



Laura Jane Musser and
Family Papers.

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Miss Laura Murrer,
~~Lindero Hill~~, 101 West 57th St
~~Little Falls~~, New York City
~~Minnesota~~, N.Y.
c/o Buckingham Hotel

apt. 2-C = 210 Clinton Avenue - Brooklyn 5 N.Y.

was a joy to know of his success with his students. So many seek him whenever they need decide a serious question. Needless to say, that rejoices me.

Hope you have had a good summer and not too much too hot weather. New York has had the hottest summer on record. Regards to you and your family - Mary B. Sumner



Fringed Gentian

apt. 2-c
210 Clinton Avenue,
Brooklyn 5 N. Y.
August 7-1949.

Dear Lady Laura:- Miss you every time I go to Broadway. Hope you are to be here this winter - 'Tis good to see you often.

With you could have been

with me on my trip to
Talladega for Commencement.

The music always thrills
me very much - in fact -
it has rather spoiled all
other singing of groups.
'I was just as good, if not
better, than ever.

It was a joy to see
so many friends - that is
one advantage of going
at "Commencement." Many
of our "quads" were there
for the ending of the
year.

Visited Charles - the
Little Falls Summer Baby -
at Kent Ohio where he is
a "Prof." in the University. It



U. Y. October 20th
Dear Lamma Lane!

Good to know you are
having a wonderful time
at your parents home
enjoying lovely people
and nature! Tracy is
very busy preparing for
his concert and at the
same time working with
Miss Anderson. Looking
forward to seeing you
soon - and thank you
for the invitation to
take us to the theater
with love from us both
to you and your parents from Shafi

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ITS GOOD BUSINESS

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POST CARD

Miss Lamma Lane
Musser
Little Falls, Minn.
From Linden Hill

apr 41
501 W. 111 St
new york 15 ny



GRAND

STATION

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

⁴
Hope, if you can
find time to come
up with me later
that you two young
ladies can see some-
thing of each other.
Well my dear, I trust
you are enjoying
Minn. and that
your mother & dad
are fine, too.

Lots of love
Kenda

Dear Laura Jane - Wed.
Many happy re-
turns of the day. Am
sending a package,
an atomizer which I
had filled with cologne
and on bringing it to the
office to wrap the con-
tents ran out as
it was turned on
the fire. Anyway,
that is why it is
empty. How are
you anyway? The

time. Once recently
 Mr Lane rode by
 + stopped. He was
 on a beautiful horse.
 I asked him about
 his lovely daughter,
 whom you met & he
 said she is in France
 stopping with some
 charming people
 in a castle, chateau
 or some such place.
 She is bicycling around

weather² here had been
 so cold. Have been
 to Whiteock several
 times in May, the
 last time being
 over the Decoration
 Day weekend, and
 was it cold up there.
 Necessary to have
 the fireplace go-
 ing every minute.
 We managed how-
 ever to have a nice

Genevieve Norsted
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Miss Laura Jane Musser
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New York, New York.

Please Forward

tel. no. Decatur 1080
ext. 804.

c/o apt. 804 - Edgelystone apts.
(Greene Towers)
Washington D.C.

Dearest Laura J: Sunday.

It seems years since I talked to you and I'm wondering whether you are still in N.Y.? I flew to D.C. and was thrilled about it, as it only took about 5 hrs. from Mpls. Imagine?

I noticed an article in the paper in Mpls. about your Dear Friend Ruth K. She is to sing there Nov. 27 I believe? I didn't get to ~~Mpls~~ Washington as soon as I had planned. Ed. and I were out of town part of the summer vacationing. Then Ruth, my sister, and I went on a couple of short trips, so now I'm East and love it. I hope you are in N.Y.C. as I am planning on few days at East up there, to see a few shows, etc. I won't write too much this time, just in case it doesn't reach you. (over)

Hope you are having a grand
time and of course, I think
of you so very often and am
looking forward to seeing
you again soon. No doubt
you are quite advanced ~~on~~
the organ and also voice?
Are Thelma V. and her devoted
also back in N.Y.C. now? My
best wishes to them and Ruth K.
too. Please give my regards
to your Mom & Daddy and
sister, won't you? I have
enjoyed meeting them and if you
are back home, no doubt I'll be
^{seeing you} back there too, before long.

Much Love and
I am as always,
Your Aunt - Genevieve



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Jan. 2nd, 1949

Dear Laura Jane,

You must know by this time I am all sweetened with that lovely package you sent me. Oh, weren't they good! I am saving some for you and you will see I am telling the truth. You are so kind and loving Laura Jane, and I feel so undeserving of so much love. When are you returning? New York looks so dirty and slushy and very cold and windy. This should not bother you coming from the west. I am sure you had a lovely Christmas with your sweet Ma & Dad.

Am anxious to see Pearl, she returns to-night from Florida.

Will write you later, at present I have no news.

Much, much love to Laura Jane
and family
affectionately
Jane.



Jane Williams
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*Miss Laura Jane Musser,
Little Falls,
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Linden Hill.



Miss Laura Jane Muster -
Linden Hills -

Little Falls -
Minnesota -

From J. D. Crowther

128 Central Park South. N. Y. C.

128 Central Park South.
New York. (19)
January 6, 1949.

Dear Laura Jane -

Greetings from the
Crowthers who are wishing you
the happiest of new years. Also
we want to thank you again
for the ^{very} interesting book on geese,
and to tell you what a
delightful surprise came in the
form of luscious candied fruit.
The book and the sweets are
a wonderful combination to
pamper ourselves with. Needless
to say our little pal is in our
thoughts as we enjoy both.

We look forward to

your return the fourteenth.

We were in Philadelphia for over Christmas and had a jolly visit. How were the holidays in Minnesota? It was so cold hereabouts but is back to normal. The opera is booming along!

Mother joins in warm regards to your parents and in love to you. Ever, fondly, Together.



Mrs. Wayne Van Kirk

210 Fourth Street North East Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Laura Jane,

I want to let you know how very much I have enjoyed our "musical evenings" in your home during the past months. You have been generous and gracious with your time and talent and have provided a means for many of us to hear good music — an opportunity we could have had in no other way.

I am so sorry that a meeting of the Cradle Roll Mothers in our church, scheduled

always for the second Monday of each month, will prevent my being with you next Monday evening. I am especially sorry not to be there since it will be the last meeting before you leave for New York.

Wayne joins me in wishing for you a very happy year in 1949.

Affectionately,

Mary

7 January
1949



Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland Avenue
Little Falls
Minnesota

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210 Fourth Street North East Little Falls, MN

Minnesota

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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hills,
Little Falls,
Minnesota

1.

mpls. Dec. 30,

Dearest Laura J.

at last there's a slight lull in the holiday activities and I have a few minutes to spend with you. I have been thinking of you and rather expected to see you in mpls? I was laughing at the "Home Sweet Zoo" and aren't the pictures amusing and the captions appropo, though? Thanks dear, for thinking of sending me the copy and also the napkins which I utilized nicely. I was hoping you'd manage to visit mpls. during the holidays

2.

as I have had a little gift for you which I didn't want to send thru the mails, (it's breakable). Well, maybe I'll see you in N.Y.C. during January or thereafter, as no doubt you'll be back to your apt. there very soon? I'll keep the little remembrance until I see you personally. Your sweet Card also arrived and that ^{one, and others} many greetings all helped to make our Christmas very merry, and I hope you had a grand time too. Best Wishes to your dear

family and
much Love —
and Happiness to
you, dear, in 1950.

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Duluth 1, Minnesota

Dear Laura Jane,

Have thought of you so many times, & don't know "who owes who" a letter, but will start the ball rolling.

We are now living in Duluth & we like it a lot. Hub has his own Agency so we are settled here for good. I'm so glad because it is a nice city, & so many places to go, & things to do.

I am waiting for Hub now at the office, so that's why I'm using this large paper. Hope you will excuse it.

Have you been in Little Falls this spring? We were there for Easter, & had a wonderful time. It's always so nice to go home, & the folks have been in Duluth several times. They have a new car & like to take little trips.

We are going to Mpls. the 30th for the Ice Festival. I'm sure they will be good, as each year they seem to improve.

Laura Jane, you should see our dog - We have

a Scatter, & she is just a doll. Just as smart, & as cute
as can be. We have more fun with her, & of course
took her home with us for Easter. Her name is "Lady
Flapper" & she lives up to it too!

You must write & tell me what you have been
doing, & all the good stuff etc. you've been to - You
know I'm always interested.

Let me hear from you - My home add. is
2525 East 3rd St.

Love to you
Suzie

P.S. When you write your folks, give them love for me - I hope
your Mother is feeling better.



Miss Laura Jane Messer
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minn.

E. B. Fournier

3568 1/2 So. Van Ness

Los Angeles, Calif.

May 7, 1949

Dearest Laure,

Did Miss Volipka write you about
our luncheon, tête-à-tête? I think she is
a wonderful personality and can
well understand your liking her as
much as you do. I meant to hear
one opera, but of course waited
until the last minute to purchase
a ticket - to no avail; the tickets
were all sold out. Miss Volipka
said she & Mr. would come again
next year - but please keep me
posted - I'll write you again, of course.

I'm so glad you like the dolls, Laura,
dear, - you've done so much for Bruce
and I - the least I can do is give you
my friendships and express my
appreciation with material things
as, dolls, and the little oriental
objets d'art, etc. —

You, and I and many others are
sensitive, Laura, and it is well said
that people who have a cultured back-
ground are sensitive. So, it is to your

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advantage to be so. Perhaps you mean, you
are sensitive in the respect that your feelings
are hurt? - but as you say, the other
party or individual seldom realizes or
knows our mental makeup.

And so we come around to
Mother day. Bruce is taking me out
to a restaurant and a mouse, he says,
and he counted 17 pennies!! Rich
little boy! —

When are you coming Westward,
Laura Jane. How I wish I had an
apartment. At present I'm staying
with my brother and in cramped
quarters. But I do wish you were
here too.

Have you met Ah Kew yet?

My love and do write soon!

Love,
Father

Cover
509 2nd St. N.E.
Little Falls, Minn.

Air mail



VIA AIR MAIL

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

for a week - and then
his folks - then school
starts again!

Please tell Ruth "Hello" -
also - Rickey & Thelma - you
have some grand friends,
but of course - you deserve
them if ever anyone did.

Wally & Johnny are both
anxious for you to come
home! - So am I - naturally

More later, Darling - and
"Thank you for the lovely
Evenings" -



8111
MADE IN U.S.A.

your devoted friend,
Ruth.



Ruth

Monday -

Dearest Laura.

It's now
11:30 p.m., but I just
must write & tell
you I arrived home
safely, and I had the
most wonderful time I've
ever had in my life.
Shux! - Thank you,
Darling, ever and
ever again.

I hope I didn't
tire you too much -



² it seemed to me, you were forever racing around doing and doing things for me.

I had a nice visit with Mary, and left her your address, so I hope you two get together.

I arrived home on Tues. evening - and it was as hot here as it was in N.Y. - Wed. - I slept all day! Thurs. - I cleaned my house, washed clothes, baked, etc. - and Friday

³ my brother & family - and in-laws came. - Sunday I had dinner and supper for 16! - so you see - I'm back to work again! I've jabbled so much about N.Y., and you that I wonder if people are getting tired of me!

I intend to call your mother tomorrow - but don't know when I'll get down there, as my company is here for 2 wks. - then Wally's brother comes

G. Parsons.
612 W. 115th St.
New York 25. N. Y.



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

Apr. 1206

Thank you for
a very happy and
stimulating evening.

Sincerely,
Gladys Parsons

New York
July 17, 1949

My Dear Miss Musser:
My week-end guest,
on her way home from
a music work-shop
near Boston, and I
were so appreciative
of the very exceptional
and delightful ex-
perience you furnished
us.

We had tried to get tickets, as we heard it was an unusual group. We certainly found it so and are anxious to know more about the history of the organization and its plans for the future.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
The Hotel Daisett, #204
New York City, New York.

From: Mrs. Glen P. Porter, Sr.
1791 Alder
Eugene, Oregon

Dear, dear Laura Jane:

Your sweet note of March 3rd warmed
the coldles of my heart. How nice
of you to take the time to write
me of your interesting and absorbing
activities in the city of cities.

Gene and Steve Simonet came out
here to spend Easter with John & Mom
and their families - and it was good
to see them. Easter Sunday we were
having the family - Glad & sons - one
with a wife and the other with a
pioneer - Mom - my mother and
a bachelor friend of Glen's (my husband)
so we had Gene & Steve, John & Betty
and Mom and Shirley come in for
cocktails to meet our children and
it was a lively and happy time.
Gene was so interested in your
work in New York - You are a very
ambitious girl - to carry such a

full program - but you are lucky too
to have such fine teachers. When I
think how well you spoke the night
you graduated from high school
(which was the first time I ever
saw you - I wonder how you can
find room for so much improve-
ment - 'aug. I thought you were quite
phenomenal then for a teen ager.

We've just finished a bang up redecorat-
ing job on our kitchen - I like Kents
floor yellow walls & woodwork, and
cherry red drain boards - and all
cupboards lined in cherry red -
And believe it or not - our kitchen curtains
hang from tiny red cables. Hooks and
sliders - instead of the usual curtain
rods - my idea. When I searched
in vain for something with a
green pepper on the end - to no
avail.

Har is finishing her sophomore year at the U here - and has all bogged down with club work at the moment but are looking forward to summer when clubs are not so active.

Patty, her husband and their little "Lardy" are coming out for a visit very soon - and are counting the days. They might run into New York for a few days (they are stationed at Cherry Point, N.C. Carolina) and are asking Patty to give you a ring if they get to the city.

Mother is living with us - she is so sweet and companionable. I'm most fortunate to have her.

And Laura Jo. I wish you could see the spring flowers - Lilacs, iris, tulips, carnations, etc are all out in full glory - and the apple trees, plum and cherry are beyond description.

We live practically on the campus,⁴
so we take advantage of many of
the fine things that are available -
we have an excellent music school
here - and lots of musical treats.

You knew Miss Juzgers didn't you when
she was supervisor of music in L. F.?
She is Mrs. Charles Wilson now - and
living in Eugene - has a sweet little
boy - I see her - oh not often enough -
but occasionally.

Thus is taking on proportions - so I'd
better call a halt to my flying pen -
keep up the good word you are
doing and write again to your
friends and well-wishes -

Love

Anne

Eugene. Ore
4-22-49



Air Mail

*Miss Laura Jane Musser
Hotel Dorset
30 West 54th Street
New York City, N.Y.*

#204

C. B. Yarn

3568 ¹/₂ So. Van Ness St.

Los Angeles, Calif.

April 16, 1949

Dearest Laura,

Here's hoping this
little note still finds
you in N.Y.

As you remember
my Int. House
roommate Ph. Kenna
Hew? She is on her
way to N.Y. and I
gave her your address
and asked her to look
you up.

Did you spend a
delightful Easter
holiday?

This is just a hurried
note - I will write later.

Love,

Ester

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NEW YORK

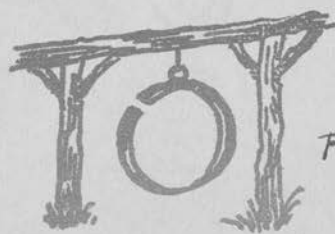
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Dear Laura Jane,

I am now up in Camp Andree and every thing seems to be going fine. Our camp is divided up into seven different units and I am in Innisfree. Innisfree is the only units without any floors and are beds, trunks must be put on rocks. Will you write me before Sunday and perhaps you can visit me. Hope to see you soon.

Just as ever,

Susan Betty



P.S. Just as ever only a few more mosquito bites.

CAMP ANDREE

PLEASANTVILLE

NEW YORK



*Miss Laura Jane Musser
Buckingham Hotel
New York City*

apt 1206



Miss Laura Jane Musser
The Buckingham
57 St
New York
N.Y.

AK 1206

Mr. Belsky.

Care Dr Chandler Shaw

Bethany, W. Va.

Tuesday night
July 3rd, 1949

Dearest Lorna Jane:

I surely hope the heat
wave has abated in N. Y. C.
We are in the pan handle of
W. Va which is on the level of
Philadelphia

I asked a Mrs Jean Brownley
to attend the C.E. She may
show up at the Friday Eve
Social and or on Sunday
evening at the Prayer Meeting.

I heard that she can play
the piano so you, as
Musings Com. Chairman,
getting started ask her
to play a solo at some
time in autumn. If
she doesn't play well
enough we don't have
to ask her to play again.
I am waiting my brother
Ben - this time ~~little~~ kids are
very sweet. I might the
youngest aged 2 1/2 now not

into the back yard with no
clothes on. When reproved &
sent indoors she stood up
on the window sill - with
nothing on.

Tonight we ate our dinner
on the lovely lawn & soon
we are going to the opera in
Stadium in Wheeling W. Va.
to hear their symphony
orchestra.

Better - fitter

Love -

A Gibson Card

GIBSON CITY, U. S. A.

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Mary and Belsky.



May 24, 49.

Dear Miss Musser: Thank you
for your order of the Salem
Bitch. I am so glad your
friends were so pleased.
and hope you will enjoy
yours as much. I am returning
check for six dollars and
seventy-five cents (\$6.75). The
doll was 2.75 and postage
.50. Thank you for your
interest. Sincerely Mrs F. E. Miller



Laura Jane Musser.
Linden Hill
Little Falls.
Minnesota.

Mrs. Frank E. Millea
142 Federal Street
Salem - Massachusetts

P.L.B.5 2281
Handcolored



played, as you may
well imagine, to a
packed house.

Last week we heard
Bruno Walter in the
Beethoven series —
Magnificent.

Happy Easter!

Love,

Elisabeth.

Dear Laura Jane:

Thanks for your
sweet card and the
equally sweet scent
enclosed!

I'm looking for-
ward to the Marion
Andersen concert, and
greatly enjoyed the
Claudio Arrau. He

E. van Veen and

% Col.

O. Q.

Mitchell



Q.



Miss Laura Jane Whisser
Hotel Dorset #204
30 West 54th
N.Y.C.

Mrs. G. Norsted
3101 Lyndale Ave. South
mpls. 8, Minn
apt. 21



Miss Laura Jane Musser
c/o The Buckingham
Hotel,
New York, New York.

Myelo. So T.

Dear Laura J.

It was so sweet of you to remember my Birthday. The cologne has such a wonderful fragrance. It seems to me I associate it with you? Isn't it the kind you use? I love it. I had a nice birthday but I had a week of miserics. I had an acute attack of tonsillitis. I'm sitting on Calhoun Beach now, trying to get a little sun-bathing as I still feel rather weak. By the way, Ed took me to dinner at the Curtis Friday night,

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and guess who I ran into? Your folks! I introduced Ed. to them and I also met your Daddy for the first time. He seems to be a dear old gentleman, of course I missed you especially then. My sister Irene arrived home last Saturday and Ruth on Monday (Ruth had gone down to Chi. for a few days). We had a little Family get-together last Monday on Mom's Birthday and so the time goes Johnny Angel (I call him

#3 -
"angel" because he has a
cherubic face - blonde curls
and dimples) well he called
from Winona and said he'd
be up some week-end, but
so far - no Johnny. I am
wondering exactly when I'll
go East - possibly after July 15
or later - I want to miss
the hottest Wash. weather.

Hope you aren't suffering
from the heat in N.Y.? Best
Wishes to Madame, V. tipka
and also Ruth K. It was
such fun having you here
and hope it won't
be too long until we meet

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again. I imagine you are
 busy these days with
 your music and all
 your other activities?
 Also a little housekeeping,
 no doubt, which is
 fun, isn't it? Ed. sends
 his Best also, and

Much Love
 as always,

Genevieve

P. S. Hope you'll have
 a little something when

You can write
 me a few lines
 and let me know
 how things are?

G. N.

Excuse the horrible
 scribbling, but the
 pen is foul.

Please excuse the typing and the badly written letter.
I just completed one to my sister Irene, in D.C.
I only remember you said the "Buckingham" hotel in N.Y. so hope it reaches you?

Mpls. July '20

Dear Laura J:

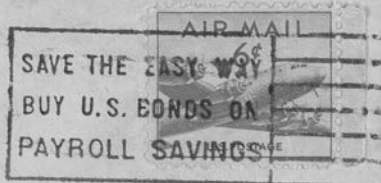
I haven't heard a sound from you so hope that wasn't the "end of a beautiful friendship"? I wrote you several times, thanking you for the birthday gift, etc.? We had a grand time on our vacation up in the northern part of Michigan where the air was clear and cool and quite a change from hot, humid Minneapolis. However, right now its nice and comfortable at home.

I'm busy as ever. Ruth is in town and reducing methodically and she goes daily for her treatment. She's bound and determined she's going to get down to two sizes smaller.

I hope you are enjoying yourself and that you have fun, romance, and excitement? You should, dear, as you have everything on your side- including youth and a wonderfully charming personality. For one so young, you are capable of ^{holding the} ~~interesting~~ of persons much older in experience and years. I think you're swell.

I have come to the conclusion that perhaps your folks thought I was too "gay"- possibly too experienced in years, etc. for your friendship and I don't blame them at all, for thinking so. However, don't let it worry you. I have only enjoyed your "company" as I do any other girls. I miss hearing from you but you'll agree that I am very understanding about things and I know I would never lead you astray or into "bad company". All my acquaintances are lovely, cultured people. None I need make excuses for. I do love excitement but my Norwegian ancestry keeps me "sensible" and even when the Irish side of my nature loves romance and ~~an~~ an occasional "fling" shall we say - never have I ever disgraced myself or my family. I hope you understand, you, Sweet Kid and —aur revoir- Genevieve

Mrs. Ed. Norsted
3101 Lyndale Ave. S.
Minneapolis 8, Minn.



A I R M A I L

Miss Laura Jane Musser
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Special Delivery

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along to make pie
for your friends?! I'm
pretty fair at pie!

I'm very pleased with
myself in summer school -
we had our mid-term
tests, and I got "A" in all!
Don't know how that ever
happened!

See if we can get on
a radio program to "Hit
the Jack-Pot" or something!!
I need a new "Pot"! I'll
let you know exact time
of arrival in my
next note. Hope you're well
& happy as always -
Ruth.

MADE IN U.S.A.

Ruth

July 10th

My Dear Laura Jane -

I suppose
you think I'm an
awful friend by
this time - Please
forgive me. - So
much has happened
that I'll have to
wait and
jabber when
I see you.

² Yes, I've finally arranged things so that I can make it to New York. You'll never ever guess how thrilled I am!

Summer School will be out the 22nd of July - so I plan to leave on Tues., July 26th. I can stay over night in Chicago with my kid brother, and leave from

³ Chicago on Wed. - I haven't called or made any definite arrangements yet - but I will as soon as I hear from you if that will agree with your plans. What should I do when I hit New York? I hear a green feather in my hat, and stand on the platform and call - Laura Jane! Where are you?!! Shall I bring some blueberries

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

Mrs. H. D. Woodward
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RIVERVIEW, R. F. D. NO. 4
LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

Apr. 19-1949

Dear Laura Jane:

Your fragrant reminder
of Easter and the robin and apple
blossom card made me happy.

I planned to write you as
soon as I heard you had been
having flu - or a cold - but I
just didn't get it done, as you know!

I have kept so busy that my
days just fly by. I still have
to go to Mother every day -

She does not require a great
deal of nursing care, but she

cant comb her hair now
and she cant put drops in
her own eyes - I go in at
1:30 every afternoon when Neil
goes back to the office - Then
I usually take the bus home
at 3 or 4 oc. Some days
Mother is relaxed and very
comfortable and other days
she will be tense & unhappy
and wishing she could die.

She cant see why God does
not let her go when she is
so ready and has so little

3 to stay here for -

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She takes a great deal of interest in church. She even finds out who was there from my father. Rev. Van K visits her every Sunday afternoon and reads the same scripture he did in church. Then a prayer and a short visit and she is always so happy after he has been there.

Rev. Kingswriter of the Assembly

4- of God Church also calls
on Mather and he is a
great comfort. We think
he is a fine man too.

Our Easter service at Church
was very beautiful - The lilies
added the real Easter touch
and the music was exceptionally
fine. Neil and I got there
at 5 min. to 11 A.M. and we got
the last two seats in the last
row of that North Chapel - We
couldn't even see Rev. Van K.
It is so wonderful to go to

church now and feel the

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Happy, relaxed, reverent spirit
that prevails now in place
of poor Rev. McNary's tense,
antagonistic attitude.

Neil & I were alone Easter
but we expect Bud & Ida Thurs
for a few days visit. Then
we are going over to
Maunau, Wisconsin to spend
Sunday May 1st with George
on his 36th birthday. He

has a new home, and a
brave new baby girl, so it
will be fun to see them.

I only hope Mother keeps
well enough so we can
leave.

I shall be
glad to hear from you
soon - With much love

Grace

P.D. - I played the beautiful
records of Parsifal many
times in Holy Week - They
are a real joy to me -

THE SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE, SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 11, 1949.

OPERA OF HAITI HAS RICH SCORE

Premiere of 'Ouanga'
Is Golden Evening
For White.

BY FRANK G. SCHMIDT.

Tribune Music Editor.

"Ouanga," ~~by~~ Cameron White's opera born of Haiti's turbulent history, had its world premiere Friday night in Central High school auditorium.

There was none of the glitter of the premiere of a new work such as the Metropolitan Opera company would give. Instead there was a sincerity of purpose and evidence of heart breaking work that was more thrilling than a million spotlights and miles of jewels and ermine.

Whether White's opera takes its place among the immortal works, or gathers dust on the shelves, the Burleigh Music association will have a golden evening in its memoirs, a premiere of an opera written by a Negro for Negro players.

The opera will have a matinee performance today and a final performance at 8 o'clock this evening when Joseph Charles, Haiti's ambassador to the United States, will be in the audience.

Portrays Awesomeness.

White went to Haiti's folk tunes for his themes and he has built a rich score. His themes are laid on rhythmic pattern that jolts and sways with a jungle beat and often sweeps to majestic, terrifying heights. He has sought to portray the awesomeness of voodooism and he succeeds. His score is a gem of orchestration and Zigmont George Gaska, director of the South Bend-Mishawaka Junior Symphony orchestra, drew every ounce of beauty from his group of picked musicians.

His intervals are of type to test a singer's courage and strength. The soloists Friday night did not stumble and if at times they appeared unsteady it was because of handling a most difficult score.

The cast has some fine voices, especially Carmen Malebranch, who sings the role of Defilee, Ruth Reese, who sings Mougali and Fritz Vincent who sings Des-salines. Two vocal numbers that stand out are Miss Malebranch's final aria and Miss Reese's opening song in the prologue.

Colorful and Tumultuous.

The production was colorful and

tumultuous when the Katherine Flowers dancers took the stage.

The settings are handsome and costumes are eye filling. Notable, too, is the excellent work of the Burleigh chorus, trained by Josephine M. Curtis, music director of the Burleigh Music association. James Lewis Casaday was responsible for the staging and direction and Katherine Flowers, of Chicago, the choreography.

The real thrill of a premiere

came at the close when White and his librettist, John F. Matheus, took bows with the cast to resounding applause. Dr. White also

took the baton to conduct the overture and for one of the entr'acts.



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I hope you are having a very pleasant summer. Spring has been beautiful here with New England rich in bloom. I have had two merry journeys to Salem and Marblehead since you were here. However, I think the highlight of the first exploratory visit and delightful appreciation of the "Hawthorne" would make the early journey the most colorful.

I have the Marion Anderson review which I shall see that you receive. It praises her performance without reservation. Have been very busy throughout the Spring Session R.S.

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Thankful it was not completely broken. She is being a good sport about it.

Mr. Bennett's death was a great shock, and in a sense we all lived thru a very difficult week again. Fortunately Richard was home and was a great help and comfort to us all.

Richard goes to a place in the Chesapeake River for ten days in July and then to Pensacola, Fla. for Aerial Transport-Carrier duty - he will be gone six or seven weeks but will be here most of June. John goes to the Legion Boys State for a week in June and then to Camp Hiawatha again for some work and part time counselling.

Ruthie and I will be busy at home. She, Susan P. and Irving Christenagel received an A rating for their flute trio, "Dance of the Reed Flutes" - they will want to continue their practice.

I hope you are well - we think of you so often. With much love - Ruthie & I

Easter Monday

Dear Laura Jane,

Your "sweet" card arrived today - Ruthie and I had thought of you very specially yesterday - spring in Central Park - New York in general - What a magic time it was, memories we will always treasure, so many of them made possible by you.

My week of vacation was doubly busy as Gen. Smoots was called away and it

duet. It went off better than I had hoped - we weren't just "poured out on a plate" as so often happens when we have sprinklings of the unrehearsed and no direction. The extra rehearsal before service is an excellent idea and I shall continue it if I can find a spot for it - now that it is warm again it should be easier.

I am anxious to hear all about you, your study and interesting friends. ^{my greeting to Mr. Seattle & Mrs. Votzka.}

As your mother has perhaps told you, Ruthie has a fractured vertebra (gym. class) so must wear a brace until next September. She will be able to swim. I am

meant extra rehearsals with Judy Engel who was home for her vacation. Judy played the Maundy Thursday service. We sang "The Legend" by Schai Kowsky and David Simonds, a guest soloist (bass) sang "Were You There" very beautifully. Gen. came back for the Sun. service so we rehearsed at 10 A.M. - I had thirty-two in the choir - could not have rolled or seated another. We sang Dickinson's "A Joyous Easter" Mrs. Westine and Roy Corbett sang the



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Little Falls, Minn.

Dear Laura Jane,

I am glad that you are home.

I want to thank you very much for the lovely things.

We enjoy them very much. He would like to have

you come out to our school. We are studying about

Indians. I like school very much.

The boxes are very pretty.

They have many beautiful colors. He would enjoy
a list from you very much

With love,

gerry Ann.

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Dear Miss. Musser,

I thank you very much
for the swings. We use ~~them~~ every day. I know
how to walk across the swings. We are having
an Indian Unit. We have to make our costumes.
We have built our Teepee. Come visit us at school.

your friend,
Darlene

Dec. 1

Little Falls, Minn.

O. C. 6, 1949

Dear Miss Mussey

Thank you for the swings.

We are having an Indian unit. We like to play
Indian. I am the ~~popose~~ ~~if~~ I go to hunt buffalo.
I like the swings if you please ~~come~~ and see

use us

Your friend,

D. Loree

Dear Miss Musser,

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Little Falls,
Minnesota

We appreciate you giving us the
swings. We have fun swinging ^{ing} on them every day.

We hope that you will have time
to come out and see us. We want you to see
our Indian costumes and pose.

Your friend,

Le Roy N

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Dear Miss Musser,

Oh! We like our swings you gave us.

We have so much fun on them. Thank you for them.

You should come to school. We have Indian drawings.
up all over almost. We have them on every wall board.
In school we have a record of ten little Indians and
the record of circus times. I didn't have any.

and the other children did.

Your friend,
Marilyn.

List. 7

Oct. 6

Little Lally, Minn.

Dear Miss Mussey

We like the swing that you gave us. We
swing on them all the time. We invite you to our school. We
are having an Indian in it at school. We had Indian boys -

Your friends,

Dean

Dear Miss Musser,

Thank you
very much for the Swings.
Please come and see us soon.

Carol

Le Roy

MARY Ann

Robert

Bohita

Dennis