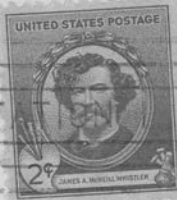




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Miss Laura Musser
Parnassus Club
605 West 115th St.
New York City

1855 Seventh Ave.
New York City
Nov. 6, 1940

My dear Laura,
I am glad to know
that you are back
in New York this
school year. I called
you up today but
there was no re-
ply from your room.
I want very much
to see you as I have
your bedspread and
the curtains you
loaned me which I
want to return.
When is the

4.
I do not have a phone,
so you will have to
let me know by mail.
I do hope that I
shall hear from you
soon, and that you
are enjoying the
very best of health.

Sincerely yours,
Emelyn Diggs

most convenient time
for me to see you? If
you are not too busy
I suggest that we meet
one day next week. I
think it would be
grand for us to meet
and go to a nice Chin-
ese restaurant ^{for lunch} which
is on Broadway and
in walking distance
from Fulham. Do you
like Chinese food
at times? I do. After
lunch then I could
bring you home
to visit with me,

if you care to.

How about us getting together Monday, November 11? I could meet you at Julliard and we go together to lunch. Please let me know if this day is convenient for you. If so let me know at what hour and in what part of the building to meet you. If another day is more convenient let me know which day you prefer and at what hour. If there is a library or reading room in Julliard it would be a good place in which to meet

246 W. 129

N. Y. C.
3/8/40.

Laura dear,

I'm so sorry I was unable
to see you tonight, but we
worked together so long, and
I was miserably tired.

Laura, I'm in an awful
mess, and I just don't know
what to do. So, as you can see,
I'm turning to you, because, you,
I believe, are my true friend.

I do hope you will under-
stand my asking you this favor,
and I certainly hope that you

won't feel that I'm taking
advantage of your kindness.

Sunday, as you know is the
concert, and I just recently
acknowledged the fact that I
have no shoes to wear, which
means, that I must take this
week's salary, and buy shoes. And
that ~~was~~ is the money that was to go
to my brother for to take mother &
daddy & yourself Sunday to the concert.
I'm telling you all this, to ask
you if it isn't too much, if you
could possibly loan me ~~\$100.00~~
\$5.00 - until ~~Wed~~ Mar. 14, at
which time, I am to be paid for the
playing, which I am doing Sunday.
If it is inconvenient for you to
do this, please don't hesitate to say so,
because you know I will understand.

However, if you can, I'm sure you'll realize how grateful I am; as time and time again, I have tried to the utmost to express to you my appreciation for your kindness, and have found my self at a loss for words. But someday, I sincerely hope to let you know, in a tangible way, just how much I do appreciate your goodness.

I shall call you tomorrow morning, and perhaps, I can meet you sometime at school.

Sandra, I hope you will
please forgive me if I seem
too bold. And if you
think I'm being too importunate
don't fail to let me know.

I hope you can read
this. I am actually so
tired I can't see to write.

Thank you,
Very Kindly,
Penelope



MRS. CARLYLE SCOTT
IMPRESARIO

187 N. W. Bank Bldg.
MINNEAPOLIS



Air Mail

Mrs. Laura Jane Musser
The Parnassus Club
605 West 115th St.
New York, N. Y.



MRS. CARLYLE SCOTT
IMPRESARIO
CONCERT - OPERA - DRAMA
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

DOWN-TOWN OFFICE
~~810 N. COLLETT AVENUE~~

2305 Aldrich Avenue South,
March 7, 1940

Mrs. Laura Jane Musser,
Little Falls,
Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Musser:

I appreciate your order for four tickets to the Marian Anderson concert. The first check received was correct for two tickets. Enclosed is my check for the difference between the price of the additional pair, and amount of your second check. We have mailed the tickets as you asked to Mrs. Vrettal. I assumed from you letter that you wished them all sent to her.

Your letter from New York, sent February 23, was filed among the orders, and for that reason has not been answered until we come now to the filling of the same. Therefore, I am writing to you at Little Falls, thinking you may not be in New York at this date.

If you will have someone find me, I shall be very glad to take you to Miss Anderson, either at intermission or at the close of the concert. I am sure she will meet very few people -- only those I can present to her personally.

With most cordial greetings from Mr. Scott and myself,

Sincerely,

Carlyle Scott

VGS K

*P.S. Your airmail letter just arrived, so shall send the above to you in New York. Truly,
V. Scott*

MRS. CARLYLE SCOTT
IMPRESARIO
CONCERT - OPERA - DRAMA
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

DOWN-TOWN OFFICE
~~610 NICOLET AVENUE~~

2305 Aldrich Avenue South,
March 13, 1940

Miss Laura Jane Musser,
Pensacola Club,
605 West 115th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Musser:

I am sorry that I misunderstood your letter of February 23. You spoke of securing two more tickets for Marian Anderson, and as the tickets for this concert were not mailed out until the first of March, I mailed all four tickets to Mrs. Vrettel.

I did not write Mrs. Vrettel, thinking you might prefer to do this yourself. I am very sorry that this error should cause you so much inconvenience.

Very truly yours,

Heather D. Kelly

Secretary to Mrs. Scott.



Miss Laura Musser

605-7 St 115th St

N.Y.C.

Parnassus Club

246 N 115" St Apt 15 N.Y.C.

246 H 129 St Apt 15,
N. Y. C. May 27 1940.

My dear Laura:-

I am unable to tell you how much I enjoyed the concert of Marion Anderson Sunday night. I spent yesterday, telling the people with whom I work, the good news.

I am delighted, encouraged, and inspired and feel so fortunate that you were so kind as to do that grand favor for me.

I hope you are feeling well today and praying God's richest blessings upon you.

I thank you sincerely and hope that I may do something to make you happy some day.

With best wishes,

I am yours truly,
Aurelia Johnson.



Miss Laura Muser
Little Falls,
Minnesota

P. Johnson - 246 W. 129 #15
n. y. c.

I hope your
parents ^{will} ~~will~~ ^{have} ~~have~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{your} ~~your~~ ^{mother} ~~mother~~

246 W. 129 #15
N.Y.C.

My dearest Laura,

Ever since school closed,
I have hesitated writing you
because I've wanted to send you
something nice for having been
so kind to me during the
school year. But it just seems
that the longer I wait the
poorer I get, so I decided to
just write anyway. I've
missed seeing you so much and
my friends are constantly asking
about you. Last week I happened
to be in East Orange, N.J. and

I've lost many of them. Enla, for instance. I haven't seen her but once since school closed. And I haven't seen Bertha or Nellie at all. They must think gone to Minnesota. I seem to be terrible, but should they ever need me, I'd be Johnny on the spot. Right at their service. Then they would realize that I'm not such a bad friend after all.

What have you been doing this summer? Are you gaining any weight? Have you still got that cute dress. I think that's about the cutest dress I've

my cousins were so disappointed when they asked me to bring you over to spend the week-end. And I told them you had gone to Minnesota. I seem to be quite deserted now. Heide, had gone back to Kansas City, Min.

This summer, I have been working very hard on my instrument. I haven't done any socializing at all. ~~And~~ My entire days and nights have been religiously spent with the violin. So you see I've had no time to visit any of my friends. Consequently,

ever seen you in. I actually
fell in love with it.

Carol Brice, the singer, is
turning the South, I think.
She left right after school
closed.

Mother & Daddy are well, Mother's
keep busy with her church work
trying to collect clothes and etc
for the unfortunate of the
neighborhood. I wonder what
will happen to my poor race if
Mother shared when the War. Well,
Laura, I must close. I hope you'll
write me real soon, tell me all
about yourself. Let me know if you've composed
any new pieces. Love - Pennier.



Mrs Anna Musser

114 So. Kensington ~~Ch. Linden Hill~~

~~La Grange - Little Falls~~

~~Ill -~~

~~Miss~~

To Mrs. Jane Bailey -



246 W. 129 #15 - N.Y.C.

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M. A.

5/18/40.

Dearest Laura,

Thanks for your kind letter, I was a bit worried for awhile because you were so long answering.

Mother & Daddy have you on their minds as much as I. They are constantly asking about you. Mother has been suffering awful pains, because of her eyes & she has spent most of the summer here, unable to work, because of the strain. I hope and pray she'll get better.

cool days. And I've gotten
plenty of rest.

Right now, I'm just worried
about mother.

How are your parents?

People here are still confused
even the War. Mages, we're all
a little too far away from
God and the true Religion.

Many of my friends ask about
you.

My sister is anxious to
meet you.

I read where Philippa had
a birth-day party. Her mother
is just as aggressive as usual.

Believe it or not, I've lost temp.
Write real soon. Love

Fannie.

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On Sept. 26, I'm to give a
recital in the Central High School
in Col. Ohio - and on the 29th
in the Bethesda Church in
Chicago Ill. This I hope will
give me enough to finance
me in school. I guess I'd
have fits if I didn't attend
next year, as it is to be my
last, then I hope to make some
sort of accomplishments.

Will you be here before I
leave? I hope so.

You must be having a
grand summer on the lake.
I've enjoyed the good



Miss Laura Jane Musser.
Linden Hill.
Little Falls.
Minn.

G. Saur.
650 East 3rd St
Brooklyn N.Y.



Hollywood Hotel.
Catskills
Aug 27th N. Y.
1940

Dear Laura,

I hope you will
forgive me for not
answering your nice
letter before, but I
was busy with the
house, its being painted
etc. and it was awfully
hot before we left.
We are on vacation
up in the Catskills,
its beautiful and we

have enjoyed it so
much the past two
years, but this year
its so cold. and I have
been ill that I will be
glad to get home.

How are you? I bet
you are having a
good time. When are
you returning to N. Y?
I havent done much
practicing - and thats
pretty bad -

Francis send his
best regards. Write us
soon. With love

Sincerely,
Pita.

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BROOKLYN NY

LAURA MUSSER

CARE LINDEN HILL LITTLEFALLS MINN

WISHING YOU THE UTMOST IN HEALTH HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY DURING THE
YULETIDE SEASON. MAY ALL THE DAYS THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR BRING
YOU FULL JOY AND HAPPINESS

RITA SAUR

Gizella Ehrenwerth
499 W. 135th St., N.Y.C.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Miss Laura Musser
Parnassus Club
605 W. 115th St.
N.Y.C.

Monday Evening

Dear Laura:

Another friend and I are
going to Town Hall on
Thursday, Nov. 7th, to hear
Carroll & Glenn. We will
meet at Town Hall about
eight o'clock. Please join us.

Yours, F. Sella



Miss Laura J. Munroe
605 West 115th Street
New York City
New York

M. - Fisk University
the trustee, Tenn.

Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF WOMEN

May 25, 1940

Dearest "Letzie".

Here it is almost time for school to close - can it be possible? Hope this letter reaches you in time as it won't have to be forwarded. I am leaving here early on June 4th. I shall be at home in Rhode Island after that date so you may write me there.

I hope to rest, read, and write this summer. I don't think I will go to camp at all.

My brother left here yesterday and my boy friend today so right now I am very lonesome. I haven't told you about my boy friend, have I? I have only known him since March but we both feel it may be the "real thing". He is only a freshman medical student but he has already done graduate work a year so we are about equal. He is real tall and thin - 6' 1" with light brown hair and eyes. People say we are much alike. He is from Texas and owns considerable property there. We get along well together. I think he will come to my house

this summer.

I hear that Ernestine has a new car. Has she written you? I know she is busy through here. I am also - giving exams, getting out final reports etc - and then packing so I have plenty to do. Some students left to-day. Commencement is next Monday.

Last night I saw "Edwin Russell". I loved the music. It was perfectly beautiful. Have you seen it?

How is International House - crowded on account of the war? Do you go up there much now? Hope to visit when I return to N. Y. in July or August. If Howard drives from Texas, I shall meet him in N. Y. C. and drive to R. I. with him. At least that is one plan.

Please don't forget to write soon, Love

Sincerely,

Margaret

EVENING RECITALS

by

Miss Van Buren

Metropolitan Area of New York

1937

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The Missions Council
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The Congregational and Christian Churches
of the United States

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Court and President Streets, Brooklyn.

Monday, November 22

FLATBUSH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Dorchester Road and East 18th Street, Brooklyn.

Tuesday, November 23

GRACE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

308 West 139th Street, New York City.

Wednesday, November 24

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Garden City, Long Island.

Friday, November 26

BROADWAY TABERNACLE

Broadway at 56th Street, New York City.

Vespers Sunday, November 28

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Richmond Hill, Long Island.

Monday, November 29

CLINTON AVENUE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Clinton and Lafayette Avenues, Brooklyn.

Tuesday, November 30

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Glen Ridge, New Jersey.

Wednesday, December 1

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Ridgefield, Connecticut.

Thursday, December 2

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Westfield, New Jersey.

Friday, December 3

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH AT THE CIRCLE

Mount Vernon, New York.

Sunday, December 5

[Over]



CATHERINE VAN BUREN



LYRIC SOPRANO



MISS Van Buren is the foremost lyric soprano of a race noted for its musical endowment and is one of the great sopranos of our time. . . . Gifted with the finest woman's voice to be trained in the Fisk University Choir whose men are represented by the tenor Roland Hayes. . . . Soloist with the Fisk Choir during her four years at the University, singing at concerts in Symphony Hall, Boston; Carnegie Hall, New York, and in other cities. . . . Graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. . . . Has been instructor on the faculties of the music departments of Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina, and Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama.

Guest soloist annually for the Fisk Spring Musical Festivals and guest soloist for the Oberlin A Capella Choir. . . . "Discovered" nationally by Congregationalists at the General Council meeting, Oberlin, Ohio, 1934, when she was Council soloist. . . . Sang at the National Conference of Congregational and Christian Executive Boards, Evanston, Illinois, January 1937; sang in October 1937 at the Mid-West Regional Convention, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and at the All-New England Regional Convention, Concord, New Hampshire.

Petite and graceful in manner, Miss Van Buren has a rich melodic voice of exquisite beauty and rare tonal purity. . . . Whether singing a difficult passage of a classical composition or a Negro spiritual, the ease of her rendering deceives the audience as to the high technical skill of her artistry. . . . Throughout her music is a medium for the expression of feeling sincere and powerful which charms and enthralls.

First Congregational Church Oct. 13th
8:15 p.m. [Over]

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF WOMEN

Fisk University

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



Miss Laura Jane Musser
605 West 115th Street
New York, N. Y.

Apt 62-F

Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF WOMEN

March 12, 1940

Dear Miss Musser:

The Women's Department of Fisk University wishes to express its appreciation to you for the kind assistance which you gave in the recent purchase of the silver tea and coffee service for Jubilee Hall. The acquisition of this service will make possible the launching of an enlarged cultural program so necessary in the complete development of our women students.

We extend to you a hearty invitation to attend our weekly coffee hour in Jubilee Hall each Wednesday evening at six-thirty o'clock.

Sincerely yours,

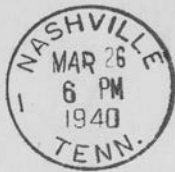
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Dean of Women

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Miss Laura Jane Musser
605 West 115th Street
New York, N Y

Apt 62-F



Miss Laura J. Murree
605 West 115th St
New York
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#196 - Fish Community - Nashville, Tenn.

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Sick University
Nashville, Tennessee
March 25, 1940

Dear "Lottie",

Received your sweet
Easter - Birthday Greeting Card. How
nice of you to remember me - I
didn't know that you even
knew when my birthday was.

One of the chief reasons
for my not meeting you in that
I have been ill. I have had
sinus since January and I
am still not well. The atmosphere
and food here do not agree
with me and I have a
nasal infection, lowered
resistance etc - I cannot breathe
through my nose at all for
the most part. I go to bed early

and take no need of medicine
and prescription - injections,
capsules and an x-ray treatment
every week. My salary is
simply evaporating under the
pressure of a specialist. The job
is a little difficult at times, I
guess.

We have bought the Silver
Tea Set and used it several
times already. I gave a beautiful
little Career Tea near Saint
Patrick's day - being green and
white as a color scheme with
lavender cakes and spiced tea.

Every Wednesday we have
Coffee Hours - using the service.

Recently we installed a
Coca-Cola vending machine in the dormitory
and it has collected about
\$46.00 in two weeks - we get
same profit from that - so yes, I
think. It is an automatic dispenser

very attractive - just a nickel in +
a coin comes down + then the drink
flows in. We are going to buy another
Silver Tray with the money, a table-cloth
and other things - we are so poor - we
need the end of things here to get started.

Heard from Emmeline recently.

I hope to see her again before I
go north - perhaps my boy friend
in Atlanta will drive her over
to see me. He was supposed to
come over yesterday - but there
was such a blizzard here - snow
and 15° weather that I am glad
he stayed off of the highway.

I know you are enjoying a
busy season in N.Y.C. Hope you
are there when I get there again.
I expect to see Ruth this summer
in Boston and at my home if
she can get there. I plan to stay
at home all summer and rest
and write.

We are getting ready for a
Fine Auto Festival here - April
19-20-21. - American Auto,
Music and Literature.

On good Friday - the entire
Choir (80-90 voices) gave
Brahms' Requiem. It was
done beautifully. Yesterday
morning they did a beautiful
rendering of All Hail the Lord
God of Hosts and
several other Easter pieces.
There are some beautiful
voices here - Catherine Van
Buren - soloist yesterday.

While in Atlanta I heard
a Meital - a girl from Boston
Miss Butler. Have you heard
her? She seemed quite good.
Also have you heard Jean Carter?

Thanking you again for card
Sincerely,

Margaret L. Carter



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota

cc/o R.D. Musser.

June 12 1940
95 Colberg Ave
Podindale.

Dearest Patsie,

Why is everybody so
sweet to me where I'm
not a bit nice? Your
package arrived where
I was visiting in Wash-
ington and my whole
family was nearly
dying of suspense to
know what was in
the package. Oh, Patsie

since I've seen anybody
from Uusiti.

Norwa came home day
before yesterday & I'm slowly
catching up on the news -
I hear Miss Alspach is getting
married! What a thrill

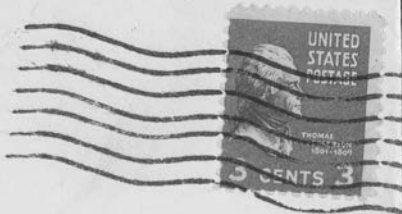
I'd certainly love to go back
& visit school again.

Well Lottie I can never
thank you enough for all
the nice things you've
done for me, but again I'll
say "thanks" & lots of love
Betty

how I do love toilet water -
and the nicest smell! I
shall certainly take many
more baths as a result.

Vacation started last week
after a rather hectic graduation
I was kind of glad we
only graduate once. I'm so
worn out I sleep until
at least 11^{am} every morning!

When does your vacation
begin. I do wish you could
stop in Boston and see
us all. Its been so long



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

Woodbridge Hall
Mt. Holyoke College
So. Hadley, Mass.

January 20, 1940

Dearest Sotsie,

Thank you so
much for the perfectly
darling handkerchief
holder. It's precious
and I love it!

Did you have
a nice vacation? I
thought of you - as
I will always - at
Christmas time.

I had a wonderful
Christmas being with
the family. Each
one is so dear to me.
And Sotsie - how

disliking exams!

I have been sending away for blanks applying for fellowships etc. at various places. I've decided to get my M.A. next year if possible. I'll probably do no further than that, however.

My life has been relatively quiet lately. I suppose you know Ruth Jenks is married - And, oh, I gave Connie her card from you - we saw each other twice during vacation. I

Virginia loved her O Z book! She sat down and read a great deal of Christmas day! She wanted to know why you weren't with us on Christmas day!

Oh, it's nice to think back on the happy days of vacation but I'm afraid I'll have to settle down to business. Our reading period is over and I have my exams next week. ooh! I still can't get over

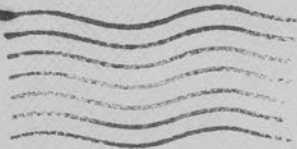
saw T. van once at a tea. She certainly has changed -

I heard Donald Dickson here last week. He has quite a nice voice - but he can improve a lot yet.

Well, Sotsie. I'll say goodbye for now. Thank you again for the lovely handkerchief case.

Love,
Mary

H. M. McCoy
A. M. N. College
Cine Bluff Ark.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
605 West 115th St.
New York City

I took some pictures in the snow
if they are good when I have them developed
I'll send some immediately.

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Q. M. N. College
Bene Bluff, Ark.
Jan 29, 1940

Dear Lottie,

It was so sweet
of you to take
time to answer
my diary letter
while your mother
is visiting you.

Thank you very
much for Helen's
address.

I am so glad
to hear the good
news about
Evelyn. I wrote her

I wrote Evelyn just a friendly letter not
mentioning her illness or that you told me.

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told. So we will
still have some
time to wait before
hearing her.

It's so nice that
you and your
mother are having
such a good
time. Did your
father come this
time too?

Mama writes
that they are be-
coming adjusted to
the situation. At first
so many people in
the house made
her nervous but

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and enclosed a
small check. But I
knew the letter nor
the check would
not be adequate for the
situation. I'm sure the
letter ^{will} be forwarded to
her.

I thank you very
much for Helen's
address. I shall
try to write her
before she sails.

Marian Anderson's
concert in Little
Rock has been
postponed until
May I have been

now she has decided
that she just can't
have things as they
were before so she
no longer worries.

A building committee
has been formed and
I think plans are
on foot for financing
and building another
building or buildings
to replace the one burned
^{wrong in a}
It seems that a chimney
from the furnace started
the fire.

I am writing this
before school. I just re-
ceived your letter. I must
stop now and get ready
for my class. Love, Ned



Miss Laura Jane Musser
76 The Barnassus Club
605 West 115th Street
New York City

Box 61
Spelman College
Atlanta, Ga.

Box 61
SPELMAN COLLEGE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

January 4, 1940

Dear Laura,

It was sweet of you to
send me the beautiful 'kerchief
and handkerchief bag. You really
shouldn't have because you
always do so much for so
many people. I really can't
thank you enough for the
many kindnesses you
have extended me.

I could not help writing
you today, for I believe this
is the night of Marion Anderson's
concert, and I just know

you're planning to be there.
 I always feel that I'm not
 missing so much after all
 if I can count on your
 seeing and hearing things
 for both of us.

I hope you had a
 good Christmas with lots
 of fun, rest, peace, and
 good cheer. I spent mine
 at home with my Mother.
 My boy friend spent two
 weeks with me, and we
 were on the go most of
 the time. There were so
 many parties and dinners.
 I'm afraid I've gained about
 ten pounds. You should
 see me. I'm really getting
 fat.

SPELMAN COLLEGE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

I saw a fellow during the holidays who teaches with Hilda McKay, and he said that her aunt. who sent her to Columbia is giving her a Packard car for Christmas. She should be so happy and grateful, too.

You will be surprised to know that I had an offer last week in the New York Public Library (Harlem Branch). I should certainly like to accept it but can't unless they release me here willingly. It isn't ethical to run out on a job in the middle of the year. Truly

wouldn't want it permanently
but should certainly like
to have the experience for
a short while. And it
would be so good to see
you again!

I was invited to Virginia
and Washington for the
Christmas holiday but couldn't
go because my friend came
to visit me.

When have you seen
Evelyn Diggs? I hope
she is quite well again.
I think of her often.

Many, many thanks again
for my lovely gift, and a
very happy New Year in 1940
and all the years to come.

Love,
Ernestine



H. M. McCoy
G. M. N. Callege
Cine Bluff, Ark.



Miss Laura J. Musser

The Barons Club

West 115th St.

New York, N. Y.

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M
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Jan 2, 1940

Dear Latare,

My paper is so lovely and I like it so very much until you will probably not get another letter written on it. I am going to keep it because you gave it to me and because I like it so much. Thank you very much. Thank you for the Handkerchiefs you sent for my birthday.

P.S. I liked the Marlow
Anderson booklet very
much also the
program. Its very
sweet of you Patrice
to send me programs.

H.

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This is just a "thank
you" note I will write
a letter this weekend
when I hope not to
be so busy as I am
now.

I hope you received
the little book I had
sent to you. The
author was a friend
of mine.

I expect a real letter
next week later and
I am going to expect
a long answer very
soon.

Love,
Hieda



Miss Laura Jane Musser
~~Little Falls~~
Carnegie Club
612. West 115th St.
New York N.Y.



Oct 11, 1945

Dear Laura Jane,

How nice you were
to send us the cute book
ends. Thank you so very
much.

I hear you are now

a proud accent. Isn't that
grand. I'm looking forward
to seeing the baby one
of these days.

Are you home in
Little Falls this year? It
must be beautiful up
there now. We've certainly
been having wonderful
fall weather.

Thank you again so
much for thinking of me.
I can still remember an
autograph you wrote me
once about "Cenny for now
Cenny forever, Paulson
now but not forever." or
something like that. I
guess that time has come.
Sincerely,
Cenny Bucken

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HOTEL MAYER
DEVILS LAKE, NORTH DAKOTA

THIS LETTER WRITTEN FROM

Monday, March 11, 1940

Dear Laura Jane:

I realize that this letter is no proof of the fact that I have thought of you frequently during the past (is it six?) months; however such is the case, and I submit this at least, as proof that I've not forgotten an old friend.

When I think back several years (permit me?) to the good old talks we had, a bit of mutual weeping on the shoulders over personal problems, and the symphonies we heard at Northrup I grin with pleasurable recollection. Then, pfft! all of a sudden I think of you as you were the last time I saw you.

In some ways it's very strange to me. I have no mental pictures of you evolving from the adolescent little girl who hiked around the golf course with me one night, to the very poised and mature lady who gave me hell in a polite and reserved manner about matters that concerned my future. Does this make sense to you? Probably not, but I don't know how else to put it.

Well, I now have that future I told you about. I've got the best job I've ever had. I'm a mild success, and my family and friends are proud and happy about the whole thing. But as for myself, if I may make a secret confession to you, Lotsie, the whole world (same one as before) still seems awfully phony to me. People still lie and smile while stepping on others' necks for their own personal gain. I'll be one of them if I'm to succeed further.

Don't merely say to yourself "Now the lad's again showing his true colors, green with a yellow background." But give me an idea what's the matter, if you have any hunches, will you? The whole world but me seems to be out of step. And I've a feeling the world isn't wrong.

Now look who's crying on your shoulder.

Your affectionate friend,

Bud

Box 603
Fargo, N.D.



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BOZEMAN, MONT.

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HOTEL MAYER
DEVILS LAKE, NORTH DAKOTA



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ON OCEAN
NEAR SHOPPING - THEATRES
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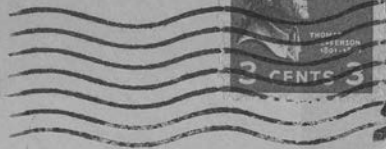
POST CARD



Hello Laura:

How are you? Fine I guess - Do you know I've been aiming to write you all the summer, but the days seemed to pass ~~by~~ so fast. Summer is almost over and it won't be long before you'll be back here in school. I haven't seen Alberto this summer, but I saw Ben several times. Won't you drop me a line and do phone or drop in and see me this fall. A friend says

Miss Laura Mursler
Little Falls, Minnesota
Linden Hill.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
~~Little Falls~~
~~Minnesota~~
612 West 115th Street
New York City
Of the Parnassus Club



G. F. A.

Wednesday

Dear Laura Jane;

How very sweet you
were to send us the lovely green
waste - basket. It is such an
attractive one and we will be

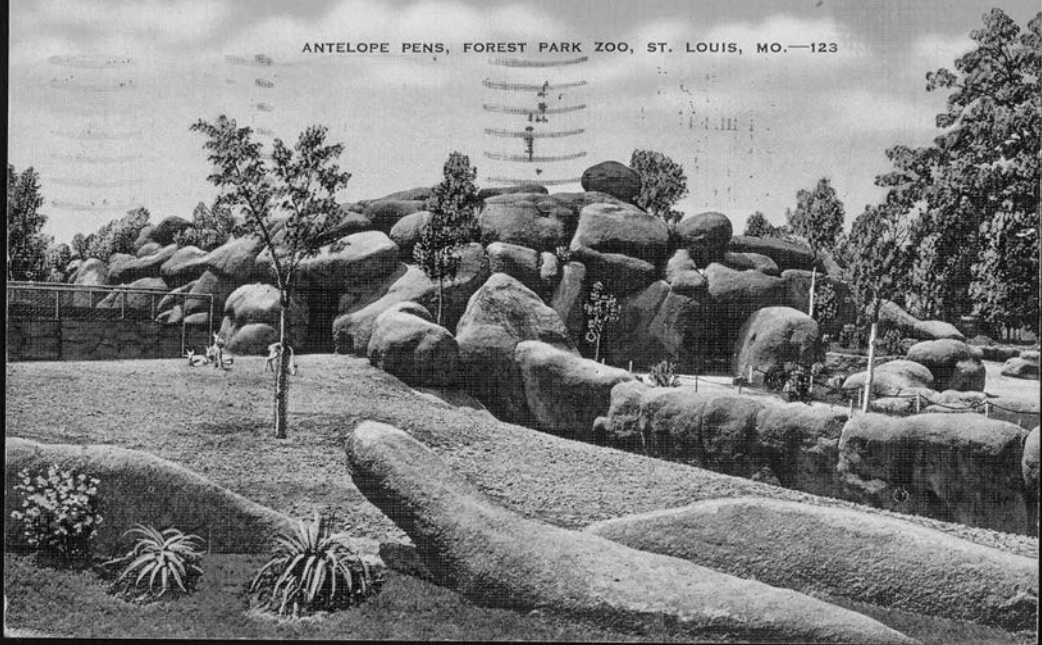
using it the moment we get into
our apartment -

I do hope some time when you
are East you will look us up in
Boston. You can get us through the
Harvard Medical School - I should love
to hear all that you've been doing and
have you meet Peter -

Thanks again for your lovely gift -

Love Bonnie Todd Rhine

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Dear hotsie - Sorry I
 didn't get as far as
 your country - but
 this summer it was
 Mexico. It's a wonderful
 place! Tell me are
 you still at the
 Sullard? Good luck
 and all my love K.S.D.

POST
 CARD



Miss Laura Mussen
 Little Falls
 Minn.

Mildred and Florence Trettel
207 Sixth Avenue Southeast
Little Falls, Minnesota



Miss Laura Jane Musser
605 West 115th Street
New York City
New York

2076th Ave. S.E.

Little Falls Minn.

April 31, 1940

Dear Laura Jane,

I am getting quite well
in my music. I know the
piece "Cradle Song" quite well
now. We had a play in school
last Wednesday Evening. I was
in it. It turning out pretty
good. I am going to be in
another one the first Friday
of May. It's for the mother
club. I am the Blessed
Virgin Mary. Everybody
has been teasing me
about it. I sure will be

glad when its over,

Today we went on a girl
scout hike out to the Devils
chair. We had a lot of fun.
I know a few things about
camping now.

Every time I want to write
a letter I can't think of anything
to write.

Mary Siegel has been sick
all week. We got our report
cards Tuesday. I got a pretty
good one.

I'm very glad I got the

signature of Marion Anderson.
I showed my friends the picture and
they said they heard her over the
radio.

Last night I went to the picture
Pinocchio. It was very good.
Please write me soon.

Your Oufil,
Gloucester.

207 Sixth Avenue Southeast
Little Falls, Minnesota
April 21, 1940

Dear Laura Jane,

I was so happy when I received the signature of Marion Anderson, that I had to write and tell you about it. She writes very legible. Glenn and I both have a book with her signature.

More good news Laura Jane. Alice, Mary and I won first prize in the musical division at an amateur contest here in Little Falls. We sang three different voices together. We sang "Carry me back to old Virginia" and "Oh Johnny". We were so happy to win a prize.

"Spring has come" ha ha in Little Falls. The birds sing so pretty in the morning. My flowers are starting to come up now. It won't be long and we will all be together again. Our city council had a meeting and they are planning on building a swimming beach in Little

Valle. Won't we have fun swimming this summer. Were reading the story of Ivanhoe in school now. I suppose you read it already. I wonder who Rowena marries.

I started an autograph book. I collected quite a large group of names of my friends and class mates. When you come home, you will have to write in it too. I went to "Pinocchio" last night. It sure was a good movie. Pinocchio was so cute.

I am starting a collection of important people's or people out of our country's names. I have Philippa's and Marion Anderson's for a good start. I bet you and I and Florence are the only one's in Little Valle who

have the signature of Marion Anderson. If you ever meet anybody from other countries or if they sing or do something grand, would you ask them for their autograph for me? I think it would be an interesting hobby. I hope your getting along fine.

Did you see Philippa very much? I am going to write to her again soon. I know that you will have more to say than I so please write a letter to me. You write such interesting letters. It's fun to read them. Goodbye until I write again.

your pupil,
Mildred.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
605 West 115th St.
New York, N. Y.

R. H. Campbell

1050

Gillispie St
Schenectady, N. Y.



Dear Latsie,

I just received your note, and hasten to answer while I still am able. (Ominous note! suspense!) I'd love to join you for Dorothy Maynor, but am prevented by the same thing that kept me home in October and again in December, when we had planned spees in N. Y. C. We have a dear friend there studying at Columbia, who has put his apartment at

our disposal. But the reason is that I'm expecting a human Valentine any day now - and shall probably be in the hospital when Miss Maynor is giving her recital! We have stuck to our radios, however, this winter, and have had much excellent music, with the broadcasts from the New Friends of Music, the NBC orchestra, Philharmonic of N. Y., and other good concerts. In anticipation

of the "blessed event", we
have also acquired a
record player and
some symphonies - so
we'll have our own little
concerts, "indoctrinating" the
infant (?) until we can
leave it and go out in
circulation again.

So - this explanation,
I believe, will convince
you that in a month
or two you really ought
to make an excursion up
here and see the child -
and me! I'm anxious

to get details from you
about your work -
your composition -
and all that. It is
grand, isn't it, to be
able to have the concerts
on the side to illustrate
what you are studying.
New York is a perfect
place for music, I
am sure.

Have you seen the Italian
art exhibit at The Museum
of Modern Art? That's one
of the things I crave seeing.

I really hope to see
you up here! Lovingly,
Feb-6- Bea



Miss Laura Jane Musser
605 West 115th Street
New York City,
N. Y.

From 207-6th Ave. S. E.

Little Falls,
Maine.

Dear Laura Jane,

I'm sorry I didn't write you a letter until now. I was going to when Mildred sent her but she sent it off before I got it written.

I'm getting along fine in music. I'm getting along pretty good in violin too. I like the pieces in the Etudes magazines. I know a few pieces out of them.

We got your letter and picture today. I think that girl looked very nice. When I saw the picture I knew right away it was a Burmese girl. That outfit is something like yours.

I have been skiing and skating quite a lot these days. Today the snow is melting. It's a pretty dull day too. This week we've been having six weeks tests. I'm not going to have very good marks.

How is Philappa getting along. I liked the letter you sent telling about her. Mildred and I read it together. It was very interesting. I wish I could of seen her at her broadcast. Well, I guess I'm going skiing now so I think I'll have to stop.

Your friend,
Florence

P.S. Excuse the writing and spelling.

Little Falls, Minn.

Mar. 1, 1940.

Dear Laura Jane,

How lovely of you to think of such a grand entertainment for Mildred and Florence. I'm sure they would enjoy it but feel that it would be difficult to transport them. We have no car, just a truck, and that wouldn't be a very sure way for the truck is needed in the business.

Dear Laura Jane I wouldn't want ^{you} to buy the tickets as long as transportation is doubtful. Wouldn't it probably be better to wait till summer when you could take in a good show together?

Your offer is so kind.
Some other occasion will
present better conveniences
sometime.

Mildred and Florence like
you so well and mention you
so often. That little towel
was just a little gift to appre-
ciate some of your kindness.
They both like school very
much this year. High
school is just something
newer and ^{more} interesting for
Mildred.

With sincere thanks and
lots of love to you

I remain your friend

Mrs. Otto Tittel.

207-6th Avenue S.E.

Little Falls, Minn.

March 2, 1940

Dear Laura Jane,

I was so happy that I had to write and tell you that I received a letter from Philippa. She wrote it all herself. She says she is just getting into decimals. She mentioned how much she likes the little soap figures of Oz characters you gave her. Isn't she the sweetest little girl. She also said what a nice mother you have. I think so too. Her new piece is "In an Indian Museum." We agree in some things anyway. She likes to jump rope like I do.

I loved that picture of a Burmese girl you sent. When

you come back may I try
your costume on? It is
nice of Adelaide to see that
some of her friends will write
to us. I am curious to know
what the little Burmese girls
do. Will you ask Adelaide to
send me an address of one
of the girls?

I had to write a biography
of Chopin last week and I enjoyed
it more than the other biographies
because I play Chopin's pieces.
Isn't it too bad that many
of our talented musicians are
sickly people. I hope you come
home soon and if you see Philippa
tell her I received her letter and thank
her for it, will you? With love from,
Mildred.

Little Falls

Dec. 28, 1940]

ME

Dear Laura,

Thank you so much for
the book The State of Music.

Although I have never read
the work itself, I have
read several reviews of the
work and so know that it
is an excellent and
delightful piece of writing.
I have often wished that

I could have the opportunity of reading the book, and, now that I really have it, I can hardly wait to begin. And I will as soon as the Christmas rush is over!

I often think of you, Laura, and wonder how your work pleases you this year. I hope you are very happy.

Again thank you so much for the lovely present. Your wrappings were so attractive - the manuscript paper and the ribbon with

little musical notes. I love
interesting additions like
that!

my love and sincerest
best wishes to you, Laura.

Lovingly,
Maxine

Little Falls, Minnesota
December 27, 1940