



Laura Jane Musser and
Family Papers.

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Miss Laura Jane Messer
1529
Barbizon-Plaza Hotel
New York City
N.Y.

Apr. 4th 1881.
127 W. 5th St.
N.Y.C.

April 29/64

Dear Laura.

We returned from Montreal
to the country near
Boston to visit friends.
We expect to arrive New
York next Wednesday
night & hope to phone you
on Thursday. I hope you
have not forgotten
us. We miss you very
much.

Faithfully
Khan

260 Genesee Avenue
Englewood, N. J.
August 8, 1944

Dearest Laura,

I'm terribly sorry, but I shall be unable to make the amusement park trip. As I told you before, I've been given full charge of the office during this month, while our Executive Secretary is on vacation, and I'm being kept very busy. In addition to all this, I've begun voice lessons again and am scheduled for lessons

regularly on Friday evening.

Evidently seeing you and finding out what a crowded schedule of activity you managed these scorching days' gave me inspiration to work harder!

Incidentally, how did you survive this last little heat spell? It wasn't it dreadful... I'm almost dead. Don't think I could have stood those soaring temperatures many more days.

I do hope you got through with the last

themes you were working on and that as far as school is concerned you finish with flying colors.

Again many thanks for having contacted Miss Anderson in my behalf. My teacher wrote a recommendation for me and I managed to complete the application and get it mailed to Philadelphia before the deadline.

Have a nice vacation, and don't forget to write.
Sincerely,
Eula

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BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF LOUISVILLE, KY.

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READMORE NEWS CO., LOUISVILLE, KY.



Hello darling -
on our way!
wrote you drive
along - sleep
in file front
of bed -
love - Jack
+ Phil

GENUINE CURTEICH-CHICAGO "C.T. ART-COLORTONE" POST CARD (REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.)



POST CARD

Miss Louisa Jane Munner
Hotel Borbeyon -
W. 58th Plaza
N. Y. N. Y.

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GENUINE CURTTEICH-CHICAGO "C.T. ART-COLOR-TONE" POST CARD (REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.)

POST CARD

1944



Miss Jane Jones Muner
Hotel Borgezen -
W. 58th Plaza
N.Y. N.Y.

1529

Hello darling -
on our way!
wish you were
along - sleep
into the heart
of Dixie -
Love - Jody
+ Phil

READMORE NEWS CO., LOUISVILLE, KY.



Seabees



Wednesday - 7/16/44

NAVAL ADVANCE BASE DEPOT 11:00 A.M.
CAMP THOMAS · DAVISVILLE, R.I.

Dear Laura Jane -

I was really surprised and happy to receive your letter of the 15th this noon, so I'll take care of it at once.

I realize how busy you are with your work and your numerous social activities, so I wasn't at all surprised that you didn't write more promptly.

Yes, indeed, your friendship has been cherished by, both Sarge + I, and by Sarge long before I met her. While in here, she's doing a bang-up job in Kenosha, with her work and her many other duties which go toward her doing "her share" and more. It is far better, her working to keep occupied, rather than to take the blunt of the burden by continuous worry, in fear of what might happen to me.

There are a lot of so-called democratic Americans that will never realize there is a war on, until a bomb drops in our back yard - as the possibility of that particular incident

3 Is very remote. I'm of the opinion, they'll get by without doing a single thing for the cause. In other words, "business as usual."

Yes, Miss Anderson is doing a grand job, in trying to overcome the differences that have developed and are becoming more acute, between the two races in this marvelous land of ours. However, I only hope it is for some noticeable good; as it appears to me, it's like another Civil War to convince these Southern Negro haters, that the issue they are still fighting, has been thrashed out with the loss of oceans of blood almost a century ago.

The weather here ^{too} has been terrific, and it looks like we'll have no let-up on this heat ^{wave} for a long time.

Here's hoping you have a swell time in Little Falls - how long do you plan on staying?

Hoping to hear from you at your convenience, I'm

Yours Sincerely,
Hubert Walther

P.S. Please note my change of address - as I do want to get your mail promptly -

Thurs. 13 April -

46 E. 52

12:30 PM

Meet Betty M. for
Lunch Regent 4-8686

101 W. 58 St.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Laura Jane Messer
Barbary on Plaza
New York

Delicate shop
7th floor
at Hotel



49.

My dear - did you for-
get to send the telegrams
and if so will you
please - send them on
My sister is better
the last few days.

it is also warmer
and the sun is out
It has been good to see
all my family -
I hope you are feeling
better and that it is
nice weather in N.Y.
that keeps a lot.
plan to stay over Easter
54 Central Avenue
Springfield 7. Mass.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
March 6, 1944

Miss L. J. Musser
Barbizon Plaza Hotel
101 West 58th Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Musser:

This is in reply to your letter of February 15, 1944,
inquiring concerning Jack W. Ronto.

The records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fail
to reflect the past or present employment of this individual.
Since your letter indicates he is believed to be with the depart-
ment dealing with enemy aliens, I would suggest that you might
wish to contact the Office of the Alien Property Custodian for
further information.

Sincerely yours,



J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Dec. 1944 - 25.

Darling Laura Jane
I want to thank
you for the beautiful
leaves of the most
beautiful I ever
you are ^{so} good to me,
I know I am your
loved grand mother
you are my grand-
daughter, ✓

How I love you,
and think of
the merry happy
days we have
together

Thank a girl
with love
full of love

A. K. Giles

Tues. P.M.

Lotus Darling

I'm worse than the
gal with seven year itch,
when it comes to getting my
letter written.

But Honey I do want you
to know how much I love that
grand soap you sent me
for Christmas.

In fact just finished dunking
the body and "The smells so
nice."

I had a grand time in
Morrow with Drew and Ver

The more I see You, the more I
love her. She's just a precious darling.
But God's Service I've been back
have done nothing but work, trying
to get the place cleaned up.
This town has never been so filthy
dirty as this year.

Tomorrow I'm due at the hospital
from 10 till 5 P.M. and will I
be dead tomorrow night.

After I leave there, will go on to
Lawson Hospital to see Billy Reeves
the son of my best friend in Detroit
He's a Paratrooper & on his third
jump broke his back. He and Dean
and Jim were together all the time
in Detroit.

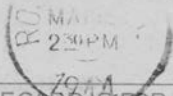
We've had so much rain till I was
ready to scream. Who wouldn't after
two months of it. But the past three
days have been beautiful.

Jim writes the grandest letters to me
and they surely do help, more than
any one knows.

Many thanks again darling for the

lovely soap you sent me
Sincerely hope this New Year
holds a great deal of
happiness for you -

Affectionately
Alice.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



1529
Miss Laura Jane Musser
Barbours Place
New York
W. 58 St.

we were all so thrilled
when you phoned - saying
you had found the pair
for we knew how very
worried you were - you
were lucky - remember
what I said about people.
Dad will be in tonight 10-
Start his leave - we plan
on going to D.C. for the
week end - you + your
mother will be all "caught
up by the time I arrive -
we were all sorry you had
to return as now it seemed
so short - but after the pain
finding us knew you were
glad you did - love to you
+ S - M. Bee.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Barbazon Plaza
West 58th St
N.Y.C.

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Gee I'm glad you found your pin.
I called (Mrs DeJuis?) and told
her and she was also delighted.

Dick drove out last night and had
a flat tire on the way - He'll be back
tonight we hope as his leave starts.

We did so enjoy having you with
us. And I hope you'll stay with
us the 15th + 16th of April - Be good
affectionately Sue



1529

Miss Laura Jane Musser
The Barbizon Plaza
101- West 58th Street
New York City, 19- New York

LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

Capt James M.
Vayla

Efterson
3460

LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

My dear Lotze:

I should have written to you before but am still under the weather. Am getting better each day and expect to be as good as new again soon.

Thank you so much for that beautiful Easter Rabbit. It's adorable. I am sleeping in Mary's room until I am able to walk up to my room. I have the Bunny on the bed so he can keep an eye on me

get over ³ to see me while
I was in the Hospital. The
children have had colds
but are OK again. Jeane
started kindergarten & she likes
it real well.

Louis, Rosemary & Children
come to see me real often. The
children are fine. Bobby is getting
so big & fat I'll bet he'll
keep up with Sam. By the way
did you get over to see Mary?
Your Mother said that you
were going to spend a few days
with her. Did you?

Well, Lolyke this is all for
this time, Love to see you soon.
Love

Pauline.

P.S. Your Mother & Daddy are fine.

2.
all the time.

When are you coming
home? It will be so nice to
have you here again.

Mrs. Linter comes over
and helps me. Dolores
is coming home in May to
spend a few weeks vacation.

We haven't started the
garden work yet. Joe is
not coming back to work, and
the new man, Oscar by name,
can't come until May.

Laura Jane news is
scarce as I haven't seen anyone
for 6 weeks.

Marie has managed to

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



MISS LAURA JANE MUSSER

LITTLE FALLS

LINDEN HILL. MINN.

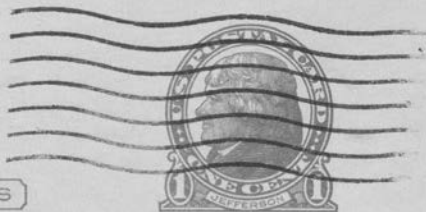
Jan. 6" '44

I was delighted with your card, and would like to see you in N.Y., but it was so hard getting here, that I think I'll stay- maybe for duration.

The hurricane did great damage, but the Prop. with his usual vim and vigor, is fast putting it back where it belongs. Meanwhile content reigns- tho' the loss of all my things (particularly my books) makes it a bit difficult to settle down happily-

Best for the year to you, and the rest-

Morgan.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. & Mrs. Drew Musser
Miss Laura Jane Musser,
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minn.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS



*Didn't know we'd moved, now did you?
Well, WE know it. And we bid you
Take our greetings, great big load,
From our new and small abode.
Note address. Come, have some fun,
After January One.
Nearer downtown now than ever;
Fewer rooms to care for. Clever?
You will think so when you see us,
And may wish that you could be us.
Listen: lend a fine and true ear,
And we'll shout:*

A Happy New Year!

*After January 1, 1945:
ELIZABETH B. and STANLEY R. AVERY
317 Clifton Avenue
Minneapolis 4, Minnesota
Telephone: Geneva 0939*



Miss Laura Jane Mosser
Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Laura Jane,

I suppose I should
start off by saying I'm
not Miss Jane I of any
more, but Mrs Howard J. Thibon.
I've been married for almost a
year already, and I really do
love it. Cause the war naturally
would complicate everything, but
will have to make the most
of it. I have a wonderful
husband, and a man to boyed

an adorable little baby girl. She
has not dark hair and beautiful
black eyes. Her eyelashes curl way
up. I wish you could see her. I
know you'd love her just about
as much as we do. Howard had
a furclap about a month ago, and
I didn't think I'd be able to leave
her.

How is everyone? I certainly
do miss all my old friends, and
especially the nice times we used to
have at your house. I'll never
forget that Santa Lane. You may

not agree with me on this
point, but I really did learn a
lot from you the short while
I took piano lessons. Don't
laugh now, but when Howard
was home I "lectured" to him
for one solid hour on the beauty
of your home and estate. I
hope I'll be able to see it again,
in very soon too.

Howard wants me to come
to Texas so bad. He's stationed
at Camp Hawge at the present.

as a matter of fact he has
been for quite some time, and
he expects to be there for quite a while
yet. I wouldn't have to take Linda
(the baby) along either, but Mom &
Daddy won't hear of my going alone.

Mom wants me to go down-
town for her, so I might as well
mail this right away too. I hope
you'll write when you find time. I
love to hear from you.

as ever,

Joan

11 Salem St.
Wakefield, Mass.
5 July 1944

Dear Laura Jane -

I hope this letter reaches you in time before you leave Friday. It seems I never can get letters mailed in time. Days pass so quickly, I hardly have time to think.

Marvin investigated about trains going back to New York on Sunday afternoon. He feels that the best train would be the one leaving here at 3:55, but let's not worry about your going back yet. I'm looking forward to your visit first.

I'll be at the South Station in Boston by 5:00 Friday afternoon and will wait for you

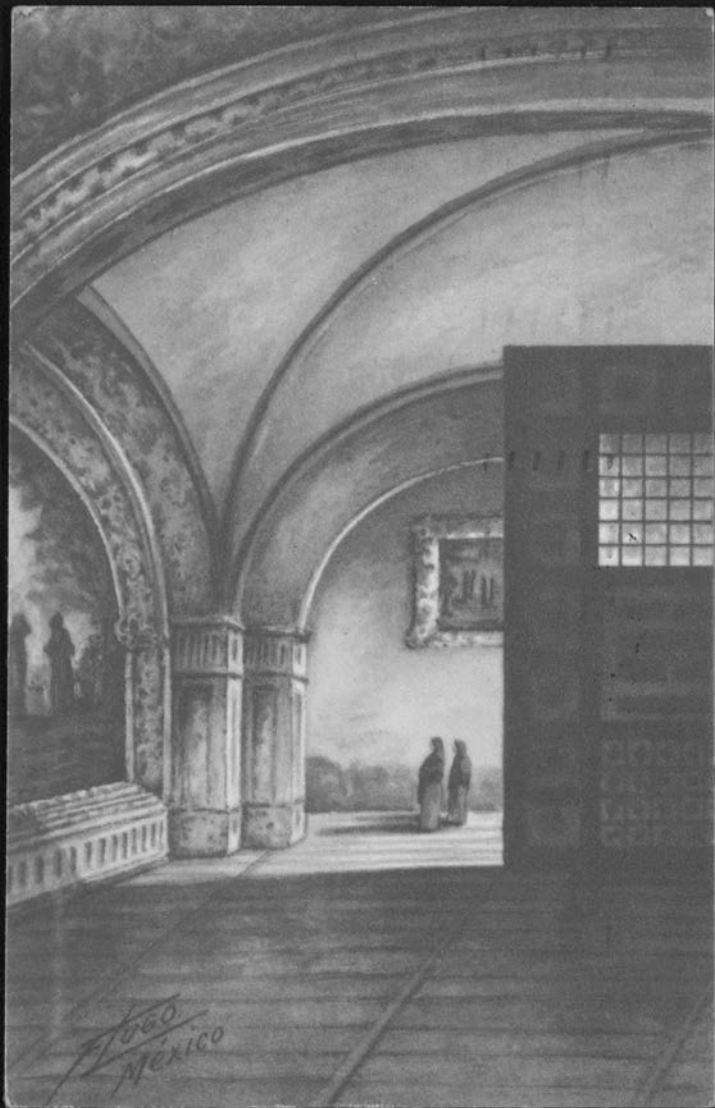
at the Teachers' Aid booth. I'm
afraid after 17 years we might
not recognize each other right
away unless I specified a definite
place.

We are going to have a nice
time, I'm sure. Hope you will
survive my still "brides cooking"
and our homely apartment. We
can't be fussy I guess these days
renting places furnished.

I'll be looking for you.

Sincerely.

Eleanor



F. 060
Mexico

was taken to Mexico today.

Fort Huachuca, Arizona

Greetings - Am out
playing for soldiering
officers during holiday
season - Having a
most interesting trip -
was so glad to hear
from you - to have
your card -

Much, much love.

Carol (Blanton)

Marion Anderson comes to
New Orleans in

Tepetzotlán, México.

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Hope



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Miss Laura Jane Musser
~~Little Falls~~ % The Parnassus Club
~~Minnesota~~ 605 West 115th Street
New York City

Please Forward

Dearest Lottie,

How very sweet it
was of you to send us
that grand book, Noel
Coward's To Step Aside. Joe
and I both want to thank
you for it. It arrived
here in a package from
Mother yesterday, and

Bibley, Hindsay, and Carr Co.
here in Rochester and
am loving it more every
day. There are eight of
us taking the two year
course at the store,
learning the business
from the bottom up. It
really is fascinating.

Thank you again just
loads, Hotie, for the book.
Don't forget to write soon
The address is

we can hardly wait to
get at it. Joe is as much
a book-worm as I am, and
I know we shall enjoy
owning and reading this
one.

Do write me what
you are doing. Haven't
heard of your activities
for ages and would love
to know all about you.
I am working as a
retailing apprentice at

7 Arlington St., Rochester,
N.Y.

Much love to you,

Ruth Rauscher

February 25, 1940.



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Miss Laura Jane Messer

The Waldorf -

New York

N.Y.

ONE O FIVE WEST TWELFTH ST.

CASPER, WYOMING

My dear Lillian -

Your mother told you are going
to N.Y. will be there a couple of weeks
and would like Ben's address - we
only just put him on the train +
when he left he hadn't an idea of he
would be on a ship or in a dormitory.
or what. The only address I have until
I hear from him is, Friendship mans school
Columbus W. so write him a note - I don't
know of any other way to reach him yet.

Hope you have a good time the machine
should be beautiful + not raining -
in a change - you all have been having
a busy time with all your birthday
parties and hodge -

have you had a good time in Little
Falls this summer - your mother was
so happy to have you home - or did you
get too involved with your children & music
lessons -

I'll dash this into the P.O. air mail
so it will reach you in time - I
wish I had a more definite address
but he has only just arrived there &
he's all I have -

Love
Lashly Mel-lar

Francine -

813 N. W. Bank Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota
January 4, 1944

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

Dear Miss Musser:

The five tickets which I am enclosing are in the Plaza section on the sides next to the stage. These are the very best now available as the entire main floor and first balcony is practically sold out. Most of the tickets I sent to fill your first order were taken from some held by Mrs. Scott for her family and about all we have left are now in the 2nd balcony.

Mrs. Scott is confined to her home with a cold this week, but I talked to her about your request for a visit backstage with Miss Anderson after the concert for your students. She asked me to tell you if you would come back after the concert and ask for her that she would arrange it.

Thank you very much for your orders. We are sorry not to be able to give you just what you request, but this was not possible.

Yours very truly,

Eleanor D. Kelly

Secretary to Mrs. Scott.

EGK
Enc. 5



MRS. J. W. BROWN, Kinane St, Hon. T. H.

C-152 ALOHA (GOODBYE)

C/O 1305 "WESCO"

Cast your lei off Diamond Head,
and if it floats to shore, you too
will some day return to the "Isles
of Enchantment."

COLOR CARD

REPRODUCED FROM NATURAL COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS



Dearest Laura; 6-22-44

Hawaii in color: -

Leis are profuse here
and quite colorful.

haven't been in
swimming yet. but
plan to soon.

Address

Miss Laura J. Musser
Linden Hills
Little Falls, Minn.



Love -
E. Fisher



Miss Laura Jane Mussen

Hotel Barbizon Plaza

W. 58th St.

New York City

1529

³ you and if you are interested she could personally introduce you to someone in New York who ^{could} give you the right approach to rhythemics. Her work is much broader than the common use of the term, and I do hope you will make the effort to see her.

She is a charming person and completely open-minded. She will be at the Woodstock Hotel on 43rd St. and may be registered as Mrs. Frederick Meyer, her non-professional name. She suggests that

She feels that rhythemics ² could help you a great deal. I know they can as I have seen them applied in my own case and in other of her pupils, with marvelous results in a short time. It is wonderful to be released from your tensions and fears and really begin to do constructive, free work in your element. I suppose it is what we all are really after.

Peggy is in New York for just a couple of days & has asked me to contact you & ask you to call her. She wants to meet

you call her after 7:30 in
the evening and I hope you
will try until you reach
her. I can assure you
with all my heart; it
will be well worth your
trouble.

Write to me and let
me know how you get
along. Perhaps we shall
see each other again in
Chicago.

Most sincerely,

Elise W. Perkins
(Mrs. R. Marlin Perkins)
1394 Amherst #15
Buffalo¹⁶, N.Y.

Monday 11-6-44

My Dear Laura Jane,

I have thought of you so many, many times, so tonight I will write a few lines to you. You will be surprised to know that I am in California with Hub, & will stay here until he is sent out. I like it so very much, & am very glad I came. Hub tried to get in touch with you before he left New York, but I guess you were in Little Falls all ready.

How did you like the picture I mailed to you? I never did hear from you, & wondered if it reached you O.K.

Now I want you to drop me a note right away, & tell me a few things you have on your Christmas list. I'm am trying to shop a little each day, & want to get it mailed out soon - I think it's so silly to get things people don't really need. Will you be in New York or L. F. for Christmas?

Be sure to say hello to your Mother, & Father for me, & be sure to write soon - My address is as follows - Mrs. H. E. Watter
1811 Bonita Ave.
Berkeley, Calif.

I will never forget your visit with me in Kinasha, & hope when I get back you can come again.
All my love to you - Porgie



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls, Minnesota

Curtis Hotel
Minneapolis, Minnesota
November 30, 1944

Dear Laura Jane,

I very much appreciate your kind invitation at Symphony to visit you a week end before Christmas. Truly, such a visit would be delightful, and I am grateful for your lovely thought. Responsibilities, however, for activities prior to the holiday make it necessary for me to remain here. Won't you instead, therefore, call me when you come to Minneapolis and let us have the pleasure of an afternoon's or evening's conversation? I shall look forward to your calling.

Again I thank you so much!

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Bellamy

SOUND-PROOF TELEPHONE BOOTHS

PUBLIC TELEPHONES

A black and white photograph of a public telephone booth in a subway. The booth is a curved structure with a tiled exterior. Above the entrance, the words "PUBLIC TELEPHONES" are written in large, bold, sans-serif capital letters. To the right of the entrance, the words "SOUND-PROOF TELEPHONE BOOTHS" are written in smaller, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Inside the booth, four women are using the telephones. They are dressed in mid-20th-century attire, including coats and dresses. The booth has large windows and a counter. The floor is dark and polished.

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The Mezzanine floors are outstanding examples of modern architectural treatment. Concrete walls are covered with structural glass. Floors are red, non-slip concrete.



POST CARD

Hells,

He been here since
July working hard.
Hope you've had a
nice summer. See
you soon.

Travel in the Chicago Subway is pleasant and comfortable, speedy and safe.

Miss Laura Musser
Linden Hills
Little Falls,
Minnesota

GENUINE BLACKSTONE PRINTS BLACKSTONE STUDIOS, CHICAGO, ILL.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Hundred Hill
Little Fall, Minn.

Sunday Nov. 1944

My dear Laura Jane:

It was good hearing from you so soon after I had written. It is really getting cold here at last. I am writing tonight in hope that you will get this letter before you leave. I am very sleepy so please excuse any mistakes or crosses.

You mentioned that you were coming to Philly this week. I shall be very happy to see you. Perhaps we could arrange to have dinner together or anything else that might appeal to you.

There are a few things I like
to do and would love to have
you do them with me. When
you get here you can give me
a ring. My number is
Locust 6775.

I am listening to the radio
and Frank Munn is singing
White Xmas it really sounds
nice.

I see Olype about twice a
week. I leave Marcia there
on Tuesday and Thursday
while I go and get Sandra from
school. Marcia is doing fine
considering that it does take
some time. About the Oz books,

Marcia doesn't have any I don't know how we ever missed those books. They have so many others.

Your teaching and the way you reward your outstanding student is rather fascinating, and I know how thrilled he or she is to have one of his hopes or wishes fulfilled.

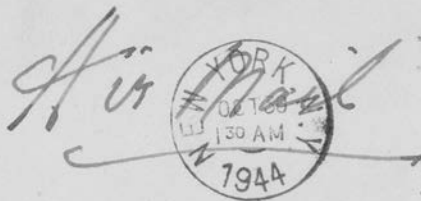
I am very much interested in music but only as a listener. Music is grand, but I am not planning to study it. I will tell you about that when I see you.

I am trying to hurry and finish this letter so I can get it in the mail box.

Do let me hear from you

soon.

Yours friendly
Jeannette



GRAND CENTRAL



Mrs Laura J. Musser
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Minnesota

Linden Hill

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October 28th '44

Laura dear -

I have tried ^{plying the Club} ~~five~~ hotels in person and received very nearly the same answers from the managers - Full of regret but not a hope in the world until the end of November - The Club has been packed since August - many new members and no hotel possibility I suppose is the reason.

The hotels hold out a little hope after Dec. 1st, but say you must write in - and be definite about your needs. They, the managers, are so patient and polite, but also, distracted! They are obliged to ^{keep} set aside a large section for army & Navy - this

month they have the Election and
the foot-ball crowds also. Sorry
to fail you and can't believe my
own bad news. If I did not have
the Bronville job so many hours
a day, I should cover the City for you.

Speaking of Bronville, my
hours are ^{there} so uncertain, in the
evenings that I would not feel
justified in accepting your dear
offer of the concert ticket. I could
keep it and give it away if necessary
at the last minute, but I think
wiser you share it with a more
certain guest. I have had the
pleasure anyway of your thought,
and I am very grateful.

Much love to the dear Parents
and yourself.

Mary T.

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INSTITUTE OF MUSICAL ART

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November 29, 1944

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Miss Musser:

This letter is to confirm your conversation with Miss Finch in connection with the completion of all your work in the Bachelor of Science degree in Theory.

Your name will appear on the next commencement list. The diploma will be sent to you after it has been made up with the others next May.

Very truly yours,

Jenifer M. Hoyt

Jenifer M. Hoyt
Registrar

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Miss. LAURA J. MUSSER
Highland Ave
Little Falls
Minnesota.

DEAR LAURA JANE:

The (Good Old)
Child Interest
Club

Wishes to express deep
Appreciation for your
interest and assistance
in this year's program,
particularly in your
willingness to loan us
your valuable books
on the Negro.

Gratefully
Mrs. GEO. MOEGLEIN
SECY

(And penned by the
SEC'y Pro-TEM)



GUESS WHO!

705-3rd St. S.E.
Little Falls
Minn.



Miss. Laura Jane Musser
The Barbizon Plaza
101 West 58th St.
New York City (19)
New York.

#1529

Dear Laura Jane:

You will surely understand why I haven't answered your letters before when I tell you I've had constant pain in my back for a whole month - some days it was all I could do to get up or around. I was taking treatments from Dr. Goblirsch, the Osteopath - but when it didn't get better I went to the hospital for X Rays - They found Arthritis in the spine - There are calcified growths that press on the nerves, causing the pain. So I am using ^{an} infrared lamp and taking a powerful Vitamin D and just resting - The Dr says when we get nice warm weather and I can sit in the sun again

2 I will probably be alright -
Your first letter distressed me
no end - I am sure you are all
wrong Laura Jane - Your parents
adore you - They went thru no
end of expense and pain and
worry to even "barn" you and
I know if you could have seen
how happy your Mother was to
recieve your call the other night
you'd know how ^{very} much she loves
you! But she is so full of
nervous energy! She is the
type of person who has to keep
busy to be happy - and bridge
is a good outlet for that -
So, naturally, since she is such
a fine player, she enjoys playing
with the ones who also play well -

3 I hope these new friends and the new contacts you are making thru them will make you happy. You have so much to give to your friends — and I do Not mean money — or the things you can buy — Your mind is so active and you are stimulating to be with because you read & think. Your impulses are generous and so eventually the things you do for others will bring blessings in return.

I am thinking of what you did for the little colored boy who needed the Bates treatments — and all you have done for Phillipa and Hilda and Golda and hundreds of others —

But so many "cults" or New Movements or what have you? are organized and kept up by "Crack Pots" — so be careful not to get too involved in this Bahai theory — (First thing you know they will want a substantial subscription!) I'm probably unfair — but I think you know what I mean — Be suspicious until you know they are not "phony" —

And if it does prove to be something worth while and vital in your life get all you can out of it. That makes sense — doesn't it?

I had a nice little visit with Addie one evening. She told me she had recieved such a beautiful letter of sympathy from you - and it helped her too.

She is making a fine adjustment but it is horribly lonely for her since Dr. was always at home with her and she misses him cruelly. She has little "Dusty" and she is a great comfort to her - faithful and devoted to her. It is amazing what the friendly companionship of a dog or cat can mean to one - at times.

Our pets are a "pain in the neck" but we surely enjoy them.

My garden is partly planted

but we've had so much cold
rain - snow - hail and such
it simply can't grow -

We are longing for sunshine.

Your description of the concert
at Philadelphia and the lovely
party was almost as good as
being there with you - It
must have been a wonderful
experience. To have really
met some of those famous
people and in such an
interesting way and place -

I hope you are right in
your surmise about Mrs.
Fischer !! I think it would
be simply marvelous if she
had a child - don't you?

Mrs. Vasaly told us at Child Interest Club how much Mary Frances had enjoyed the M.A. Concert —

Little Janice Alexander who was taking music lessons from Mrs. Musser has the whooping cough. She is over the worst of it now but can't go out so she is missing out on her music lessons too. Poor little tyke.

Today is Cap & Gown day at the U and it is being broadcast. Last week the Music Dept gave a lovely concert — the Beethoven Concerto No 4 with Wm Lindsay as soloist and that was ~~lovely~~ splendid.

I suppose you are very busy now if you are getting your degree in Music in June. I shall be interested to hear about that — Are you composing?

Write when you can and tell me all about everything if it keeps for you to have a "steam valve" like me! I can take it —

Try to keep your little ship on a level keel and you'll come into port some day with flags flying —
(That ought to give you a "laff" anyway)
Lots of Love —
Grace —

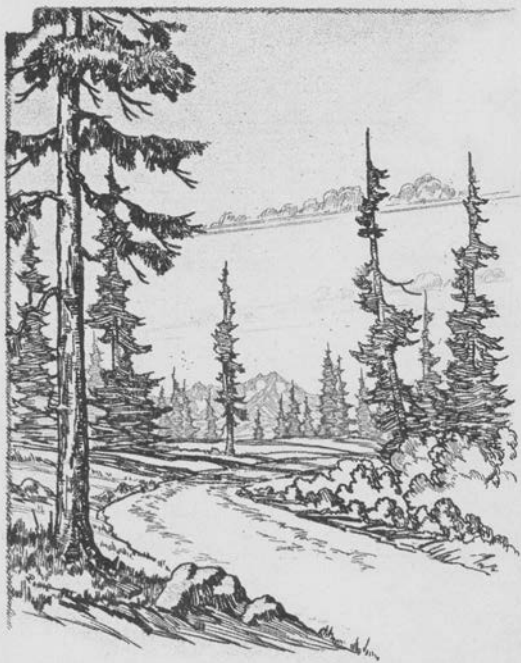
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Miss Laura Jane Musser
c/o The Barbizon Plaza
101 - West 58th St.
New York City

11 Salem St.
Wakefield, Mass.



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Jan. 1, 1944.

Dear Laura Jane -

I received your letter yesterday enclosing the tickets for the concert.

There certainly is nothing in the world I'd rather do than go to New York for the evening - but I'm afraid we'll have to take a "rain check" on it for a while. I didn't mention it - but I, too, am a working girl and do not think I could get off work in time to get up there and back in time for work the next morning. I'm a stenographer in the Military Supply Division of the U. S. Engineers, and

at present are really too
busy for a little time off.
We are working today
even - New Year's Day!

Both of us thank you
from the bottom of our
hearts for all your
thoughtfulness. We shall
certainly look you up if
we do get to New Year's
some day, however, and
I'd enjoy having you
look us up, too, if you
come through Boston.

Our telephone no. is
Crystal 0428-R. My office
no. is Hubbard 7400-ext 149.

A happy New Year to
you, Laura Jane!

Rosemary Kasparik is
in Wash., D.C. working for
F.B.I.

Sincerely -
Eleanor B

P.S. I sent the tickets back
today also to the address
you mentioned.

Mr. James St. Brown
c/o 1365 Kiana Street
Honolulu, T. H.
June 13, 1944

Dearest Laura,

Yes, E. is now in Honolulu, T. H.
and married to her joy. He had a very fine
affair, but intend to swing it at some
future date.

While in N.Y. I filled out some
application blanks for a civil service
job and came out here, via San Francisco.
I was given only 2 hours notice to be
down at the pier - and did I rush!!

The trip over was calm and quiet,
but 500 of us were crammed together -
this is really no time to travel.

I'm trying very hard to adjust myself to
this weather: living conditions are very
congested and we haven't found a house to
move into as yet.

There are so many people that I'd
love meeting again, but just haven't

had the opportunity to get around as yet.

Both of us are working in Pearl Harbor and we are up at 5:45 A.M. and get into town by 5 P.M. We only have one room and must eat 3 meals out - I'll be so glad to get a house!

How was your past winter spent in N.Y.? Interesting and pleasurable enough, I trust. How are all your friends and Miss Anderson and Miss A's accomp.?

You must be home now - bathing, hiking, biking and the like. I've been here now for 2 1/2 weeks - but haven't gone in swimming at the famous Waikiki.

Sevicemen are everywhere. You never saw such hustling and bustling! One stands in line for every thing out here and one waits and waits. The day begins early and ends early - curfew being at 10 P.M. it doesn't give us much time for staying out late.

It has been uppermost in my mind to thank you for your Easter card. There were so many things I had planned to do before leaving the States.

One of the funniest things which happened to me before I left was the fact that I had washed most of my personal things the night before I left S. I. and had to leave them there to dry - as I left the next morning.

How is your mother and father? My best regards to them both.

Write me, Laura, I want to hear from you often.

Love,

Arthur

Miss Laura Jane Russell,

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Hotel Salisbury

123 West 57th Street

NEW YORK

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Hotel Salisbury

123 West 57th Street

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My dear Miss Murre

Here is the address
of the Miniature Furniture
Maker which I promised
to find for you when
you were in Schwab's
store last week—

Eric H. Pearson

132 A East 55 St.

Telephone Eldorado 5-0057

It is located just a few
does east of 55th
on the south side of
the street

Sincerely yours
Cecile S. Levander



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Barbizon Plaza Hotel
New York
1529 N. Y.

May 4

Dear Laura Jane - I was I my
Easter gifts went wrong & I'm
sure yours was one of them
so here is another try!

The girls here love
them & they're pretty

would either way. Ad
me. How are you dear -
I think of you often
and always affectionately
Hope you'll get up to
Pittsburgh soon.

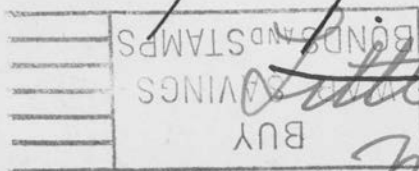
It won't be long before you're
home again. Your mother
misses you so -
Hope you like the little
do - dad -

With love

Helen King



Mrs Laura Jane Thuermer
of the Barbizon Plaza
Near 58th Street
New York City



~~Little Falls -~~
~~Minneapolis~~

Dear Laura Jane.

How sorry of you to
remember your Aunt
Gelat B at Christmas
time, & how deeply I
am touched by your
thoughtfulness. If
you but knew how
short I am of thanks

You would understand
how you came to
my rescue. - I thank
you very much -

Neither of our Children
were home for the
holy days, but we did
have my Sister's
youngest Son - aged
16 - and you could

Not ask for a more
lovable, likeable boy -
It was fun having him
with us -

I am wondering if you
are returning to New York?
If you do, please drop me
a line so that we can
get together -

Love to Mom & the rest
of New Year's wishes -

Love, by

Brian

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April 12, 1944

Dear Friend,

The Harlem Committee of the Community Service Society takes pleasure in inviting you to its fifth annual Tea on Sunday, April 23rd, at four o'clock, at Riverside Church.

As you may know, the Tea is held as a means of raising funds for Scholarships which the Committee offers to qualified Negro students for professional training at the New York School of Social work. Since 1940, the Committee has enabled eleven students to attend the New York School of Social Work.

This year the Committee is seeking to raise additional funds, being aware of the present great lack of trained social workers to meet current pressing social problems.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to attend the Tea this year. Contributions at this time will go toward tuition scholarships to be awarded for the Fall of 1944.

May we hear from you not later than Thursday, April 20th.

Sincerely yours,

Charlotte E. Anderson

Mrs. Peyton F. Anderson, Chairman
Scholarship Committee

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