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OFFICE OF THE MANAGER

January 17, 1945

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minn.

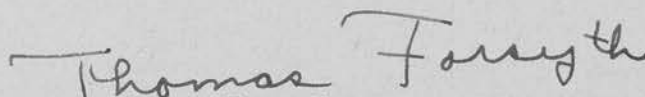
My dear Miss Musser:

With regard to your telegram of January 16th, wish to advise that we are reserving a single room at the rate of \$4.00 to \$5.00 per day, depending upon what is available on your arrival, February 16th. The rate includes Continental Breakfast.

Anticipating the pleasure of serving
you, we are

Very respectfully,

BARBIZON-PLAZA HOTEL


Thomas Forsyth,
Manager

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OFFICE OF THE MANAGER

January 12, 1945

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minn.

My dear Miss Musser:

Answering your letter of January 8th, we regret because of the present emergency we cannot accept reservations for such an extended stay. We can, however, accommodate you for a limited period at the rate of \$4.00 to \$5.00 per day for a single room, during which period you may be able to secure permanent quarters elsewhere. The rate includes Continental Breakfast.

As we are tentatively reserving a single room for February 16th, we would appreciate your advising us if the above meets with your approval. We cannot promise to assign a room with cross ventilation.

Assuring you of our desire to help you in every way possible and awaiting your advice, we are

Very respectfully,

BARBIZON-PLAZA HOTEL

Thomas Forsyth
Thomas Forsyth,
Manager

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November 11, 1943
Little Falls, Minn

Dear Laura Jane,

I know I should
have written sooner
but I did not know
what to say.

Sunday I found this
article about Marion
Andersson in the
Minneapolis Paper
so I thought I would
send it to you.

Thanks very
much for sending
those Picture Post

Cards, they are very pretty. I hope you had a nice trip and everything.

I want to thank you again for those dresses you gave me. I like them very much.

I don't know anything else to say just now so good by.

Jerrye.

A. Cutler
430 Madison St.
San Antonio, Texas.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Dear Laura: I was indeed glad to receive
your New Year greetings - and to hear from you.
Believe it or not, I am now playing with the
San Antonio Symphony here in far away
Texas. The climate is a lot better than in
New York but it can get very cold here too.
My musical associations here are most pleasant
and I am playing a lot of quartettes which
is a wonderful new experience.

I do hope you are well and that I
shall see you sometime when I get back.
Our season ends here in March and I will
probably be back in the spring. I am anxious to
study the violin seriously once more, & perhaps we
shall get together on that sonata after all.

Sincerely Anne



Caserta - Parco Reale - La Gran Cascata

U.S.O. Camp Shows
S.S. Sec. AFHQ
APO 512 % Postmaster N.Y.

Dearest Miss Mueser,
How are you? Please
write me and let me
know about your work.
Are you still dancing?
We continue until I
get there and you know
what we discussed.

I miss you very
much. Love
Lavinia

40183 Ed. Egidio Fiano - Cartoleria
Corso Umberto I N. 119 - Caserta



Miss Lavinia Jane Mueser

86 McDougal St.

New York, N.Y.

U.S.A.

ALTEROCCA TERNI - A. XX

July 15, 1945.

Dear Friend:

I hope you have not forgotten our date for you to play a couple of your own piano compositions at the Broadway Tabernacle Church (Broadway and 5-6 Streets), third floor at 8:15 to 10; on Friday evening July 20.

I also asked my sister Amy to invite you to one of her teas for her foreign university

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students, and this she consented
to do. I urged her to be sure
to entertain the foreign students
on some other day than July
20. This she also consented
to do, but being rather con-
trary minded she arranged
to entertain them and us
at a tea from 4 - 7 o'clock
at Room 301 Philosophy Hall
on the upper campus at
Columbia University. She also
told me to write you to come
at that time:

Can you therefore arrange
your work so you can make
an afternoon and evening

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festival 2 things?

Our program can be this: Please meet Susan
and me at Philosophy Hall at four o'clock on
Friday afternoon. Philo. Hall is a semi-detached
building not far from the Chapel, the School of
Liberal Studies and the Law School. Room 301 is on
the first floor to the left as you enter the front
door. After you have chatted a bit with the

foreign students ~~we will~~ and had tea, we
will all go to the Faculty Club of Col. W. for
dinner. Anthony will meet us here and

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foreign students we will and had tea, we
will all go to the Faculty Club of Col U. for
dinner. Anthony will meet us here and

immediately after dinner we will
go to the Church where I will
be the Hostess. I have planned
the games, and the refreshments,
etc. I plan to try out one of
my own compositions on the group
for Community Singing. I hope
you can go through with this entire
program.

A letter from your Mother was
most delightful. She told me of your
move to the apartment with a friend.
Perhaps the friend can attend the
social at the Broadway Tabernacle
Church & act as critic of our work.
We three Belskies are on our vacation
now but will return to Flushing
soon. If you wish further information
phone me in Flushing late Thursday
evening or early Friday morning. 713-6347
With love,
Margaret Belsky.

29. 62, 168 St
Flushing N. Y.
Nov 18, 1945

Dear Laura Jane:

It was surely a pleasant surprise to see you in New York City again if only for that short visit, and I hope you enjoyed yourself as much as we enjoyed your stay.

We three Belskies are looking forward to hearing Marian Anderson on the 21st of next month. I

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am making inquiries about
places where the best red
roses may be found for
her.

Susan is reading and en-
joying the book you gave her
as "Medicine" during her
recent illness. She feels
pretty well now and is as
interested ^{as ever} in the affairs
of the Scouts, her Sunday School
and her public school grade.

Everyone liked your
playing at the Christian
Endeavor, and will look
forward to the next time
you play. There will be

mention of your appearance ³ in the next issue
of the "Falmouth Tidings", and your name
will be spelled correctly. We surely do

appreciate your efforts to get us a speaker
and we urge you to try again when
some other person with a suitable message
is available and hope for better luck in
his being present.

With love also to your Mother.
Affectionately,
Margaret Meloy.

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Everyone liked your
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and we urge you to try again whether
some other person with a suitable message
is available, and hope for better luck in
his being present.

With love also to your Mother.

Affectionately,
Margaret Belosky.

409 Edgecombe Ave
July 16 1945
New York City.

My dear Laura Jane:

I mailed a selected number of books to your little niece, shortly after you left. I followed with a letter to you giving a detailed list of titles purchased, but have not heard from you. Were the books received? Please let me know. A post card will reach me at:

1336 Hugh Street - c/o Mrs. Wicklyffe - Fort Wayne, Ind.,
where we will be until August 10th. My husband is conducting a musical festival there, and

Give our regards to your mother for us, and a happy Summer to you.

Sincerely,

Pura Belpre White.

ARTHUR NEWSTEAD
260 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
NEW YORK CITY

September 20, 1945

Dear Laura Jane=

Many thanks for your letter and check enclosed, you made it out for \$300 instead of \$200; as you missed several weeks, in counting the lessons up there were only twenty. I thought it was simpler to send you my check for \$100, which I enclose, and for me to bank the rest \$300.

I am so glad that you tell me how much you enjoyed your work this winter as I feel it was, by far, the best you have done. Bravo!

Joan tells me in her letter ^{you} wrote that you may return late in October, I hope you will be here by Nov 3rd as my wife is giving a town hall Reel that Saturday afternoon; I am so glad that she

is going to play more this winter.

Please give our kindest remembrances
to Mrs. Hussen as also for you yourself.

Yours very sincerely

Arthur D. Wood

35 W 110th St.

Apt 3-H

New York, N.Y.

September 20, 1945

Dear Laura Jane,

It was very wonderful having you with us this summer. Nothing could have been more perfect.

There have been many things preventing my writing you sooner. The visit of Rita, a girlfriend from Chicago, moving, packing and my trip to Nashville. I found it rather difficult to send your sugar, so I am mailing the sugar stamp and returning the postage. I trust that this is satisfactory.

My brother, Ed, graduated from Medical School last Monday. Did he look grand in his doctor's cap and gown. He was third in his class. My Nashville friends gave

breakfasts, luncheons, dinners
and parties for me. Since
I hadn't been in Nashville
for two years, it was a
pleasant surprise and a
delightful welcome home.

Last night, I attended
Claude Marchant's recital
given with Paquita Anderson,
a composer and actress who
wrote some music used
in Miss Dunham's "Tropical
Review." Claude was with
Miss Dunham six years or
more and is now teaching
her technique at Francisca
Boas' studios on 21st St.
Saw many former ^{present} Dunham
dancers & students. It was
given at The Master Theatre on
103rd St near Riverside Drive.

Mother, I miss you very
much. We haven't been
fortunate as yet in finding
an apartment.

My sincerest regards to
your charming Mother. Have
a very enjoyable vacation.

Fondly,
Gwyn

267 Edgecomb Ave.
apt 4 I
New York, N.Y.
Oct. 9, 1945

Dearest Laura,

Yours was received, and
I was more than glad to
hear from you as personal.
Glad to know that you will
be coming this way on the
15th

Laura how is your mother
and the rest of the family?

I saw Bernie the other
day, he is fine and asked me
to tell you hello when I wrote
to you.

I haven't seen your God Child
for some time. Although she is
still around, I see her carriage
down in the Lobby. How is your
niece and nephew?

Enclosed you will find a
sheet or page from the New York
Daily News. Which was published
some time ago when they first started

(21)
shipping the soldiers back home
from over seas, after V. J. Day.
I am sending you the whole page
because I thought perhaps some
of your neighbors would be interested
or curious to read it and I did
not want them to be misin-
formed as to its publishers, so
they can see that it came from
a white paper. (smiles).

How is the weather there?
How is it here we have heat
it is very cold here we have heat
in our house, so you can
see that Jack Frost is just
around the corner. (smiles)

Have you heard from Marian
or Alice since you have been
home?

Laura, last week I went
to Radio City and saw a picture
called "Our Vines have Tender
Grapes" I enjoyed it very much
the moral was very good, Edward
S. Robinson was starred in it. You
must see it at one of the small theatres
here when you come.
Lots of love
P.S. please excuse the bad writing
I had a busy day.

Private Mailing Card



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

from you. Love, Joan
to her and I look forward
to seeing you.

September 29th 1945

MISS JOAN NEWSTEAD

260 RIVERSIDE DRIVE

NEW YORK 25, N. Y.

Dear Laura Jane -

was so glad to hear from you and am
delighted that you'll be back in New York
this next month.

My class in New Canaan begins this
next week but after spending all day
yesterday scheduling lesson times with
the headmistress & the other piano teacher
I'm already a total wreck — before we
start!! But I know I'll enjoy the children.
The family is well, and I hope your mother is. My regards

STEPHANIE RUPP
370 CENTRAL PARK WEST
NEW YORK CITY 25

Sept. 24th 45.

Dear Laura Lane:

We were very glad to have your good news and we both thank you for yours and Mrs. Musser's sweet letters. It was a real pleasure for us to have ^{had} your lovely mother at our place and we enjoyed so much that night with you both. I wished also that I could except your very kind invitation to Minnesota, but my pupils would not allow me to stay away again for several days beside this, I get near every day a new pupil.

We had a wonderful vacation this summer only the last 2 weeks brought much sorrow to me. Two of my sisters and the family of my niece have been killed by the nazi-murderers. The rest of my family

is still alive, thanks heaven, and we are busily
busy with sending food and clothing over seas,
also to the family of Franz. We are so happy
being able to support all these poor people.

I'm looking forward to seeing you soon
in New York my sweet girl.

Our very best to you and Mrs. Mueser
and thanks for her lovely note.

With warmest greetings from
us back,

as ever

Sheppie Rupp

P. S.

The concert in Minneapolis will be Nov. 23rd
24th.

The concert in New York on Nov. 11.

C.E. SOCIAL SONG.

Good people say C.E. has zest.
Of all the Groups, C.E. is best.
We meet within a nearby lair
On Sunday for an hour of Prayer.

A member sang a song one day
To cheer us and to make us gay.
And as she sang at the C.E.,
She climbed up till she reached high C.

We hiked to Coney Isle one day,
To view the song birds down that way.
The birds did sing and fly along,
And C.E. folk took up their song.

To sea we went, and made the wish
That we might catch a great big fish.
With lobsters and with schrimp for bait,
We caught, we cooked, said grace, and ate.

One boy knows how to build a fire,
And eat hot dogs like a live wire;
And Jersey 'alisades is where
He loves to hike and take the air.

One fellow rode a Hudson boat;
He bossed our sports, and please take note,
Of all the jokers he's the best,
And he can far outwit the rest.
One guy felt shaky at the knees;
One guy felt shaky at the knees;
He joined our Group and ceased to freeze.
Now he can match all men in sass,
And dearly loves a Bonny Lass.

Sing one more song, then say "Adieu"
Like Noah's ark go two and two.
We'll whistle on our homeward way,
But we'll return soon as we may. --(By M.S.B.)

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B'way and 56 Sts. N.Y.C. August 31, 1945.

C.E. SOCIETY SHOCKED BY SUDDEN DEATH OF NOYES A. CROWELL.

Was President of the Y.P.S.C.E.
For Ten Years.

Noyes A. Crowell, the president of the Broadway
Tabernacle's Young People's Society of Christian
Endeavor for ten years, and has also held other import-
-tant offices of the Society, died suddenly while on
his vacation at North Hampton, Mass. For many years
he was active in the N.Y. City Union C.E., and was
best known as a past president, and a successful
promoter of the Hudson River Excursions.

The funeral was held in Taylor Chapel on Friday
August 24, 1945, at 7:00 P.M. A beautiful service
was conducted by Dr Lee Vaughn Barker, Associate
Pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle Church.

Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

C.E. MOTTO: "For Christ and the Church."

Bible Text for Today: (Psalms)

Bless the Lord O my soul!

O Lord, my God, thou art great:.....

Thou sendest the springs to the valleys,

They run down between the mountains,

They give drink to every wild beast,

The wild asses quench their thirst.

The birds make their home beside them,

They sing among the branches.

Brief Notices.

During the summer months some time was devoted to the study of a series of topics, "The Bible, a Living Book." The following persons conducted the Prayer Meetings; Messrs. Anthony Belsky, Alexander Fretwell, J. Russell Robertson, Rudolph P. Smith, and Mesdames Ona Mann, Margaret Belsky, and Miss Susan Jane Belsky.

Representatives from the Broadway Tabernacle Society attended a very stimulating Rally and Social Hour prepared by the N.Y.C. Union Christian En-

deavor on June the twenty third, at the Armenian Evangelical Church.

Summer Outings.

An Outing by bus over the George Washington Bridge to the Palisades, followed by a hike through the woods to the river, and a picnic under the trees, made a very refreshing trip on Memorial Day.

The Alumnae Association of C.E. arranged an excursion to Playland, Rye Beach, N.Y. early in the summer. Members of the Tabernacle Society and their friends were among the excursionists.

On July Fourth two outings were scheduled for the Tabernacle Y.P.S.C.E. One a Hudson River trip as far as Poughkeepsie, and the other a Beach Party at Rockaway Beach.

The Community singing that has been included as a part of the Friday evening gatherings has been enjoyed by all who mingled with the group.

Among the artists who gave pleasure to the Society by their talent, ~~was~~ Miss Laura Jane Mussa was most pleasing. She rendered a delightful program of her own compositions, and also musical selections by Chopin, Beethoven, and others.

Miss Marion McEvoy, Soprano, accompanied by her sister charmed everyone by the sweetness of her singing.

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CONCERTS NOVEMBER 23 24 TOTAL PRICES SIX SEATS 14.40
RESERVATIONS HELD OUR NORTHROP TICKET OFFICE=

ARTHUR J GAINES.

23 24 14.40.

Breakfast with Henrietta
at Waldf. Savarin
Tomorrow - 10 AM. -



Miss Laura Jane Mussa

~~Little Falls~~

% Mrs. Hilda Mc Coy
Rust College ~~Minneapolis~~
Holy Springs
Minn -

29-62/68 St Flushing n.y



29-62 168 St.

Flushing N.Y.

Oct 21, 1945

Dear Miss Musser: -

Thank you for the
books ~~you~~ sent me.

I like the bird book
best of all. It has
many fine bird
pictures in it and
fine stories. "The
Patchwork Girl
of Oz" was very
humorous. "Winnie
the Pooh" is a very
exciting story.

It has many fine
little pictures in it
too, like the bird Book.
The three books are

are very interesting.
I thank you with my
whole heart.

your friend,

Susan B. B. B.

After 5 days, return to
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DIST. NO. 60,
BLACKDUCK, MINNESOTA.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota

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GEORGE A. EDDIE, SUPERINTENDENT

BLACKDUCK, MINNESOTA

January 26, 1945

BOARD MEMBERS:

H. A. PALMER

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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Miss Musser:

I want to take this means of expressing our appreciation for your concert at our school. The youngsters enjoyed it very much, and also your nice descriptions of the different passages that you played.

Thank you again for your kindness.

Yours truly,

George A. Eddie

George A. Eddie
Superintendent

GAE/et.

January 15, 1945

Dear Lotsie,*

Your Christmas greeting came about twenty four hours after I had asked the loan of a typewriter with which to write to you --which "loan" was refused because of some sort of Marine Corps Business (I suppose). The reason I needed a typewriter to write a letter was simply that I am aware that my handwriting has become so poor that even my own family can't read it. The incident which indirectly impelled this correspondence will perhaps interest you.----: ahem.

The Red Cross set up a Quon^set Hut in this vicinity which was a most elaborate affair. I didn't attend the "Opening", having such things as socks (or sox) and such to launder, but as soon as I could I hied myself over to look at the place. I entered a side door and found myself surrounded by five hundred Marines and about ten of the most unprepossessing females I have ever seen in my life. Five were tall, five were very short, all had long hair (hung loosely to the shoulders), each wore a sweater-and-skirt, no stockings, low-cut shoes, and none was in the least pretty. Along one end of the building was a row of shelves one-tenth filled with dog-eared books with such titles as "The Case of the Startled Lady", "Murder One by One" or "History of the United States" (Beard) and others of similar ilk. At the other end of the hut was a loud-speaker blaring out boogie-woogie, and next to it a little piano at which a sorry-looking Marine was trying to play "Trees." Along the side of the building were little rooms marked "Tailor Shop", "Office", "Librarian", and "Music Room." I went in. (And was carried by by transient thought to certain Friday Evenings in Minneapolis, Minnesota, you remember?)

The "library" of albums was contained in two little cabinets flanking an RCA radio-phonograph. In the cabinets were scattered such albums entitled "Beethoven's Fifth Symphony" (spare me!) "Gershwin's Porgy and Bess", a Victor Herberts "Collection", and Grieg's Symphony ~~x~~ in A scththing with Piano by Pietrie or Somebody which wasn't too bad. Anyway, I squatted on the deck (floor to you) and listened to all, thinking of you, and the good music I had heard and would like to hear again. So came the urge to write. And to your penned query "Remember me?" I can emphatically answer, "I certainly do!", or as I would ordinarily express it, "Hell, yes!" In fact I remember many things..... evening drives with Jimmy-at the-wheel. A walk one night over six of the nine holes at the golf course in L.F., card games with you and those awful Gitchill Gals at the house. (Sorry. Friends of yours???)

Good Lord, but time has flown these past few years! I can't begin to (or would rather~~xx~~ not) ~~am~~ tell you all that has happened in the four and one half years I've been in the Marine Corps. It hasn't been interesting in the least. I've read no books, heard no music, met no people. So there.

*Do you dislike that name as much as I do, Laura Jane?

But I have managed to have a good time now and then in a rather mediocre way.

For instance I've learned to enjoy fights and wrestling matches. I can peel the cellophane off a nickel cigar with the best of them, bite off the end, spit it out, and puff and chew the weed between shouts of encouragement for the man of my choice in the ring. I've learned how to open beer-bottles without an opener and to drink a case of it without getting drunk. (falling-down-drunk, I mean). I've learned not to mind where I sleep or what I eat or what I wear, unless it's a flagrant violation of uniform regulations such as shoes that fit comfortably. And I've learned to sit and smile and smirk at "nice" people without letting them know how dull and uninteresting I think they are.

One thing amazes me. Most people think I am a Jew. Many times I am referred to as "that little Jew-boy". It amuses me, often, but only until I hear some disparaging remark about the race, and then I'm up on my heels, fighting. I don't know many Jewish people, but I can't stand to hear them slandered, as a race. Nor negroes, either. And I know few of them, too. But there is so much antagonism toward minorities arising all about one these days, that I think a very sordid situation will likely arise in our United States as soon as the war is over, a situation that intelligent people will find difficult to stop.

Well, I have rambled on and about nothing. But do write again when you can, even if it is only to send another Christmas greeting next season with another three lines. I'll be out here, somewhere in this ocean. In the meantime,

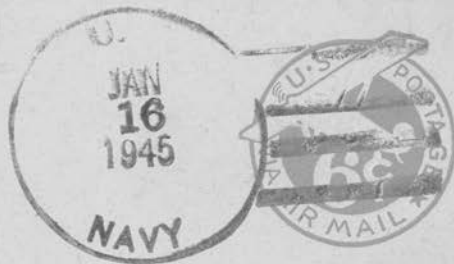
Much love,

Bud

Sup/Sgt. Robert L. Tanner, USMC
Signal Co., Eighth Field Depot
c/o Fleet P.O., San Francisco, Calif.

Robert L. Tanner

Sup Sgt R. L. Tanner, USMC
Signal Co. 8th Field Depot
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Miss. Laura Jane Musser,
Highland Ave.
Little Falls,
Minnesota





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MT. TREMPER AND MT. PLEASANT
AT MT. TREMPER, NEW YORK

POST CARD



Published by THE COLLOTYPE CO. Elizabeth, N. J. and N. Y.

Monday Morning.

I wrote you letter last
day about the tea Friday P.M.
and you playing the piano on
Friday evening. I thought you might
to try the piano in the store
please to write to me. I will
write to prepare for Friday to be with
give you a date to make when it
is out in the store with every club
meetings, etc. for
Margaret Bolady.

Miss Laura Jane Mueser
86 Mc Donnell St
New York
N. Y.

THIS SIDE FOR CORRESPONDENCE

THIS SIDE FOR ADDRESS

POST CARD



Miss Laura Jane Mueser
86 Mc Dougall St
New York
N.Y.

THIS SIDE FOR ADDRESS

Published by THE COLLOTYPE CO., Elizabeth, N.J. and N.Y.

Monday Morning.

I wrote you a letter yesterday about the Sea Friday P.M. and you playing the piano on Friday evening. If you wish to try the piano in the Lokenide phone to Supt Grant. Tell him you wish to prepare on Friday & he will give you a date to practice when it won't interfere with any club meetings, etc. Love
Margaret Belsky.

THIS SIDE FOR CORRESPONDENCE

15- JANUARY, 1945

Dear Laura Jane -

I received the swell X-mas Present from you today, so I'm writing at once, to show my deep appreciation for your thoughtfulness -

I understand you saw Sarge a couple of times while she was up in Little Falls visiting her relatives and friends - She enjoyed being with you very much, which helped her visit there, to a very great extent.

Since, the 13th, at 7:30 A.M., we've been on this base, namely, Fort Huachuca, California (near L. A., about 400 miles from Frisco) - It's certainly beautiful here, and the climate is much drier than around the Bay Area, Oakland & Frisco.

Thanks a million again, Laura Jane, do write when you have time -

Sincerely,
Hub Walther

December 17, 1945

Dear Laura Jane,

It was delightful
to see your vivacious
self again, even if
it were for a brief
moment.

Yes, I did receive
the tickets and thank
you for your gracious-
ness. I mailed the
check to Carnegie Hall
and trust that you
receive the tickets. We
shall miss having
you with us on the
21st, but shall look
forward to seeing you
when you do return.

Give my regards to
your charming Mother.

Have a very jolly
Christmas, Lamma Jane.

I hope New York will
be as fortunate as
Minnesota, for Xmas
without snow is
not well seasoned.

Much love to you!

Ervin



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

35 W. 110TH ST.
N.Y.C. - Apt. 3A



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

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Apr 4/
501 West 111 St
New York ny

Friday

Dear Laura Jane -

Was very glad to hear from you. Why don't you come over & stay with me. There isn't much privacy in my little apartment but I believe you'd be comfortable. I am out all day except

Saturday & Sunday and
need to relax evenings
when I'm home, but be-
lieve it might work out for
a while at least. Have
a spinet and you could
practice all you want
to in the daytime. I did
have a swell time in the
country the weekend you
mention even tho the
weather was not good.
I take it your trans-
portation is arranged
for the end of the month.
Anyway let me know
what you think about

stopping with me.
any excess baggage
can be put in the
trunk room downstairs
as it is locked. If
I don't hear from you
in answer to this
soon, have a very
merry X mas dear,
I hope tho to hear
that you can come
Lovingly
Genda

Udine, Italy.
Sept. 30, 1945

Dearest Laura Jane,
I received your very nice letter yesterday. It was so nice to hear from you. I think about you so often and have wondered how you were making out with your music and dancing. I am glad that you continued with Miss Fort. She is a sweet person and very sincere in her work.

Laura Jane, I am enjoying this trip so much. We have been all over Italy and I have done a lot of sight-seeing. Recently, we were in Venice; and you can imagine how much I enjoyed visiting St Mark's Cathedral, Doges' Palace and taking moon-light rides in the world-famous gondolas (alone).

We still have 4 months over here. Our next stop is Rome. I know that I shall enjoy my trip there.

2.

Tell me all about what you are doing now. Are you still going through your exercises? I am glad that Sylvia gave you some more - went to Latin-American music. That probably helped you with your coordination. How is your music progressing? I had something very wonderful happen to me when we were in Florence. I met the daughter of the great Russian dancer Nijinsky. Her name is Lya Nijinsky and she is a wonderful person. I worked with her and she choreographed a charming little dance for me using her own technique. Laura Jane, I can not tell you how happy I was to work with her. She is a great dancer, and she has inspired me so much. I have a new interest in myself. Her technique is very suited to me. Her style is modern-oriental, a lot like her father's technique used to be. She was very enthusiastic about me and even wrote to S. Hurok telling him that she had met me and worked with me, and that she wanted

To continue choreographing for me and introduce me to America as her own discovery. That would be a grand chance for me. I hope that it will work out. Anyway, I know now what I should do and how I should prepare my self for the future.

I wonder if you could compose some music for my dance. We did not have time to get the music set and the costume designed. I know what it should be. Would it be wonderful to work together when I return? Would you like that?

When you answer me, please give me Carmen's address and also Clair Hale's. I would like to send them a card.

Say hell'o to your mother for me, and do keep up the good work with your students. If there are ever any questions, just ask me. I would be happy to offer you any suggestion that would help you. Your friend always, with Love - Lavinia

E. M. Hamernick
608 - 2nd St N E
Little Falls, Minn.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
606 Highland Ave
Little Falls, Minn.

Elizabeth

Dear Laura Jane;

Thank you for your kind thought. I would like to see it come true but am unable to do so at ~~this~~ time.

We are leaving the city to spend our holidays with my brother and sister in Minneapolis. We won't return until after

Christmas, I expect to remain
until new years.

This is my first winter
in Minnesota for ten years.
I freeze most of the time.

Sincerely wishing you the
Seasons Best Wishes and
a pleasant trip east.

Sincerely
Betty



All good wishes and my kindest
remembrance

Arthur Rowland

A Merry Xmas and very happy New Year

Arthur Newcomb

250 1/2 W. 8th St. N



Mrs. Laura Jane Russer

Wendell Hill

Little Falls

Albany

Return to Better Address
UNKNOWN



View of the Beach from Pavilion
CASA YBEL HOTEL Sanibel Island, Florida

12/26/'4 5

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

-and thanks for the lovely card. Haven't been to the big town for over a month, and at the "Store" here, they'd just sell 'em, and thats a lot of trouble. So they don't keep 'em- they'd be awful if they did, so I just fall back on the hostel. If I ever get back to N.Y., and I think it possible- I'll look you up. This is a lot of writing for me, these days!

Morgan-

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MISS LAURA JANE MUSSEY
LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS
MINNESOTA.

2/9/45

Dear Laura Jane,

I am sending you
our girls missionary
circle year's book so
that you might know
when our meetings are
and I would like
to have you come with
me any time. Come to
the next meeting next
Monday at my place.
(510 2nd. St. N. E.) We have
many girls from outside
our church who
belong and we'd love to
have you.

Margaret Fidd Carner

August 30, 1945

Dear Laura Jane -

Here is a copy of the text book I will be using in one of my advanced classes. The articles are all written by philosophers so the arguments they present are rather complex but very interesting. I hope you enjoy the book or certain sections which particularly interest you.

Life is so busy! Classes start next week, but even this week I've spent most of my time at school "getting organized." Now and I are also working hard on our new Shakespeare text. It is very exciting work. We have so many good scholars to work with. This week we met and had lunch with a young woman, Barbara Nowat, who

is both the editor of the Shakespeare Quarterly
and the Director of Academic Projects at the
Folger library in Washington, D.C.

Bonne is feeling much better this
week - and she is happy to have received
an "A" in the art course which she just
finished. She has this week-end free, so I
expect she'll be writing to you.

As always, we send our
affectionate best wishes -

Ruth Thompson

Doctor and Mrs. Harold Ladd Lamb
announce the marriage of their daughter

Shirley Rebecca

to

Robert Lee Anderson

Lieutenant, United States Army

on Thursday, August the second

Nineteen hundred and forty-five

Saint Marks Episcopal Church

Minneapolis, Minnesota

1945

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Miss Laura Jane Musser

29-62168 St 168 St Flushing N.Y.



29-6216 St

Flushing N.Y.

Dec 30-1940

Dear Miss Mussa,

Thank you for the dress you sent me,
Though it is a little too big I hope to
grow in to it by spring. I think the
style is very pretty and the pockets
will be useful. I have just read the
Book called "The House In Hidden

Laure" It was very exciting. I
liked it very much. My mother and
father took me to the concert on
the 21 of December by Marian-
Anderson, and I enjoyed
her singing.

with
love
Susan B.

Washington, D.C.
February 4th, 1945

Dear Darling Laura:

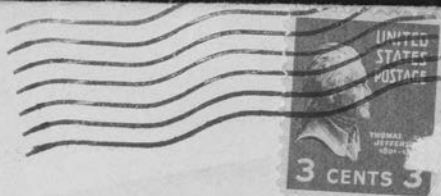
This is the first opportunity I have had since Christmas to write and thank you for the beautiful gifts that we received from you. As usual they were very beautiful and we appreciated them very much. It was just exactly what each one of us needed. The baby thought the dresses were beautiful and told the teachers upon her return to school that her aunt Laura Jane from Minnesota sent her the dresses for Christmas.

I hope that you liked the baby's picture. She had an evening gown on; the one she wore to a formal party they had at the school.

Please write and let us know that you are well.

Love

The Kimbroughs including Old Hiram.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Waldorf - Astoria
New York
N.Y.

will call
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14388 - Crescent Dr.
Detroit, 23, Mich

December 28, 1945

Dear Laura Jane,

I received your lovely gifts and would like to thank you for them. I have already read "Rising Above Color" and enjoyed it very much. I'm sure I'll enjoy the other as much.

I'm ~~still~~ having a very wonderful vacation. So far I've gone to two parties and I either go to bogganing or ice skating every day. We start back to school January 2, but I'm kind of glad because I like school. This year I'm taking Public Speaking, Civics, Jewelry, English Lit., and Typing. I like everything except Typing which I just positively can't get. I can't imagine that I'm a senior and will graduate in ~~January~~ June. I wish I were still a Freshman. Next, all I'm going to Wayne University but I haven't decided what I'm going to be yet. Last week I took the aptitude test at the Board of Education and came out highest in Music and Science, then Art and Literature. The man said I'd make a good teacher but I'm still not sure. Maybe you could help me by suggesting something.

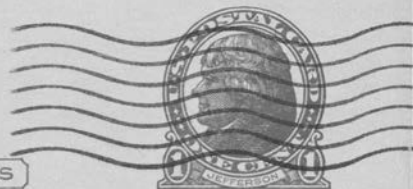
I'm getting along fine with my music and I try to practice at least an hour or two every day. Right now I'm working on the "Warsaw Concerto" and Chopin's Polonaise in A flat.

Saura Jane, I must tell you that Marian Anderson will be in Detroit in April and my mother and I are going to see her. Mother's never seen her, ~~but~~ she's heard her over the radio several times and she's crazy about her! I just can't wait till I get the tickets.

I guess that's all I have to write for now. Please answer soon, I too promise to write.

Love
Bernadine_

Rev David Rice.
2558 E 28th St.
Cleveland Ohio.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Sawra J. Mussey.
Little Falls, Minn.

2553, E. 29 St

Cleveland Ohio,

2/14/45-

Dear Sir :
Will you send me
The information as to how
order these Books, thankz.
Rd David Rice.

July 7, 1945

Dearest Laura,

The package you sent for Bruce, dear, I received yesterday. The little suits were adorable and I thank you so much, Laura, and I know Bruce will look cute in them.

I wrote one letter previous to this one to your Minnesota address, thinking you would be home by now, enjoying your summer days out there.

Bruce has teethed - he now has two teeth peeping through his lower gums; and he's just so lovable. I wish you could see him.

Are you planning to stay in N.Y. for the summer? I understand it's quite humid and warm there. I'm told it's terrific now in Honolulu.

Several of my friends from the East are dropping by to say hello - I'll certainly be glad to see them, as I haven't been doing anything interesting and their experiences will be good to listen to.

I'm reading "Land I have Chosen" and "Cherry Brown". In between books, I read the newspapers and the Reader's Digest - very exciting life, isn't it?

The best part of my day is spent taking care of Bruce and I'd be so lost without him; I love him so dearly.

Thank you ever so much once again for your lovely gift, Laura - I rather, we certainly appreciate it.

All our love

Eniter and Bruce



GRAND CENTRAL
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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota

Linden Hill

Apt. 41
501 West 111 St
New York N.Y.

Wednesday

Dear Laura Jane -

I was so glad to hear from you. I had intended writing you at once when I realized you had gone, but I've been so busy at the office, haven't had a minute.

I am delighted to know you will be returning to New York in a couple of months.

I spent the week end two weeks ago at my sister's farm in Columbia County at Hillsdale. They have a real farm, at present it

heard from you. He asked
when you would be return-
ing. It surely would be
fun if you were here to all
go up again. Am going this
weekend too because of
Labor Day holiday, Monday.

I did so want to remember
you in some way before
you left, would have been
at the train if I'd been
at home. I know your folks
must be happy to have
you home. So greet your
mother from me, and

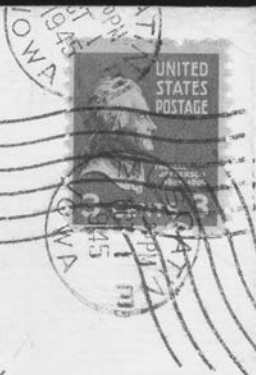
is their summer place.
There are 116 acres and the
house is quite nice, over-
looking the Berkshire's.
Last weekend I was at "Middle
brook" my little place.
The piano had just been
tuned and it had a much
better tone somehow. How
we did enjoy the concert
when you were up there.
Certainly hope it won't
be too long before it is
repeated.

I had a word with
Charlie the other day &
of course told him I'd

let me hear from you
soon again.

Lovingly
Gunda

513 WEST THIRD STREET
MUSCATINE, IOWA



Miss Laura Jane Munn
Little Falls
Minn.

513 WEST THIRD STREET
MUSCATINE, IOWA

Oct / 48-

My dear

We were so pleased
when our Pine Torch
came to see your picture
and hear again of
the lovely way in which
you are using your
Talents
In these times when so
many young people

See you are long, where
you will let me some of
the interesting things you
have seen and done
then I'd be hearing you
play.

Sincerely Always

Antie C. Jackson

Don't run just where to
send this note but it will
reach you fine little Falls

are doing so little to
uplift it is refreshing
to find one who is do-
ing just this

Only wish I could have
been there to have seen
and heard you, and
to note the expressions
on the faces of those
you entertained -
You are a dear girl
& I only hope I may

22nd Oct 45

Wells Letter

How are you? I just got back to Chicago & I thought I'd write you and let you know because you said you might come through Chicago soon. I expect to be here until November & then back to N.Y. What are you going to do this winter? are you going back to N.Y. or remain in Minn? I am back with Rosa. Rosa she's a very good teacher and we get along fine. I am hoping to make some contacts for a Spring recital, don't you think that's a good idea?

I hope they forward this letter to you wherever you are and the same thing that happened to my last letter doesn't happen to this, you remember you said you never received it. So long, until I see you again.
Love
Berlino

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very soon a pleasant
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E. Ball

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Miss Laura M
Little Falls
Maine

951 Palmetto Ave
Atlanta, Ga.

Edi
I hope that you're
enjoying a pleasant
summer

E. Belle Grijoly

Do write



Miss Laura Jane Neusser
Little Falls
Minnesota

5- Highland Gardens
Braxville N.Y.
Dec 14, '45

Dear Lucera -

It was so nice
to have your letter
and I have been
waiting a few days
hoping to tell you
of some place here
in Braxville

I have looked up
every place I could
find - thinking of
one one could
find as some

in a house if not
the Hotel - which by
the way will have no
rooms until February
but should there be
a chance they will
let me know -

I have not given
up the search and
should there be any
thing I will let
you know - send a
telegram -

I wish so much

Mr. Lead has a concern
for you in the
apartment - but you
know how occupied
you are - and with
the money -

It seems so strange
in this time that
to be able to find a
room - I have several
more addresses and
am trying to get
in touch with them

I hope you can
get here for the
concert on Dec. 30 -

I am looking forward
to bath so much -
and wish you could
be with me for the
one on the 20th -

Ladies I must have
lost the name and
address of your friend
who lives in Piedmont
Road. I am so sorry
as I wanted to call
her up -

This afternoon
Jennie and Loretta
worked in with

Mary. We were

So glad to meet -
Lynette - How lovely
this is - It was so
good of them to come
out here on this
precious day -

I will let you
know if I can
reserve a room
any place for you
and some they
may turn up -

It will be
nice to see you
Every day I see

along at recess.

Many has had a
bad cold, and
shall not have
been out today -

Please give my
love to your dear
nesther and let
me hear from
you soon -

I hope I will
be able to send
you good news
this week -

Mile let you hear from
me 7 hear of my leaving
Mile love
Haskell

along at several -

Mary has had a
bad cold, and
should not have
been out today -

Please give my
love to your dear
neighbours and, let
me hear from you

your soon -

I hope 7 miles
or able to read
your good news
this week -

Will let you hear this
much I hear of every thing

Will love

Harrell

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NEW YORK 30, N. Y.

New York, October 11, 1945

Dear Laura Jane,

It was a most pleasant surprise to have your letter today and to know that you will be in New York soon. I shall certainly look forward to seeing you and want you to get in touch with me as soon as you come.

We must have been thinking about each other about the same time, for every day for more than a week I have been planning to write to you to find out your "whereabouts." I had decided to put "Please forward" on the envelope. I, too, have longed for a get-together.

I was home for a month this summer and would have had a wonderful vacation except for a foot infection that put me in bed for three weeks out of the 4. I'm still having trouble with my foot and may have to have an operation eventually, but even so it's much better and I'm able to be back on the job.

I don't think Margaret Carter has married. Her address is 205 Central Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island. I haven't been in touch with her since she left New York in the Spring.

My Mother will be here when you come, and I do want you to know her. She hasn't been so well, and I'm having her come here to be under the care of the Doctor for a while. She'll be staying at the Y. with me.

Please say hello to Hilda for me when you go to Memphis. I hope you will enjoy your trip.

Did you go South to make the Commencement Speech? If so, I'm anxious to hear about the trip.

I sincerely hope that you had a pleasant summer and that everything is going well with you.

I was very much disappointed when I didn't meet your Mother when she was here in the Spring. I do hope she and all your family are well.

Warmest personal regards to you!
Shall expect to see you soon.

Love,

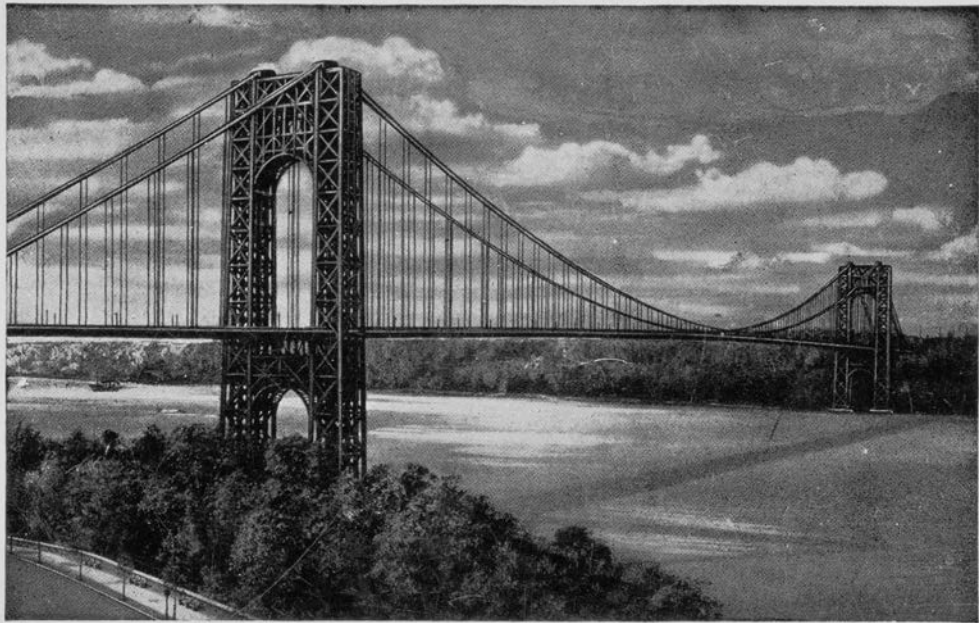
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Linden Hill
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Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minn.



12/11/45

Dear Friend: Your splendid letter arrived and I hope to answer it soon and I will surely look up all that is written in the daily papers about Marian Anderson's concert. We are looking forward to those two concerts and seeing you again. I am sure the enclosure will be sufficient for the papers. Love,
Margaret Belsky.



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in the daily papers at my
Marion Anderson's concert. We
are looking forward to those two
concerts and seeing the exco-
cution. I am sure I am
again will be sufficient for
some time. Love,
Margaret Bradley.

Box 354
175 West 137 Street
New York City
December 27, 1945

Dear Laura Jane,

I found your card
at the Library when I
went to work today,
and what a pleasant surprise
it was to have the
beautiful greeting with
the tickets enclosed for
Marion Anderson's Concert.
Laura Jane, you were

3.

to use the ticket since
Mamma isn't here. I
called Evelyn just now
and told her about your
wonderful gift. She
is delighted over it
and can go to hear
Maion Anderson with
me. It will be nice
to have company
going home after
the concert.

I have been in
most of the holidays
with the Drippes but
are feeling fine now.

2.

such a Dear to send
them, and I appreciate
them so much.

Mamma is not here
now. She left about
three weeks ago for
home. I do wish she
could be here to
hear Maion.

Evelyn Dippo is
living at the Y. W. C. A.
and so I'm asking her
to go with me instead
of Mamma. I thought
you would like for
one of your friends

I sincerely hope
that you and your
family are well,
especially your mother
and Father.

I shall look forward
to seeing you
Sunday, and I thank
you again with
all my heart for
the lovely and thoughtful
gift.

Hope you're enjoying
this season.

Love,

Ernestine

P.S. Evelyn Digg sends love.

Box 354
175 W. 132nd
N.Y.C. 30



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Miss Laura Jane Musser

~~Little Falls, Minnesota~~

Snider Hill P.O. The Empire Hotel
63rd & Broadway
New York City

MARIANNA FARM

October 15, 1945.

Dear Laura Jane:

Marian has asked me to answer your letter of October 5. At this particular time Marian does not know whether she would be able to accept your invitation or not for the 12th of November, to attend the show, "Carousel". I think that it would be possible for us to accept the invitation for the show but I would suggest that you contact me by phone as soon as you arrive in New York City, if that is not too late to let you know. Then I would be able to advise you if we could accept the invitation.

We were very sorry to hear of your terrible toothache. You must remember that if you are not true to your teeth, they will be false to you. I am so glad that you are feeling better.

I want to thank you for the books which you sent me concerning the farm buildings. They are not exactly what I had in mind. The book which I had in mind is one book with a black hard cover, size approximately 12" wide by 18" long, and complete in one book which I understand they sell to lumber dealers, or loan them for this purpose. This is the book that I had in mind. If by any chance you can arrange for me to get one of these books I will appreciate it. I would be glad to pay for it if possible.

Would you be kind enough to extend
greetings to your lovely mother, and tell her
that we did enjoy having both of you here this
summer.

We shall be glad to see you when
you return to New York City.

Sincerely yours,

O.H.Fisher

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "O.H. Fisher", written in a cursive style.

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minn.



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Miss Laura Jane Musser

~~Linden Hill~~

~~Little Falls, Minn.~~



*To Miss Hilda McCoy
Rust College
Holly Springs
N.C.*