in the sunshine.

We had a lovely reunion at our house
yesterday. You know that Vera Felix
married Harold Kidder. They live just
85 miles from here so they came down
yesterday and also Karen Sue and
Harold's mother. Rosemary and Pete
were also here and the Clutes who are
formerly from L. F. It was a nice
get-together.

Greetings and best wishes for you this
Christmas and a big kiss from Mary.

The very best

wishes

to you

Lene and Mary

J
L
B

Wednesday P.M.

Dearest Lottie -

I just received your letter -
I returned home from Washington
late last night and when I
awoke this morning saw your
dear letter which was
awaiting me -

I had a grand time
in Washington - although
I've been there numerous
times - I always get a
new sensation - and the Cherry
Blossoms were beautiful - as
always. Saw "Roberta"
here and loved it.

3. press without if you know.
Then write me a note and
tell me you have. It's been
worrying me.

I've been having a
grand time doing nothing -
but tomorrow I'll start
on the annual and finish
it up - No write and
cheer me up and on to
a glorious finish.
Jealous sends her best
love - and I am
as always -

Julia

2.
My pictures have come and
I've one set aside for you -
I do hope you'll like it. I'm
rather disappointed in them;
but every one still loves
them - but it always that
way? Yours were darling!!!

Speaking of pictures, I think
of annual - which is never
far from my mind - Don't
you dare forget your pictures - the
baby one - I mean - go
get it now, while you
think of it, and put it
in your mirror, or where
you'll remember it - The
annual couldn't go to

To Lotsie.

Off here I heard in days gone by
A request, difficult with which to comply.
Sometimes it's whispered, sometimes it's
^{sung} and sometimes the theme with
pathos is done.

So touching has become this appeal
That I bargained with Santa a X-mas
deal
This may not meet the required desire
But it's all I can do, the need is dire.

So Lotsie dear, begin unwrapping
We in response will do some tapping
To bring the theme song back to thee
In very few words, "I want a ta-te".

Miss Laura Jane Munce
608 West 115 Street
New York City

E Byron

308 West 98 St.

N.Y.C.

May 19, 1942

Dearest Laina,

Enclosed are two tickets which I hope you can use. The program will be an interesting one, and Paul Robeson will sing our national anthem in Forean. This program will make Forean a little more interesting and clearer to you.

If you can't use

these tickets please
return them or
be sure they are
used by people.

Ever sincerely,

Arthur

Monday
Dear Farrah! -

Rec'd your nice
long letter. I hope
you got the sugar
I sent in good shape

Well, we have had
Real summer
weather over here
& I hope you have
been as cool as
cucumbers over
there. Don't seem

to have very much news
but have been on the go
quite steadily. One of the
things I did which was of
great interest was seeing
the Higgins Inn at North-
ampton, Mass. Will go over
some time when you are
along. It is very old &
historical & packed with
antiques, Currier & Ives
prints etc. as well as
lots & lots of people &
the food is good too. One
day I drove around after

being there, to see
Amherst, Mr Holyoke
and also Smith at
Northampton. The
girl with me is a
high school teacher
& she of course enjoyed
seeing all the colleges.

Wish you were here to
meet my sister, her
husband & young son,
(6' 3") just out of the
Service, who will be visit-
ing in N.Y. from Hinsdale
Ill. for a while beginning
today. Write soon & let
me know when you'll
return lovingly, send a

Monday
Dear Farrah -
Rec'd your nice
long letter. Hope
you got the sugar
I sent in good shape.
Well, we have had
Real summer
weather over here
& I suppose you have
been as cool as
cucumbers over
there. Don't seem

Love Darling.

I found the enclosed
article in a magazine
Mother & Infant had with
her, when she came down
here for Christmas.

Don't know if you have
this one or not. And thought
you might like it for
your scrap book.

I'm sure you are happy
to be home with Mother
and Daddy and that
you are all having a
grand time together. Only

P.S. - Forget to tell you. Had a beautiful card from Alice
Anderson

wish I could pop in and
say "Hello Doodle Bug How
be Ya"

How happy you must be
that you'll be able to have
the apartment longer. Its a
darling place and know you
have enjoyed every minute
there.

Thanks again for my lovely
lighter. I surely am enjoying
it and you are a darling to
send it to me.

Do hope each day that
Mother is improving & know
I'll have fun going to Minneapolis
with her. Lots of love Darling
Affectionately Alice

BY AIR MAIL
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Methodist Girls School,
Kolar Town, Mysore State
1st May 1944.

Dearest Lottie,

Your
parcel arrived yesterday
and I was so thrilled I
could not settle down to
any work. It was a
wonderful surprise. How

Mrs Laura Musser,

Little Falls

Minnesota

U.S.A.

CHD.56

very generous you are and I shall never forget your kindness to me through all these years.

I wonder what you are doing now. Do write and tell me all about yourself. I am very interested to know about your family too. I hope your parents are well. Do remember me to your kind mother.

I am happy in this work. It is new to me and there are many problems but - ma has taught me to learn to live one day at a time and not worry too much.

I have sent an article for the International House magazine and maybe you will see it. I shall send a letter to you by surface mail.

Much love & many thanks
Adelaide Martin

Begonia is try so hard to please -
They polish and wax their smooth green leaves
And add to the garden - day by day -
Their crisp little flowers in colors gay.
They work so busily day and night
and try to do what they think is right
For they hope that when winter's ice and snow
Lay the other garden beauties low -
You'll rescue them from the deathly chill
and keep them as pets on your mud-sill!

Sunday Evening

Dear Laura Jane,

You were sweet to do the very interesting program for the choir last Wednesday. I only wish I could have heard all of it. As usual, I am indebted to the Musser family for another lovely thing.

The opera Thursday will be thrilling since I have never heard the "met." My last experience was Ravinia Park - Chicago - and quite some time ago. I appreciated so much, going thru the themes etc. Friday night. It was nice having you and Adeline drop in. You must do it again.

Unless my plans are changed, I plan to dine down immediately after school (4 P.M.) Grace is going with me. If Richard

Can arrange his schedule, we will drive back Friday evening. I am telling you this in case there is some one else who might like a ride with me.

If Ruthe and I really do get to New York this August, and you are there, we must attend the Broadway Tabernacle together and you must meet George and Irene Hultbrans. Dick enjoyed his visit with them so much last summer. I may attend a two week workshop at Greenwich, Conn - Audubon Society - Conservation. This will be in lieu of summer school.

Having never been east of Chicago I shall probably die of shock upon seeing the ocean blue.

Meanwhile, to bed and up with the sun - our themes. This week birds, more birds and the Freedom Train. I am more weeks and school will be over. Time moves incredibly fast, doesn't it? I hope the opera season here will bring to you as much pleasure as you will be giving to others. P.S.H.

Miss L. J. Musser.

Lost -

my jacket

Rentline

Reissers -

Dear Miss Musser -

I am so sorry that I
haven't been able to do
you Wiskitsence I been
ill, and just home
from the Hospital.

I had my friend do them
for me and she will have
to continue until I get
strong enough to do them.

Then I'll let you know
by my husband.

In the mean time the
girl wants her money

Wick is \$2.00
Will you please send it
I let you know if you
still want her to do them
until I get well enough
to work again.

Frieda.

} Note }

Miss Musser if you
still want me to do
your work for you
I will ~~be~~ very glad
I will stop at the
drug store for it, if
you drop me a card and
let me know when.
please let me know

what size stockings
you mean. I was
afraid to buy them
unless I ~~had~~ had
you right size.

Much love
from a sad heart.

May

I have so much to tell
you when I see you.