



Laura Jane Musser and
Family Papers.

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207- 6th Avenue S.E.
Little Falls, Minn.
February 16, 1940

Dear Laura Jane,
Thank you very much
for the lovely valentine. It
had such a cute little poem
underneath it "teacher" ha. ha.
I am sending you a little
towel which I embroidered all
by myself. I hope you will
like it. You sent me so many
pretty things that I wanted
to send you something. Maybe
when you come back, he could
sew some things. I am making
a little pillow. I love to em-
broider.

I saw the show "Gullivers
Travelers" at our theater.

Did you see it? Wasn't Gabby cute? We had two large snow storms here and we can go skiing now. I can't ski very good but it is fun anyway.

School is so interesting now. We had a dean from college in Kentucky talk to us today. He said there wasn't anything as precious in life as music. He said everyone should know some music. Those who don't know some music don't know what they are missing, don't they.

I'm still working for that Burmese costume. Bernadine and Helen Jean are still taking

lessons from Miss Bolter. They enjoy it very much.

Did you see Philippa anymore. If she is playing soon on the radio that you know, please tell me. My mother and father sure think it was wonderful of you to send me that music magazine "Etude". I learned some pieces in them. If you see Philippa give her the letter I wrote and sent with this letter. I know she will like to hear from me. Did that Burmese friend of yours get any girls from Burma

to write to us? We girls
would love to write to girls
in other countries. I can hardly
wait until you come back. We
did have such a grand time
this summer. Stories, swimming,
parties and piano playing
makes up many happy
days. Write to me if you
have time and ask Philippa
to write to us girls. We sure
would enjoy to have a letter
from such a sweet little
genius. Goodbye Laura Jane.
I hope you will come home
soon.

Your loving pupil,
Mildred

883 Main Street
Laurel Maryland
September 3, 1940

Dear Laura,

It was grand hearing
from you after so long. I am
so happy that everything is
allright now after your
illness.

From your letter you seem
to have had a very busy
summer. So have I. What
with a trip to Norfolk,
another to Richmond, still
another to the Skyline Drive
in Va. and my doings here
in Laurel, there hasn't been
a dull moment.

I have had numerous
trips to the beach with my
new friends and also rides
on my uncle's yacht.

Well, I'll sign off now
and hope to see you real
soon.

With love,
Luella

I'll bet you wish you
had seen what I did a few
weeks ago. I was on a real
"Showboat": yes indeed. They
presented a fely followed
by a revue! It was very
funny and I still laugh
when I think of it. Hope I'll
see it again next year.

Have you done much work
at the pears this summer?
I've done quite a bit
considering all the other
things I've done. I'll miss
my nice pears when I
go back to N. Y. By the way,
when do you go back? I'm
leaving on the 22d.
Registration is the 24th
you know.



Miss Laura Jane Messer
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minn.

803 Main Street
Larchmont, Maryland



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minn.

AMELIA C. BAILEY - 114 SOUTH KENSINGTON AVENUE - LA GRANGE - ILLINOIS

Dearest Lottie,

Say - - - you owe me a letter. my folks told me you called up some time ago and I'm sorry I wasn't here. you probably know I've been working for the P. S. Co. in Ottawa, Ill but I'm I'm quitting in two weeks cause I'm engaged and I'm going to be married Aug. 2nd to a boy from Ottawa. He works for the John Deere Plow Co and will live in Jacksonville, Ill. but what I had on my mind was - - - could you come here for a few days before the wedding & then play the wedding march for me. We're going to be married here at home and it's not going to be anything fancy but it just seems like it would be complete. if you would play for it. I think my dad is going to give me a piano for a wedding present and I'm

tickle pink cause I sure want one.
I always feel better if I can sit down &
hang out something once a day.
I haven't heard from you for so long
I've no idea what you've been doing
or anything - why don't you write - huh?
anyway write & let me know & you
don't have to play if you don't want to
I want you to come regardless
love
gune

Miss Laura Jay Murrells
Little Falls
Minn.



AMELIA C. BAILEY - 114 SOUTH KENSINGTON AVENUE - LA GRANGE - ILLINOIS

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Sunday P. M.

My dear Cousin Jane,
 Just a week since you
 left us, and each day I planned a
 note to you. However, days have passed
 and today seems to be my first opportunity
 to write. I was lame and went
 Saturday, all her things were loaded on a
 truck and followed her to Jacksonville.
 Now, I wish you could peek in and see
 what a darling sitting room her room
 has become. It's quaking to see this
 room as full of furniture, picked up

here and there thru the house, as though
a sitting room had always been the
nature of the room. I tell the truth
I shed a few moist tears while the room
was empty and forsaken, but now I'm
quite reconciled. Especially so
since June and Truman were so
radiant during this two days here,
and, at the end of the time, went
off eagerly and happily to their
new dwelling.

Your beautiful notes, letters
come and I will write her
appreciation. I suppose we must give
her time, though.

Where do you suppose Mr Bailey is
this moment? On the porch asleep.
He played golf this morning. Only
12 for score, and a disgusted man
was he - I think he's sleeping it off.

How can I tell you, Lotois.

How we love you. You were a joy
every minute of your stay; and both
Mr Bailey and I missed you and now
speak so often of you - Don't fail
to call and come out if you have
time on your trips thru Chicago. You
were very close to us, and
we don't want to lose sight of

you... even though June is no longer here,
the drawing card -

Thank you, mother for letting
us have you, and thank you for
playing for June -

Lovingly,

Arthur Cary Bailey.

Wed at Lovely Home Ceremony

June Bailey Becomes Bride
Of Truman Esmond on
Saturday, August 24

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex D. Bailey at 114 South Kensington avenue was the scene of a lovely wedding on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 24, when their daughter, June, became the bride of Truman Esmond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wright Esmond of 310 Clay street, Ottawa, Ill.

The Episcopal service was read by the Very Rev. Irvine Goddard in the presence of the members of the two families and a group of old time friends.

Beautiful arrangements of flowers were used throughout the home and in the living room the mantel was banked with ferns, white asters and white gladioli with a tall candelabra at either side.

At the appointed hour of 4 o'clock the bride, on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage, walked to the altar where she was awaited by Mr. Esmond and Jack Newkirk of Rockford, Ill., who served as his best man. Laura J. Musser of Little Falls, Minn., a Monticello college friend of the bride, played the wedding marches and preceding the ceremony gave a short program of appropriate numbers.

The bride's gown was of white chiffon made over white satin. Her veil was finger tip length and she carried a shower bouquet of white asters. Frances Bailey was her sister's maid of honor and only attendant. She wore pink net and carried pink asters. Mrs. Bailey, mother of the bride, wore a dress of white silk jersey and her flowers were pink roses and Mrs. Esmond, mother of the bridegroom wore a navy blue sheer and had a corsage of yellow tea roses.

The same friendly charm which pervaded the simple but beautiful ceremony marked the reception which immediately followed.

Before leaving on her honeymoon the bride changed to a most becoming gray brushed wool costume suit with which she wore black accessories. The Esmonds have gone to Pine River, Minn., and are returning Sept. 3 to be at home at 729 West State street, Jacksonville, Ill., where Mr. Esmond is connected with the John Deer Plow company.

The bride was born and raised in LaGrange and is a member of one of the pioneer families in the community. Her grandmother is Mrs. Frances Cary who has lived in the same home at 31 South Madison avenue for over fifty years. Mrs. Esmond attended the LaGrange schools and Lyons Township High school, Monticello college and Iowa State and is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. For the past few months she has been living in Ottawa where she was connected with the Public Service company as a demonstrator.

Among the out of town guests here for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Wright Esmond of Ottawa, Ill.; Laura Jane Musser of Little Falls, Minn.; Jane Stallings, Alton, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Larsen and daughter, Irma of Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Larsen of Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stine of Morris, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Jelms of Peoria; Jack Newkirk of Rockford; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lane, Miss Charlotte Bendix, Miss Adeline Bendix of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pritchard and daughters, Marjorie and Marilyn, Miss Anne Gauch of Glen Ellyn; Mrs. Luanna Patrick, Milton Patrick of Trevor, Wis., and Belknap Freeman of Boston, Mass.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland Ave
Little Falls
Minn.

Little Falls, Dec. 30/40

Dear Laura Jane;

Many thanks for
the Christmas card
you sent me.

As the years roll
by, and your hair grows
gray you will realize
how much one of my
years appreciates and
enjoys being remembered
by the young.

With best wishes
for a very Happy
New Year.

Your friend
Minnie M. Lockman



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

Little Falls, Minn.
Oct. 15 - 40.

Dear Lottie .

Do excuse me for not
writing sooner and thank you
for the things you sent the
children . I was greatly
appreciated but just have
been so very busy moving
and all, that, I kept on
putting off writing. Been
thinking of you often.
The package came on
Billy's birthday and the
suit fits him just fine

And Jean's dress is just darling.
She has worn it several times.
And she says, "See my new dress"
every time she wears it. She talks
most every thing now and does
very well. She has quite a cold
and has been rather cross the
last two days.

Had a little birthday party for
Billy. And they all had such a
good time and he got so many
lovely little things.

We are all settled in our new
home. And like it very much.
It seems so grand to be down
stairs and all on one floor.
Have five big rooms and bath.
The Library is right across
the street and Semones Funeral
Chapel on the corner.

And how does Laura Jane
enjoy school this year. ? I do hope

fine. I can imagine how
happy your friends were to
see you come back.

I'm enclosing a little picture
of the children which was
taken some time ago but just
had them developed.

Shel thanks again Laura
I hope some day I can buy
something nice for your children.
Some fine day when I get real
ambitious I'll make some
cookies and send you some
again.

Write some time when you
find time. With much love
Marie, Billy & Jean

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO
LITTLE FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT
LITTLE FALLS, - MINNESOTA



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

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LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

April 22, 1940

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

Dear Laura Jane:

Your letter of April 20 has been read with great interest and I feel that you are to be highly complimented on the noble work which your committee is attempting. The future of the Metropolitan Opera in New York City is certainly of great importance, and I know that people all over the United States will be greatly concerned over its present difficulty. However, here at Little Falls, members of our faculty have recently been donating to this fund and that fund until they have just about reached their limit. Several weeks ago we had a big Polish-Finnish Relief Program in the High School Auditorium. Last week the P. T. A. organizations put on a program for the purpose of raising funds for an audiometer to be used in connection with our health department. The Red Cross is now asking us to raise funds for the Norwegian Relief program, so it seems unwise for us at this time to organize any further fund raising campaign among our faculty members and P. T. A. organizations.

Things are very much the same here at Little Falls with the busy graduation season approaching. We expect about 160 seniors to receive their diplomas on May 31. The preliminary events such as the Junior-Senior Prom, kid day, the senior picnic, etc. are getting under way this week end, so I am sure you can appreciate the fact that school is buzzing with excitement.

Trusting that you are enjoying the fine spring weather in the East, I remain,

Sincerely yours,


James K. Michie
Superintendent

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Mr.

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

c/o Parnassus Club N. Y.

Thursday

Dearest Lottie,

This silence of mine has been inexcusable and I sincerely apologize - but doesn't the time slip by quickly? I can hardly believe tomorrow is the first of March! I've thought of you so much Mrs. dear, that it seems like I've written you often -

I showed your letter and Billie let me read the one she had received from you - so I've pretty well pored over your activities. You've certainly spent a grand winter -

been having sort of a
club - meeting every Monday
nite at which we play
bridge. Now we just plain
talk - and its been such
fun. Babe, Marguerite, Fergie,
Billie, Beth & I are the
members - but now sadly
enough - will have to get
along without Fergie because
Hub has been transferred
to Winona and Marie
leaving this week. Marguerite
had sort of a farewell
party for her last Wednesday.
Last night, Mrs. Kassing,
Beth & I went to the Musical
Art. Mr. Lindsay of the U
faculty played and everyone
enjoyed it so much. After -
I stopped at Beths & we just

haven't you? - and I'm
so anxious to hear all
about it first hand. It
must be wonderful to
hear all those concerts
and see all the plays.
I've been reading of Dorothy
Margaret in Time and
from all they say - she
must be very fine.

I'm still my land's
housekeeper - and still
think its rather fun.
Beth is over here most
of the time (about four
or five meals per week
and often during the
day) and we both
enjoy her so much.
All winter winter we've

out and talked till one
o'clock! I do wish you
were here to be with us -
but you will be before
long and then I hope we
can make up for lost
time.

I happened to see Fillian
the other nite when Beth
and I were at the show and
she told us about her chance
in China. It would certainly
be an adventure for her. To
say the least - but it seems
China is so treacherous at this
time (altho she says she would
be far from the war zone) and
four years is a long time to
be away from home. I do wish
she could get something closer
to home.

Please write me soon and
tell me all about yourself - I
do so love to get your letters.

Sincerely
Irene



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

% Panassus Club

Sylvia B. Peterson
900 1st St. S E
Little Falls, Minn.

Dear Katie -

Each day I expect to hear from you, but no letter comes, so I decided to take the initial step hoping it will bring results.

I haven't so much time for writing now that the baby is older. She's getting so interesting now, that it's hard to stay away from her. She knows her name now, and can sit up for a few seconds, also - she's cutting teeth which makes her a little cross. Last night I went to the

movie and later saw Lillian Gish. She was talking about going to China to teach and do missionary work. It would be wonderful for her if she could, and from what she tells me I think she probably will as she has taken her physical examination for it, and has been getting recommendations etc.

The baby is chattering to herself just now. She told herself a joke I think because she just laughed out loud.

Did you read that Marian Anderson's suppressed desire is to be a ballet dancer? And that she is going to take lessons in rumba or something while she's in Cuba.

We all were sorry that we didn't get to see more of you while you were home - at least we should have said good bye. I wanted so much to see you that day if I had the baby over. I called you so many times but you always were out.

Helen and Beth Boller are coming over to see me this evening. I wish you could be

with us too. But maybe the
next time you're home we can
all do something. Remember
the time you, Helen, and I went
riding up at Peale's? Didn't
we have a nice time?

Karin sends her love - she
said that in the next letter she'll
send you a picture of her if you
want one. She wears the lovely
dress you gave her for every best,
and she looks so cute. I'll
take her picture in it.

Love
Please let me hear from Joelle

Mrs. J. W. Emrich
454 Riverside Drive
N.Y.C.



GRAND CENTRAL
ANNEX



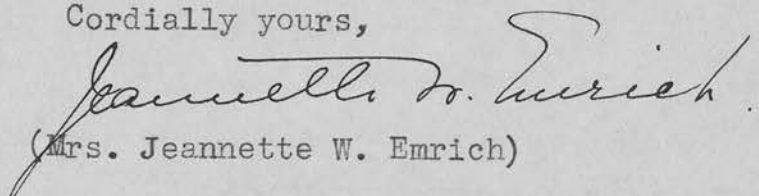
Miss Laura Jane Musser
Parnassus Club
605 -- 115th St.
New York City

454 Riverside Drive
New York City
February 15, 1940

Dear Miss Musser:

I returned home yesterday to find the box from Ovingtons with the lovely creamer and sugar set. It is a particularly attractive one and I appreciate the effort you made in selecting it. It was not really necessary for you to do this for I ~~might~~ have found a duplicate of the little Mexican ~~pitcher~~ which was accidentally broken. I shall treasure this new set and also your thoughtfulness in sending it.

Cordially yours,


(Mrs. Jeannette W. Emrich)

D. V. L.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

Morrison County

Protective Credit Association

Little Falls, Minnesota



*Miss Laura Jane Musser
of the Parnassus Club
Haskell Hall
West 115th St.
New York City, N. Y.*

Morrison County Protective Credit Association

WM. N. HANSON, Manager
Little Falls, Minnesota

February 26, 1940

Dearest Lotie,

I've delayed writing two or three days because I tried to gather some items of interest and of course failed. Your letter was just perfect I certainly could tell that you were having a fine time in New York.

Yes I know your mother was down to see you and had such a grand time with you that she hated to leave. I bet she did find it really interesting when she met Phillips. Has she changed her opinion or her dislike for the dusty folk? So you have seen Miss Anderson again, I imagine she thinks, "there's one true admirer" right! I'm glad the you enjoying yourself so much for I believe you'd wouldn't find quite so lively hereabouts.

I haven't skated, skied or even slid on cardboard this winter. In fact I haven't even gone outside with the exception of walking to work. I am certainly getting to be a softy.

I've done an awful lot of dancing. I love it and just quite can't get enough of it. I have friends from St. Cloud, Crosby and Brainerd that come down one either Saturday or Sunday and we dance some more. During the week I just stay home and read in fact I've run out of reading material. Not one stitch of it around and have washed every cross-word puzzle.

Morrison County Protective Credit Association

WM. N. HANSON, Manager
Little Falls, Minnesota

36 in the house.

So your friend is leaving for Burma, I just know about how you will miss her. I hope she will be able to raise the sum she needs for passage. It certainly would be nice to have something of the things that she had but I regret to say financially it would be an impossibility. If there is something that she would part with for a small price you can tell me in your next letter or tell me just what she has etc.

I'm writing this in the office so Lottie you can imagine how busy I am. It gets very tiresome, I read sometimes, croquet or just gaze into space. & everything here is at a standstill so its rather dull.

When Major Brewster has his amateur program on the air I hear a number of Gilbird students play or sing. Practically all violinists and very fine ones.

I sincerely wish I could write one-half as interesting letter you did Lottie, but it just seems I haven't the proper setting hereabouts for anything unusual to happen in. But I shall endeavor to do much, much better in my next letter.

Please write very soon for I do look forward to your letters as they are the most interesting ones I ever receive. I do want to know all about what you do in New York. So here is awaiting another letter very soon,

Love
Delores



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
minnesota

Mon.

Dearest Lotie,
congratulations to
your sister and thanks
for the swell letter I'm
tickled to death you can
come. Can you get
there about Weds. the
21st - Honestly I'm so
excited I can't even
think straight. You'll
have to wait till you
get here to get any
coherent information
I only have four more
days to work - yippeee!

Last week Truman & I
went to Jacksonville &
got an apartment - it's
so cute.

I'm going to wear a
white chiffon wedding
dress over a white satin
slip. It's being made &
it's just beautiful
well I have to go to bed
I'll see you Wednesday
& Charles so much love
it's going to be swell seeing
you again

love

June



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minn.

729 W. State St.
Jacksonville
Ill.

Dearest Lotsie

I'm sorry this
isn't going to be a
real long letter but
the next one will be.
Lotsie the silver trophy
is simply beautiful
and I just love it.
It's my favorite one.
Also thank you for
playing for me - it
was grand.
I'm sorry we

everything Lotsie
loads of love
June

couldn't stop and
see you on the way
back from Pine River
but we drove 640
miles in a day & didn't
have time to stop. I'm
glad I got to see you
on the way up anyhow
& hope you'll come &
visit us here. We
can play golf & tennis
& swim in a very
nice park here.
Please write to me &
I'll write you a long
letter as soon as I
get organized.
Shantles again for

IRENE ANDERSON

109 FOURTH AVENUE N. E., LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

February 21, 1940

Dear Lotsie,

I guess it's my turn to write, as I think I received your letter after I wrote you. At any rate, we shouldn't wait to take turns, should we?

I took my piano lesson last nite, and every time I go I like Miss Boller better. Gee if I don't learn anything this year it won't be her fault. It seems that I've had more trouble finding time to practice this year than I ever did last year. Things have come up and I just never get to it.

My grandmother has been very ill with pneumonia. She had the flu and got up too soon, had a relapse which soon turned into pneumonia, and believe me she had us plenty worried there for a few days. She was at our house all the time, and you know what a strain it is to have a sick person in the house. We couldn't have the radio on for over a week, and I couldn't even touch the piano. We talked in whispers, walked about in our stocking feet, and all kinds of good stuff like that. It's all over now, however, as we moved her back to her own house Sunday and she is able to be up and about, although she must still be very careful of course. It's really a miracle that she pulled through such an attack as you know she hasn't been very well for a long time.

I haven't seen much of the Gatchell girls lately, just bump into them on the street once in awhile. I've meant to have them over some evening, but I never seem to get around to it. My evenings are pretty well taken care of!

Bernice Johnson has been staying with me for about a month now. You remember her don't you? She lives about 5 miles out in the country and ordinarily drives back and forth, but now while the roads are so bad she's been staying with me. We have such a good time together and she certainly is a good kid. She got her diamond for Christmas, and will probably be leaving the ranks of the old maids before long. Doesn't it seem funny to think of all the kids we used to know in high school getting married and having homes and families of their own? I don't even feel grown up yet -- can't imagine myself as half the head of a household!

We had more excitement at our house Sunday night, or rather Monday morning! We were rudely awakened by my mother about 5 A.M. shouting "Fire! Fire! The house is on fire". She told us to get downstairs as quickly as possible. When we got down there, Dad was fully dressed, Frances had her coat on over her pajamas, and not being able to find her shoes had put Dad's big overshoes on. Harold had his hat and overcoat on, barefooted, shoes in his hand, suit over his arm. Mama was running around with her hair down, nite gown on, and Fluffy over her arm. I was just calling the Fire Dept. when my mother called me to cancel the call. Here she had put beans on to cook the nite before and instead of turning the stove on "Low" had turned it on "High" and they had burned completely up, filling the whole house with smoke and making a good show of a fire. We couldn't have been more excited if the house had burned up. And you just ought to smell it! The kitchen cabinets have to be all repainted, and all the walls and woodwork have to be cleaned. My fur coat soaked up the rest of the loose smoke and smells like rotten eggs. I think my insurance covers smoke damage though, so should get it cleaned for nothing. It's interesting to see just what a person does in a case like that-- and we surely looked funny!

My boy friend is Victor Anderson. His sister Gerturde used to be the county 4-H Club leader, and now does some kind of social work around here. I think you know her. Vic hasn't been around much as he's worked for a road construction company in Mpls. for 7 years, but right now things are quiet and he's been home for three months. He will be leaving again in a few weeks I imagine. He's a great big fellow-- over 6 feet tall and weighs 235 lbs. So you see I really have an armful now - don't get the idea I ever get so close as to find out though! We've been going quite steady for about 3 months now and have lots of fun. I will surely miss him when he goes away but he can't stay home all the time. Oh well, such is life.

I have done very little in the line of skating and skiing this winter. I have a new ski suit and new skates too so should be thoroughly ashamed of myself. I am. I haven't the time nor the ambition to get out in the cold cruel winter air after I once get home and settled for the evening, unless, of course my big moment insists-- that's different anyhow.

I shall have to finish this up now, my pet. Write soon and tell me all. Do you ever see Jack any more? I really think you treated him miserably. And I had such hopes of being invited to a wedding-- maybe you'll do better by us this year!

Much love,

Gene

27 Bay Street
Litchfield, Minn.



RMS

612 W. 116 St

Miss Laura Jane Musser

~~% Juilliard School of Music~~

New York

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~~Not 130~~



STATION

27 Bay Street
Greenfield, Minnesota
February 19, 1940

Dear Laura Jane,

As you see, I'm still in the United States. I haven't yet been appointed to any mission field, altho I am expecting to hear something definite any day. I guess all my recommendations haven't come in yet. Your mother wrote one for me - for which I am very grateful to her.

I really did intend to answer your letter sooner, but I seem to be doing something all the time.

lately. I have been staying with children quite often. I've acquired a new charge - a baby about six or eight months old - you'd love her. I don't usually like to stay with small babies, but this one is so good that I don't at all mind staying with her.

The combined choirs have been rehearsing for several weeks in preparation for their Easter concert. If you're here on Easter Sunday you'll have to come to hear us. We're singing "The Swan Last Words" by Du Bois. This Thursday, the Choral Club, which the Musical Art Club sponsors and Jim Smoots directs, begins weekly rehearsals for a program in May. It is quite a large group - about 60 voices. Helen and Beth are both going to join. I'm also thinking of joining

the "civic" orchestra - also sponsored by the Musical Art Club. I don't think it's an organization of any great worth, but I could get something out of the practice.

We've had some grand news from Julie. She's enrolled in Carlyle Scott's harmony class this quarter. He was quite impressed by ~~her~~ the ability she has shown & by the fact that she has absolute pitch, so he told her that she

must major in music. She
had planned only to take
a minor in music because
of the great cost of private
lessons - you know how
that is - but Mr. Scott
has offered to give her
free ~~lessons~~ in piano and
to make some arrangement
for her voice lessons. I'm
so glad that Julie is
getting this chance, because
music is her greatest
interest in life.

I had a letter from
Rosie last week. She
gave me the address of

a young man in India with whom she has been corresponding for some time, and who wants another feminine correspondent. She suggested that I write him; and I intend to do so although I haven't yet.

You had some very stormy weather in New York last week, didn't you? We have had eleven inches of snow, and everything is white and beautiful. Wednesday evening the members of our church are having a sleighride after the ~~so~~ mid-week Lenten service. I haven't gone on a sleighride for at least five years. I hope will have fun.

I suppose you are working hard and taking in many concerts. Have you been to

the "Mut" lately? I hope
you'll write again and
tell me all you've
been doing.

Love,
Lillian



Mrs Laura Jane Musser,
Parnassus Club
115 St.

New York.
N.Y.

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Valley Stream L.I.
January 2, 1940.

Dear Laura Jane, I cannot
find words to express
my appreciation of your
lovely Christmas gift. It
was so sweet of you to
think of me. The towels
are absolutely darling and
will often "pretty" my bath-
room for special guests in-
cluding you. The book
for Margaret was a real
thrill to her. A package
thus the mail brings its
own special enchantment

have recommenced and the old routine is once more the rule of the day, we hope to have you spend some time here with Lucille. Perhaps you and Lucille can get together and plan a week end out in the "sticks" very soon.

We enjoyed your letter so much and are really looking forward to seeing you soon again.

Once more, many many thanks for your beautiful gift and also for Margaret. She is most

to a child, and as she is a great admirer of "The Wizard of Oz," having enjoyed the picture so much, she is looking forward to these famous characters' further adventures in the new book. Just as soon as "MaMa" can catch her breath, to read them to her, after the rush of holiday festivities.

I am sure you had a wonderful Christmas. Just going home, I can well imagine was enough in itself.

Now that closes

grateful. ⁴
all here join me
in the best of wishes
for a most happy and
successful new year.

Sincerely,
Crystal Woodland



Miss Laura Jane Munner
c/o The Parnassus Club
West 115th St.
New York City
New York

Margaret I. Carter
Fick Humility
Nashville, Tenn.

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Fisk Community
Nashville, Tenn.

January 5, 1940

Dearest "Letzie",

Thank you so much
for the adorable Christmas
gift. It was such a pleasant
surprise and so kind of
you to think of me.

I did get home and
spent a very pleasant
and quiet holiday with
my parents. I received
many lovely gifts. Daddy
gave me a large black velvet
evening wrap with a white
ermine hood. I got 3 slips

and several boxes of
writing paper, towels, all
kinds of perfume, a housecoat,
skirt and blouse and
numerous other things. This
paper is a gift from a boy
friend of mine who is in
Atlanta. Don't you like
it?

If you ever meet a
colored boy at Juleland
named Oscar Kruddy, tell
him you know me. His
sister is here at Fish.

Have you heard from
Ernestine Anthony lately?
I hope to see her soon when
she goes to Atlanta.

Have you seen "Have

with the Wind" as yet? It must be
in N.Y.C. I suppose the prices
are exorbitant.

We received \$8.00 more dollars
for the Silver Ice Service. I
spoke about Fish to a church
group on Christmas and
they gave me \$5.00 for
the Tea Set. We still have
fare to go.

The Christmas Carol
Concert which was held
here was perfectly gorgeous.
A crowd waited from
7:00 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. for
concert. We were literally
taken off of our feet and
pushed into the Chapel by
a crowd reaching to the
street - just like a subway

jam. The Chapel was so crowded
that 2 ladies fainted. One of
the doors was torn from
the Chapel by the crowd.

Have you heard the
Choir over the Radio on
Monday? It is really very
fine. They do one number
with an "echo" that makes
one think of Hebrew and
Angels. Have you ever
heard it some day.

Hope you have a grand
New Year.

Write soon,

Love,

Harriet

Tues. P.M.

Lotus Darling

I want to

thank you ever and ever so
much for that precious handker-
chief you sent me. It's truly
the loveliest one I've ever had
and I adore the color of it.

We had a happy but
quiet Christmas but I loved
it that way. Mother, Lela and

Sola came down to be with us and we added having them with us.

How are you getting along at school this year. from all reports there mother you must love it more than ever. And I think thats grand.

Drew loves it out at Emory and is doing good work. But he surely does hate to get up and be out there at 8. A. M.

Our fellows go out together and they pick them up at 7.30 and after all is pretty early and the morning there was much snowing from then for the temperature surely did drop with a bang during the night and its really cold.

Must go and get to work for that Monday surely did pick up for the before Christmas and I didn't get a chance to get it done.

Lots of love and again so
many thanks for your lovely
Christmas gift.

Affectionately
Celine



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

Jan. 12, 1940

Lotie's darling

Just a few lines for now. I hope it is the right hanky is it? Cloudy and I have hunted high and low for your little hanky with the red edge on. And could not find it any where. We just about give up hopes ever finding it for you. But where do you suppose I found it at last. As one day I was serving a drink to your mother's guest. There was a stray little hanky neatly folded with ~~the~~ cocktail napkins. and what do you suppose I have said (heriae) the lost sheep is found at last.

I suppose you are a very busy girl at school, but don't work too hard. In just a few days you'll be seeing your mother. She is leaving tomorrow night. And your father left yesterday so we will be very much alone.

It was so wonderful that you were home at Christmas time. We only wished you could of stayed at home much longer. The time went so very fast. But now we are looking forward to Easter.

Well Lotie's darling heaps of good luck and many happy days to you.

Lots of love

The girls)

Miss Pauline Dacoff
606 Highland Ave.
Little Falls, Minn.



Miss Laura Jane Muses
c/o The Parnassus Club
Haskell Hall
West 115th Str.
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Lottie,

I've been thinking of you and wondering just how you have been doing.

You must have had a perfect time when your mother visited you, as we missed your mom very much here when she was gone.

Mary and Roger were home last Sunday and we enjoyed them very much.

While I was on my week's vacation I had the grandest time. Of course the first night I had dinner with Cecil and some of his friends at The Nicollest and it was fun. After dinner Cecil took me to Gertrudes in St. Paul and I stayed till Wednesday. Of course she wanted to know all about you and hoped you could go back riding again together. I hope next time she'll be able to stay on the horse! After that my brothers and sisters had something for me to do every evening.

² and it was great fun just being with them. Cecil came over on Saturday and he took me to the Ice Carnival and then took the bus home the same evening at six.

Helen had the flu and of course she didn't take care of herself, to much into life, love must be grand! Claudena and Helen didn't go any place just stayed here so they could entertain their boy friends.

Dr. Fred Holst had a birthday yesterday. I baked him a cake and Helen decorated it beautifully. Your mother had the duplicate crowd in and they all had a very nice time. That gave me an idea so I baked a cake ^{for you} so beautiful on the outside but be sure and cut it as there's something inside that you'll like.

I'm busy sewing doll clothes. My second childhood! I also sew-

³ed a couple baby dresses for Jerry Ann and wish you could see them. But when you come home next summer we can do that.

I've put my car up for the winter now. Jerry Ann is having a birthday on the 14th so I am taking my afternoon off and Laurie is coming in and get me so I can see the little rascals again. I haven't seen them for about three weeks.

I see Delores quite often and she is just fine. I'm hoping that you will be able to come home for Easter vacation, for we certainly look forward to it.

All your little pupils are always asking about you and how you are.

I met the nicest little girl in the bus going to the city from Bernidji. She was the most intelligent little person and sweet, and I'll have to tell you about her when you come home. She studied

music too, Piano.

Well Lotsie there doesn't seem to be much news. I see Helen Mand and she asks about you. Margie Fiolid is back and working at the St. Paul Store.

Your daddy and mom are out this evening to J. B. and your mother she looks just fine now. She certainly does look well since she visited you.

The weather has been cold but not too brisk and the sun seems to shine steadily and make it more cheerful.

Looking forward to a letter from you very soon

With much love

Pauline



Miss Laura Jane Messer
Carnassus Club
115th Street
New York City

30 Duane Street
Valley Stream
New York

20 Locust Street
Valley Stream, New York
January 3, 1940

Dear Laura Jane,

You were a darling to send me that adorable sachet. It's my favorite scent and it just matches my toilet water. I have it hanging in my black dress so that every time I wear it I'll smell about and think of you. Thanks a million.

I'll bet you had a grand Christmas with your family and

friends out in Little Falls. He
had a lovely Christmas here. By the
way one of my presents was the
first volume of the Beethoven
Symphonies for your hands.

I certainly ~~am~~ glad the
vacation is over because I am
anxious to see my fullblood
friends again.

Thanks again for remembering
me so sweetly at Christmas.
With lots of love,
Lucille

From Box 84
Highway Highlands
Calif.



Miss Laura Musser

~~Little Falls~~

The Parnassus Club
605 West 115th Street
New York City, New York.

~~Musser~~

Highway Highlands, Caly
Jan 10-1940.

Dear Laura Jane:- I wish to thank
you so much for remembering
me with a gift at Xmas. It
was very sweet of you and I
appreciate it very much.

Miss Fahlstrom spend the
week end with me. We had a
nice quiet time and many
of our friends dropped in
to see us.

Am glad you are enjoying
your school and associates
so much. I think college days
are the happiest days of all.

Give my regards to your
mother.

With every wish for your
happiness and success.

Yours sincerely
Cora Hecker.

Sept 11, 1940

Dear Latsie,

I just received your letter today as it was first misssent and then Mother had to forward it to me up here.

Thank you so very much for your lovely invitation and I would love to accept it except that I am teaching school this year and so will not be able to come and see you this week. However, I may be able to get up some week-end

during the year. At least
I will try, if you will
let me know which week-
ends will suit you the
best.

I worked as a counselor
in Camps this summer.
Now I am teaching Phys
Ed at Elkader, Iowa. I
like it very much but
it sure is a lot of
hard work and long
hours (8:00 am to 6:00 pm)

Anyhow, I can't come
to see you now but hope
that we can get to-gether
some week-end before
too much longer.

How about your coming
down here to see me
some week-end? As,
if you are at home
it will be easier for
you to get away than
for me to get away from
here.

I don't have a car
as yet, but plan on
getting one after Xmas
so if I don't get up
your way before Xmas,
I assume I will drive
up during the spring of
the year.

Please, write me

a letter real soon and
tell me what you have
been doing this past
year.

My kindest regards
to your parents.

Love,
Mabel.

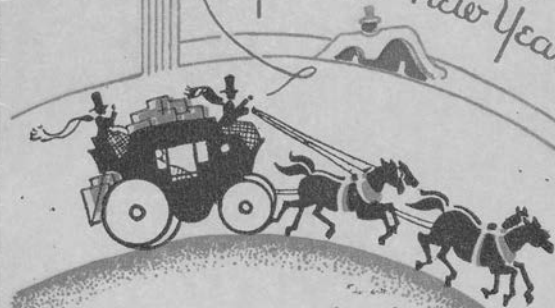


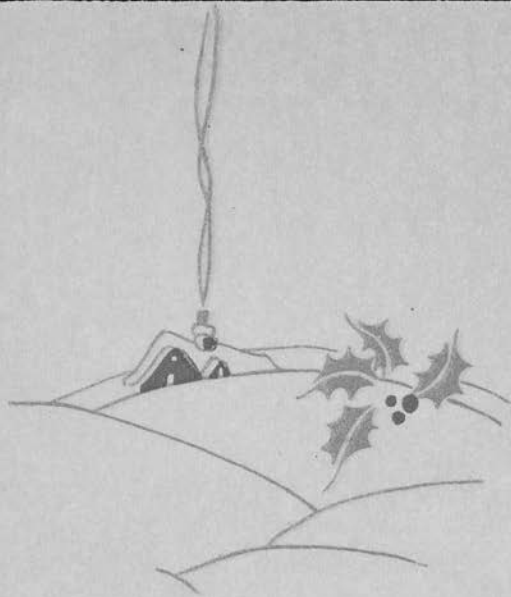
Miss Laura Jane Musser
605 W. 115 St.
New York, N. Y.

From
Jessie Partridge
Owatonna
Minn.



greetings
for the New Year





HEARTILY

WISHING YOU

A NEW YEAR

FULL OF HAPPINESS

Jessie Partridge

(over)



Dear Laura Jane,

I was so happy to get your Christmas greetings and nice little note. So you ~~are~~ back in New York this year - I can imagine you working hard at your music and enjoying the Sunday afternoon concerts. Milma Kujawski wrote me that there are not many old familiar faces at the House. As your card was mailed from Little Falls, I know you were home for Christmas. Perhaps this will reach New York before you do and be waiting to greet you. I certainly stored up many pleasant memories during my year in New York and you were in several of them. Sincerely, Lavinia

MADE IN U.S.A.



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

From, Mrs. Otto Tietzel,
207-6th Ave, S. E.
Little Falls,
Minn.

Little Falls, Minn.,
Mar. 8, 1940.

My dear Laura Jane,

Mrs. Carlyle Scott sent four tickets. I'm taking good care of them for I don't know who the other two are for. Were Mildred & Florence ever thrilled. They're waiting for the event like Christmas. They are just two lucky girls to have your acquaintance.

Mildred and Florence are doing very well in school this year. They like school and get good marks. Mildred is taking such solid subjects. She is getting used to new faces and has made new friends.

Thank you so much for your past and present

favours.

Lots of love from Mildred
Florence and me till we
meet during Easter vacation.

Your friend,

Mrs. Otto Tietel.

P. S. - Received the tickets
this morning so am answer-
ing right away to acknowledge
your kind favor.

11 Pearson Hall
South Hadley Mass



Miss Laura Jane Musser
% Monticello College
Godfrey,
Illinois



MT. HOLYOKE



MT. HOLYOKE

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Sunday.

3:20

Dear Lolsiz -

I hope you don't think I've
entirely forgotten you but I've been
most fearfully busy - Work, riding
committees and fun (occasionally)
Keep me going.

This afternoon I pour tea
at 4 at a freshman-faculty
reception - at 6 I am going to
a buffet-supper in one of the
girls rooms and this p.m.
I have a date - if you subtract
from my spanzlingz this a.m.
2 hrs on French and

2.
church, you'll know how I
spend my time.

My parents were up to see
me last week and brought
the children up - it was the
most marvellous surprise.

Have you had much snow?
I thought it would never stop and
now that it's melting we are
having a veritable flood!! Why
didn't I go to a southern
college -- not that I'd
change for all the rice in
China!

How did your semester
grades come out? I passed

3.
everything fairly well - though
not brilliant by — and
how is the music - I'd love
to hear you play right now -
instead I better get back
to a 8 page French theme
on the loves of Racine! Are
you taking French?

I must stop now, darling,
but all my love always.

Julia

Do write



Miss Laura Jane Musser
605 West 115th Street

New York

New York +

808 SUMMIT AVENUE
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

My dear Laura Jane +
Glad to hear from you
and of course I am interested
in the Opera and I have
sent a check to them -
Carl and Edith are here
with me a week on
their way west. I have
tried to have your mother
come in to see them
and your father but

they are in Kansas City I
hear. Are you still
loving your music?
I had a fine visit
with Flogston when
she was here and I
was in Washington for
Coolidge festival it
was most thrilling
Much love

Aunt Maud +



Miss Laura Jane Musser
% Parnassus Club.
605 W. 115 St.
New York City

Little Falls, Minn
Mar. 8-90.

Dear Laura Jane -

I have been thinking of you so often and been wanting to write every day since New Years and send you the pictures of the children which were taken during the holidays. But there is always one thing or other to be done. Now I'm been in bed with the flu and a terrible earache for four days. Really feel much better to day and was up for two hours this after noon but ~~my~~

I really have hopes now.

I have been wanting to send you a box of cookies again but just didn't get that far yet. After all this flu business is over and I get some ambition I'll send you some.

This is such lovely spring weather we are having. And here I have to be lying here although how a lovely plant to admire and enjoy which Helen brought me last night. The

Girls all have been so nice and been coming up to see me.

can keep bugging. Although I won't mind that near as much as the pain. The children had the flu and colds too. But are feeling fine now. I have my niece Alice visiting here with me. Billy is out at the Dairy farm to see his Aunt Marie this afternoon. In fact his daddy ^{has} taken him out there several times while I've been in bed. As when the two are together they can make more noise than I could stand.

Janie is so good and her hair is coming so slow but

Faulin was here too yesterday for
a short while.

Well Laura I'm getting rather
tired and find it hard to write in
bed. Just now used to is I guess.

Write me sometime and ~~the~~
tell me all what you have been
doing etc. I always did enjoy
your letters so much.

Jeannie is calling Mamma
and begs for me to take her.

Excuse this writing Laura
and if you come home for your
spring vacation don't forget
314 - 2nd Str. N.E. am anxious
to hear about Miss Anderson and
Theppia - much Love, Marie & Children.



Miss Laura Jane Musser

605 West 115th Street

New York, N. Y.

MRS. DOUGLAS CAMPBELL

1050 GILLESPIE STREET, SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

Saturday.

Dear Lotsie,

Was so glad to get your letter, hearing that you can come up here. It seems impossible for me to get away now, as well as the previous weekend for M. Anderson. I'd like nothing better, but it seems that now you should come up here, and let me still take a bit of care of my husband during this strenuous period of exams.

I believe that the life of a prof is more strenuous than that of the students who take the exams! Doug was working last weekend, making out the exams. Ever since then he has been averaging grades, reading term papers, correcting exams, and attending committee meetings! His exams are not over until June 7, when we hope to depart, just the minute his grades are turned into the dean's office. We want to get to Oberlin for some discussions and programs on the commencement plan there, for there is similar work going on here, which Doug is trying to push and stimulate (I mean the development thruout the year, not just these days). Since I wrote you before, other duties have arisen, so that from Sunday noon (next week) until we leave, we shall be in one hectic rush, with all the duties attendant upon winding up the school year. So if you can come up the 31st, Friday, that will be fine, giving us a chance for a good visit, even tho I start to work hard Sunday afternoon! Can you do that, then, giving you a couple of nights with us-- about 48 hours for a chance to learn what has happened in the past four years?

I shall be so happy to have you here. Tho we don't have a car, we can thoroly explore the rather rural campus, and show you the grand view from the campus "hill". My health is excellent, so don't worry about "tiring" me. I'll be anxious to see what New York and Julliard have done to you! It will be a grand respite to have you come up here, for we are preparing to leave our apartment to friends this summer, and therefore have to put it in apple pie order, store a lot of things, and Doug has to perform his college duties all around the place--- so your visit will be a respite before the fury sets in.

Lovingly,

Monticello College.

May 1, 1940.

Dear Letaie,

It was nice to get
the note in your hand writing
even though it wasn't a personal
note. I was sorry not to ^{have time to} solicit
funds here. All I can do is to
send the little contribution from
Mr. Chapman, Miss Jones, and me.

I hope all is going
well with you at - Inillard.

When are you through and what -
will the next step be? You

Affectionately,

Emma Adams.

will rejoice with me that - my sister,
Betty, graduated from the Deaconess
this next week. Of course she will
have to work through the summer
and up to Christmas, but - she is
almost through.

We are busy here. Last week
was Guest-Day, & this week is
the Senior picnic. It was fun
having Mrs. Pollock at Monticello.
The 23 girls who went with her to
Washington had a grand time.

Let me hear from you when
you find time to write.

27 Bay Street
Little Falls, Minn.



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

May 14, 1940

Dear Lotain,

It just occurred to me that I have owed you a letter for some weeks now; and that if I ever wanted to hear from you again, I'd better write tout de suite. The thought of my overdue correspondence had been crowded ~~by~~ from my mind, of late, by such problems as transplanting a row of honey-suckle bushes and finding a place to plant my gladiolus bulbs. As you may guess from all this, I'm going in for gardening in a big way this spring. I love to putter around; and if I'd have some decent weather I think I could accomplish quite a bit. It has been miserably cold thus far, except for a few glorious days. Right

to particularly of your nature. L.D. Remond

now the temperature is 34°. Brrr!

Aside from gardening, reading & the Choral Club have been my chief diversions. I have just struggled through the "Tree of Liberty". I say struggled because although I liked the book, I found it very slow reading. It took ~~me~~ twice as long as "Gone With The Wind" & it was as long in number of pages. Now I'm starting a biography of the Johann Strauss father & son.

Our concert is next Friday, and I am looking forward to it with fear and trembling. If, by some divine inspiration, everyone remembers their words, we'll get through all right. We are having rehearsals on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday next week, so by Friday we should be either better perfect or dead. Julie is coming

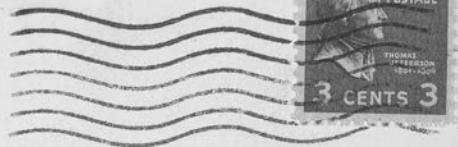
home to hear our concert & spend the week-end. I spent nearly a week with Julie in April. I spent down particularly to hear Oona & Kostalowitz (?) at the Auditorium. I saw "Rebecca" and enjoyed it very much. 20 operas here tomorrow, & I expect to go again. Julie has seen it numerous times.

Baseball season has arrived. We've played two games and won both by terribly one sided scores. I can't get very interested in games like that. I hope we'll have some close ones to fan my enthusiasm.

Did you go to Washington to see the cherry blossoms? And have you been out to the fair yet? I read somewhere that they are having some concerts. Is Anderson performing? I haven't seen anything about her in the papers lately - pardon me, I did see something about a secret marriage in a gossip column the other day. Is there any truth in it?

Must close now. Hope you'll write soon - sooner than I do.

P.S. Most of the blots & errors are due to partially frozen hands. Love,
L. G. Hillman



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

25, North St.,

Newtonville, Mass.

March. 15, 1940.

Dear Lotsie,

On April 5 and 6th The Harvard Glee Club
and Radcliffe Choral Society are going to
be in New York to give a joint concert. I think
that our concert is to be on the evening of
Saturday, April 6th, in the town hall, and

I have been wondering whether you would be there at that time. It is the end of our Spring vacation, and perhaps will be yours too, but I hope not. I do wish you could come. The program will include four pieces of ecclesiastical music by Gabrielli; they are rather unusual and I think very beautiful. One does not hear that pre-Bach music sung very often. On the 5th we are to sing in Philadelphia. Should you be in New York but unable to come to the concert, I shall be there during the day Sunday April 7th, and we might be able to meet then.

The Choral Society is the thing I like best about Radcliffe. We are getting ready to sing Bach's B. minor mass with the Boston Symphony later. Except for this, I preferred Oxford, however.

The War worries me. But I am better off than most of my English friends who have brothers and friends who must fight. The sooner it is over, the better for all of us - a platitude, but one which is usually in my mind!

I hope you are still loving your work and meeting interesting people. I was so glad to see you at Mary's in Christ-mas vacation. With much love, Connie

25 North St.

Newtonville, Mass.

Mar. 29. 1940.

Dearest Lottie,

Thank you very much for your letter.
I am just delighted that you are interested
in hearing our Choral Society's concert a
week from Saturday! I hope we sing well for
you. Furthermore, I would like to spend the
weekend with you if it really would not in-

where we could plan to meet. I don't know what the town Hall looks like, but we are going to have a rehearsal there at 5:30. How would it be if I looked for a suitable meeting place then and called you at 6:30 or whenever the rehearsal is over to describe it? Then we could find one another easily after the concert. Please tell me your telephone number when you reply. I'm sorry that I haven't written to you sooner, but you know how involved the week before vacation always is. Frequent choral rehearsals make it specially difficult.

Much love and Auf
Wiedersehen — Corinne

convenience you. Thank you for asking me to do it. I shall only be in New York Saturday night and till 4:30 or so on Sunday, so the time will not be long. Also, there are several people whom I would like to see while I am there, so I might "pay a call" or two sometime on Sunday. Would this be all right with you? If you have any suggestions or if it would not be easy for you to have me, please write me a short note to let me know, for I can make other arrangements.

If this is agreeable, I wonder

27 Bay Street
Little Falls, Minn.



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

March 11, 1940

Dear Laura Jane,

It has just occurred to me that if I didn't get a letter off to you very soon, you wouldn't get it before you left New York. When does your vacation start? It hardly seems possible that Easter is a week from Sunday - although I have no trouble believing it when I consider the extra choir practices and the special services set for the next two weeks.

We have been having the darkest, gloomiest weather lately. It seems to put everyone in dull spirits. I know that I feel very tired and haven't any ambition.

Have you been to the Met lately? They had a grand perform-

ance of Aida a week ago Saturday. I enjoyed it particularly because Leonard Warren, one of my favorites, had the part of Amosaro. He's going to play Valentine in Faust this Saturday. I suppose you've heard about the essay contest the NBC is sponsoring in connection with the opera broadcasts. I must get busy and write my essay - not that I have the slightest hope of winning a prize.

I was down in Minneapolis with Julie for a few days week before last. I had a lot of fun. We took in a couple of concerts + a show, and I went to school with her two days. I visited her harmony class and met Mr. Scott. He's a very sweet little man. You should hear him praise Julie - it reminded me of your father!

I had some new application pictures made last week. It's a much better picture than the one I was sending out last year + I hope it will get me a job. The vacancy notices I've received so far haven't been for any jobs that I'd want. When I was in Minneapolis, I learned that none of the other French majors in my class has a ~~job~~ job either. Three of them are doing graduate work - which will make it even more difficult for me to get a job.

I suppose you've been busy keeping up with Marian Anderson and Dorothy Maynor. I was looking thru the music magazines in the Mpls. library + I noticed that Maynor's name appeared frequently and that she was getting fine reviews after every concert.

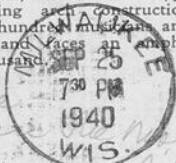
Must close now. I'll see you next week.

Love,
Lillian

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Dearest Lilsie,

This has been the most wonderful trip of my life and we never were so happy. We spent two days in Chicago and now two in Milwaukee. We'll be home Saturday or Sunday.

How can I thank you for all you did - we both appreciate it so!

Much love

Gummy and Helen

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To

Miss Laura Gene Messer

Little Falls

Minnesota

FORD ROTUNDA IN DEARBORN, MICH. 19



The Ford Rotunda building was moved from the World's Fair, Chicago to Dearborn, Mich., and erected as shown in Chicago. The building contains exhibits of the products made by the Ford Motor Company.



Dear Laura Jane,

I am having a good time here. Sunday we went to Canada.

I have seen many things here but I would like to see more.

Believe it or not I didn't get car sick all the way here,

Love

Bernadine

Miss Laura Jane Mussed
Little Hall
Minn.



Miss Laura Jane Messer
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minn.

Luille Woodland

803 Main Street

Laurel, Maryland



803 Main Street
Laurel, Maryland
June 25, 1940

Dear Laura,

How are things out there
in the middle West? How
about writing to me and
telling me about it?

It certainly is nice to
be in the Sunny South once
more. Especially when my
family is here. Laurel is
a cute little country town.
It isn't very big but it
contains a little of this and
a little of that. There are
farms all around and on
Saturday nights all the farmers
come to town and each one
of them has an ice cream
cone. That must be their
weekly treat.

me quite a bit of new material to work on. The things that I have started are shaping up fairly well. I consider the summer is young yet so I still have plenty of time to perfect them. I'd like to have them as near perfect by fall as I can without having any lessons at all this summer.

What are you doing with Jenny during vacation? Are you ~~with~~ working with these underprivileged children you were telling me about?

You know my address so there's no excuse for not writing. Remember, you promised before we

I am going in for sewing in a big way. I have almost finished my first dress. It is a big success so I want to make lots more. It worked up quickly and the results are most pleasing. I'm going to wear my new creation to a card party Thursday night. I intend to "wow" 'em.

The people that I have met so far, are very nice. The girls have been very friendly and have planned lots of nice things to do including a beach party. Sounds like fun.

My piano is certainly being used. I'm so glad to have a nice piano to work on for a change. Mr. Hewitt's gone

life school. I've turned
 into a very good
 correspondent so I'll be
 sure to answer your
 letters right away.

Love
 Lucille