



Laura Jane Musser and
Family Papers.

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No word from the
C. W. men but → imagine
no news is good news!

I hope you have a
good trip home

Celie Collins

Mattapoisett
Mass.

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Dear Laura Jane:

Thank you for
your note which I was so
glad to get. I hope your
summer has not been
too trying for you in New York.
My father is better which
makes things easier but when
the heat wave is over we
won't be sorry!

I would have come down

to town before this but
unfortunately three weeks ago
my car was standing in
front of the door one evening
and a woman in a jeep
who was "under the influence"
drove into my car and
smashed it all up! So
I have no conveyance of
any kind and it will
take several more weeks to
fix. It would have been
so nice to go to the theatre

with you - but another
day, I hope.

I am hoping you will
come back to N.Y. before
too long and do let me
know as I think by then
we will be more in a position
to have friends come
out and visit us.

My home address is
72 MACCULLOCH AVE.
MORRISTOWN
NEW JERSEY



Miss LAURA JANE MUSSER
HOTEL BUCKINGHAM
57th ST. and 6th Ave.
NEW YORK.
N.Y.

Room 1206

27 EAST 94TH STREET
NEW YORK 28, N.Y.

30 August

Dear Miss Musser:

Where have you disappeared to?

I thought perhaps keeping your notebook with its sketches of "The Fog" as a hostage would induce you to come to life, but to no avail.

I am sending this to you in care of Mr. Giannini, although I remember your saying that you would be leaving NY at approximately this time.

If you are still in this vicinity please phone me Wednesday and let me know your plans. Otherwise I shall be hoping to hear from you by mail with advice as to what you would like done with your notebook.

We shall be in town until about the 15th of September, at which time we shall start for Fort Wayne.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Yours very sincerely

Ign Bunetov



Please forward

Linden Hill

Little Falls, Minn.

Miss Laura Jane Musser
c/o Mr. ~~Vittorio Giannini~~
180 West 58 Street
New York City

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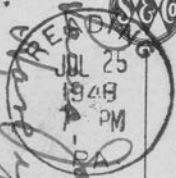


THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES

Dear -
I start your breakfasting
we practice - and I
hope taking care of you
and yourself. I'll
be coming home Monday
and hope to be leaving
from here - and
seeing you soon -
Love.
Paul.

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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Hotel ~~Baldwin~~ ~~Birmingham~~
57th St. and 7th Ave.
New York 19, N.Y.

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Ageratum
and Ladybugs
BROWNIE



could leave word at
your hotel where^{and} when
we could reach you.

I was completely
overwhelmed at the
announcement in this
morning's paper that the
Metropolitan Opera will
not open next season.

Until next Tuesday,
August 10th,

Affectionately,
Wayne^{and} Mary Van Kirk

5 August
1948

Dear Laura Jane,

We plan to drive to
New York City next week
Tuesday^{and} we are both
looking forward to a
visit with you. I have
an appointment in the
City at eleven a. m. which
should be over by the
middle of the afternoon.
We'll telephone you
as soon as we get to
New York. If you are not
at home, perhaps you

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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Room 1206
Buckingham Hotel
New York, New York
57th St & 6th Ave.

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be back they say to stay
at Worthington. Hope then
you can play golf. Who
do you think mailed the
package I sent you. None
other than brother Charley
Ezzell. Said to tell you
hello & that he mailed the
package. He asked me to
go to dinner & the show we
really had a good time.

He is a nice chap for some-
body. The weather here is
fine today but has been chilly
for a few days. New York
is not the same without
you, and hope will be seeing
you before too long. Hope to
hear from you. Kind regards
to the family. Lovingly
Gerda

Dear Laura Jane - Mad.

Recd your card & so
glad to hear. Have been
extremely busy but there
is a let up now I hope.

I think it's fine you are
working in your dad's
office. You will probably
be as efficient there as
in your music. My folks
from Chicago were here,
that is, Hinsdale, Ill.,
my sister & her son, her
husband could not get
away this time. They
enjoyed themselves
very much and love
the East. Believe they
will get a home here
as a summer place, as

³
stayed with me one night
but my accommodations
for two large people are not
too good so they went on to
Brooklyn, where my other
sister has a large house.

Expect to go to Whiteock
this next Friday and
return the following
Tuesday. That is the
last of my vacation.
Friends from Boston will
join me and I hope the
weather will be good.

Am looking forward to
another visit from you
next summer at N. My
Chicago folks will all

²
they want to be near the
rest of us. My nephew had
a nice new car and has an-
other ordered. He gets one
every year and I think he
drives too fast but his moth-
er doesn't. Anyway, they
make Chicago the second
day. One of the things we
did was to go to Wiggins
tavern in Northampton
the day we went to
Whiteock. We were stay-
ing with Ruth & Son at their
summer place in Hills-
dale, New York, and en-
joyed it. They came into
N.Y. City the second week &

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Dear Laura Jane

Thanks for your letter. We are enjoying the clean fresh sea air & the quiet & rest. I find I shall have to leave St Paul on Aug 31st. Will I see you do you think? I am happy you like the apt & are comfortable. Love ably D. G.

Miss Laura Jane
Munn

Ruckingham Hotel
101 West 57

New York
N. Y.

aptn 1206



Salto Park Colo June 1948?
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HOW NAVAJO RUGS ARE MADE

This scene represents the making of a Navajo rug. In summer, the weaving is done outdoors under the shade of a tree. After the wool has been sheared from the sheep, sorted and washed, it is carded, to make the fibers lie in one direction. It is then worked into a cord and wound upon a distaff. This operation is repeated many times until the cord has been twisted to the desired fineness and hardness. That which is to be red is then dyed. The last step is the weaving. The manner of weaving and the loom with an unfinished blanket, or rug, are shown here. These fabrics, of all wool, and entirely handmade are becoming greatly appreciated for their wearing qualities no less than their striking beauty.

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Miss

We are sending you
our love - enjoying
wonderful days!
Mary & Luffy

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Sept. 9th

Hottie de Tottie, our coz in the East,
 Who always in letters gives us
 a large feast, Reported
 by phone that she'd written
 last and I promised
 that I would reply to it
 fast - which was only,
 of course, some six
 weeks ago - What some
 say is fast to others is
 slow? But I actually
 thought that the next letter
 due was from her to me ^{here}
 and not me to you!

Perhaps 'twas² a mix up
 or a letter was lost,
 But what matters now
 that the lines were
 crisscrossed? for they
 weren't on the phone
 and in hearing your voice
 I was happy indeed - a
 cause to rejoice! So
 greetings, dear Hottie!
 And how do you do? I'm
 back in Alaska admiring
 the view - after having
 a summer which
 was super indeed -
 Only sorry you couldn't

(En)

get home here I fled.
This merely brings
love and best wishes
to you - You must see
your Mother's - It's writ
for you too!

Loads of love from
us both, Hattie.

Sally.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls, Minn.



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PING PONG AT MADDEN'S PINE BEACH LODGE ON GULL LAKE, DRAINERD MINN.

Hello Lottie -

Sarah is sending
you a card via
me (H.K.).

We are having a
nice vacation -

Wish you were here -

Love from all
Sarah.



ADDRESS



Miss Lottie Mueser
New York
N. Y.

Buckingham Hotel
57th & 6th Ave

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September 9, 1948

Dear Laura Jane:

It was nice of you to call me before you left to let me know that you expected to have some theatre charges for the month of August. I received the bill this morning and on it were five charges in your name totaling \$139.20. Will you be kind enough to send me a check to cover this at your earliest convenience.

June is leaving for California on Wednesday, the 15th of September, to be gone about three weeks. On her way back it's her intention to see all of you in Little Falls. Her plans are not crystalized yet, but when she arrives at her family's she will write Aunt Sally and tell her exactly when she would like to come. She hopes it will be convenient for you to have her.

I'm sorry I didn't get a chance to see you before you left, but I know that June did. Maybe when you come back we'll be able to see more of each other.

Love,

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls, Minnesota

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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota.

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Dear Laura Jane -
I received your letter
could not reply did
not give my home address
so write my if and
when you receive this
note. I am on school.
I am and out group
of my speak I should
in glad you had a
nice trip. I am having
another of school - winter soon fall.

Wednesday August 25, 1948

Dear Laura Jane,

I received your letter simply ages ago but couldn't find time to answer until now. I was so sorry you couldn't come to Detroit because I'd planned on it so much.

Monday I took my final exams and I'm in Little Falls now. I'm not certain how long I can stay, but I'll be here until I have to register for the fall semester.

It seems so good to be with the family, I get awfully homesome sometimes. My goodness but my brothers and sisters are getting big. Shiley's taller than Dick and Jimmy's getting to be quite a man! Dick just brought in his white rabbits for me to admire. He has two of them and

they're just as sweet as can be.
Jimmy has two cats and now
they want a dog. My poor mother!
Besides five children she has to
take care of a menagerie!

The family has just bought a
house on the west side and we're
decorating now and it's positively
a mess!

When you get to Little Falls, please
call me up. We haven't a phone
yet but you could leave a message
at Annie Zak's and I shall call
you. I can't wait to see you.

Last night I had the strangest
dream. I dreamed I was standing
in the Little Falls Railway Station,
and a train pulled up. Who
should get off but Lucia Albanese
and Mme. Motipka. They both
embraced me and were as

happy to see me. I lost the
dream at that point, but I thought
it was very strange.

Well Laura Jane, I shall see
you ~~see~~ soon, I hope.

Love
Bernadine

AFTER FIVE DAYS, RETURN TO

Miss Bernadine Lak

614 8th St. S.W.

Little Falls Minn.

AIR MAIL

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Miss Laura Jane Musser

Buckingham Hotel

57th & 6th Ave. #1204

New York City, N.Y.



July 23, 1948

Dear Laura Lane,

Your letter was a pleasure as always. Thank you so much! I was very happy to hear that you were recovering from your cold. It had a severe beginning and could have given you discomfort for a long time. Fortunately you were able to check it. I hope you can come through the summer without another.

I had hoped that you might spend a week end with me in Cambridge during the summer session, but because illness suddenly made it necessary for me to board a plane for Minnesota toward the end of June, we shall have to postpone the Cambridge plans until the fall term. I shall

remain here until school begins in September. Do you come west?

The flight was my first, and I loved every minute of it. Clear skies from Boston to Buffalo afforded a perfect view of the changing panorama of green earth below, every highway and stream a silver ribbon lacing trim fields and meadows to tufted cities. At sunset time from Buffalo to Chicago, the plane soared through a clear blue path far above an unbroken floor of smooth white cloud, and ~~was~~ bordered on the right and left by mountainous formations of exquisite whiteness dotted through with brilliant greens and reds or sulphurous yellow. What security and peace one felt in these

vast realms of infinite grandeur! You would have been deeply moved by it even as I was. A much-traveled gentleman at my right said one might make a thousand trips and never see a scene of equal sublimity. From Chicago to Minneapolis we bumped along through a rain-and-thunder storm.

A week ago I finished Gogol's Dead Souls. What amusing and living characters there are! How human! Gogol's reflections interest me, too. Now I am in the midst of a biography of William Blake and have begun Marcel Proust's Swann's Way. When the sun is out, however, the lure of a good, warm-toned tan has a tendency to draw me outdoors without the books. Do you remember the lovely sun we had in the ride in Central park that Sunday afternoon?

Rochester has an interesting little art center. William Saltzman, the director, had a one-man show while we were there. I liked his sense of design and his skill in handling dark, rich colors in his oils. It interested me to discover that he had studied with Kungosha of Woodstock, N. Y., who is a friend of Miss Hartman of our faculty, in whose apartment I lived for a while.

I hope you received my letter following my return from the very happy week and you gave me. It was so good of you to share so much music, your lovely friends, and your own tender thoughts with me! I appreciate this very much. I hope, too, that the hotel forwarded the book to you also.

Affectionately yours,
Ruth

CHRISTMAS 1948

Hi there, and the Seasons Greetings!

With high hopes of lessening the Christmas rush a bit, we are resorting to mass production of our Christmas notes. We trust you will forgive the loss of the fine personal touch, but this way we can be sure of getting around to everyone.

We're getting to feel almost like old settlers, having lived in the same house for over a year and a half. After a lengthy siege of painting and sewing, lawn building, and gardening we have the place fixed up pretty much to our liking. Now if we could only do something to improve the climate here. Our last Summer's vacation in Minnesota and Iowa seems to have sewn the seeds of desire to get back to that particular corner of creation, so we may migrate across the Mississippi in the not-too-far-distant future.

The final project in the house was the creation of a new slip-cover for the davenport--naturally Marion couldn't have picked rugs and drapes etc., to match it as it was. The cover was finally achieved after many dark mutterings over the sewing machine, but it is really a swell job. We were quite successful with the lawn, but as a gardner, Riz leaves much to be desired--couldn't even grow a good crop of weeds. Last Fall we got the big room in the basement all painted up, and had a large and hilarious Hallowe'en Party to initiate it.

We have suffered but one major mishap in the course of our many projects. Marion apparently dropped a needle on the floor, and then later stepped on it, driving it into her heel and breaking off about an inch of it which stayed buried without her knowing it was there for about three days. It got infected all of a sudden then, but good, and the Doc loaded her up with duracillin and chopped out the offending sliver. She spent three days in the hospital, and hobbled around on the toe of one foot for a couple weeks, but is as good as new again now.

We have accrued a grand circle of friends here--most of them struggling young homesteaders like ourselves with champagne appetites developed during the years in the service, and beer incomes. Our chief amusement is visiting back and forth, playing pinochle and bridge. The evening invariably concludes with coffee and some solid nourishment. The gang really waxes talkative when convened around the coffee pot, and we always get talking too fast and forget to go home until much too late. There are two Annapolis grads in the crowd just recently escaped from the service, and one of them was a torpedo-bomber squadron leader, so there are many lively discussions concerning the war. We also have a Scotsman who was a GI Bridegroom, who was Chief Engineer on a British druiser during the war, which adds some interesting turns to the discussion. Most of us work for Babcock and Wilcox, and would be quick to affirm that we make the biggest, bestest, and mostest boilers in the world, but we also find much to gripe about in the way the company is managed. Every once in a while a gripe-session arises that is every bit as earnest as any the army ever induced. One of the wiser wives is wont to announce as soon as the gathering is seated, "Okay, boys, you've got just fifteen minutes to thrash out B&W, so get at it!"

The Episcopal Church here is quite small, and is just emerging from the doldrums occasioned by a couple rather poorly qualified rectors who were here. Guess maybe we were naive and exhibited too much interest at the start, because we've certainly been caught up in a lot of activities there. We're both singing in the choir, which is not very expert, but we have lots of fun. Marion is Vice-President of the Women's Auxiliary, and somehow or other Riz got put on the vestry--which is the backbone of many projects, the latest being

the construction of a new porch on the church--he'll be a passable carpenter yet, perhaps.

Marion got tangled up with the Newcomer's Club here, and either politicked or was pushed into the Presidency of it for the coming year. The club is just over a year old and still developing; it's really a live crew and doing a lot of things. It alone keeps Marion's spare time occupied and then some. At the moment they are engaged in making a bunch of little bassinets complete with Wettums dolls to give to the gals at the local orphanage this Christmas, and organizing an open house to raise some money to buy presents for the boys.

The highlight of our vacation, which was spent chiefly at Marion's folk's cottage near Little Falls, was her young brother Bob's wedding. He was the last of the six kids to be lured from single blessedness, and the family made like there would never be another wedding again ever--poor Pop! 'Twas a lovely affair, 'n everyone present had a very enjoyable time. Bob and Ginny are now in Ames, where he is to finish up this Spring, and will then probably go a-forester-ing for the National Park Service out west.

About this time last year the folks sent us an electric blanket I had given my Grandpop several years before he died. We both worked at hooking it up, and crawled into bed with just the electric blanket and a bedspread, where we had had three blankets before. We arose in the morning and both remarked on how nice and warm the blanket had been. Marion went out to get breakfast, and as I was putting on my shoes, I noticed a wire hanging down. Doggone if we hadn't missed making one connection on it, and it couldn't have supplied a bit of heat. Guess maybe we're just not attuned to all these modern conveniences, or as I say to Marion every time we go to church leaving dinner in the oven set on the automatic timer, and come home and find it still not started, "It ain't the machine; it's the operator!"

We are planning on having the senior Reulings here for Christmas, and an open house the following Sunday afternoon--wish you could all be among those present.

Hope you all have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Marion and Ritz Reuling

I didn't have any holiday -
and the office load was so
heavy that I could not
do the things outside that
I wanted to - but we
had a good Christmas Day -
& spoke of the one we
had with you & thought
of you all so much. We
had a good weekend
at a cabin in Tree Harbor -
I was so amused at
her - Because we were
tired & because it
was cold & dark, we
went to bed at 6.15 -
I didn't feel off to sleep,
but her did - & he also
rolled off the bed about
9. He got up & started
building a fire. I said

Jan. 27th
Dearest Hattie,
And Past of the year,
we've elected you!
Really a superb affair -
In fact, I've hoped I'd
become inspired to
answer in kind, but
my poor efforts landed
in the wastebasket -
& I can't wait, perhaps
forever, for that moment
when my pen would
swiftly reveal the
poetic soul within -
for already too long
a time has passed
since your beautiful

slip arrived - It has it been a month, tho; for the mailing situation was terrible and most packages were three weeks late. Dad mailed me a watch that took five weeks from Los Angeles - but it's been fun to have Santa come late at that - and I feel like cleo herself in the slip & I thank you!

It was good to hear of the music you've been hearing - and what are you composing now? Too bad you couldn't keep the apartment - but probably hotels have compensation too, yes? Hope you haven't been blizzardied off the earth! Sounds incredible even in Alaska. Strangely enough, we are having a very mild winter - no snow which has stayed for more than a few days, & none of the roads at present. We had terrible rains for 2 weeks - no air mail even.

Air Mail



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FEB 12 1948

Miss Laura Jane Musser
The Hotel Biltmore ~~#743~~
New York City, N. Y.

Box 101
Juneau
Alaska

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Mrs. S. Yerry
Little Falls, Minn.

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Miss Laura Jane Messer
42nd Street
Biltmore Hotel
New York
N. Y.

MAIL CLERK

JAN 8 2 10 PM '48

Little Falls, Minn.
Jan 5-48

Dear Laura Jane,

This is my first letter in
1948. I have eight more to
write.

First of all I want to thank
you for that beautiful bag you
sent me. I never had a prettier
one, and been making good use
of it, as been invited to several
luncheons and parties since
Christmas. So sorry I didn't
get to see you when you were
home. I called several times
your lighters were out or had
company. Now next time you
just got to run over as it seems
it just isn't right when you are

just yes. The other three had them.

Well darling I think I shall
go to bed and thanks so
much again. You are always
such a real Santa Claus.

Here is hoping this New
year will be a real Happy
one for you

With much
Love from us all
Marie.

home and we don't get to see
you. That dress of Patsy is
just adorable on her. And
does she love it. Jean loves
her books. Thanks so much
for everything. We had a
lovely Christmas.

School started today, and rather
glad we are back on the routine.
It seems there is so much
excitement during the holidays.

Mary Beth is cutting four
teeth all at one time so she
is a bit funny. Been keeping
me awake several nights.

There are about one hundred
cases of measles in town
I do hope she won't get them

Little Falls, Minn
Route 3, Box 114
March 10, 1948

Dear Laura Jane,

Gerry Ann Thanks
you for the lovely books. It
was so nice of you to remember
her. She got a Charm bracelet
from Pauline, charms from each
Dean, Robert and Judy and
also one from your dad.

Underwear & socks from your
mother, scarf & money from
her grandma, Card & Money
from Wally and we gave
her a head scarf and her
birthstone ring.

I wanted to write
sooner but I didn't have your

address. We were snowed in
a couple of days a week ago
and now its so terribly cold
out here. It was around 35
below today. Hope its much
warmer in New York.

Jerry Ann and Dean go
to school every day. Jerry
hasn't missed one day yet.
Dean missed a few days as
he was ill two different times.

Pauline was over
yesterday. It was her
birthday so I made her a
cake. It turned out pretty good.

Thanks again for the
lovely books.

Love
Rosemary

is often the apparent
providential in an ordinary
activity, isn't there? That
makes the ordinary fascinating,
doesn't it?

Mr. Kent has invited me to
join her in hearing Maurice
Chevalier this afternoon. Next
Sunday afternoon I hear
the Niphs. Symphony with
Miss Hartman. Happy, happy
New Year! Love,
Ruth

January 25, 1948

Dear Laura Jane,

How discerning and lovely you
are to remember me at Christmas
with one of those things which mean
so much to me — a delightful
book! The book on the Symphony is
indeed a fine addition to my
growing library and a valuable
book that brings genuine pleasure
besides. I enjoyed many of the
discussions on my favorite.

destroyed any concentrated
effort to work two weeks ago.
Do forgive me and know
that I appreciate your
note and that when weather,
work, + "room" stabilize, we
shall want to have you
come up for a Sat. & Sun.

Your opera experience
and meeting Mrs. Tatigka
sounded very exciting. There

composers while I was
journeying Eastward following
the holiday at home. Thank
you very, very much!

I regret not having sent
you a note earlier. My semester
came immediately after I returned,
and a new semester opens
Monday so I have been
unusually knitted to my work.
Besides, a severe cold almost



FEB - 7 1948

Miss Laura Jane Musser

The Hotel Biltmore # 743

New York City

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Executive Secretary

Dear New Member:

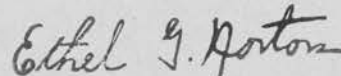
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It is our hope that you will be happy here and enjoy our activities. We shall be pleased to have you make suggestions of any sort at any time.

Yours cordially,



Ethel G. Norton
Executive Secretary

Central Branch,
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Redwood Falls - for a time. With
Elvise! David and his wife. Elvise -
came over for the week end - They -
have gone back. David is at Grace -
ville Minn. A swell place. but -
a very nice Hospital, where he is
doing Intern work, is there until -
July 1st when he will be at Ancker
Hospital "St. Paul. for his second yr -
of Intern work. He graduated last -
June - in Medicine - at "U of M. age 22 yrs
youngest to graduate for many years -

Sunday.
Feb. 15-1948.

My Dearest Laura Jane!
It was so dear
of you to write me such a
sweet and interesting letter!
I know how you must -
enjoy these Musical treats
and the lovely Plays - there
is so much of interest there
in New York. I have not
time to be so long answer-
ing your good letter. I came
down to Npols. the 18 Dec -
and have been away ever
since. It was that afternoon

that Mrs. Roberts had her terrible
Fall. as you know. She has suffer-
ed so terribly. and has not been
doing too well. It was such an
unfortunate accident. for one so old.
It will be weeks yet before she can
get home I fear. Poor Dear I feel so very
sorry for her. She has always been so
sweet and kind to everyone.
The house was closed. with Heat and
water turned off. The winter here has
been so cold. and icy. I have staid
here in Mpls. with the young folks.
Having Ida in Hospital. has made
it so hard for your Mother and
Alice, they have been so faithful
to her. It is hard to understand
why, these things come to us.
We have had such a long cold
icy winter. I have been ~~very~~ careful
about going out, unless in the Car.
I know you have had some big snow
storms. We will certainly welcome
Spring. Just now I am down at

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From Minn "U" Eloise his
wife graduates - in Music -
From Minn "U" March 18"

Then she is going to be with
David at Graceville until
he is thru there. They have an
apt. in Mpls - where they will
live. I told Eloise how you
would like to meet - both
David and her. She said
she would - love to meet you
and after they got back to
Mpls - which will be in
July - sometime - She -

Very much. The young folks are quite interested. It is ^{is} nice to have such a good feeling in the church. I hope you have been enjoying your winter here - in New York. Will hope to see you before so long. in L. Falls.

Wishing you A. Very Happy Easter. With my love and Best Wishes

Sincerely

Ella M. Richie

would write you -

David's sister Margaret Jean, who is graduating from the "University" March 18th is planning to be married in May. You did not meet her at my "Birth Day-Party" as she was on a canoe trip North.

Are you going to be at Home for Easter?

Our church people are enjoying the "Van Kirkö."



meet by 5:45 P.M. as
the opera starts at 8 o'clock.
I do hope you can join
me.

Love,
Lorraine Gilfillan

Mon. May 3, 1948

Dear Laura Jane, I am so
delighted to be going to
the opera with you and
Patricia on Thurs. I would
like very much for
you girls to be my
guests for dinner
that evening. I thought
we'd eat at Dayton's
Sky Room and I
imagine we should

lovely compact and dress.

Love

Rosemary

January 8, 1948

Dear Laura Jane,

I wanted to write you before but I didn't know your address. Louis always forgot to get it from Pauline.

I want to thank you for the lovely compact you gave me. Its just darling. Jerry Ann wants to thank you for the lovely dress. Its very lovely. She can wear it in the spring.

I have been very busy lately. Dean was in the Hospital from Jan 2nd till the 8th. He has an infection in his jaw. He is home

now but it still isn't healed up, He feels quite well. Plays with Bobby & Tudy. Your Mother came to see him one afternoon and brought him a nice story book. It was so nice of your Mother to do that. I was so behind with my work as I stayed with him in the afternoon till 4 o'clock and then I had to pick Bob & Tudy from Mother's so I didn't get home till five. Jerry Ann would help Louis take care of the chickens for me. Jerry Ann is back in school now but doesn't feel very well. All the children have colds in school & she got a cold now too since she went back to school. There are a lot of cases of measles in town. I do hope our children won't get them.

I suppose your very busy with your music. Heres wishing you a lot of luck.

Well Thank you again for the

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Biltmore Hotel
New York, City
New York

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Little Falls, Minn.
Feb. 4, 1948.

Dear Laura Jane,

Thank
you so much for the
lovely compact
I received from
you a couple weeks
ago. I would have
written before,

but heard that you
might be coming
home - but now
I hear that you're
not coming for
some time.

I hear that you
have a lot of snow
in New York and
we have had so much
cold weather here.

Everyone is so tired
of it. Oh well, spring
is just around the
corner we hope.
I hope your just
fine. And thank
you again for the
lovely compact. I shall
save it for my best.

Sincerely,
Olga Johnson

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Miss Laura Jane Musser,
To The Commodore Hotel
New York,
N. York.

Olga Johnson
Lindbergh Drive
Little Falls, Minn

5-17-48

My dear Miss Musser,

I do hope you are enjoying your visit with your parents. I am sure they are very glad to have you home.

I certainly have missed you. I have called several times at the master apartments, but they informed ^{me} that you hadn't made your arrival.

I was fortunate enough to be chosen by the Rosenwald Committee to receive a \$2,000 (two-thousand dollar) grant for a period of one year. As soon as I received the letter I called to tell you, but was very disappointed to find that you were still out of town. I did write you a letter quite some time ago and asked Mrs. Hayes to please

mail while she was on her way to school one morning, and I learned on Friday that she hadn't mailed the letter and I was very much disgusted.

I was invited to attend a Farewell Dinner in connection with the Rosenwald Fund, in Chicago, at the Stevens Hotel and Madame thinks it would be a good idea if I'd go. So I've been able to make arrangements to go, so I am leaving next Wednesday.

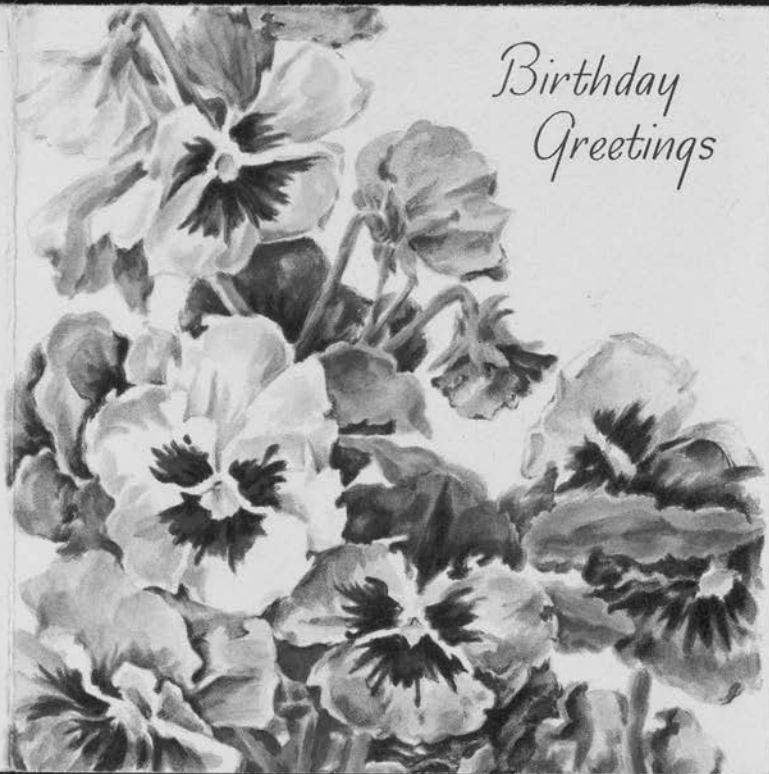
I am getting along fine with my lessons, and I am going to ask Madame Giannini about appearing on that program for you.

I will expect to see you soon.
Give my regards to your Parents.
Love,
Lenora



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New York

*Birthday
Greetings*



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Dear Laura Jane,

I thought you were going
to be home for your birthday
but no such luck.

I'm sending you
a birthday cake and
I'll keep your present
untill you come

home. I think
you know what
it is. It would
be rather hard to send.

To hope you'll have
in every way

A really truly perfect
day!

I hope you'll have many
many more birthdays.

With much love,
Pauline



Chicago, Illinois
June 2, 1948

Dear Miss Muser,

I enjoyed the dinner very much. It was held at the Stevens Hotel, and everything was lovely. Mr. Embree gave a very impressive speech.

Everyone in Chicago has been very nice to me. They have taken me to a few places of interest.

I thought I would have been talking with you today, but Mr. Embree asked me to come by the office to talk with him yesterday at 4:00 P. M., so I couldn't get a train out that would put me in New York time enough for my lesson, so I wrote and explained this

to my ²madame Biannini,
from the way Dr. Embree
and Mrs. Leitzes talked, I
think they are expecting me
to go to Julliard. I will tell
you more about this when
I talk with you or see you.

Love,
Lenora

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Laura Jane, I'm afraid this is an awfully short letter, but there really isn't anything to ~~tot~~ write about. My life is so dull! Please write soon and tell me more of your exciting "escapades." I promise to answer immediately.

Please think about visiting me in June, I know we'd have a lot of fun.

Love,
Bernadine

Monday May 21, 1948

Dear Laura Jane,

I received your letter a week ago and I'm terribly sorry I ~~haven't~~ haven't answered sooner. I can scarcely remember when I received the one before. Please forgive me for being so negligent.

This semester has really kept me going, but now I've learned not to take more than I can handle. I'm taking Quantitative Analysis, Zoology, Physics, Economics and history. Besides these I must put in 20 hours of lab. This last week I finished up my "Quant" lab and that is really a big load off my mind.

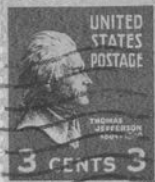
Laura Jane, thank you so

I won't be able to go to Minnesota until the last part of August when school lets out. I'd like to stay for about a month.

Mme. Votjka sounds like such a wonderful person Laura Jane. I'd like to meet her some day. Do you see Miss Anderson any more? and what about Mr. Rupp? I think he's so "cute", and he's so nice.

You are so lucky to know all of those personalities. Now I envy you! After I'm out of school, I think I would like to live in New York for a few years. There's no place like it, don't you think?

much for your wonderful invitation to visit ~~you~~ you in New York, but I'm afraid I won't be able to come. There is nothing I'd rather do, because I love New York and always have ~~the~~ such a wonderful time when I visit you. You see I'm going to summer school this summer and I won't finish my final exams until June 17 and Summer School starts June 28 and I must register on June 24 I believe. But Laura Jane, you have never visited me and this would be a wonderful time, if you could make it. Please try, we could have so much fun!!



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Detroit, ~~53~~, 19,
Mich.

that have meant very much
to me. And I'm sending
you a book which I hope
you will like as much as
John Mason Brown likes
both it and its author,
a charming Bryn Mawr
personality!

Thank you again for a most
delightful visit!
Affectionately yours,
Ruth

6 Great Street
Cambridge, Mass.
May 25, 1948

Dear Laura Jew,

Thank you very much for a
very lovely week end. The music
you played for me, the precious
friends you shared, the good
food you prepared, the quietness
of the apartment — all were
a rare blend for a guest, and
I am deeply grateful.

I am grateful, too, for the
sorrows you shared. It was

sadness and loneliness come
in too strongly. Always remember
that your tender, tender heart is
one of the most beautiful
things in the world, and though
it is necessary temporarily
to protect it, that beautiful
tenderness will triumph
before too long.

I was happy to know
you like St. Francis. I'm
tuckering in a few lines

difficult for you to speak
of these, I know; and, sensing
how forcefully these problems
struck at the very roots of your
heart, I suffered with you
while you spoke, and my
words came with difficulty;
yet, I want you to know
that whenever you are in
need I shall be here
ready to help you. Feel free
to come up for Saturday
and Sunday whenever

K. H. H. H.
6 West Street
Cambridge, Mass.



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Miss Messer

may be admitted to International House
activities, until 3/25 pending

action on ~~his~~
her application by the Com-
mittee on Admissions.

Signed

Kennedy

Kali Bhattacharya,

1044 John Jay

Columbia University.

April 8, 1948

but I have found the finishing of
mid-quarters and all other
papers + responsibilities almost
impossible this week because of
the "piling up" of reports during
those days of illness ~~that week before~~
Easter, so with many yet to do I
feel I cannot get away this
week. It would have been a
beautiful chance to slip away to
New York — I loved our little stroll
across the long breadth of South Station
with your quiet mind philosophizing.

Dear Laura Jane,

Your letter was late in reaching
me because of my change of address
and a forwarding from Brown Street.
I loved hearing from you — you
write of your experiences with a
rich heart!

Your work sounds interesting.
So tell me more about it. And
the opportunity to go home is lovely!
To have Madame Vatipka sing

point of finding song from
the heart diffident. These
are times in all lives when
circumstances, either close to
one or to others, become a
tender wound. She has been
such an inspiring artist that
of course she will overreach
temporary diffidence whatever
they be.

You were dear to invite her
to come this week, Laura
Jane. I truly wish I could,

again will be a delight,
I know, as with having her
as a guest. Of course,
being your guest will be a
privilege for her, too.

I was a little saddened
to hear of Miss Anderson's Easter
concert. I do hope she is
not singing too much and
thereby will have serious
effect on her voice, or that
she is not unhappy to the

March 13th 1948

Dear Laura Jane:-



This is a very late date to be getting a 'thank you' letter off to you, and hope you will accept my apology and my reasons for not writing you sooner.

We arrived home Monday nite. I had to go back to work at the Red Cross the next day and have worked every day since, with the exception of Saturday mornings. We have been out almost every night since we got home, so between working every day, going out at nite and doing my housework, getting meals, etc., I have been about exhausted and have taken every spare moment to catch up on sleep. I guess my vitality got pretty low, as I came down with a cold Tuesday - however, it hasn't kept me home. The doctor gave me sulpha yesterday, so will take it easy

this week-end.

George and I both enjoyed being with you very much and were sorry we could not have seen you more often. We appreciated your asking us to 'Finian's Rainbow' and 'Brigadoon' and only wish we could have accepted. We enjoyed our dinner immensely at Town & Country, also Madame Giannini and her husband. They are truly lovely people and we hope they will come to Mpls. as they plan.

It would have been equally enjoyable to meet Madam Totipka and her husband, and we regret that our stay in New York was so short. We will take a 'rain check' Laura Jane, the next time we come to N. Y.

We called you Friday nite and left a message but didn't hear from you. Saturday morning we checked out at 7:30, so felt it was quite early to call. Am sorry we did not have that last chat together.

Our visit in Hartford was very pleasant. It was so nice to see the Melanys after 12 years. All in all it was a perfectly delightful trip, but we were terribly tired when we arrived home. I cannot sleep on a train, but coming home I slept 12 hours.

Your mother & father were in Mpls. this week. I bumped into your father & George one noon at the Athletic Club and visited with him a few minutes. Chatted with your mother over the 'phone. Ordinarily we would have had dinner together but Geo's hometown (Melano) basketball team was playing at the U. of M. Field House for the District Championship and that is where we were going.

Your mother said they were going to Kansas City next week to visit Laura. I am very glad as we know how they enjoy being together.

Two nights after we got home we bumped into both of them at the Curtis and chatted for a few minutes then. We were dining

with Mr. & Mrs. Halleth from Crosby
and some friends of theirs. Now this
week we couldn't get together so
haven't really seen them for any
length of time since we arrived
home. We will make it up tho.
and tell them all about our
visit with you and all the nice
things you did for us. When you
come home in May, we will all
get together.

Again many thanks and
our kindest regards to you 'til
we meet again in May.

Affectionately

Esther & George.

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GUEST SPEAKERS AND MEMBERS ENERGIZE SPRING PRAYER MEETINGS.

Guest Speakers, as well as leaders from the Christian Endeavor Active Membership list energized the Spring Prayer Meetings an observer remarked recently. Among the leaders were: Miss Laura Jane Musser, an active member of the Society, who covered the theme "Seeking God through music" in two one hour periods, illustrating her talk by suitable recordings. Among these were: Symphony of Psalms (Stravinsky), Exerpts from Parsifal (Wagner), and Negro Spirituals sung by Marion Anderson. At another service she reviewed the book "Moral Man in Immoral Society," by Reinhold Niebuhr. Miss Mabel C. Eldred, (Committee) Chairman of the Jefferson Academy/ (Congregational School in China) told "What is-New-at" "News from Jefferson Academy". Mr Alexander Fretwell made the Easter address. Mrs Alberto Rembao, chairman of the Society's Missionary Committee, spoke on "Religions in Japan." Miss Violet Wideman, well known to the Society, reviewed "Fox's Book of Martyrs." Mr Sang Ho Lee, third generation Christian from Korea, in his topic "Making My Vocation Christian", gave much information about present day Korea and Koreans. Miss Elfrida C. McIntyre, Social Chairman of the Society, spoke on "Spiritual Triumph through Crisis", and also on "The Travels of St Paul."

Special music was often enjoyed at the Prayer Meetings. On Washington's Bi Birthday Mrs Florence Jane Robertson sang her own original composition "Exitus Acta Probat (title from the coat of arms of George Washington.) On Palm Sunday Miss Marion McEvoy, Soprano, accompanied by her sister, Miss Grace McEvoy, sang two musical selections including "Whatsoever Things Are Lovely" by Margaret Shaw Belsky.

Mr Henry Lalvoc pleased everyone by the rendering of "The Ninty and Nine" on Easter Sunday.

Miss Wilma Weed, graduate of Juilliard, rendered the following Musical Program during a Prayer Meeting Hour: Berceuse (Chopin), Four Waltzes (Brahms), Ondine (Debussy), and Waltz in A flat (Chopin).

SOCIAL NOTES.

A very pretty Valentine Tea was prepared by Miss Laura Jane Musser, Hostess. The menu included; Sandwiches of Cheese and Bacon, Guava Jelly, Orange Marmalade, Ripe and Green Olives, Schraft's Valentine Heart Cake, Wafers, Chocolate Candy, and Boiling Hot Tea. Other Hosts and Hostesses for the regular Six o'clock Sunday evening Social Tea include, Mr and Mrs Anthony Belsky, Miss Susan Jane Belsky, Mr Alexander Fretwell, Miss Grace Gardner, Miss Elfrida C. McIntyre, Mr and Mrs J. Russell Robertson, Miss Florence Adams, and Miss Violet Wideman.

The St Patricks Day Party was enjoyed inspite of the rainy weather. Miss Elfrida C. McIntyre and Miss Susan Belsky arranged the entertainment of Games and Folk Music. A skit was played by the Misses Susan Belsky and Dianne Draper; Folk dancing in costume by the Misses Susan Belsky, Dianne Draper, Joyce Deniston, Lois Adamo, and Joyce Redvanly. The same girls also sang two Scout Songs; "My Bonny Cuckoo" and "The Shamrock and the Heather." Miss Laura Jane Musser, pianist played "Irish Love Song, arranged by Granger, and Berceuse (Debussy). Miss Ona Mann read an original poem on St Patrick. Refreshments were served in the adjoining room - hot Cocoa, Raisin Cookies, and wafers, and jelly Beans. Handsome large paper shamrocks were distributed at the door.

Several group excursions were arranged for the Society members, two of them were visits to Rutgers Presbyterian Church to attend the N.Y. Association of Christian Endeavor. The Song Service of Prayer and Praise are for all age groups, says Mr Diran Minassian, President of the Alumni Association. Free Refreshments are served after the service.

All who visited the Exhibit of Bibles at the Morgan Library seemed quite inspired by them. Many of the Bibles on display are rare first Editions, Two of Gutenberg's first Bibles are on view, and the first King James Bible. There were many others in many different languages. The illuminated pages, and also the highly colored illustrations were quaintly interesting.

In addition to the regular monthly Business Meeting of the Society that follows the Prayer Service on the first Sunday in each month, a special Business session was called by the president. An additional sum of money was voted for Jefferson Academy to help them in their present emergency.

Mrs Helen Wirth is now feeling ill at her camp in New York Mills, Minn.

Letters, Original poems, and other short writings are solicited for publication in the Christian Endeavor News. News items also welcome. Send all communications to) President of C.E. Broadway Tabernacle Church. Broadway and 56 Sts., N.Y.C.

BIBLE VERSE TO REMEMBER.

Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. (Hebrews 13: 1, 2.)