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Family Papers.

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

Thursday
April 24, 1941



Lotiss darling,

Excuse me for being so slow about thanking you for the lovely Easter card and beautiful hankie. Its sampley darling the lens is so nice and fine, and the red cherries are so pretty. I just adore it. You were so dear to send it to me.

Honey I am so sorry to hear about your old measles why that was to bad and just when you were having your vacation and having such a good time with your mother, father and lens Laura. But I am happy you are over them now and hope you are feeling O. K. again as it is not pleasant to be sick. We

are all fine here, and it is so nice to have your father and mother home again. They are so wonderful, we miss them very much when they are gone.

Elanely and I are still cleaning house, I was hoping we would be thorough before your mother came home, But could not be done. Today I was washing curtains and putting them on the ~~stretcher~~ from the music room. I'll finish to ~~move~~ in that room, so only will have the two porches and some of the pantry and basement left to clean yet. The men are all busy raking and cleaning out doors, quite a job in the spring of the year to get every thing in order again, But now

Gardens all look fine, every
thing is growing, The grass is
nice and green, The daffadils
are in there glory right now
this is the way they look 
next will be our Tulips  what
a picture Ha! Ha! I am really making
flowers now, That is when I have
time, out of wood fibre paper,
Wood fibre is the pith of a small
Tree called Aralia Papyrifera,
which is a species of a Bamboo tree.
This particular type of tree grows
only in the swampy forests of
The Island of Formosa. I can
make you any kind of flower
you want me to, with my
Magic flower maker. Would
you like me to make you some.
I'll make you a apple blossom and
put it in this letter for you to

see what they look like,

I suppose you know about
Irene Anderson being engaged.
It was in the Little Ball sketches
some time ago.

I see Delouise H. once in a while
she seems O.K. She looks always very nice.
The river is still very high
the water is over the foot
bridge by Feds place, I hope
it goes down pretty soon.

This was a nite of writing letters
for me. The veins are even
popping on my hands from
trying to write so good darn
fast, so please excuse mistakes
blunders and parts you can't
understand for I love just
the same and am doing my
darndest.

Thank you for the lovely hanker
Bye-Bye with love Helen

Little Falls, Minn
April 2 - 41 -

Dear Laura Jane -

Just a note to thank you
for that lovely party dress you sent
Jeanne. It is perfectly stunning
on her and is she ever proud of
it. I never seen anything so
adorable. And those J. G. for
Billy are so pretty too. Almost
too pretty for a boy to go to bed with.
Thanks just so much, I just
don't know what I can ever do

for you.

And how have you been Laura?
Hope just fine as usual.

I think looks very much like Jeanne. Billy and Jeanne just adore her and of course Daddy as I do too. We were hoping she would have been born March 17th on St Patrick Day. But in spite of her coming two days sooner we still name her Patricia Marie and of course we call her Patty.

She has more hair than Jeanne had, and is darker but is losing it already. I do hope she will have curly hair. Jeanne's hair has grown a lot and really is quite curly. I hope it stays that way.

I hear Mary and Sarah left today

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This has been a dreary rainy day, and slept most of the afternoon as didn't get much sleep last night as Billy woke up at 10.30 with a terrible ear ache and was up with him till 5.30 A.M. Kept him in bed all day and he feels quite well tonight. He had a slight cold and so has Jean. But the worst stage is over I hope.

Little Patty as you perhaps know has arrived March 15th. And she is just so good. She weighed 7 lbs 3 1/2 ozs. and

Pauline and Delores Linted were here yesterday afternoon and stayed for supper. Delores is really very handy with the baby.

I do hope you'll have a Happy Easter. And it won't be long before you'll be coming home, and you must come over often and help me take care of my children. As you are so capable with babies.

Well thanks again Darling for all and write us as soon as you have time.

With much Love

Marie + Family



Miss Laura Jane Musser
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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Miss Laura Jane Musser,

Little Falls,

Minnesota.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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MINNEAPOLIS

PHILIP E. GREGORY, MINISTER
515 SEVENTH AVENUE S. E.

October 13, 1941

MRS. HARRY DEIMAN, SECRETARY

Dear Laura Jane:

Although I have but a few minutes for this note, it will at least acknowledge the receipt of your good letter of last week and the interesting pamphlets about Rust College. It looks as if the college is doing a real piece of constructive work among the Negros. The 14 million Negros of the United States form a real challenge to us, but as one of their leaders said years ago "They are rising", the progress is slow, but sure, and made against the subtle enemy, prejudice, which constantly rises with its ugly head and poisonous fangs. Patience and work will bring success.

This is Monday morning and I am staying at home to get a few personal letters written. Have a luncheon committee meeting at the University today, but I am letting it go. There's a limit to what a man can do. This week is going to be a very strenuous one for me. Have the funeral of a baby this afternoon and then two weddings scheduled for this week. These are of the rather elaborate kind, with rehearsals and all the fixings, etc. Then we have our Annual Conference meetings of the Twin City Congregational churches on Thursday and Friday of this week and I have to speak both days. All this in addition to the regular work of calling on the sick in the homes and hospitals, making contacts with University students and preparing for the coming Sabbath services.

I am glad to know that you are going to be home until the new year. You'll have a good opportunity to rest, read and practice your music. If you want a real good book to read, get "Suwannee River" in the American Rivers series. I read "Upper Mississippi" and "Kenebec" in this series, but this one is better than either of those. A corking good book to read in bed. Mrs. Gregory and I may run up to Mound Lake one day to close the cottage for the winter and if we do and can manage it, we'll drop in a see you and the folks for a few minutes enroute. Please remember us to Mr. and Mrs. Musser. With love to you as of yore, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Philip E. Gregory

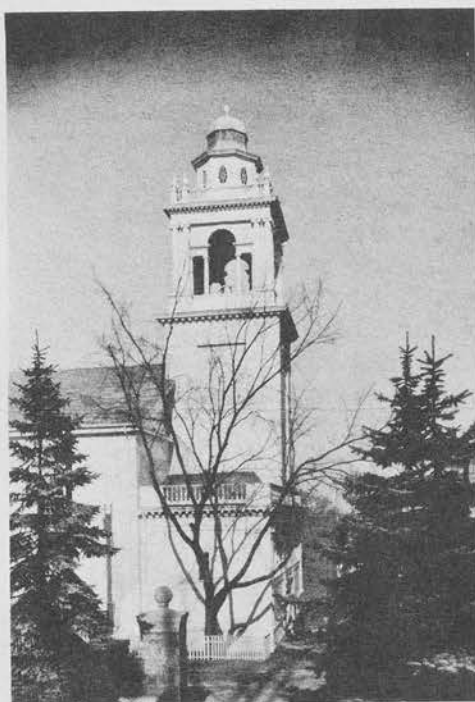
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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Miss Beatrice Willis
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1941, 11:00 A.M.

The Preparation for Worship ----- Led by the Organ
"Seranade" ----- Widor
The Choral Introit
The Call to Worship and Doxology
The Invocation, with Lord's Prayer and Gloria
Hymn, No. 47 "New Every Morning is the Love"
Scripture Reading, Matthew 6, 1-21
Solo ----- "Hear us, O Father!" ----- Santiago
Miss Emily Blake
Period of Quietness
Pastoral Prayer, with Choral Response
Offertory -- "A Prayer for Wisdom" ----- Bortnianski
Hymn, No. 180 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
Sermon ----- "Coatless Men" LUKE 3, 10-11.
The Minister
Prayer and Benediction, with Choral Amen
Postlude ----- "March" ----- West

Welcome to strangers who may be worshipping with
us today! We are all God's children and this is
our Father's House. We recognize our kinship
with one another in the family of God. May peace
be yours and may you find new strength to live
the triumphant life in these distraught and
troubled days. Please sign the Guest Book of
the church. God bless you in this new week!



"FAITH OF OUR FATHERS"

Beautiful for situation is the Church of the Pilgrimage at Plymouth, Massachusetts. Above it rises Burial Hill where sleep the Pilgrim Fathers; beneath it lies the modern town, Plymouth Rock and Plymouth Harbor.

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It does not take great men to do great things; it only takes consecrated men.

—PHILLIPS BROOKS

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For Our Parish

O Almighty and Everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear our prayers, and grant unto us in this Parish and Congregation all things that are needful; strengthen and confirm the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; bless and protect the children; turn and soften the wicked; arouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of thy truth; and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within thy holy Church, to the honor of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Aims of Christian Citizenship

In days of crisis and uncertainty, Christians are seeking once more the fundamentals of their faith and are seeking to find ways to apply Christian principles to their community life. As war shadows deepen Christian women are asking many questions about the kind of world in which they live, and how they can make Christianity and democracy realities in everyday life. Some of these questions follow:

How can we find ways to work for peace in a war-torn world? Shall we not even now study the basis for a just and enduring peace?

How real is democracy in my community? Are all groups given a voice in the direction of community affairs or does one group dominate? Is there freedom of speech, of the press, of assembly in my community?

Is my church promoting understanding between Catholics, Jews and Protestants? Is my church promoting good relations between Negroes and white people?

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This is what makes life wonderful—this is what makes life worth while—to know that you are in a world that needs you, and that with God's help you can meet that need.

—DR. WILFRED T. GRENFELL

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Daily Bible Readings

Sunday—Heb. 12:1-13. Running the race.

Monday—Heb. 13:1-9, 20, 21. Love of the brethren.

Tuesday—Jas. 1:1-17. Christian discipline.

Wednesday—Jas. 1:18-27. Practicing our profession.

Thursday—Jas. 2:14-26. Faith and works.

Friday—Jas. 3:1-12. Controlling the tongue.

Saturday—Jas. 3:1-3-4:10. Wisdom from above.

The Church-Going Habit

Did you ever stop to consider the fact that it is easier to go to church every Sunday than it is to go only occasionally?

When church-going is a regular habit, there is no debate about the matter: it is settled in advance. But when we allow ourselves the false luxury of going "when we feel like it" or when the minister's sermon subject looks especially interesting, or when we have not been up too late the night before, we have opened the door to all sorts of difficulty. For then the matter becomes something to decide. It becomes a debate. We have to thrash out every week the recurring problem of "To go or not to go—that is the question."

The easier method is to settle the matter for once and for all, and having settled it, to feel the satisfaction of those who know the value of regular habits in all phases of living.

—HOMER YINGER

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Questions for Each Layman to Ask Himself

1. Do I really want to see Christian standards maintained in my community and my country?
2. If I do, am I willing to do some work to maintain those standards and to re-establish them where they have been abandoned?
3. Am I willing to give both time and money to my local church?
4. Am I willing to give time and money to the larger church?
5. Am I willing to accept a church office and perform the duty of that office faithfully.
6. Am I willing to do one thing to help in the training of young people?
7. Am I willing to devote part of my time to the reading of Christian literature?
8. Am I willing to devote one hour a week to worship in my church?



A CHRISTIAN VANGUARD

Lloyd L. Lorbeer, head of the High and Training Schools at Pasumalai, India, which serve the Tamil-speaking people of the Madura area, is here shown holding a little Jewish refugee girl who was traveling with her family from Poland to Palestine via Siberia and India. Mr. Lorbeer stated in a letter that "the greatest hope in India is that many groups and communities have leaders permeated by the spirit of the living God. Usually this spirit has come from the witness of Christians or through reading the New Testament, but we glory in it wherever found. Many British Moslems, Hindus and Sikhs filled with this spirit are leading their people toward the common goal where there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, Negro nor White. May Christians ever be in this leavening vanguard!"

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9. Am I willing to devote one more hour each week for an additional service of worship or for other religious activities in the church?
10. Am I willing to make my home a Christian home in thought, in work, in deed?

YOUTH GROUPS: University students and other young people of that age meet today at 6:30 P.M. Prof. Walter R. Myers will speak on his experiences in South America, where he and Mrs. Myers spent a Sabbatical year. Worship service, Discussion, Social program and refreshments.

The High School students meet today at 6:30 P.M. under the auspices of the Scrooby Club at the Beth and Karl Doeringsfeld home, 4904 11th Ave. S. Bruce Smith will give a Talk on "The Objectives of the Pilgrim Fellowship." Cars leave the church at 6:00 P.M.

THE LADIES' GUILD: The regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday of this week. Missionary meeting at 11:00 A.M. Devotions conducted by Mrs. Edwin C. Jackson. Mrs. Carl F. Zietlow will give a report on "The Institute of Human Relations," held at Williams College this past summer. The Missionary Committee especially invites all church women to begin the study together of "Christians and the World Order" for four consecutive months. Mrs. Zietlow will be the leader of this study group. Remember the time is 11:00 A.M. Luncheon at 12:30 P.M. served by Circle No. 2 (Mrs. Seward Moore, Chr.). Food Sale by Circle No. 3 (Mrs. George Manikowske, Chr.). Business session at 1:30 P.M. All ladies are invited. Circle No. 5, Mrs. E. C. Jackson, Chairman, will meet on Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. with Mrs. Earl Griggs, 913 20th Ave. S.E. Mrs. Philip E. Gregory will talk on "First Church and its Benevolence Program."

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Twin Cities' Association of Congregational Churches will be held in Edina-Morningside Church on Thursday and Friday of this week. Delegates from our church will be Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Jai Russ, Mr. Arthur Shaw, Mrs. Earl B. Scott, Mrs. Harry Deiman and Rev. and Mrs. Philip E. Gregory. All our people are invited.

BREVITIES: Girl Scouts meet Tuesday. Boy Scouts meet Friday. Both at 7:00 P.M. Welcome to new members. --- Remember the 90th Anniversary of the church, Nov. 16 and 17. Tickets for the dinner on Nov. 17th are now on sale, 65 cents. Apply at church office. Old-fashioned articles wanted for the historic exhibit. See Mrs. D. A. Field. --- The Beginners and Primary Departments of the Church School now meet at 11:00 A. M. every Sunday.



Miss Laura Jane Mussler
605 West-115 St
New York City
N. Y.
4 Parnassus Club.

From
Mrs. R. L. Cochrane
Little Falls
Minnesota

Little Falls, Apr. 25th/₄₁

Dear Laura Jane,

Thank you so
much for the lovely
handkerchief and the
Early Greetings.

Never saw a handkerchief
like that one before.
Am so proud of it.

The sentiment on
the card did me more
good than you can
know.

Just now I need
bracing up and

that surely came as
a tonic.

Some way my eyes
were misty when I
laid the message down.

It was very sweet
of you to remember
me when you were
having such an
enjoyable trip. Not
many young people
would have been so
thoughtful. I appreciate
it.

Would have written
sooner but was

waiting for your mother to
come home and give me
your address.

How very sorry to hear
you were sick at the end
of your trip. So many
years ago since I had the
same ago, but still remember
meades, but still remember
them quite as well. They
were. Hope you are feeling
well.

May you have a
happy and successful
month to your friends

work. It will not be
very long until you
are home again, the days
go by so fast.

Thanking you
again,

With much love.

Minnie M. Cochrane



Miss Laura Jane Musser
605 West 115 St.

New York City
New York

d Parnassus Club.

Little Falls, May 17/41

My dear Laura Jane,

Have thought
of you many times
since reading of the
accident which caused
the death of Miss Fahlstrom.

Know how badly
you feel and it is
hard to be alone when
trouble comes.

You must not
grieve too much my
dear.

Miss Fahlstrom meant
so much to you, but
she was not very well
and while it was a
terrible way to go home,
for her it will be a
gain.

It is hard to carry
on when you are not
Very well and more or

less alone.

To you she will
always be a beautiful
memory, an inspiration
to go on and achieve the
things she knew you
are capable of.

You have great gifts
and as you go on
developing them you can
feel how she would rejoice
at your success.

"They are not lost who
find the sunset gate
the goal of all their
faithful years.
They are not lost
who find the
light of sun and stars
and God."

Soon the vacation
time will come and you
will be home again.
Little Falls has never

lost
anything more it owes this spring.
With love and sympathy
Minnie M. Lockman.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota

Lucca, North Dakota
February 16, 1941

Dear Laura,

Thank you for the Valentine. It was sweet of you to send it. What is this I hear about your being forced to take a rest because you have been working too hard. Be careful, won't you, and be sure you're completely rested before you go back to ~~the~~ school.

I think I should be just about worn out, too. I have so much work that I can never quite get it all done, but once in a while I just have to leave it and do ~~something~~ something else for a rest.

A week ago yesterday, I took my girls' basketball team to a sub-district tournament. They hadn't had a single game before the tournament, but they took third place. I was quite proud of them.

This coming Saturday, we have a community celebration in honor of the old settlers. It's an annual affair, held on the twenty-second of February. If it falls on a school day, they have a half day off. It is just my luck to have it come on Saturday. We teachers are responsible for part of the program. As my contribution, I'm having my glee club sing a song.

We are working on an operetta also. It's only a one-act operetta, so the program will have to be supplemented with a play. Every year Mr. De Schmeau takes the high school students on a two-day trip, and the operetta is one of a series of programs to raise money for the trip. We don't get any spring vacation; the trip is supposed to take the place of it. I'd rather have the vacation.

What are you doing to amuse yourself during your

enforced vacation? I know that if I had one, I'd do some reading. I never have time to read any more. I have a sweater that I'm trying to get knitted before it gets too warm to wear it. I doubt that I'll succeed.

I hope you'll be well soon and able to go back to school. Thanks again for the Valentine.

Love,
Lillian

Linden Hill,
Little Falls,
Minn.

Miss Laura Jane Messer.

~~605 West 115th Street~~

~~New York City~~

N. Y.





STATION H

Dearest Aunt Katie -

My mother isn't really unappreciative of the beautiful handkerchief and card you sent her - she honestly thinks they're lovely. But she really has been busy, so I'll write and thank you for her. You see, they came the day she and Daddy went to Cleveland to see my little cousin Johnny. When they came back she worked for three weeks and

plainly and can make a few simple sentences. The oddest word I say is "hoo-in-oh."

Mother had quite a time trying to figure it out, but finally discovered it means ribbon.

I can hardly wait until I'm big enough to do things for you. It won't be long before I can draw some pictures to send you anyway.

I draw a baby pretty well, I think. It takes quite a bit of imagination to see it,

since has been trying to house clean.

I believe I mentioned in my last letter that I wasn't feeling very well. And like you, it turned out to be a case of measles. But I've gained lots of weight and I'm feeling just fine. I hope they weren't any harder on you than on me.

My vocabulary seems to be the item of greatest interest around here. I speak very

Because it always looks like
this



I thank you again for my
mother's lovely present. You're so
good to her.

I'll have lots to tell you
when you come home. Won't
we have a great time this
summer?

With all the love a little
girl can give -

P.S. I can sing
a little.

Kitei (my own way of
saying Karin.)

"Dear Aunt Hetty" - Wednesday

The dress you sent me is so pretty and my mother and I thank you for it. I haven't anything pink - or didn't have - and for that reason we like it especially.

You have always been so good to me that I know you must love me as I love you. We do manage to have a grand time together, don't we? You remember how much I

enjoyed having you around, so when

I heard you weren't coming home

for Easter you can imagine how disappointed I was! Of course it's

lovely for both you and your mother that you have such nice Easter plans, but I'm sure your friends will be sorry they won't be able to see you. My mother will be. The

tell exactly. Speaking of Billy — there's a real baby! He's so good and such a little twiskey. At first I wasn't sure if I liked him because I'm not the smallest anymore and it made me a little jealous. Even my own mother made a great fuss over him and held him, and talked a lot of nonsense to him that even a big girl like me couldn't understand. People are really around babies. But now that I'm used to a baby like Billy I love him and wish I had one too. As long as I haven't I pretend my stuffed dogs are my babies, and that's fun too. Besides, when I get tired doing that I can always read my books.

Mother told me she had a perfectly lovely letter from you last week. She'll write you very soon. She

says that the very next good picture of me will go to you — that should make us even closer. But as long as I have no picture of me to send I'll talk about myself instead: —

I call myself "Ki-ki" — it's much easier to say than Karin. And my mother I call "May-me". She doesn't like that very well. I guess she's afraid she'll get stuck with it. I know so many new words. I say just about everything now. But best of all — I'm getting so fat you'll hardly know me. Of course that means I'm losing my figure but I don't mind. We're all a little crazy about my weight, but it must be near 21 or 22 pounds. My newest friend, Billy Fart, is using my scale until he gets a little older, and so we can't

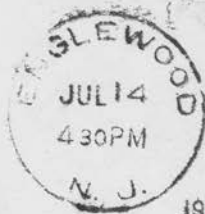
has no manners - she isn't very prompt.

Portia is to be married Saturday. I've heard the grown-ups talking and I think it disappointed a lot of people that she could get no one to take her classes. A girl came up to teach and then at the last minute decided not to, after all.

Now please, Aunt Hotsie, don't over-do. I want to see something of you when you're home again, and if you tax yourself it will be like last time. You know what Mother says — "There's always tomorrow."

I love you, and thanks
XXX ooo Karin.

Hotsie dear - I imagine little Karin's mind works something like this. It was so dear and kind of you to think of her and thank you. The dress is adorable, ~~but~~ ^{and} your selections are always perfect. My love,
Hotsie



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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minnesota

260 Genesee Avenue
Englewood, N. J.
July 14, 1941

Dear Laura,

I received your letter and was certainly glad to hear from you. I had been so worried as to whether or not your dresses were going to be satisfactory. And many thanks for the check. It really came at a needy time. My life seems to be one eternal round of bills and bill collectors!

There's nothing new. I haven't seen Pennie since you left. You see, I don't have much business in New York these days, and it's just about impossible to get her to come out here for a visit. It's a strange thing, but people in the City seem to regard "Jersey" as some remote, far off place like China. Smiles.

Next Thursday evening I'm planning to go over to the Lewisohn Stadium to the Monte Carlo Ballet Russe program. They're doing "Swan Lake," "Petrouchka," Polevitzgian Dances from "Prince Igor."

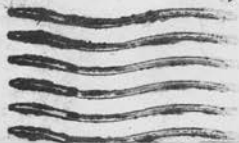
Time seems to pass more quickly this summer than last. Does it seem that way to you, too? Maybe I'm just getting old. I remember when I was sixteen time seemed to go by at less than a snail's pace. But anyway, I don't like very hot weather, and shall be glad when cooler weather arrives. I even like fall and winter clothes better than those for summer.

Please write again soon. Have you and your mother had that grand closet cleaning party? Wish I'd been underneath your window!

Sincerely,
Eula



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls, Minnesota



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260 Genesee Avenue
Englewood, N. J.
June 29, 1941

Dear Laura,

You haven't written me
as yet and I'm hoping it's just that
you're very busy and not that you
were displeased with your blue dress.

I'm sending your other
dress tomorrow. I certainly enjoyed
making it because besides being
beautiful, the material was easy to
work on. And the style is so dif-
ferent. I know that with a nice
wide picture hat and a pair of
fragile-looking high heeled shoes
you're going to look lovely in it.
Don't forget what the saleslady
said about laundering it. You
must not put a hot iron on it
or the material will lose that
crinkly finish.

I was very fortunate in
being able to take a trip to

Washington, D. C. with some friends of mine who were motoring down. He had one grand week-end. I really hated to come back home so soon.

Do you recall having met Dean Dixon, a young colored violinist who was studying over at the Graduate School? He made his debut last Saturday evening as guest conductor of the National Broadcasting Company Symphony Orchestra. The applause was wonderful. I certainly do feel proud of him.

It has been unbearably hot here for the past week. I suppose it's the same out there. We sure can stand some rain - the crops are burning up.

Write and let me know if your dresses are all right.

Sincerely,
Eula



Miss Laura Jane Musser
~~Little Falls,~~ 1240 West 64 St
~~Minnesota,~~ Kansas City
Mo -



260 ~~Genesee~~ Avenue
Englewood, N. J.
June 1941

Dear Laura,

I was terribly disappointed yesterday morning when I called the Parnassus Club to ask if I could come over and bring your dress. "Miss Musser left some time ago." Because of our little conversation concerning how well-satisfied you were in New York, I was under the impression that you were going to "stick around" for a while

even after school closed.
October is such a long
time from now!

I'm sending one of
your dresses. To be
perfectly frank with
you (as I always am) I
personally don't feel
quite as satisfied with
it as with your other
one. If it doesn't fit,
send it back and tell
me what's wrong and
I'll try to fix it. In
any event, you needn't
pay me for this one.
I should do something
to try to repay you for

having always been so very kind to me.

I suppose you're busy going around visiting friends you've not seen for a long time. Please, never get too busy to write me now and then. I do love to hear from you.

Sincerely,
Eula

P.S. Your other dress will be there soon. Honestly, that material is so beautiful I could just keep it here to look at! Smiles.



Miss Laura Musser
The Barnassue Club
605 West 115th St.
New York, N. Y.

260, Genessee Avenue
Englewood, N. J.
April 28, 1941

Dear Laura,

You certainly pulled
a fast one the other night! You
know, Pennie sent me out to
find her sister for her, and
when I came back you had
disappeared completely. I wanted
to talk to you, because I
hadn't seen you for ages.

Have you as yet
reached the point where all
your spare time is being spent
cramming for exams? If not,
I'd like to come over Saturday
and go downtown with you
and select the material for
the dress. If I come over early
enough we could perhaps take
in a movie too. Drop me a
card and let me know where
and what time to meet you.

Sincerely,
Eula Hayes

260 Genesee Ave.
Englewood, N. J.

Feb 11, 1941

Dear Laura,

Just a short
note to let you know I'm
still alive!

How are you?
Cramps are over, and I
suppose by this time
you've been able to get
a little rest, and that
you're feeling ever so
much better than you
were last time I saw you.

Things aren't so
"rosy" with me. I'm
not studying at all now,
you know. And it just

seems impossible for me to find work of any kind anywhere. I've tried until I'm simply exhausted. I've been thinking, though, that perhaps since spring is not far off, you'd probably like to have some dresses made. If so, and if you'd like to have me do them for you, just let me know. Some day at your convenience, I'll come in to New York and we'll select the material, patterns, etc.

How are you and the boy friend in psychology class getting along? Please don't get married without telling me! Smiles.

Sincerely,
Eula Hayes

Box 61
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Sinden Hill
Little Falls, Minnesota

Box 61
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

October 8, 1941

Dear "Lottie",

It was very kind of
you to write to me
again. I hesitated to
write because I
wasn't sure of your
"whereabouts".

I was in New York
when your Atlanta letter
was forwarded to me.
I was so disappointed over
not being able to see
you that I wished

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throughout the trip that
you had written that
you were coming to
Atlanta. I would have
gladly stayed there
until your arrival.
I wanted you to see
Atlanta University and
its affiliated colleges,
especially. And you know
that I should have
been happy to see
you again.

I'm glad you were
sensible about staying
home 1st semester and

I
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resting as you have been
advised. You should feel
like a new person when
you begin studying again.
You'll reach New York in
time for the Opera and
Concert season.

I wish that I could
have attended your students
Recital and could have had
the pleasure of hearing
your own compositions.

I'm glad you'll have
a chance to hear
Marian Anderson. Please
write me about the concerts.

I missed seeing old
friends and ~~familiar~~ familiar

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faces at International
House this summer. I
was very happy to
see Esther Yoon again.
I didn't stay at The House
but had breakfast and
dinner there one day.

I hope you'll come
to Atlanta again sometime,
and, if you do,
please promise to let
me know before hand.

Fondly,

Ernestine

P.S. Please take care of
yourself, and don't forget
to rest (smile)
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Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia



Miss Laura Jane Musser
605 W. 115th Street
New York City

By The Parnassus Club

Box 61
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

February 24, (1945)

Dear Sam,;

I was happy as
always to have your
letter and had good
intentions of writing you
before you left Little
Falls. School activities
and a slight illness
interfered. I'm one of
the advisers for the
College Y. W. C. A. and
had to attend a
conference, a forum,

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and a series of Cabinet meetings. These meetings, plus the Book Club, Sorority, and a Bridge Club just about filled every minute I had.

Mr. Ede, who was until the war Curator of a London Art Museum, is here giving a series of lectures on Art. The lectures are all illustrated and very interesting. He has done a great deal toward helping me ~~to~~ better understand

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real Art. His wife is
with him, and they are
both charming people.

Last week Maurice
Hindus spoke here on
the World Conflict.
I wish you might have
heard him. He had
such a ~~same~~ approach
to the situation. He
was good enough
to answer a few
questions afterwards.

When have you
seen Esther? I haven't
heard from her
in ages. I suspect

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I gave her a letter, too.

A few weekends ago I visited Margaret Carter at Fisk University. It was good to see her again. She looked well and is enjoying her work. From all indications she's doing a splendid job as Dean of Freshmen. She gets along well with the girls and they love her.

I hope you had a good rest at home and that you are back in New York enjoying the Metropolis.

P.S. My Valentine was lovely. ^{Ever yours} M. May Charles.

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New York City

To The Parnassus Club

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May 13, 1941

Dear "Sotsie",

It was good to have
such a nice, newsy
letter from you a
few days ago. I have
been wanting to write
to you for some time
and have never stopped
thinking about you,
even when I ~~didn't~~
write.

It must have been

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fun to have your Mother
and sister down to spend
Easter vacation with you.
I just know that the
trip to Charleston was
Grand. I have never
been there but have wanted
to go for a long time.
From all I have heard,
it's a very interesting
City.

I do wish you could
have been with me
on my short trip to
Florida. I'm happy to

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write that I did go to the places you visited years ago. At Daytona Beach I visited Bethune-Cookman College, ~~and~~ stayed overnight and saw the beautiful beach there. I also went to St. Augustine where I visited and drank from the Fountain of Youth, and saw the oldest house in America, and the Fort. Other places that thrilled me were Bok Singing Tower ~~at~~ were there for a Sunday Concert), Cypress Gardens, Silver Springs, Marine Studios, and the Atlantic Ocean. It was a beautiful sight to see trees laden

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with oranges and grapefruit
and to ride past miles
of fragrant orange blossoms.
It was my first trip
to Florida so you know
that I was pleased
over it.

I'm glad you've had
opportunities to hear Marion
Anderson and that your
family is enjoying her, too.
I'm sure that she
appreciates your sincere
devotion to her, and I'm
glad she rewards you
with request numbers and
graciousness. I'm afraid
that I shall not

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hear her this year
since she is not
scheduled to sing
here this Spring. And
I wish that I might
sometimes hear Dorothy
Maynor in person. I
clipped the article ~~from~~
the N. Y. Times about Marion
Anderson and placed it on
the Bulletin Board - It was
a fine article, I think.

You must try not to
work too hard in
this Spring rush. You know
I understand how busy
you are.

Margaret Carter has
a fellowship to study at
Radcliffe next year. It

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was awarded by the American Association of College Women. She is really a smart girl. Her brother visited Atlanta a few weeks ago. He's a medical student at Meharry Medical College.

I'm glad you see Esther occasionally. Do you ever go to the House? I suppose I would know no one there now.

Hope you are well and will keep well.

Appreciated the Valentine
Greeting so much and all
the others you've sent.

Love,

Emestine



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605-West 115-th Street
New York City

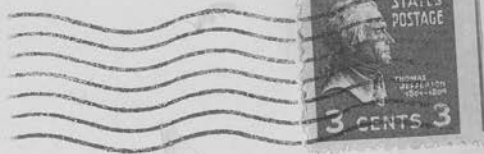
Dear Laura,
I do hope that you
had a very merry Christ-
mas and that the
new year will bring
you much happiness.
Did you receive
my Christmas card?

I have been having
a very good time in
Washington. The baby
is such a dear lit-
tle girl.

On New Years Eve
I visited Mt. Vernon,
Washington's estate.
I expect to be back
in New York on Wed-
nesday January 8,
and I shall get in
touch with you when
I come.

Sincerely yours,
Evelyn Dyer

E. Dings
1401 Half St. S.W.
Washington, D.C



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

1401 Half Street SW,
Washington, D.C.
Jan. 21, 1941

Dear Laura,

This is to let you know
that I arrived safely and
Mr. and Mrs. Limbrough
met me at the station.

I must thank you for
making it possible for me
to make this trip to Wash-
ington to witness the inau-
guration. I caught a glimpse
of the president, and I saw
most of the parade. My
though it was quite cold,

I did not mind it at all
as I was dressed very warm.
I shall tell you more
about the inauguration
when I see you.

Mable said that
she is looking for-
ward to having you
come down between
~~semesters~~ and spend some
time with her. She
and Roberta and the rest
of the family send you
their best wishes.

I expect to be back in
New York on Thursday evening
Jan. 23.
your friend
Eulyn Duggs

1855 Seventh Ave.
New York City
May 10, 1941

Dear Laura,

This morning I received
the loan of \$5.00 for which
I thank you very much.
I shall be sure and
return it on the 18th of
this month.

I am very sorry to have
had to resort to borrowing
this sum as I realize
that you are in school. I
had hope to have some
money but unfortunately
it won't be possible for

to obtain it until the 18th
of this month
This is very definite that I
shall have the money
then, and will repay you

I received a very nice
letter from Hilda the
other day, and she men-
tioned the fact that
she had received a
very nice letter from
you also.

I do hope that in the
future I shall not have
to resort to borrowing money
also as I don't like to
annoy my friends in

this may either.

I thank you again.

very sincerely yours

Emelyn Dege

Evelyn Diggs
185-5 Seventh Ave.
New York City
apt. 3 D



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

Evelyn Diggs
1655 Seventh Ave.
New York City
apt 3D



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

1855 Seventh Ave.
New York City
May 8, 1941

Dear Laura,

I am writing to ask
you to please lend
me ~~18~~ \$5.00, five dollars
until the 18th of this
month. I am very sorry
to bother you, but if
you can let me have
this amount until
then I shall appre-
ciate it very much. I am
expecting some money then.

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If you can let me
have it, will you send
me a money order for
this sum right away
or call me tomorrow
I mean Friday May
9th anytime after
fine letting me know
if you prefer having
me meet you and
get it then. My telephone
number is Monument
2-2939.
I do hope that you
are keeping in good

health. I ³am quite busy
now writing my term
papers and preparing
for my final exami-
nations. I know you
must be busy now also.

Sincerely yours,
Evelyn Diggs



Miss Laura Masser
Little Falls - Minnesota

246 W. 129 #15 - N.Y.

Griffith Music Foundation
(Mosque Project)

605 Broad Street

Mrs. P. O. Griffith

Newark, New Jersey—

8/12/41

Dearest Laura,

Forgive me please for ~~waiting~~ ^{taking} so long answering your letter. Really, I feel terrible about not having written you. My friends are constantly asking about you, wondering how you're getting along and etc.

Well, I've had a pretty strenuous summer. Mother hasn't been any too well. I guess she's mostly worried about me.

The weather has been rather mild, now it happens to be cool.

I guess you've been reading about the success of Martin Luther King. He's doing remarkably well, and is really pioneering for the negro. God bless him. I just hope he won't become too connected. He was really grand at the stadium, and the ovation he got was marvelous. I certainly did wish for you.

I'll certainly be glad when you return, I have so much to tell you.

Carol Blanton is in summer school working on her doctor's degree.

Carol Brice has been selling rugs - she seems to be doing pretty well.

My teacher is having me give a private recital sometime in September. I hope you'll be back by then, so that you can attend.

I haven't been feeling so bad lately, I guess I've just picked myself up as a bad job.

Mrs. Overton is also attending summer school.

I'm anxious to talk to you. I had a young fellow write to Marion Anderson about the award he has a lovely voice. I hope she'll give him a chance.

I know you must have had a grand summer. How are your parents?

I don't guess you get much time to write, but please be sure and let me know when you return.

Much Love,
Penny



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STATION J



Miss Laura Musser
612 W. 115th St. -
Harmon Club.
N. Y. C.

Hi Honey,

We tried so hard
to get you across the
phone. But I
understand, that you
must be pretty
busy now. Nevertheless,
perhaps, we can
arrange to meet
sometime tomorrow
evening. I'll call you
about 7:30 p.m. you have
word. Love,
Pennie



Mr. Sam Murr
Garden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

E. BELLE GRIGSBY
STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

just gotten my season
tickets for a few concerts
this winter.

It seems that I shall
have to study in my
next summer, "My the
heat," sorry I can't
be there in January
with you.

You must be enjoying
home. I wish that
I could spend more
time at home.

How is your mother
and sister?

I am so glad Mr. is here,
see I want you to come,
much Love - E. Belle

E. BELLE GRIGSBY
STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Nov. 2, 1941

My dear James:

How happy I was
to have your letter.
It went to Mr. Atlanta
and then finally found
me here.

Your spoke of the
fall days. We have
just began to have
cool days. The heat
was turned on just
one day. It was hot
enough to go with-
out coats ^{to day}; and we

3
we sad to see the
uniform. I do would
think there was more
peace in the world.

How are your
music student and
how many have you?

I am trusting that
you will enjoy
Marion Anderson &
am sure you will.
Both she and
Paul Robeson were
in our state this
fall. I have

2
sat in the sun
after dinner.

Tell me where is
Hilda this term, is
she still teaching in
Ark. I have met
several fellows from
her state.

See there is a very
large fort near our
school and men
are here from all
over the world.

I went with the college
choir out there this
A.M. The fort certainly
is a vast place
yet it does make



STATION



Miss Laura Musser
Sunder Hill
Little Falls,
Minn.

C. L. Buier

400 Manhattan

N. Y. C.

400 Manhattan Ave.
N.Y.C.

Sept. 8, 1941

My dear Laura:—

I am dashing off
this note so that the
rug which you spoke of
may not be delayed too
long. I am very sorry
to have to make this
request but its something
that I just can't wait.

I must ask that your friends
send \$5.00 each for materials
as I just haven't the money
to buy them. you know that
its not a matter of trust
whatsoever, but I am just
plain "broke" now - I am
not working at the Church
this month so that means
I miss that money and
as you know I have had
no singing engagements
this summer.

I shall have to get started
on the rugs immediately as I
know I'll have very little
time for trying after Oct.
6th when school starts. I
must also ask you to tell
them that the price of the

Rug is now \$10.00 because
of the rise in prices of
wool, fringe and
all the materials out
of which the rug is
made. I hope they
will not cancel the
orders because of all
this — but I will
understand should they
find it necessary.

Yours very gratefully,
Lura