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Miss Laura Jane Musser

The Master

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Baltimore Hotel New York City
Madison & Vanderbilt Aves

43 to 44 St

New York

Joan Newstead

~~Lake Mohonk Mountain House~~

~~Mohonk Lake • New York~~

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Lake Mohonk Mountain House
Mohonk Lake, New York

December 26th

Dear Laura Jane -

As you can see, we've journeyed up to the Catskills for Christmas and are having a glorious restful time - a really "white" Christmas for there must be at least a foot of snow on the ground & more coming down all the time!

He came up yesterday by train & since I have until Monday away from the medical office, shall go back Sunday afternoon.

For the last ten days we have had house painters at home and they really wear you out!

This is an enormous, beautiful but rather old-fashioned place run by two Quaker brothers.

The view (we are about 1200 feet up) - is something superb when you consider we're less than ~~three~~ three hours from New York.

You were so good to send me that charming gold compact for Christmas. I do thank you, and shall think of you as I powder my nose!

Lake Mohonk Mountain House
Mohonk Lake, New York

Hope you spent a
happy time yesterday.
Wonder if you went home,
or stayed in N. J. C..

We all send our
love and good wishes
to you for 1948

Affectionately
Joan

The Choate School
Wallingford, Conn.
April 3, 1948

Dear Lotsie:

We received HANSEL UND GRETEL! You shouldn't have done such a thing! If you were going to do it at all, you should have waited until Christmas. But we're not going to complain! We're delighted beyond measure. Believe it or not, unfortunately enough, we have not yet had a chance to play it. My phonograph went on the bum just as we listened to the first three notes! As the instrument is a Capeharte, I have to wait until the company agent comes around before I can get it fixed. So we're still waiting eagerly to hear the good madam's voice as the witch and the sandman. It certainly was nice of you to send such a lovely gift, and I want you to know that we appreciate it.

What a grand visit we had with you! All the people who came to the tea that Saturday afternoon have been singing your praises loudly. You were a great success with them! It certainly was fun having you and seeing something of you.

School is going again with a vengeance. I'm finding plenty to keep me occupied.

Much love,

Jim

Hi Lotsie,

Here is a loud second to Jim's
-thanks for Hansel and Gretel! Aho
-thanks for your nice letter! We often
speak of what uncommonly good
letters you write!
Most of ~~the~~ the people who

met you have told me how much
-the enjoyed you and that they hoped
~~they'd~~ they'd see you again. Thanks
for entertaining my guests so well!

We too, enjoyed you, despite
our -thorough defeat at Harts!!

School is now in full swing
for both of us, and though today
is Saturday I'm a full afternoon
of lesson planning ahead. I'm given
-the most complete independence about
my courses that you can imagine, but
-the result is pretty complicated planning
on my part.

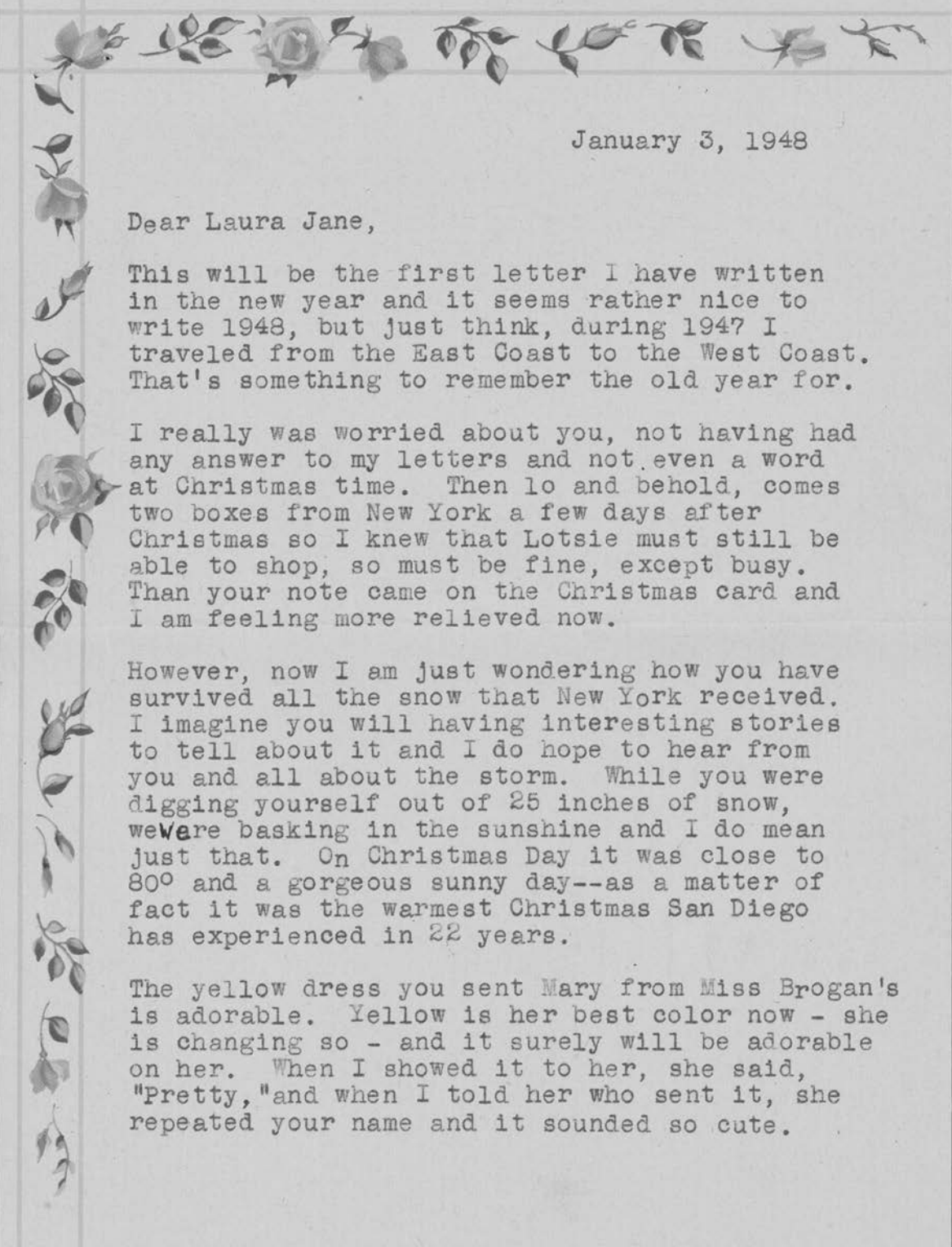
Right now -there is an amazing
sight outside my window. The landscape
is green with -the first forecast of Spring
but -there has just -this moment blown
in a swirling windy big flaked
snow storm! I think it's just a
flurry - but it is a hard one!
The snow haters will be furious.

I'm so glad we had -the reunion
and so glad you enjoyed it. We will
do it again. In -the meantime have fun
in New York for us, keep after -the music, and
keep us informed on your doings. Much love, Lynn

James Monroe Taylor II
The Choate School
Wallingford, Conn.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
310 Riverside Drive. (apt. # 1014)
New York
New York



January 3, 1948

Dear Laura Jane,

This will be the first letter I have written in the new year and it seems rather nice to write 1948, but just think, during 1947 I traveled from the East Coast to the West Coast. That's something to remember the old year for.

I really was worried about you, not having had any answer to my letters and not even a word at Christmas time. Then lo and behold, comes two boxes from New York a few days after Christmas so I knew that Lotsie must still be able to shop, so must be fine, except busy. Than your note came on the Christmas card and I am feeling more relieved now.

However, now I am just wondering how you have survived all the snow that New York received. I imagine you will having interesting stories to tell about it and I do hope to hear from you and all about the storm. While you were digging yourself out of 25 inches of snow, we were basking in the sunshine and I do mean just that. On Christmas Day it was close to 80° and a gorgeous sunny day--as a matter of fact it was the warmest Christmas San Diego has experienced in 22 years.

The yellow dress you sent Mary from Miss Brogan's is adorable. Yellow is her best color now - she is changing so - and it surely will be adorable on her. When I showed it to her, she said, "Pretty," and when I told her who sent it, she repeated your name and it sounded so cute.

I just wish you could hear her talk. She really does amazingly well, everyone seems to think, including her proud mommy, of course. Today she was writing with a pencil and I came up to her and kissed her. She said very disgustedly, "Go way, mommy, do dishes." Tonight I scolded her for something and she hung her little head, and said for the first time, "I'm sorry, mommy." I have bought her nursery rhyme records and I wish you could see her sit by the half hour, on the ottoman, watching and listening to her records. Her little feet keep time with the music and we get such a kick out of watching her. She memorizes many words out of her Mother Goose book too. Well, enough about the wonders of my child. I guess she is no more a genius than any other child but in my mind she's pretty wonderful.

The "Hansel and Gretel" albums you sent me are simply superb. I certainly have enjoyed playing them and I surely agree with you that Miss Votipka's voice is wonderful. You surely are in my thoughts a great deal because whenever I play all the albums you have given me, naturally my thoughts are about you; and then too, I think of the times we spent in my apt. listening to the records, laying on the floor and eating popcorn and it makes me lonesome for you.

Did you read the article "Why I Remain a Negro" in January's Reader's Digest? I enjoyed reading it and such articles as these always pull at my heartstrings and makes me feel more resentful towards the white race than ever.

San Diego has a lot to offer in the way of excitement--of course, nothing in comparison to N. Y. but quite a deal more than L. F.--ha ha.

Mother and I have tickets to see Jeanette MacDonald this month and I'm so anxious to see her. I always enjoyed her in movies and she is to appear here in person this month. However, San Diego hasn't a decent auditorium in the whole town for such occasions and are behind times in that respect; however, they manage to get good programs though.

Several friends from L. F. wrote and told us about the reception you had for Marian Anderson and it must have been a grand occasion. I only wish I had been in L. F. at that time. How is my "little" friend, Mr. Rupp? He is so cute -- that word describes him to a "T", don't you think? Do you still see Lavinia? She is a lovely girl.

Well, darling, I must close for now. Some friends are over playing bridge and I'm asked to fill in. Do write and tell me about all your experiences, as I always do so enjoy your letters.

Thank you ever so much for your lovely gifts to Mary and me.

Lots of love from

Lune and Mary

P.S. How is your dear mother? Did you have a nice Christmas? We spent a quiet but happy time.

MRS. JOHN F. ROSE
3491 NO. MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

VIA AIR MAIL



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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Biltmore Hotel
New York City



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1410 PACIFIC TERRACE
KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON

HUNTINGTON TAYLOR
600 So. Madison Ave.
Pasadena 5, Calif.

12/29/48.

Dear Sataie:-

First let me thank you for your remembrance which is vibrant in color, super in quality & useful in daily walk & conversation. Doubly appreciated as my record for thanks or remembrance is very bad, as I remember it, which proves conclusively that you practice the Xmas spirit & don't intolerantly condemn those who follow the "road of good intentions" as 100% bad but should be given a little credit for at least thinking in the right direction.

Certainly some of us have to admit that the flesh is weak.

I enclose the card which came with the scarf and unless my eyesight is worse than I think, some magician changed the cards en route. I enclose it anyway as proof of my statement.

You all contributed not only to my material pleasure but added that something which only those who have had to be away from their Families at X-mas time fully appreciate - that is, the "intangibles" - the most important part of our lives which neither the Scientist nor the Materialist has so far been able to catalog.

When they come we will have either the millennium or the end of our Civilization.

again with many thanks & much love to you all -

Uncle Stuart.



Miss Laura Jane Mosser,
Linden Hall,
Little Falls,
Minn.

HUNTINGTON TAYLOR
600 So. Madison Ave.
Pasadena 5, Calif.

July 21-1948-

Dear Laura Jane -

As you know I returned to the Super Heat wave in the mid West, right after the trip in the East - so I accomplished nothing when I got home. After that I plunged headlong into work and am late in getting this letter to you.

I loadly need repeat to you that the trip around New York with you and the Crowthers was the highlight of my two weeks away from home. Wanda could not express my own personal thrill in seeing you & meeting your wonderful

friends & seeing New York
through their eyes -

Alice & I got up the
next morning at 7 o'clock -
hardly able to bare weight
on our sight - seeing feet!

But we were determined to
accomplish all that was
planned - We went with
our Phi Mu group on a tour
of Rockefeller Center & re-
mained on top of the Tower
for a couple of hours - It was
so thrilling seeing the fog
& haze lift, just as it does
home in San Francisco. We
ate our lunch at the Trench
restaurant there, complete
with the proper wine! Our
train left at 4 P. M. - There were
fifteen of our original party
of 37 who went from N. Y. to

Chicago Together. Alice & I
separated in Chicago as our
trains left at different
times.

I will be writing to
Miss Crowther today too
but when you see her
tell her again how much
I appreciate all your
efforts in taking us around.

would you mind
very much sending me
a list of the hotels we
visited & the names of
the rooms we visited -
if there is a slight cue
I will know which
room - i. e. Venetian room
pink & white" —

I have seen your mother

& talked with her by
phone - She seemed happy
to be at the lake & said
she had talked with you
twice by phone recently -

I will look forward
to hearing from you
& also to seeing you in the
Fall -

Louise Bonnie

Mrs R. A. Roschberg
Little Falls
Minnesota



Miss Laura Jane Krusser
Buckingham Hotel
New York City
57th & 6th ave
N. Y.
#1206



Miss Laura Jane Musser
The Buckingham Hotel
57th and Sixth
New York, N. Y.

Mrs. H. E. Huttkeaus
Little Falls, Minn.

I am looking
forward so much
to seeing Dick and
John who will have
much to tell too.

Shucks, darling,
that's all I can
say.

With love,

Ruth W.

60 Morton St.
12 P.M. Aug. 29

Dear L.J.,

The hour approach-
eth when we must
leave Manhattan.
Ruthie and I are
almost two rivulets
about to slip down
and out into the
sea. Our packing
is done and
we wait, dreading

We will go home
truly refreshed by
this complete change.

I must write
a note now to
Irene and George.

Best wishes for
a pleasant, safe
journey home -
we will see ^{you} in
the land where
nights are cool
and one gets places
in a matter of minutes.

the hour when we
must don some
clothes and bid
ourselves home-
ward.

Thank you
again for everything
you did to make
our stay here
rich and varied,
truly unforgettable.
I know your work
must have suffered.

2962, 168 ST

Flushing N.Y.

Dearest Laura Jane!

The letter from

you dated Sept 19

was delightful, I thought
so I read it aloud

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to Anthony and Susan
right away, and later
I let Mr Robertson
read it. He said it

Was a very fine letter.
Julia Reubens's (Mrs
Alberto Reubens)
address is 191 Clare-
mont Ave New York N.Y.
I suppose you are

in California by this time
and hope you are enjoying
yourselves.

C. E. is getting along fine
as you will notice from our
little Newsletter. C. E. wants
send their love to you.
With my love, also to
your mother -
Margaret & Helen.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NEWS.

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REV. MURTFELDT, former Asso. PASTOR? SEEKS TO C.E.

Rev. Frank W. Murtfeldt, former Associate Pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle Church, and now Pastor of Erskine Memorial Church, Tryon, N.C., spoke to the Christian Endeavor Society on "He Went About Doing Good.", Mrs Alberto Rembao spoke on "Frontiers of Democracy", Miss Elfrida C. McIntyre on "As We Forgive" and "God Speaks Through Prayer," Mr Rudolph P. Smith on "God Speaks Through Art and Music.", Miss Violet Wideman on "God Speaks Through Nature" and "When is One Educated?", Mr Alexander Fretwell on "God Speaks Through People", Mr J. Russell Robertson on "God Speaks Through Literature", Mrs Anthony Belaky reviewed the book "How to Stop Worrying and Start Living" by Dale Carnegie, Miss Susan Belsky on "Facing Alcohol Frankly." Mr William Flint, Publicity Superintendent of N.Y. State Union of C.E., Treasurer of Metropolitan Union, and member of the Christian Endeavor Excursion Committee, conducted a Service telling about the Y.P.S.C.E. Conference at Silver Bay, and about C.E. policies and activities.

Hymn singing during the Summer Prayer Meetings was supported by the piano playing of Miss Laura Jane Musser, and Mrs Margaret Shaw Belsky, The solo singing of Mrs Florence Jane Robertson was well received.

Business Meetings, following the regular Prayer service, were conducted as usual during the hot weather. At one of these it was voted to change the Topic Cards, now in circulation to "Endeavor" a new topic help and Devotional companion which is the successor to "A Year of Meetings" formerly used by the Society. "Endeavor" covers the period from September through August instead of from January through December, as did the other Topic helps.

Mr J. Russell Robertson, Treasurer of the Society reported that the small gift sent to Jefferson Academy, China, for the special student emergency fund, (thirteen dollars) when changed into Chinese currency was twenty-five million dollars in Chinese money.

The Sunday evening six o'clock Social Teas were fairly well attended during the summer. Among the Hosts and Hostesses were: Mrs Carrie Burke, Mrs Margaret Shaw Belsky, Mrs Florence Jane Robertson, Miss Susan Belsky, Miss Grace Gardner, Miss Elfrida C. McIntyre, Miss Laura Jane Musser, Miss Violet Wideman and Mrs Estelle Morris. Mr Anthony Belsky, Mr Alexander Fretwell, Mr J. Russell Robertson and Mr Rudolph P. Smith.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SUMMER SOCIALS

FEATURE ORIGINAL GAMES.

The Society's Social Gatherings held each Friday evening during July and August featured original Games and Stunts and Contests. Miss Elfrida C. McIntyre, Social Chairman, among other games, led a comical and

Humorous Fortune Telling Stunt, and also a novel Guessing Game. Members of the Society and also friends took charge of the Socials by turn. Mr Rudolph P. Smith, was rated a very amiable Host, when he planned as the entertainment for his evening an All Radio Game Program. Everyone present was invited to take the opportunity and either play the piano, shine in Oratory, tell a joke, sing, etc. Prizes were awarded, and the evening closed with a Friday the Thirteenth Game.

Miss Violet Wideman arranged the Games for her evening on the Subject of Poetry, original and otherwise. Miss Elsa Overbeck rendered a program of vocal music, accompanied by Mrs Margaret Shaw Belsky.

Mr and Mrs J. Russell Robertson arranged an evening of fun on the subject of Reason, and each guest was supposed to give a reason for his every word, stunt, or act during the hour.

Mrs Alberto Rembao was unable to come the night she was scheduled to be the Hostess, but she sent the refreshments, and arranged for a substitute in leadership of the Games.

Miss Susan Belsky gave a Travel party.

Miss Laura Jane Musser, and though the evenings diversion centered around no single idea, yet the games she led were unique, and the Group learned a Scotch Folk Song, taught by Miss Musser herself.

Miss Anthony Belsky devoted her Social to the subject of Music. Mrs Florence Jane Robertson sang two original compositions "St Peter and Saint Paul" and "The Widdow Flannagan", also Miss Marion McEvoy, mezzo-soprano, accompanied by her sister Miss Grace McEvoy, sang "My Laddie" a Scotch Ballad, a number in the French language, and two original compositions by Mrs Belsky. Miss Rose Turko, and Miss Laura Jane Musser played two piano compositions, A mens Quartette from the Group was formed, and their singing won much applause. Musical Games gave relaxation during the evening, and a Musical Composition Contest was held. First prize went to Mr Rudolph P. Smith, second prize to Miss Violet Wideman, third to Miss Laura Jane Musser, and fourth prize to Miss Elfrida C. McIntyre. Consolation prizes were handed to all participants.

Community Singing was a part of every party, usually while the guests were assembling. Also the ever present punch bowl and cookies, and (or) candy and nuts attracted a great deal of attention between games.

GROUP VISIT GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY EXPOSITION.

A trip was arranged for the Group to visit the Golden Anniversary of the City of New York's Exposition at the Grand Central Palace.

On July Fourth the Society attended Patriotic Services in Madison Square, sponsored by the Minute Men of America.

Miss Susan Belsky spent four weeks in Camp Andree, a Girl Scout Camp. She also visited Matatuck Long Island, and a Motor trip to Williamsburg Va.

Miss Elfrida C. McIntyre wrote that time flies fast in Belmar N.J., her vacation place. New Hampshire

Miss Carrie Burke reported that her visit to Rico Sunapee Lake was delightful. She enjoyed swimming in lovely Lake Sunapee, and blue berry picking.

Beach Parties were the most popular of summer outings for the Society

SOME OF THE SOCIETY'S VISITORS LEFT THEIR NAMES.

Among the visitors to the Society's various Gatherings, the following left their names: Miss Joyce Radvanley, 32-04, 168 St. Flushing N.Y., Miss Joyce Denniston, 27-17 Utopia Parkway, Flushing, N.Y., Mr Fred Stout (moderator of Town Meeting of the Air) 321-323 W. 33 St. N.Y.C., Miss Ann Domenica, 205-29th St. Brooklyn N.Y., Mr August Mille, 187 - 20 St Brooklyn, Mrs Frances F. Glenn, Miami Fla., Rev Albert Dale Hagler 62 W. 58 St N.Y.C., Dr V. Parker (of the Marriage Council Bureau), Mr and Mrs Edward C. Elliott, General Delivery, De Kalb Ill., Comdr E.L. Cox, 150 - 48, 86 Ave Jamaica, N.Y. Miss Rose Craig, Weston W. Va., Miss Elsa Overbeck 388 Grand Ave, Leonis, N.J., and Mr Henry, Brooklyn, N.Y.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls

Sunder Hill

Mindy

From M S Belsky
29-62, 168th St
Flushing N.Y.



Miss Laura Jane Munn
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minn.

E.B. Loomis
803 1/2 Venice Blvd
Los Angeles 15

I intend, one day,
to start contacting all
my friends overseas.

Well, Laura, my
vacation starts Oct. 13
to the end of Oct. and I am
planning to go to N.Y.
I am going to kill
two birds with one stone:
my vacation and buy
toys for my brother's
store in Honolulu.
Will you be in N.Y.
at that time? I hope
so, because I'm
certainly planning to
see you then.



Feb. 18, 1947

Dearest Laura,

Next time, there
won't be excuse from
you - and not writing
me sooner - - Laura,
you're slipping!!
But joking aside,
I was glad to hear
from you.

I'm really sorry to
hear that your mother
isn't in the best of
health. Hope she's better
now. You make a
very good nurse,
Laura.

you wrote of Marian
and her concert. She gave
a concert here and when
I went to get some tickets,
the seats were all sold
out! She's still very
popular and draws
an admiring crowd.

I'm so glad you
like the doll; it was an
unusual purchase. I
bought it much before
Christmas and at the time
I thought it was too early,
but am very glad I
purchased it then.

I'm glad you approve
of Bruce's religious upbringing.

Which reminds me
I must 'phone Father
Devlin. He said he
was going to contact
some people and I
haven't heard from him.

You are certainly
a very busy body at
your housekeeping, and
I know you must be
a great help to your
family.

How nice to hear
from Adelaide and
Marguerite H., especially
Adelaide. How is she?
Is she still in Burma?

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I plan to go up
to S. O. this March
and look into some
business for my
brother. I love it in
San Francisco, especially
Chinatown.

Write me soon,
Laura, even though
it be a few thoughts
on a single sheet of
paper.

Love,
F. Scher

P.S. my best regards to
your mother - and wish
her well for me.
E.C.

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Needless to say,
the retreat at some lake
sounds very much like
a charming proposition
and it would be very
much to my taste.

Your Valentine
card was so sweet.
Yes, I too believe
people should take
time out and be
somewhat faddish
about cards, gifts
and the little courtesies
and things in life.

To me, it means quite a bit - I know it does to you too.

Yes, Bruce is growing every day. He is talking now and altho his sentences are somewhat in "pidgeon" English, I can understand the more essential words and phrases.

My sister-in-law is in a T. B. sanatorium with T. B. of the lungs. The latest report is that she must remain another year. She has

planned to make sequin ear rings and little lapel animals. I've agreed to sell them for her. She's very excited and thrilled about it all.

Bruce is now two and for his birthday we had five children out and picknicked at the park. They tumbled around, jumped, bumped their heads, ate, and all but fell into the fish pond!!

L. parborough
20 Irving Pl.
B'klyn., 16, N. Y.



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Miss Laura-Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minnesota

her daddy. He is so proud
of her and spoils her to death.
Of course I help too.

Have you heard anything
from the Dunham Co.? They
are still in Europe and are
very successful. They will
probably be gone a few years.

Laura-Jane, please
write to me real soon and
tell me your plans and
let me know how you
are enjoying life.

Again I wish to thank
you for the lovely gift.

Sincerely
Lavinia

20 Irving Pl.
B'klyn, N.Y.
Oct. 3, 1948

Dearest Laura-Jane,

Please forgive me
for waiting so long before
writing to thank you for
the lovely dress for my
daughter.

She is now 2 months
old and weighs 12 lbs and
5 oz. and is 24 ins. long.
Isn't she huge? She is a
lovely little girl. I wish
that you could have seen
her before you left town.

3.

surprised to know that I had married and had a daughter? By the way, when am I going to be invited to your wedding? are you still in love?

Laura-Jane, marriage is wonderful and a lot of fun. And having a baby is such a fulfillment to womanhood. I never realized it before.

My little girl's name is Sharon Lavinia Yarborough, and she looks just like

2.

When do you plan to come back to New York? Let me know the minute you arrive - I would like to see you.

What are you doing now? How is your music progressing? Do you still dance? I am doing some teaching at home now and when you return you could work here with me.

How is your mother and the rest of the family. Was your mother



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Buckingham Hotel
57th and Sixth Ave
New York
N.Y.

A. and M. Belsky - "The Homestead"

Woodstock
N.Y.

Anthony and I are having a
pleasant time here and we
hope you enjoyed your trip
to Massachusetts.

Best Greetings from —
Margaret and Anthony.

"The Homestead"
Woodstock "Vt."
Aug 3, 1948

Dear Laura Jane:
(We missed you
at the Social Friday eve-
ning as that was ~~the~~ Susan's
first appearance since she

²
returned from camp and she
was so eager to see you.

I hope you can go to the
social this Friday Aug 6 as
they will need you to play
in the Community Singing.

Julia Rembas is plan-
ning the games and
the refreshments for that
night.

³
Susan said for you to write along
every evening for her to sing, and I
hope you will find time for it. She
loves to sing. I hope you found as
much time, to - it isn't really
difficult.

The Mends up here in Woodstock.
has been running and Pleasant
- not too hot, Sister. The nights are
cool, also.

Ernest Setteberg
34 Ash Street
Cambridge, Mass.



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Miss Laura Jane Masses

Hotel Dorset

New York, New York

Mrs. A

MRS. ALFRED BOEKER
225 W. 86
N.Y.C.
-
12-11-44

a very strong mind sparkled
a clear and subtle sense of
humor. This combination drew
an unusual attention from the
audience — and appreciative warmth.

I hope you are having many
happy experiences in New
York and will have a
very merry Christmas!

Love,
Ruth

Sunday Evening

Dear Anne Jan,

Living Biographies of Great Poets
is a book, which like the musical
selections you have made for me,
will be not only delightful to read,
but also useful in my work. Also,
because poetry, like music, is
very close to my heart, the gift
has special significance. I very
much appreciate your thoughtfulness
and your care in each choice
you make. Thank you so much!

until Saturday. That means
it will be Monday before I arrive
home. Fortunately the holiday is
late in the week, giving me some
extra time for further shopping
in Minneapolis.

I heard Marianna Moore
read some of her poems at
Harvard Thursday. (She was
pictured in the Sitwell group
in *Life* Magazine a week ago).

She interested me very much.
Beneath the incisive impact of

I hope my letter explaining
the impossibility of my coming to New
York for this past week, and reached
you though it may have arrived
before you came. I regret not having
been able to accept so kind
an invitation. The formal was
gala enough and the weather
pleasant - so, on the whole, the
affair had its good points. This
week will be a busy one with
a Christmas program, an all-
University faculty party, some
Christmas shopping, packing etc.
I shall not be able to leave

Mrs. J. F. Rose
4224 Queen Av. S.
Minneapolis, Minn.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Fall's, Minnesota

December 28, 1948

Dear Laura Jane,

It surely was sweet of you to remember Mary and me with such lovely gifts on Christmas. Mary's doll is just out of this world and she was a mighty proud little girl. She surely loves to play with dolls and is so careful with her things that I like her to have nice toys. The doll has the prettiest face I've ever seen a doll have and is dressed so prettily.

Thank you so much for the box of jams and jellies for me. They all look so appetizing and I'm sure I will enjoy them very much.

We had a very lovely Christmas - there was a lot of excitement around here with four kiddies. They had moving pictures taken of the kids when they hung up their stockings and then in the morning when they came downstairs to find their stockings brimming over with things Santa brought them. The pictures should be adorable.

Mary's birthday follows so closely after Christmas celebration that it rather dims the celebration on her day. However, she fared very well and had a great time but she still keeps asking me, "Where is my birthday? What did you do with it? Is it in the cupboard or where?"

I hope you had a very nice Christmas and I'm always anxious to know what your plans are. I do hope we can see each other soon.

Thank you again for the very lovely gifts.
Mary and I send all our love.

Lure & Mary

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Dear Laura Jane -

How sweet of you to send us
that delectable candied fruit along
with your good Christmas wishes!

We so much appreciate
your thinking of us and I can
assure you that with each month-
ful our thoughts turn most grate-
fully to Little Falls!

I hope you are having a happy
and restful holiday out there with
your family. It must be bitterly
cold from all accounts - but I imagine
you are much more accustomed
to that than we are here.

We have had a lovely Christmas -
a group of friends came in for
dinner on Christmas Eve - and
yesterday we just took things easily -
paid a few bills in the afternoon
and celebrated by going to bed early.

Joan is now living downtown - sharing
an apartment with two old friends and
thoroughly enjoying having a part in the
domestic responsibilities of the 'Trio'.

She comes up here occasionally - just to
keep an eye on her family - and of
course is spending this weekend with us.

We all three send love to you
and your family and we hope that
1949 may be the happiest year possible
for all of you -

Thank you again for your lovely gift -

Affectionately

Katie Newstead

Escher B. Moore
803 1/2 Venice Blvd
Los Angeles 15, Calif



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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Hotel Rarset
54th Street Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

Jan. 28, 1948

I wish you were here to
help celebrate.

How are your parents?
Well, I trust and hope.

It is a shame you have
to move around from
one place to another.

Mr. Colpe tells me that
apartment prices are
simply too expensive and
so hard to find! But
I am just hoping some-
thing can be found
by spring.

Write me more,
Laura, dearest.

Love and friendship
always,

L. Scher

Laura dearest

I thank you so much for
your most welcome letter
and the advice contained
therein. Your suggestion, about
coming to N. Y. and meeting
him and discussing the various
angles, was what I had
basically in mind also.

My problems are temporarily
solved, dear, as I have decided
not to leave for N. Y. until
spring. Doctors at both ends
have advised against going
for Bruce's sake: a child
not conditioned to such a
drastic climatic change may
contract pneumonia or
rheumatic fever.

So I have cancelled my
train reservations and post-
poned my transfer to our
eastern office until a later date.

At present Mr. Colpe is
negotiating some sort of
grant and I am praying
and hoping it will come

through with flying colors! Laura, I do think the world of him and I know he will make life as wonderful and interesting as ever.

I'd love to hear your piano concerts, and am looking forward to hearing you play it.

Truly, there is a "let down" so to speak when a person gets to the stage of "nervousness" as you put it in regards Miss Anderson's attitude.

Last night several of us went to hear Patrice Munsel. Her repertoire was mostly in French and her encores were all sung in English. She has a refined quality in her rendition of the popular arias. I liked her personality.

Your description of Miss Vajnska and her work interest me. That is another matter I am looking

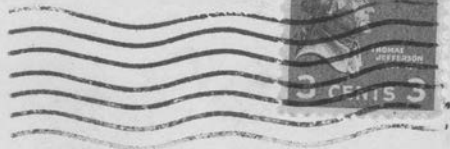
forward to discuss with you.

Thank you ever so much for wishing me happiness. I do so yearn and think of your future and happiness too Laura and I hope that day may come for you - but soon.

I met an interesting chap. He teaches grammar school and also evening school at the University here. He is working towards a doctorate in Spanish and plans to go to Spain this summer to continue his doctorate. He has been to China Europe and parts of Africa.

Bruce's birthday is just around the corner and I'm thinking of a little party.

E. Yoon
462632 Prospect
Houston, Tex



Miss Laura Jane W. W. W.
The Buckingham
57th and 6th Ave
New York City, N. Y.

Erin Yoon
4026 32 Prospect
Houston, Texas
August 4, 1948

Dearest Laura,

How are you surviving this awful heat wave?

I left N.Y. the 13th and arrived in terribly warm weather. It's 92° and higher and very humid.

How's everything with you?

How is your bridge at 3330. Williams and are you still meeting all those interesting people?

I thought I was going to be very lonely here, but a friend of mine wrote from Calif and asked me to be sure and look up Alice. And so on my days off, I have been seeing only her frequently. You must be returning home soon.

My employers have gone to Calif. for a few days and I have a little breathing spell.

Bruce is quite happy here. It seems as though we will be stuck here for a while. I just can't

see myself up and packing
again.

There isn't much to say -
only that I am working
hard, chasing after Bruce
and wishing for the old
way of life again.

Do write me when you get
to Miami.

Love,
Father

C/o 2632 Prospect
Houston, Texas.



Miss. Laura Jane Musser
Dorset Hotel
54th + 6th Ave.
New York City, N.Y.

Mrs. F. L. Hartmann
612 Highland Ave.
Little Falls, Minn.

Little Falls, Minn.
Dec. 8th

Hello Darling —

I simply have to write to tell you how tremendously we enjoyed reading about your experiences at the opening of the Met. It was precious and you made all of us feel happy to know that you could be there.

It must have been thrilling and exciting to see all the glitz and glamour pouring in, and I loved your encounter with the "watchful maid," and your glimpse of Mrs. Vanderbilt thru the peephole or slit. The drawn curtain was considerate enough to furnish.

²/₁ I am anxious for you to come home so you can tell us more about this eventful night.

And, by the way, Lotsie, we miss our evenings of music at your house, and hope we can have more of them sometime.

A little bird told me that you were wearing a lovely stropless evening gown to the opera, with an opportunity named by you as "mystified". I trust you had no difficulty keeping it in place while scurrying up the grand staircase and down to the diamond horse-shoe floor.!! What fun —

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It all sounds too exciting
for words and we shall be
eager to hear more about the
big event when you come home.

We are so pleased that you
and your parents are planning
Christmas in Kansas City. It
will be so much fun for all of
you to be together for the holiday.

We hope to go to St. Paul for
the day - weather permitting.

I hope to see you soon -
Tell them -

Lots of love

Bert Hartmann



Miss Lana Jane Musser
~~Highland Ave~~
~~Little Falls Minn.~~
Room 209 (Dorset Hotel)
New York N.Y.

Mrs. H. E. Huttkeus
Little Hall
Mun -

again.

Ruthie and I wish
you the best and
happiest of holiday
seasons.

With love

Ruth Hultkrans

P.S. My regards to M. Tatarka
and her husband.

P.P.S. Thank you for my school children.
They loved the music.

Mon. night

Dear Laura Jan,

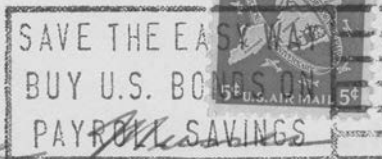
I love your "salon"
It is such a source
of rest and inspiration
to Viola and me
We marvel at your
wonderful memory
and your patience
and unselfishness

itself was perfect
and then the others.

I know you will
have a wonderful
time "dress night"
and we will be
thinking about you;
hoping for your
early return so
that we can see you

in showing your
second library.

Reeking of turpentine
and stiff with
fatigue - wisdom
would perhaps have
dictated that I
stay at home -
but I am so glad I
did not. The Packman off



Miss Laura Jane

Linden Hills

Little Falls Minnesota

Elera Annarumma
2474-85th Street
Brooklyn New York

Thursday evening

Dear Laura Jane,

It certainly was nice
to hear from you. I
thought you forgot me.

You are the sweet & very
considerate person. I
could just imagine how
lovely the weather
is in the country.

It must be simply
beautiful. Now don't
let your music go
(over)

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except please write real
soon I like very much
to hear from you

Love
E. Vera

P.S. Thanks a lot for
writing, It was good
to hear from you

II

you play so very well
& I might add you
print beautifully. Now
to answer your question.

I have seen Madam
Gianini & she looks
fine. I hope Laura
jane the ~~girl~~ next
time you come to
New York we could
spend more time
together. I have 'n't
any thing else to say

Mrs. H. E. Walther
1311 Beltrami Ave.
Bemidji, Minn.



Via Air Mail

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Harsco Hotel
54th St. & 6th ave.
New York City, N. Y.

11/30/48

Dear Laura Jane,

It was so nice to talk to you last Thursday, & I'm sorry we couldn't get together for a short visit.

Here & I have talked about you so many times, but we didn't have your address, so couldn't write. I'm glad to have it now.

We moved one month ago into our house. It is so nice after our small apt. We have 2 bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, bath, & real roomy - you really have to come & see us as soon as you can. You know you're always welcome.

I think I told you about the little girl we are keeping for awhile didn't I? She is 3 & Laura Jane I wish you could see her - Long Natural Curls to her waist & just simply a doll. Her mother passed away 2 weeks ago of cancer. We have had her 3 1/2 mths. & would love to adopt her, but don't know as yet what the father will do. We just love her.

I am going to send your Christmas
gift very soon, so you'll have it far
sure for Christmas. With your dashing here
and there, I never know where to find you
Ha Ha!

I'm just getting busy with Mary here,
but do have my shopping all out of the
way, but hate to get all my cards
ready - That is a job.

Please let us hear from you Laura
Jane and what your doing. I know
so many interesting things we people
here in Bemidji don't get a chance to do.

Let us send our best wishes,
and plan on coming to see us soon
won't you?

All my love

Surgie -

Our new address so you can write -

H. E. Walcher

1311 Beltrami Ave.

Bemidji, Minn -

your ciken I see
you.

My best Easter
wishes always
with love and
best regards,

Your friend
E. S. S. S.

March 26, 1948



Dearest Laura,
your very sweet
and thoughtful Easter
card came today. I sent
you a card, but to
Minnie. I thought
you might possibly
have gone home.

By the way, did
you get the letter I
wrote you care
Hendrick Hudson
Hotel? In it I asked
if you could possibly

meet me in
Chicago sometime
during the first
part of May, as I am
leaving either the
1st or 2nd of May.
I'd love seeing you
if we could arrange
to meet there. Of
course I'll see you
in N. Y.

Mr. Colge is trying
very hard to find an

apartment also and
doesn't seem to have
much luck. I haven't
the slightest idea
where Bruce and
I will stay when
we get to N. Y. But
time will tell.

This is a very
short note, but
I'll say things and
visit more with

Margaret Brewster
Westport
Conn.



~~VIA AIR MAIL~~
Miss Laura Jane Musser,
Little Falls -
Minnesota.

Sweet Laura Jane

Adello Darling! I hope
you are having a nice visit
with your dear mother,
and keep your nice mind
filled with love, as you give
so much to others.
Helma and I often speak of
you - I had a lovely week-end

with Margaret, and she is
eager to write to you -
All join me in love

I am

The bestest darn bridge-
player this side of Heaven
ha ha ha

YACHT BASIN, WESTPORT, CONN.



Greetings:

Jane

finally came up

I tried to reach you
at the hotel, just as
they said you ~~left~~ the hotel
Jane is calling on a
lot of friends, we wish

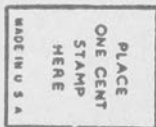


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Miss Laura Jane Musser
The Hotel Biltmore # 743
New York City

plan on it.

Please write soon and tell
me what you have been do-
ing -

Again Many thanks and I
send my love to you - Also
Hub says Hello!

Sargie -



Tuesday P. M.

Dear Laura Jane,

I was so glad to get your
letter, and I did write to you
after Christmas, but mailed it to
Little Falls. If you didn't get it,
Again I want to thank you for
the beautiful Compact. It was just

I needed no I have it so.

I'm glad you like your paper no I hope you use it no write many letters to me Ha Ha

It is really cold in Bemidji, but you have had a real Winter in New York. You can't sleep your lonesome for Minn. Can you?

I hope this Summer we can get together for awhile. It just seems ago. We will have to

Mrs. C. E. Farrow
309 First Avenue, S. E.
Little Falls Minnesota



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Rorser Hotel Room 209
54th & 6 Ave
New York City
N. Y.





Monday, Dec. 6

Dear Laura Jane,

You have been away long enough to appreciate a note, so here goes.

I talked with your mother, by phone, Saturday. She was feeling quite well again after having had twenty-four hours flu, earlier in the week. I had called before but she was lying down, so I told Pauline not to disturb her. She said
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was getting along nicely but still felt weak. I'm sure they miss you at home, and I know I'll miss your good discussions when we meet at Great Books Club, Wednesday. That reminds me, I haven't read Plato's Apology, yet. Better get busy on that.

Mr. & Mrs. Patience are leaving to-day for Mesa, Ariz. Both hate to leave their comfortable home here to live in a cottage, but doctor advises the change of climate for both. They are such grand neighbors and tho' I don't see them often, I'll miss them when they are gone.

We surely had a miserable day, yesterday. Rain, then a cold blizzard from the north - result - a skating rink all over town. I'm going down town later this P.M. but I'm walking. I'm scared to death to drive when it is so slippery.

Read your fine version of opening night at the Met. I could just see you pacing back & forth. I enjoyed every word of it and was glad you wrote to Merrie so all of us could enjoy it. Our whole family read it with much interest. You should send more good impressions for publication.

Your mother said you weren't sure whether you would be home at the holiday season or just go to Kansas City. Wherever you are, my-dear, I hope your holiday will be a Merry One. Notice I used capitals, cause I want it to be extra special.

My love to you, Laura Jane.

Edna M. Farrow

J. Garsberg
141 W. 13th St.
New York City



BRONX
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Miss Laura Jane Messer
% Buckingham Hotel,
101 W. 57th. St.
New York City.

Florence Forsberg

Aug. 23, 1948.

Dear Miss Musser,

Thank you so very much
for the gorgeous roses you
sent back-stage Saturday.
We divided them after
the show and mine
are still lovely and
fresh. We were all
delightfully surprised!
We're glad you've enjoyed
the performances as
much as we've enjoyed
giving them.

Sincerely,
Florence Roseberg.



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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linda Dale
Little Falls
N.Y.

Mrs. William T. Brigham
320 Park Avenue
New York 22

[Dec 30, 1947]



Dearest Laura Jane:

Thank you very much for the delicious
fruits - we started nibbling on them as soon
as they were unwrapped - Billy loves the
book and since Billy Rose is one of my
favorites we are both enjoying it.

We looked for you to stop by the

evening you left - I had scurried
around and had the Xmas tree all
decorated by nine o'clock so you could
see it - Billy had made egg-nog
and when you didn't come by eleven -
we knew that you didn't have time -

We both wish the best for you
in the new year, with our many

thanks -

Love

June

Dec 30, 1948

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY NEWS

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"For Christ and the Church" and "Only Once a Stranger."
December 19, 1948.

MRS LESLIE R. ROUNDS TELLS C.E. SOCIETY IMPORTANT MISSIONARY NEWS.

Mrs Leslie R. Rounds, one of the first ladies of the Broadway Tabernacle church, was enthusiastically received when she spoke to the C.E. Prayer meeting on "Recent News from our Missions in China and Japan." She read some communications from the Tabernacle's missionaries, and told of the latest plan to send Mr and Mrs Malcolm White and family away from the war zone.

Mrs Alberto Rembao, C.E. Missionary Chairman, spoke on "How to Get along With Others." She believes it is Christian to get along well with other people.

Miss Sadie M. Gregory spoke on "For a Living Church", saying, "He who does not love is not alive."

Mrs Maud Hipple's theme was "Christianity looks at Capitalism". She finds the Biblical story of the ten talents to be the Biblical view of Capitalism.

Mr Anthony Belsky, speaking on "Christianity looks at Communism" said that we must do our very best to overcome Communism. Miss Violet Wideman, on "Christianity Looks at Socialism" told the Group that Socialism is but a political and economic theory which seeks to abolish exploitation by means of collective or governmental ownership, etc. Mr Rudolph P. Smith, speaking on "New Jobs in China" mentioned that since he has relatives in China, he is very much interested in the subject. Also that old fashioned agricultural methods no longer provide in China, and that old fashioned missionary methods no longer fit the modern Chinese mind. The worst curse of the orient is polygamy because it keeps them from becoming Christian. Mrs Estelle Morris, speaking on the subject "Growing Up Emotionally" said "The Christ in you meets the Christ in me!"

Mr Alex Fretwelle chose the topic "Why do we have the Bible?" He stated: "You will find the truth in the Bible or you won't find it anywhere else."

Music at the Prayer Meetings was rendered by Florence Jane Robertson, soprano, who sang for the first time in America, "Song to the NEWLY born.", poem by John Masefield, poet laureate of England, on the birth of the Royal heir to the throne, and music by Florence Jane Robertson. Eleanore Schoville, Soprano, sang "Open Wide (from 'Come Redeemer') by Bach, and "My Jesus is My Lasting Joy" (Solo Cantata), by Buxtehude, arr. Dickenson. Miss Louise Gleeson, Soprano, sang "Bless this House" by May H. Brahe. One duet was well received; Miss Eleanore Schoville, and Miss Wilma Weed, sang "Whispering Hope" by Alice Hawthorne. Laura Jane Musser, composer-pianist played as a prelude: "Melody" by Lara Jane Musser, and other selections.

Annual BUSINESS MEETING ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1949.

The Annual December Business Meeting elected the following Officers for 1949: President, Mrs Margaret Shaw Belsky, First Vice President, Rudolph P. Smith, 2nd Vice-pres., Mrs Maud Hipple. Recording Sec'y, Florence Jane Robertson. Treas. J. Russell Robertson. City Union Representative, Susan Jane Belsky. and the following Committee Chairmen: Prayer Meeting, Margaret Shaw Belsky, Missionary, Julia G Rembao. Publicity, Anthony Belsky. Lookout, Florence Labouise Adams. Social, Susan Jane Belsky. Flower and Calling, Ona Mann. Music, Laura Jane Musser. Supper, Susan Jane Belsky, Outing, Rudolph P. Smith.

SOCIAL NOTES.

A Hallowe'en Party was managed by Miss Elfrida C. McIntyre, Social Chairman. Guests arrived in fancy dress costumes, and all took part in the spooky Games, and in the Grand March. In one Game some hand-made favors were distributed to all, but the main prizes of the evening went to: Mr Gary Lindenwald,

(2) and the Misses Joyce Redvanly, Lillian Gustafson, and Dorothy Dorman. Refreshments, suitable to the Holiday were served in the adjoining room.

A Thanksgiving Musical evening was arranged by Mrs Anthony Belsky, and the following program was rendered:

Community Singing of Thanksgiving and Patriotic Songs.

Solo--Announced by Florende Jane Robertson.

Girls Chorus--Song of the Constitution, C.E. Social Song, Mammy's Little Sunburned Rose, by Margaret Shaw Belsky, Thanksgiving Song by Jessie L. Gaymer, and Turkey in the Straw, from the Folk tune.

Solo--The Pearl of Great Price, My Heart's a Happy Humminbird, Hudson River Muse (poem by Lillian Offen Weed), We're American, by Margaret Shaw Belsky, sung by Miss Eleanore Schoville.

Piano--Voices of Spring, by Johann Strauss, played by Joan Ashe.

Solo--Serenade, Schubert, By the Waters of Minnetonka, by Lieurance, Tune in Cardli Moore, sung by Miss Eva Tripp.

Solo--The Lord's Prayer, Alfred Hay Malotte, If Flowers Could Speak, by ManaZuca Cradle Song, by Brahms, sung by Miss Wilma Weed.

Accompaniments played by Mrs. Anthony Belsky.

A Social Hour followed the program.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Miss Elfrida C. McIntyre returned from a tour of Florida. She reported that the whole trip was delightful, and that St Augustine was her favorite city.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY.

Miss Florence Adams has expressed her willingness to ride a goat for the C.E. Society. Anyone interested in starting a Goat Riding Academy, kindly communicate with this paper.

BETHLEHEM LEGEND

FESTOONS OF DUSTY COBWEBS DRAPED DRAB WALL
And drops of crystal tinsel dripped from dome
Where lonely bat beat Gremlin wings toward Home:
Air-conditioning the cave's straw-strewn stall
A refuge from the plots of palace hall,
Safe off those roads which Herod's spies might roam.
How strange so wierd a creature, fuzzy gnome,
Should guard the House of David, heir of Saul;
Be present at the birth of a new age
Meekly entrusted to sweet baby boy,
The future counselor and Prince of Light;
Adored alike by snepnerd and by sage;
The child of Joseph and of Mary's joy:
The world's great hope on this first Christmas night.
--Written bt LaFayette J. Robertson.

RECENT GUESTS OF C.E. Mr August Miele, 187-20 ST. Byn, N.Y., Miss Ann Domenica, 205, 29th Street, Byn, N.Y., Mr Fred Stout 321, 323 W. 33 St NYC (moderator of Town Meeting of the Air), Mrs N. Orman, NYC. Baroness Von Dauer, NYC. Her husband was the famous painter., Miss Dorothy Dorman, 199-10, 24 Ave, Bayside, LI. Miss Katherine Ashe 199-10 23 Ave Flushing, N.Y. and her sister, Joan Ashe. Miss Barbara Christie 167-10 Crochran Ave, Flushing, N.Y., Mr Gary Lindenwald, 69 School St. Malverne N.Y. and brother Mr Roger Lindenwald., Miss Ruth L. Sharpe 218 E. 72 St. NYC., Wm. L. Soule MD. 279 and Bedford Ave Byn 10, N.Y. (member Bedford C n gregational Church, Byn. Former member of Tabernacle C.E. Society in Dr Jefferson's day. Miss Eleanore Schoville, 5 Cornelia St, NYC. (singer)., Mr Norman Hanefield (musician)., 39 Carmine St. NYC. care Gehris., Miss Eva Tripp (singer) 43 W. 56 St NYC., Miss Helen Bozek. 40 Amsterdam Ave. NYC., Mrs Gertrude Shaw 43-17 48 st Sunnyside L.I. N.Y.? Mrs A.I. Till 175 Claremont Ave Apt 32 NY 27., Frances Benjamin 225 E 96. Apt 4 C.



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From M. Belsky. 29-62, 168 St. Flushing. N. Y.