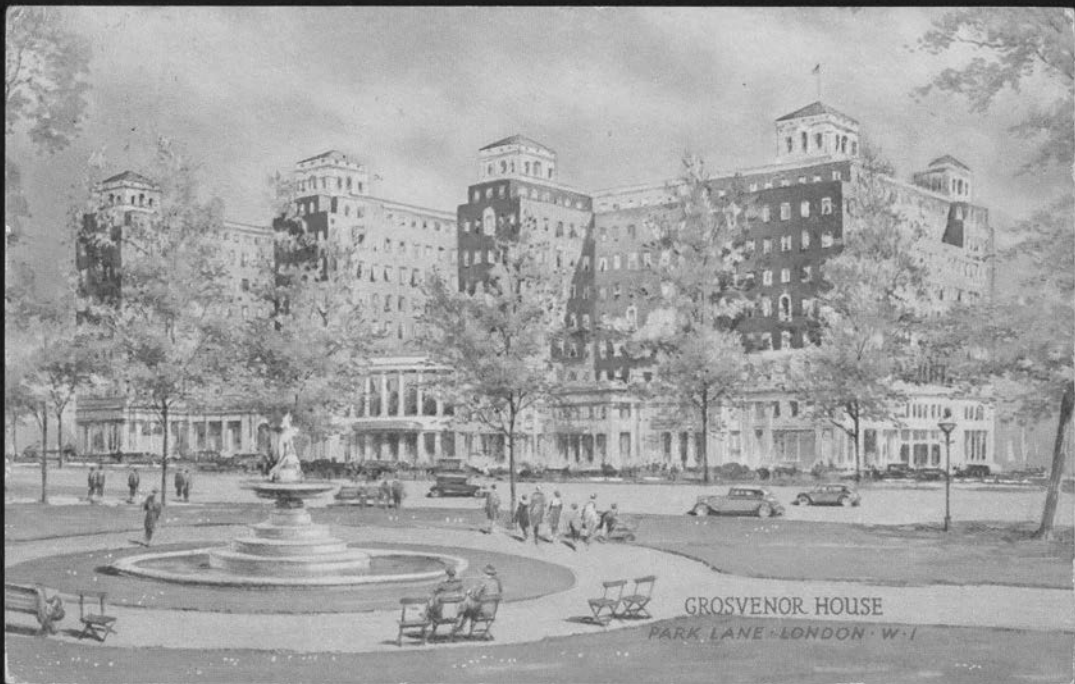




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Greetings from
London. Have
just finished
my broadcast
which went fine
hope you are
comfortable & well
Yours
D. Gannin

Laura Jane Musser
Duckingham Hotel
101 West 57th
New York 19
N.Y.
U.S.A.

June 18, 1949

Cunard White Star

R.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth"

Dear Laura Jane

Our first two days aboard were very pleasant, but had to stay in my room in bed yesterday & most of to-day. Weather quite rough & the best place for me when it's like that is right here. It seems to be clearing up, so I shall probably be able to go to the dining room for dinner to-nite; not

that it matters much
The food is of such
poor quality & so poorly
prepared that eating
is just to fill up the
empty spot

So different these days
from the sumptuous
& luxurious quality &
quantity & variety
of food on these ships
in the days before the war.

I do hope they gave the
apt a thorough cleaning
& that you are at home
there & will have a happy
& pleasant summer
Thanks again for the
beautiful flowers. Love &
best wishes Effy & Grandma



Mrs Laura Jane Musser
Buckingham Hotel
1012 West 57th St

att.
1206

U. S. A. New York 19
N. Y.

Mme Tusohua Jeannine
Governor House
Park Lane
London
Eng.



If undelivered please return this letter to:—

Woodstock
New York

Woodstock Inn
June 17, 1948

Dear Laura Jane

I meant to leave
a note of welcome for you
in the apt, but Tuesday
was a very hectic day
for me & in the evening a
headache set in, first out
of sheer exhaustion. The next
morn, we left hither, thither
~~to~~ my good intention
fell by the way side.

I asked Mrs Lealver
to be there to welcome you
& greet you

Mrs. Rushter & I both
hope you are going to be
happy & comfortable in
our place.

This is a nice change
for him here & for me too
It's just now before the
vacationists set in & lovely
country. Much love from
us both affly
Dorothea Grannin



Mrs Laura Jane Musser
Buckingham Hotel
101 West 57th St

New York 19
N. Y.

apt 1206

parents both well - Please give them my very best regards.

There have been no calls for you - and the only letters were from the hotel -

My mother sent me a number of kitchen utensils - 3 stew pots - a large skillet and a small strainer - and spices salt, pepper, etc. and am getting along quite well. I write you this in case you intend to bring more from Minn. so that you won't duplicate them. Do write how you are feeling - and what day I can expect to see you again - In the meantime - Much love,
Barbara

Barbara

Friday

Dearest Laura Jane,

Hope you had a pleasant trip to Minnesota and are enjoying your stay. I had a letter from my mother and she told me how delighted she was to have dinner with you - and to see you looking so well.

Here. slowly everything is getting
straightened out for me at Juilliard

Had my first lesson with Mr.

Hutchison on Tuesday and it was
really interesting - He seems to
be an excellent Teacher and I am
looking forward to this year's
study. Now I am learning

Something you said you liked -

Liszt Sonetto del Petrarca - No 104.

Also have been to the placement
bureau and have an accompanying
job for tomorrow from 9 to 1 - and
probably will have more during the
week. Today I am feeling slightly
"under the weather" - but have been
fine otherwise.

I hope that you found your

Belfenstein
1011 W 57 ST
New York, N.Y.



Miss Laura Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minn.

4 January

Dear Laura Jane -

It was so good to see you in Chicago again - I wanted to write to you immediately to tell you so - but my mother was ill for six weeks - and I was terribly busy working and taking care of her - she is much recovered now - but I have another reason to write and that is to thank you for the lovely, lovely Lmas present - The recording is beautiful and the 9 major Concerto one of my favorites - It was so sweet that you remembered me -

Just today I began some graduate work at Northwestern - I felt that I had better get back to studying - I am getting over a stupid cold which spoiled my New Year by coming just ahead of it -

Do write soon and let me know if you will be in Chicago. Did you find an apartment in N. Y. ? I suppose you will be going there soon -

My very best to your family -

Love,

Barbara

B. Elfenbein
4128 N. St. Louis
Chicago, 25, Ill.



Miss Laura Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minn.

Dearest Laura Jane

Sunday

It was so wonderful to see you in Chicago again - only I am sorry that we had so little time together.

By this time I expect you are quite settled in your new apartment. And have probably attended the Lemonade Opera several times already. I hope that everything is very comfortable - and that it is not too hot in New York.

Here everything is quite the same - I have been working very hard since I saw you - practicing every day - and helping out in the drug store - the job I was expecting did not materialize as yet - I have rather given up hopes of it - so as it is - I am going to summer school and taking piano lessons - and learning much new music. I am really looking forward to spending some time with you -

and think so often of your sweet and kind invitation to me to come to you in N. Y. I will probably be through with school early in August - don't know the exact date yet - Let me know how that time sounds to you - It will be such fun to be together in N. Y. -

There is very little in the way of concerts here in the summer - However they do have the symphony at the Ravinia Festival. Were you ever there? It is in Ravinia, Ill. - about 20 miles from Chicago - They had a lovely pavilion which very unfortunately burned to the ground recently - So this year the concerts are to be held in a — tent! Very large - circus-type!

Am working on the Bach C min. Toccata and the wonderful F. min. Ballade of Chopin - among other things - It must be years since I last played for you -

Please write soon -

All my love -
Barbara

air mail



Miss Laura Musser
Buckingham Hotel
101 W. 57th St.
New York
N. Y.

Apt. 1206

B. Elfenbein

4728 N. St. Louis

Chicago 28 Ill.



Miss Laura Messer
1/2 Buckingham Hotel
apt 1206
101 W. 57th ST.
New York
N. Y.

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1728 N. St. Louis Av.
Chicago, Ill.

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I think it is a very good idea
that you go to Minn. for several
weeks - especially because we will
be able to go to N.Y. together - You
must plan to spend some time with
me in Chicago - either on the way
to Minn. or on the way back -
whichever would be more convenient
for you - I will be so happy to
see you again! - It is so sweet
that you want me to stay with you
in N.Y. - Our plans for a two-week
vacation have really changed -!
Write me soon - and take good
care of yourself -

All my love -
Barbara

Barbara

Saturday

Dearest Laura Jane. It was so sweet
of you to call on Monday - you have no
idea how happy I was to talk to you.
I have been very busy this week - and
this is the first opportunity I have had to
write to you. I do hope that the heat
has subsided for a while - it has
here - only just yesterday -
I have been thinking so much

about your plans for an apartment -
and really it would be such fun if
we could share it. Perhaps we
will be very lucky and find just
the right thing -

I am practicing quite a lot now -
for the examinations at Juilliard - Have
sent in my application but not yet
received an assignment for the exam -
However the dates are from Sept 20 to 24th.
So it will have to be then -

Also will have to find a job -
a part-time one that is - so that I will
have time to practice piano - the
suggestion you made about the ^{symphony} opera
would be just perfect - and if you could
persuade the manager to wait until Sept.
to get a new pianist - perhaps he would
hire me - I have done quite a lot of 2.
piano work already in addition to chamber
music - and I can sight read quite well.
So perhaps!! - anyhow I feel so optimistic
about the whole venture - that I feel quite
certain of finding some kind of job -

Row 6
Section 1

Seat 1-2-3

~~Mr. DEANONE THE BOY~~

My dear Miss Mason -

Since talking with you, I
have changed my plans and
will attempt to catch the
6 p.m. plane to New York.
If you could wait at the
Stage Door immediately after the
performance, I will leave at

least a minute with you
before I go in the Police car.
Don't attempt coming upstairs as it
will be such a difficult thing
to see you here and there is no
place to wait. Sincerely,

Blanche Theoharis

Greetings from





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at all any other week
and it seems possible.

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again. My dream is feeling
better, like each yourself

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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Hotel Buckingham
145 7th & 6th Ave
New York City

Dear Lauragane

Thank you for etc mail
you a darling to do this for
us a million thanks. We
phoned you Sunday but you
were not in so I phoned
Jane and left message.
You perhaps will not arrive
until Saturday will so
would you be kind enough to
leave N.Y. mail with
her seeing you are going
away and I will pick it
up early Sunday morning.
Sorry you have not heard
too well. Will be glad to
see you and talk all about
our trip. Have a nice week
end - Love Julie, U.S.



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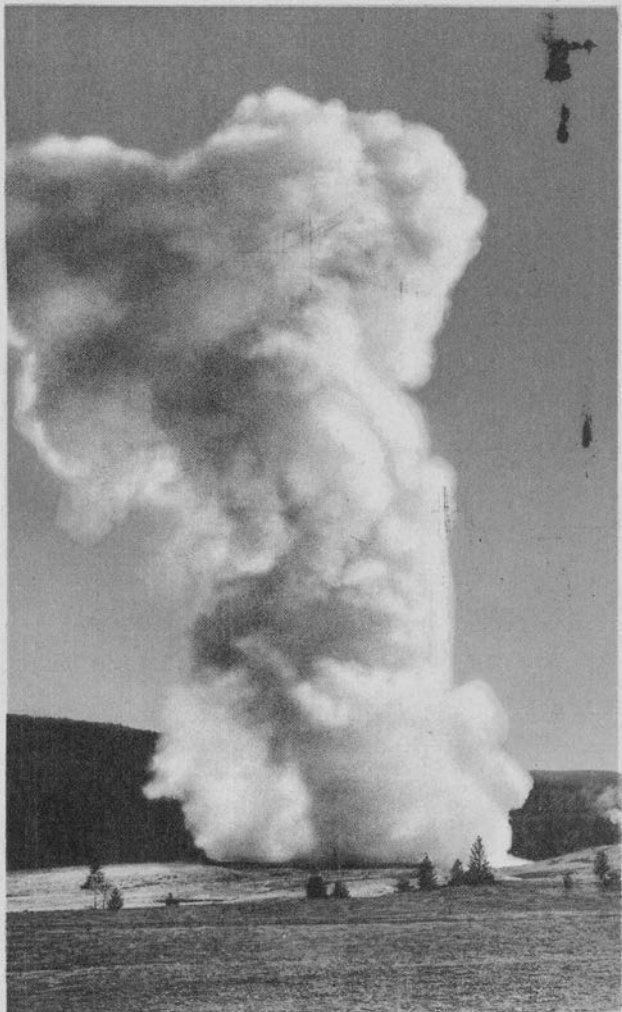
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nature -

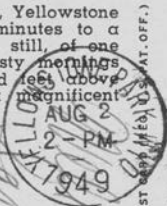
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Old Faithful Geyser at Sunrise, Yellowstone Park, erupts about every 66 minutes to a height, when the atmosphere is still, of one hundred and fifty feet. On frosty mornings the steam rises several hundred feet above the water column producing a magnificent spectacle.

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a receipt -
today, clearly is
and many people
well we are.

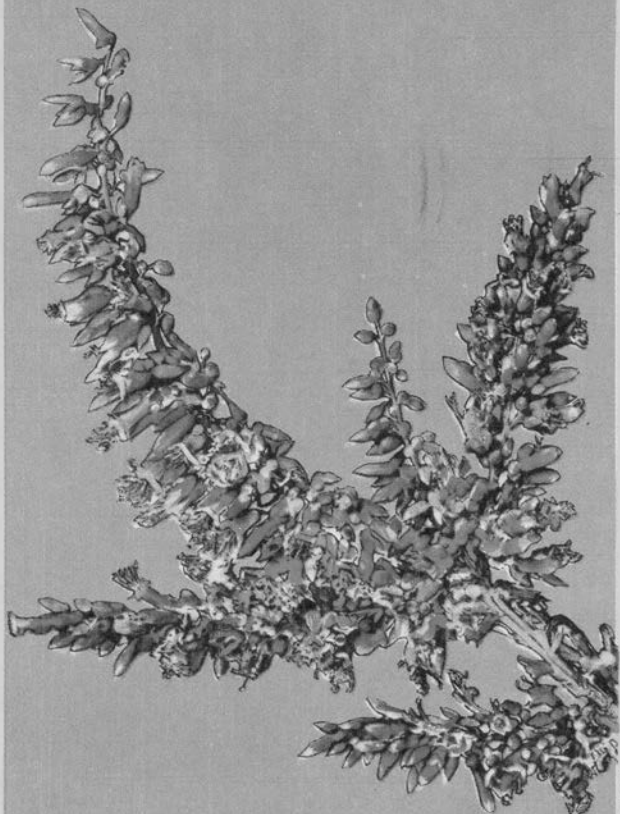


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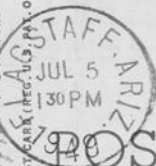
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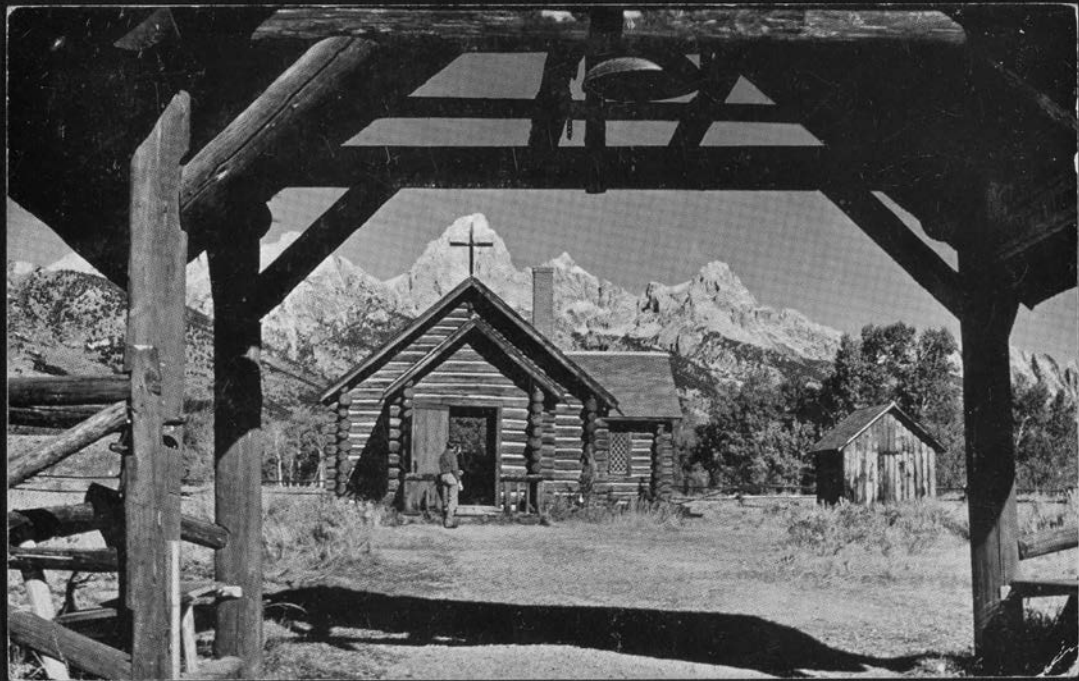
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there too - T



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are having fun here.
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the little church we
are getting
to know. This is
a very nice place.
I'll



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place and climate
Love it here -
Hope you all will love
it too
Phyllis

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June -
Smith - Both
Hoped to get out
Saturday, will



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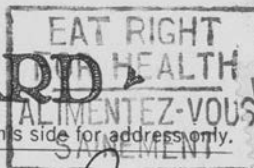
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THEIR MAJESTIES, KING GEORGE VI AND QUEEN ELIZABETH,
WERE HONOURED GUESTS OF THE WINDSOR HOTEL
DURING THEIR STAY IN MONTREAL.

This side for address only.

Hope your cold is better
very busy rehearsing
and performing!
can hardly wait to get
to Quebec - T.V.

Miss Laugane & family
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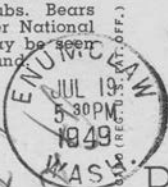


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 I ever saw all.
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Miss L. Musser
To Hotel Buckingham
W 57 th & 6 th
New York City

Please don't plan
on sending us mail
will wait until we
get some housing
and time ourselves
country - T.



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View of Hotel Cleveland and Terminal Tower, in the center of downtown Cleveland. The Observation Porch on 42nd floor affords a remarkable view of the city and Lake Erie.



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Laura Jane Mussler
Hotel Dorset-W54
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My dear Mrs. Mussler,
I am so glad to hear
from you and hope
you will like it. Good
night & love,
T. V.

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Sept on the fields
last mile (and many
mild animals), much
more on mountain
tops and well -
T.



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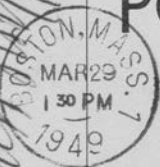


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ARMY DAY, APRIL 6.



Miss Lawrence Musser
c/o Hotel Dorsett
W 54 th +
New York City

My son and daughter
along with and their
son and is good.
Wonderful weather
here, last week
We have -
The weather is

[1949]

Miss Laura Jane Musser
70 Hotel Worset
W 54th
New York City

Best Wishes
for a Happy Easter!





Hoping ever so much
You will have every reason
For enjoying yourself
At this
glad Easter season!

Helma and John Groth



Mrs Laura Jane Messer
Little Falls,
Minnesota

Kobart
444 Clw
Jury C

SATURDAY Aft.
BACKSTAGE

Laura Jane, dear -

This is our last Matinee
this Fall as we are
closing tonight. We
just couldn't make it
go. Your sweet letters
have been most welcome.
Also, let me thank you
for your generous check
and your lovely letter
to Nancy. She & all
the Lemoraders were so
pleased. (There is

a hall full of children, and
it's a good show.) I saw
Barbara on the Broadway
Bus - she had been to the
doctor, & looked well. I'm
truly glad you're enjoying
your visit - forgive my
brevity - Be well - Regards to all.
Love, Ruth

Thank
You

Kobart
444 CFW
NYC 25



Miss Laura Jane Messer
Little Falls,
Minnesota

Thursday -

Laura dear - Already it's
Thursday, and it seems like
yesterday that I spoke to
you. You're so bad.
Before we know it!

Thank you for calling -
We're busy showing my
to my Aunt, so no time
to hope - January tour
is full of "dates" so maybe
it won't be so bad a
person after all. Can
me when you get in.
Love, Ruth



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Hotel Buckingham
57th and 64th Ave
New York, N.Y.

Robert
444 Central Ave West
NYC.

Monday -

Laura dear -

Riehl's letter enclosed. She
is truly a dear person
& writes such an interesting
letter. Joyous meeting

you Barbara tonight -
and again thank
for dinner the care
soon - Vera grabbed
the photo so am
returning only the one.
Be well Love, Ruth



Air Mail



Miss Lorraine Musser
Little Falls.

ITS GOOD BUSINESS

CHIRE THE HANDICAPPE



Dear Laura Jane

Thank you for your
sweet letter am happy you
reached home safely and found
your family in fine shape.
You had some storm there
we read about it here.

We have had a few July days
but thank heaven it's cooler
today.

I went to see the Sadler's
English ballet last night
and I did enjoy it, they
do beautiful work and

are the nicest people.

You must tell it when you
return here. Barbara phoned me
she had some sinus trouble
and I sent her to my Dr.
I phoned her a few times
to find out how she is but
no answer I guess she's
busy practicing.

Dr. McCall phoned her about
your practice time Mr. Groth
made some arrangement
with him about keeping
it, said he was sure you
would take care of it

upon your return as its a
handy location for you and
you know what a difficult
time you had finding a place
to practice, I don't know the
full details but Mr. Gorth can
tell you when you return.

Glad you reached the G. be
cause its with care, as I do not
want you to strain your
throat. Enjoy you in the
country now, must be
wonderful where you are,
the autumn colors are so



wonderful, and the ripened
fruit and vegetables always give
me a thrill.
My love to you Mother Dad and
Alice, and Pauline -
We miss you - Always
Helma Valpha Gorth

Air Mail



Miss Lawrence Mussall
~~Little Falls~~ % 24 Dorset Hotel
30 West 54th St.
~~Minn.~~ New York City



keep my luggage locked
but had to leave it in
train a few times and
I think porter helped
himself. My love to you
your mother I had and
also. Sincerely,
Mary Tatypha

Dear Laura Jane

Was so nice to have
your letter, and I loved
the card. The wileth the
cutest thing I have seen
in the wileth category.

I'm so nice here in
Cal. have been busy
with some of my friends.
Was nice you took
my John to concert
I bet he enjoyed it very
much.

We were all so

upset over the passing of John L.
was a great shock to us!

The houses here have not been too
good Lucia last night was half a
house, the papers said they
needed stars for that opera.

John is Carmen so we shall see.

I will be so happy to get home
again, I have had so many things
stolen from my bag, my garnet
ring, crystal earrings, my toilet
water, evening bag and new
bed room slippers. and I do
not unpack any more than
I have to and always



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Dear Laurajane,

Thank you for your wire.
I am lunching with a Chinese
girl Miss Boon I think that's
the name, a friend of
yours, she has such a nice
speaking voice.

Friday is the day I can
come out to your home
but I must be in town

at night as I am in the
space of time they carry in
Care anything happens.

It is very warm here today
feels like July in N. Y. &
and I am half packed to
leave, and packed my
summer clothes last night
because of wetness so will
wheat it out today, I

have to attend a meeting
way out in Hollywood
this afternoon, the
distances here just



THE BILTMORE HOTEL
LOS ANGELES 13, CALIFORNIA

floor you, takes forever
to get anywhere on the
bus.

We have a very heavy two
weeks coming will be
happy to get back home
again, business has not
been too good here
they sold only seven hundred
seats for games.
Now will only play

a week here next year.

I will be at Hotel Mirolette
have my reservation
under Groth.

My best to your family
and I hope to see you
in Mexico.

Love

Shelma Hatley

Air Mail



Miss Lurajane Musser
Hotel Buckingham
W 57th & 6th Ave
N. Y. C.

Have a good time and
practice hard.

John joins me in sending
Greetings.

affectionately
Akima Vatyka



Dear Laura Jane Monday
We hope to get
away from here this morning.
We have had such a busy week
up every morning at 6.4. m
and to bed at midnight.

We wound up all our business
yesterday & now we are
ready to take a little vacation.
We had a terrible rain storm
yesterday was a relief as the
heat was terrible I never felt
it so much as here.

I had a week of dealing with
the rusties and they are
fun but you surely have to
come down to their level if
they think you know more

than they do you a big
show off I miss N.Y. and
my home and cooking I
do get so tired of restaurant
food. I have had a touch of
me fever ever since we
arrived here. I hope you are
getting along fine, we will
let you know where and
when to send the mail as
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October 8, 1949

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Hotel Buckingham, #1206,
101 West 57th St
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Miss Muser:

Thank you for your letter.

I am in agreement with what you say.

I am sorry that you could not
come to the dinner.

Yours sincerely,

Vincent Sheean
Vincent Sheean

*I used to live at the
Buckingham — in
the year 1941. Paderewski
lived there then and died
there.*

VINCENT SHEEAN
20 WEST 40TH STREET
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September 23, 1949

Dear Miss Musser:

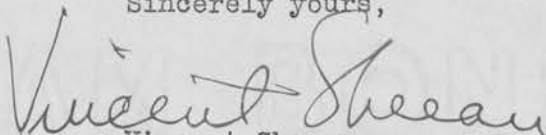
I have asked Ted Poston, staff correspondent of the Post Home News, and Franklin H. Williams, distinguished Assistant Special Counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to meet with a group of friends of the "Committee of 100" at luncheon on October 4th at the Hotel Delmonico. You will remember Ted Poston's reports of the trial in early September of three Negro youths, Samuel Shepherd, Walter Ervin and Charles Greenlee, charged with the "rape" of a white woman in Groveland, Florida. After a two-day trial, two of these boys were condemned to die; sixteen-year-old Charles Greenlee was given life imprisonment in a monstrous miscarriage of justice.

I want you to meet and hear these speakers. Because I covered the Columbia, Tennessee race riot trials three years ago for the New York Herald Tribune, I can appreciate the courage displayed by Mr. Poston and Mr. Williams in facing the hate-ridden atmosphere of this rural southern community. They were the first Negro attorney and the first Negro newspaperman to enter Lake County, Florida in pursuit of their professions.

Franklin Williams will tell us of the legal battle the N.A.A.C.P. is waging for these three young men. I have no hesitation in asking for your help to save these innocent boys condemned by an all-white jury, not because of guilt but because of color.

Please let me know on the enclosed card if you can be with us, or telephone Mrs. Avery at LA 4-2521 to make your reservation. I look forward to meeting you on October 4th.

Sincerely yours,


Vincent Sheean

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