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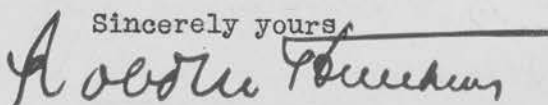
Dear Miss Musser:

On November 21st, this emergency committee issued our first appeal for financial support to enable us to appear before the Federal Communications Commission to present the case for educational television. General Telford Taylor was our chief counsel. As a result of our first appeal we secured enough public support to make a successful beginning in presenting our case before the FCC.

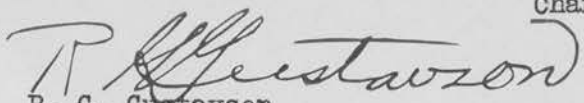
We must now make a second appearance before the FCC on January 15th. We must provide the documentation and witnesses to give answers to the Commissioners on questions they have raised. They have asked us to answer and document seven specific policy questions on how the allocation of TV channels should be made to educational institutions. We need funds immediately to support the cost of engineering surveys, legal counsel and provide for exhibits and witnesses to answer these questions.

We need an additional \$30,000 by January 15th if the job is to be done. The facts are set forth in the enclosed articles. They make clear the tremendous stake involved in this chance to secure allocation of television channels to educational institutions to be used in the public interest. We urge your participation with us in this effort and hope you will respond as quickly and generously as you can. This may be the last opportunity open to the public to save television from complete exploitation by the commercial interests which dominate radio.

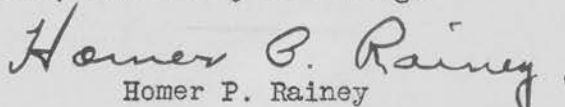
Sincerely yours,



Robert M. Hutchins  
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Chancellor, University of Nebraska



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## RADIO AND TELEVISION

By JOHN CROSBY

### *The Time Is Now*

The pattern of opposition to the proposal that 20 per cent of the remaining television frequencies be allotted to educational institutions is now fairly well established. These enormously valuable frequencies are coveted by commercial interests which are too sensitive to public opinion to oppose education openly. Instead they are trying to smother the educators by embracing them with open arms.

Says "Broadcasting" magazine, which is supported by and consistently supports commercial broadcasting: "Education has always found it could achieve maximum audience and optimum results by using the allotted sustaining time of established commercial stations and networks—which have the audiences, the know-how and the wherewithal. The past record speaks for itself."

What "Broadcasting" means, I ought to explain, is that the educators would be better off bringing their educational programs to N. B. C. or C. B. S., which are in the business of making money, rather than owning and operating their own stations. This is utter malarkey. The past record of radio certainly speaks for itself, but not in a way that the educator can derive any comfort from, or the commercial broadcaster take any pride in.

In 1934 and 1935 another allocations battle was fought over granting radio frequencies to educators. Pretty much at the instigation of the National Association of Broadcasters, a Federal Radio Education Committee was set up to "study" the question. The committee studied and studied and studied until the frequencies were all happily handed out to commercial interests—and that disposed of that problem and also of the educators. At the current hearings Harold McCarty, director of Wisconsin's educational outlet, WHA, in Madison, wryly summed up the work of the committee: "It was early recognized that the committee was probably one of those



John Crosby

devices so neatly set up for the purpose of gaining time."

Said F. C. C. Commissioner Frieda B. Hennock, who is leading the fight for the allocation of TV frequencies to educators: "Instead of getting radio frequencies, you got a committee."

That is exactly what is being proposed in the current case. On "Town Meeting of the Air," Dr. Ernest Dichter, advertising consultant for radio and TV sponsors, suggested that advertisers and educators form an "over-all organization to exert moral control" and "improve those TV programs already reaching the public." In other words, set up another committee which would be controlled, hoodwinked and eventually abandoned (when the public outcry died down) by the advertisers.

Commercial radio's contribution to education is almost non-existent. Educators who tried to get programs on the air (or improve those already on the air) were greeted with polite nothings. The example of N. B. C. is instructive. In 1937 the clamor against radio's neglect of education was so great that N. B. C. decided it must make some sort of gesture. The network hired the recently retired president of Yale University, Dr. James Rowland Angell, to be its educational counselor for no other reason than that the hiring of the ex-head of Yale and the setting up of an education department would make a great splash in the press. Dr. Angell held the job until his death last year. Just what he accomplished in all those years was recently summarized cynically by an N. B. C. executive:

"He cleaned up the language in the corridors. Dr. Angell hated profanity, and we all watched our language if he was anywhere around."

Far from getting "maximum audience and optimum results," the educator got nothing but a run-around from commercial radio, and he'll get the same thing from commercial television. Harold Taylor, president of Sarah Lawrence College, writes: "Two years ago I offered a series of television programs to the three major networks. There is a wealth of material here at Sarah Lawrence which

can be used for television—the nursery school, dance, theater, music, painting, sculpture, social science, student meetings and so on. So far nothing has happened, although I have worked as hard as I can with the television people to get them to take advantage of the opportunities."

Nothing will ever happen on behalf of education so long as a toothpaste company craves and is willing to pay for the prime air time. Out in Ames, Iowa, entirely the opposite pattern has been established. WOI-TV, the only educational television station in the nation, owned and operated by Iowa State College, puts education first, commerce second. If it has spare time to sell, it will sell it to acceptable commercial programs. Commerce, in short, comes to the educator hat in hand, rather than the other way around.

The educators of this country, it's true, are not ready to make good use of 20 per cent of the scarce TV frequencies at this time. But those frequencies, once allotted elsewhere, will be gone forever. And, as the educators have repeatedly pointed out these frequencies should be conserved for education, just as our forefathers set aside land for schools in the full knowledge that the land might not be used for generations but recognizing that the time to take such action was in the present, not in the unforeseeable future.

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### TV "Conservation"

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following guest editorial was written for SRL by Frieda B. Hennock, Federal Communications Commissioner. In line with SRL's continuing interest in television, we commend to our readers Miss Hennock's carefully reasoned argument for the fullest possible development of TV's educational potential.

EVERY day the Federal Communications Commission receives many letters from parents, teachers, and other well-informed listeners who are deeply concerned about television. The fear is expressed that children are being exposed to blood-and-thunder murder mysteries, Western gun-fights, grade-C scratchy movies, and sadistic wrestling exhibitions that will leave them with as little original incentive as the puppet heroes whose daily antics they follow with baited breath. These letters further complain that television, with its uniquely forceful impact on our senses and habits, is not being used for education, even though the medium is so well suited for such a purpose. The situation is not satisfactory by any means. But there is a ray of hope for the future.

The Federal Communications Commission has been holding hearings in Washington to determine the future allocation of all television channels and stations. A complete, systematized national television service based on sound engineering principles is to be established which will use almost all of the available spectrum space. Allocations are to be made in both the

VHF (very high frequency) band, where all television stations presently operating are located, and in the UHF (ultra high frequency) band, a higher part of the spectrum currently being used only for experimental purposes. Since the UHF portion of the spectrum is larger than the VHF and offers potentially six times the number of stations, a nation-wide television service will not be possible without the exploitation of UHF. The building of new television stations has been suspended since September 30, 1948, when the Commission imposed a "freeze" on further licensing in order to re-examine television's technical problems on the basis of operating data in VHF from 1945 to 1949 and new experimental data in UHF. Upon the completion of the new allocation plan the "freeze" will be lifted and television will leave its adolescence to grow into a nation-wide service.

These Washington hearings mark a crossroads for television. Among the many questions the Commission will determine is the possible reservation of television channels for educational use by non-commercial, non-profit stations. A policy will be laid down as to whether education must compete for available frequencies with commercial broadcasters, which it is ill-equipped to do, or whether a mandatory reservation of channels will be made for the educational use of television by educators and related groups. Such a reservation will remove these channels from the competitive arena and hold them for educational use until such time as the non-profit and non-commercial organizations, either individually or acting in concert, shall organize and raise sufficient funds to build and operate the television stations.

At present the qualifications required of television licenses are generally the same as those for radio stations. The individual broadcaster must show that he will use his station in the "public interest, convenience, and necessity" because he is, after all, only a trustee of one of America's greatest natural resources—the airwaves—which are owned by the public at large. Such a showing, however, is not sufficient insurance against a repetition of the unfortunate experience that stunted radio's growth before it reached maturity. In radio's first years there was a destructive gold rush for its valuable "wireless" frequencies. Radio licenses were granted on a first-come, first-served basis without adequate provision being made for a unified, well-balanced, technically sound public-service radio system.

One of the chief victims of this shortsighted policy was education. Given no special consideration, edu-

cational radio was unable to compete with commercial enterprise in the operation of the early radio stations and fell by the wayside. When education later regained its stride the best frequencies had already been staked out by the commercial interests.

WITH this history in mind, I have advocated, from the very first, that education should receive special consideration in television through a mandatory reservation by the FCC. Preference for education is the only possible policy when full account is taken of education's inability to compete with commercial broadcasters' initiative and efficiency based on the profit motive. It is the only solution not blind to the experience of the past twenty years, which saw education, left to the care of commercial broadcasters, become a stepchild subject to exclusion from the broadcasting table whenever more profitable commercial activities were available. Even in the past few months the episodes involving United Nations' broadcasts and the cancellation of the live Philharmonic broadcasts on Sunday have further illustrated the vulnerability of cultural broadcasting when it is without its own independent forum. A reservation exclusively for non-commercial and non-profit use is the only way to prevent the ownership of the entire future broadcast system, with its infinite possibilities, from being at this time completely placed in the hands of commercial monopoly. The reservation will also for the first time provide the listener with the freedom of choice—with an alternative to a commercial broadcast system.

Such preferential treatment for education cannot be opposed merely on the ground that most of these educational organizations do not now have sufficient funds to make use of channels that may be allocated to them. The lack of such funds is readily admitted. It is the very basis for the set-aside. But without a reservation now education will forever lose its opportunity in television; its subsequent ability to pay will mean nothing in the face of private commercial ownership of every television station that can be built in the United States.

There is ample historical and legal precedent for a reservation of television channels for educational use. Such a policy would be only another example of the long-time policy of conservation of this country's limited natural resources. Congress long ago determined that vast tracts of our natural timber lands should be set aside as National Parks to protect them from the insatiable appetite of the great sawmills. Similarly, the Federal Government established game

preserves where native fauna may live and flourish secure from the hunter's rifle or the trapper's snare.

The Communications Act of 1934 gave the FCC express power to "classify radio stations" and "prescribe the nature of the service to be rendered by each class of licensed stations and each station within any class." Under such authority the Commission in 1945 as part of its FM program allocated twenty FM channels, from 88 to 92 megacycles, for non-profit and non-commercial educational stations.

The farsightedness of this action in FM has been well rewarded. Many state universities and land-grant colleges have taken advantage of the FM channel availabilities and in recent years have pioneered the development of this new high-fidelity broadcasting system. These educators have used FM as an active and dynamic supplement to classroom study. The University of Wisconsin, for example, has helped to organize a statewide FM network calling for eight strategically located stations of which four are currently in operation. The University has begun to syndicate its excellent "College of the Air" programs to commercial stations for rebroadcast.

Once the Commission's "freeze" is lifted television stations will mushroom across the country and no longer be confined to Eastern and Mid-western metropolitan centers. It will not do for intellectuals to stick their heads in the sand and say, "I refuse to look at the dreadful thing." No amount of exorcising will do away with this phenomenon. There is no ivory tower high or impregnable enough to withstand its assault, unless of course one can be completely unconcerned with the cultural life of 150,000,000 people. These millions are looking at and will continue to look at television. It is playing an increasingly great role in shaping American mores. That to some may be cause for ridicule and aloofness, but others prefer a course of action that would insure the proper use of this medium before we are faced with the *fait accompli* of an exclusively commercial television service.

A noted Hollywood producer has recently remarked, "Television is the . . . synthesis of all other existing means of communication. . . . It is radio with eyes, it is the press without the travail of printing, it is movies without the physical limitations of mechanical reproduction and projection."

Sight through television has not merely added another sensory perception—it is not merely an extension of radio broadcasting—rather it has created a completely new dimension of perception and allowed intimacy

between the actor and the viewer on a new and completely different level. It is this power of television to hold millions of listeners regardless of program content that is its greatest danger and at the same time the source of its challenge to educators, artists, and intellectuals. Their action in the near future may well determine whether television becomes a hardy food for our population, children and adults alike, or whether it will remain the pabulum for an entire generation.

THERE is no denying that today there exists a vital need for the service that educational television stations could provide. The entire community, whether urban or rural, would benefit. Television, potentially the greatest educational technique since the printing press, offers an unparalleled opportunity for public education, both formal and informal. The television screen would be an electronic blackboard in every home, school, and factory across the nation. With it educators could reach individuals and groups who are for financial, health, or other reasons unable to attend a classroom. Education could be brought to the more than eleven million adults in the United States who have never reached the fifth grade, to the 35 per cent of our adult population who have failed to secure an elementary-school education. Television could supplement and perhaps make adequate the school training of millions of children in backward areas of this country who are underschooled as well as underclothed and underfed.

In the past few years, despite these deficiencies in our school system, there has been a renaissance of learning and personal improvement everywhere in this country. Today more than thirty million citizens are receiving some form of adult education—an increase of over 600 per cent during the past four years. There is no doubt that the public wants and is seeking education.

**"I think it would be a crime against the educational possibilities of this new instrument of education if all the wave lengths were permitted to go on straight commercial programs, and none be reserved for the educational institutions..."**

**--A. S. "Mike" Monroney  
Senator-Elect from  
Oklahoma**

For the school child in and out of the classroom television could be an exciting addition to the regular curriculum. The world's greatest classics could be brought, without bounds of time or space, into the auditorium and living room. Imagine, for example, the vibrancy of a Shakespearean production by Margaret Webster or Laurence Olivier; imagine the intellectual interest aroused in it by the comments of a brilliant Shakespearean scholar such as the late Professor Kittredge. The average student as well as his parents, who had previously shied away because of the difficulty of mastering a printed page replete with footnotes, would suddenly discover "Macbeth," "Julius Caesar," and "Henry V" to be as powerful as any contemporary drama and far more exciting than Hopalong Cassidy and Captain Video.

Travel films could illustrate geography, not on the expensive and limited class-by-class basis, but citywide through the use of video. The great masters of science, explaining its mechanisms, could add wonders to the individual laboratory. The student's training in art, music, hygiene, and citizenship itself would be guided by the national leadership presented to him through the use of television as an integral part of his school work. An Einstein might be found in a Princeton high school or a Toscanini taking cello lessons in Cincinnati.

Beyond the classroom and the school child and in the community at large television has an infinite potential. It could clearly illustrate the symptoms of a disease in a health campaign, the proper preparation against wartime attack through civilian defense, the best method of soil preparation on a modern farm; or it could show the various folkways of the national and ethnic groups to foster mutual understanding and tolerance.

These programs will be seen not only in the large and relatively sophisticated metropolitan centers. They will become part of the daily life of New Bedford, Omaha, Pomona, Charleston, and Lubbock. Education and knowledge—bringing with them the power of intellectual freedom—will be more accessible to every person everywhere in this country.

The educational use of television is not a dream or a pious hope but an actual possibility that may be realized in the near future. Nothing that could be done to improve America's educational system can approach the force and impact of this great electronic innovation. A nationwide educational television service is an investment in this country's future which will pay the highest dividends for generations to come.

—FRIEDA B. HENNOCK.

EXCERPTS FROM TESTIMONY BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

"I want to prevent the loss of this wonderful new avenue of communication for educational purposes...It is the responsibility of the FCC to envision the present and future value of TV as an educational medium. Action must be taken now to reserve specific channels for educational use..."

Senator Clinton Anderson, New Mexico

"I believe that good sense and good business argue strongly for it, and I believe that the American educational tradition urges that it be done, especially in these critical times, when information and the media by which it is disseminated are the strongest possible bulwarks of freedom..."

Senator Leverett Saltonstall, Massachusetts

"To my mind, television is a very great force for education. It is a greater force than air radio could ever be...We all know it. Then how to use it? ... I think the ultimate solution must be that frequencies should be reserved for education in television."

Merlin H. Aylesworth, Former President, NBC

The Emergency Committee on Educational Television was formed at the initiative of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters in cooperation with the American Council on Education, Association for Education by Radio, Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities, National Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Education Association.

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Emergency Committee on Educational Television  
40 East 49th Street  
15th Floor  
New York 17, N.Y.

I am happy to be associated with you in your efforts to assure the future usefulness of television in the public interest. My contribution of \$..... to help in this work is enclosed.

Name.....

Address.....

City..... Zone..... State.....

Please make checks payable to W. I. Griffith, Treasurer,  
National Association of Educational Broadcasters

Memo from the EMERGENCY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

A few more opinions from national figures on this vital public issue.

"These philosophies of the Communications Act implies the responsibility to set aside specific channels in television for education. We must set ourselves against the danger of education and ideas being restricted. Our experience in mass communication requires such a reservation..."

Senator J. William Fulbright, Arkansas

"I do think that in this transitional and developmental stage the reservation of television channels for educational purposes would be well warranted and good judgment for the Commission..."

Senator Owen Brewster, Maine  
Testimony before the FCC

"I...urge that in your deliberations and in your plans you use foresight rather than hindsight in reserving space on the air for non-commercial educational television..."

Congressman John M. Vorys, Ohio  
Testimony before the FCC

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Buckingham Hotel  
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New York, N. Y.

MRS. W. H. K. MOYER  
402 Southeast First Street  
Little Falls, Minn.

Thursday.

Dear Laura Jane -

This looks like an official publication  
with my name or business like. I'm  
sending this so you will get it before  
leaving & want my return address -  
or you I will know whether it has  
reached you - I am so very sorry  
dear not to have seen you again, I  
do miss our little chats & your bright  
point as seen from a "deep chimney" -  
This is just to wish you a grand  
and exciting vacation. With such a  
grand companion as your friend Ruth Kober  
every hour of your time will be a  
happy one I know. Remember me to her  
& I wish you both a happy & safe trip

MRS. W. H. K. MOYER  
402 Southeast First Street  
Little Falls, Minn.

I did think I would see you again -  
and I am very sorry dear not to have  
been able to arrange an opportunity -  
If I could get about & do all the things  
as I used to do it would be quite a  
different life for me. My heart is more  
than willing but my "fat" won't let me -  
Isn't that a silly way to express just what  
I want to say?

How flirtations are you going to be  
with all the French men? By the way  
Buddy Danner is in Paris or was  
the last I knew. Think he is in some  
way connected with the Embassy -  
Now Goodbye dear and be good and

you will be happy, but you  
will miss an awfully good  
time - My love dear  
Adelaide —



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Miss Laura Jane Messer  
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dear Laura Jane <sup>Sues</sup>:-

George and I want  
to thank you for  
our "Home Sweet  
Doo" which we have  
enjoyed looking thru  
many times. Our  
friends have also  
gotten a kick out  
of it. They are fun  
to have and we  
so appreciate your  
thinking of us.

We hope your  
holidays at home  
have been the best  
you have ever had,  
and know how you  
must have all  
enjoyed being to-  
gether at Xmas.  
We also hope  
we will see you  
before you venture  
East again.

Lovingly,  
Geo & Esther

Mrs. R. H. Werner  
R. R. 4, Box 204 A  
Noblesville, Indiana



Miss Laura Jane Musser  
Little Falls, Minnesota

We are mighty proud and happy with our little guy - I shouldn't say "little" because he is quite a big boy and growing every day. We are having such fun with him and Mary just idolizes him. Needless to say, Bob's chest has expanded several inches since Bobby was born. Did you know that he weighed 9 lbs. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. at birth. He was born in Indianapolis. He surely is a little ray of sunshine in our household. When Bob has any time off, we all get in our little tiny bathroom to give Bobby his bath. Bobby has beautiful deep brown eyes, has black hair, and looks like Bob. I'm nursing him, as I did Mary, and he surely is thriving. The only time he fusses is when he is hungry and he certainly sets up a holler then. Mary is 4 years old now and quite the young lady. She is old acting for her age - wish you'd hear the remarks she made when I was pg. They were just rare.

Hope you had a happy holiday season and I'd like to hear how you are getting along. Greet your mother and father for me.

Love,

*Drene*

January 3, 1950

Dear Laura Jane,

It's raining here in Indiana this afternoon and a good day to catch up on my correspondence. Bobby is sleeping and Mary has her records on so it is a little difficult trying to concentrate with "Little Black Sambo" and the tigers growling!

We want to thank you for the gifts you sent us. The picture you sent Mary is darling and we have it up in her nook. I also like the tree trivet you sent me very much and we both thank you. We also got your Christmas card with short note and hope maybe we'll get a longer letter from you soon.

We had a lovely Christmas although we were all alone but with our little family we were so happy and had such a happy holiday season. As a matter of fact, our Christmas tree is still up - Mary teases us not to take it down.

Mrs. Wayne Van Kirk  
210 Fourth Street, North East  
Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Laura Jane,

The attractive box of glazed fruit bearing a card with your Christmas wishes to us was quickly sampled and pronounced "dee-ee-licious" by both of us. You were so thoughtful to remember us in such a sweet way. Many, many thanks.

It is good to have you in Little Falls always, but especially so for Christmas. Remember us to Grandway when you return to New York.

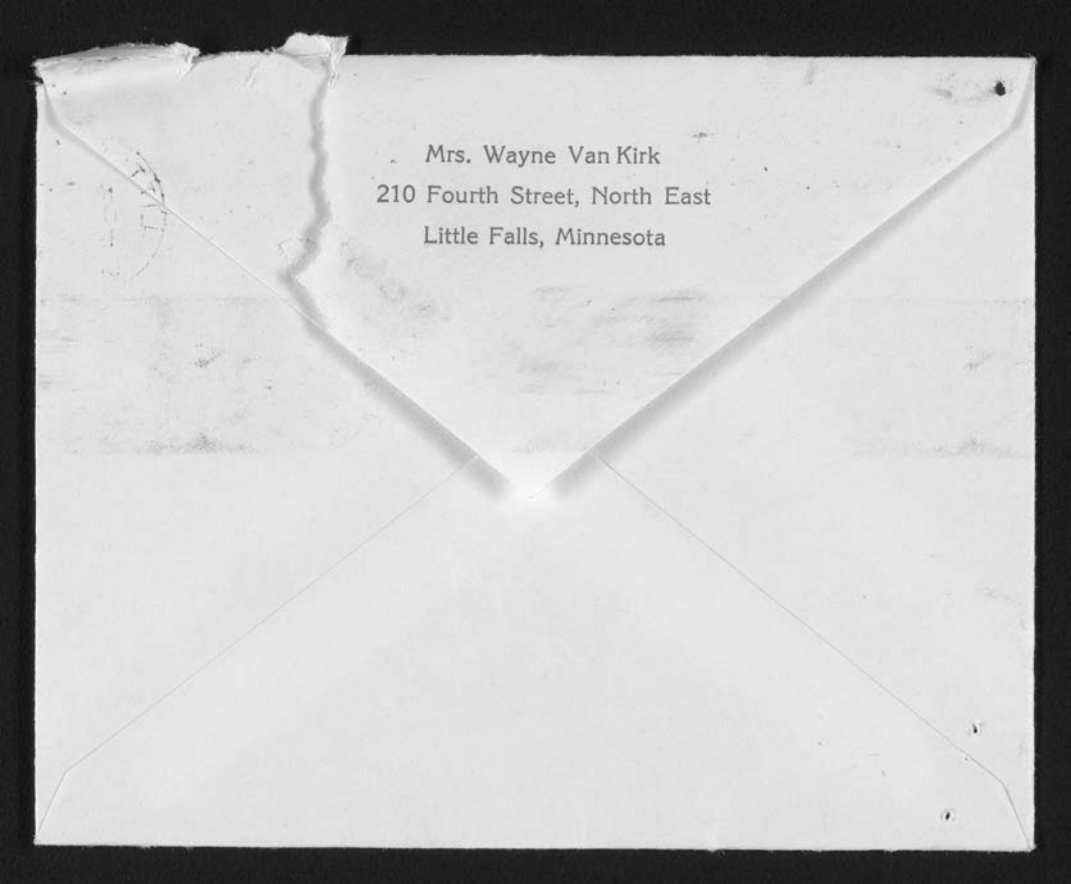
Our very best wishes to you for a wonderful New Year.

Ever,  
Wayne and Mary

8 January  
1950



Miss Laura Jane Musser  
608 Highland Avenue  
Little Falls, Minnesota

The image shows the back of a white envelope with a V-shaped flap. The top-left corner is torn and ragged. Faint, circular postmark impressions are visible on the left side of the envelope. The address is printed in the upper right quadrant.

Mrs. Wayne Van Kirk  
210 Fourth Street, North East  
Little Falls, Minnesota



January 8, 1950  
North Hall  
E. Lansing, Mich.

Dear Laura Jane:

You must think I dropped off the earth. On the night that I should have joined you at the Marion Anderson concert I was quite ill with a N.Y. flu variety — much to my disgust. To make matters even more difficult, I mislaid your address & lost my address book with all the addresses of several years accumulation therein. This is the reason I have been unable to write, until your card arrived, relieving

me of my blank. I'm awfully glad you wrote, for I have been fretting ever since last spring over the impossible state of affairs.

This summer my grandmother passed on & I transferred to Michigan<sup>State</sup>, in order to settle up the estate, etc., & be nearby. I will get my degree this summer - finally. So I'm no longer at Adelphi.

Also, this Xmas vacation I became engaged to John Carter Clark of New York City. We are not, however, formally announcing it - except casually to friends - until we decide when precisely to take the leap. He would like it to be this Easter vacation, but I am trying to be practical & hold off till summer. Also, since we were engaged before, got mad & broke it, I am advising everyone to believe the fait accompli. That seems safe! This time, however, it has the earmarks [I hope] of success & we are both very happy.

Do write & let me hear about you. I am at present at North Hall. The Clark address in NYC, is at 15 Riverside Dr., in case you want a more reasonably steady address for unsteady me.

Thanks again for your nice card. Tell me all about you & what you are doing. Best greetings to your parents, and love Betty (Elizabeth!)

C. van Treeland  
North Hall  
E. Lansing, Mich.

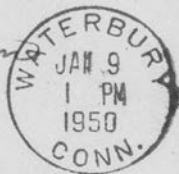


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hinden Hill  
Little Falls, Minn.

Mrs Standjeva

357 Willow

Waterbury, Conn.



Miss Laura Jane Messer  
608 Highland Ave  
Little Falls  
Minnesota

Dear Laura Jane.

We want to thank  
you so very much  
for that beautiful  
album. Now we will  
have some place  
to put our Snap  
Shot that we have  
been taking and  
we expect to take  
lot more as we  
got a new Camera  
for Xmas. ☺

Love my aprons  
too. They are very  
nice. We had a  
wonderful Christmas.  
Both boys were so  
excited about the  
tree & gifts.

We do hope that  
you will be able to  
come up to see  
us on your next  
visit to New York  
You won't know

Walter he is such  
a little man now  
Mark is getting to  
be a big boy too. He  
will be year old next  
month. Call us and  
let us know when  
you can come. Our  
phone number is 5-8430  
Thank you again for  
the lovely gifts. Regards  
to Mr & Mrs Musser  
With love to you  
Daddy & family

Handi-Notes  
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Friday morning

Honey: Please accept my apology for this late note. Every day for two weeks I have been running to com. meetings in every part of town via street car, so it is small wonder that I am down today with a very feverish cold - otherwise you probably would noteven be hearing from me yet! Today is a beautiful luncheon given by the local chapter of Council for Jewish Women the fund raising affair of the year, to which I contributed, paid for my luncheon, etc. -- and here I am down with this miserable cold!! Came on my suddenly while returning home from a meeting in north Mpls yesterday.

We were delighted with the books, dear. Mr Katz is reading Carver, about whom we have already known considerable, so is thoroughly enjoying it, and as for Von Paassen's book on Jesus, I have never read anything which gave as clear and, to me, as logical a picture of the man, the conditions under which he lived, etc. as this volume. I am utterly fascinated and thrilled with it, only there is not enough time for me to read much at a sitting. Getting up at 5:30 each day, I must get to bed at a reasonable hour. I have recommended this volume to all my family and friends, and have a waiting list as soon as I have finished reading it. You are a darling, and I do appreciate receiving it. We will send on to you the book on Carver just as soon as I am able to get it read.

Ruth is enjoying her trip immensely, I had a card from Florida saying how delightful it is down there. I do hope it warms up here, this sub-zero weather is

not the easiest to take.

I am so glad you did not stay over on Friday evening because you would not have been able to hear the speaker at temple. He spoke very low, and even tho they used the mike, and I was right up in front, we had to listen very attentively to get the import of his remarks. Of course, everything he said had meaning, and how he remained alive with all he has endured is truly miraculous. His foster mother had escaped to America, and had written a friend, sending her son's birth certificate proving he was NOT Jewish, and this friend contacted Bradford -- this was done by his mother in the hope it might save his life, -- but he said that when it was told him, and the certificate shown him, it simply did not register in his consciousness, for as he put it, he looked at himself and he was just the same as he had always been, how could a piece of paper make him any different than he was? In fact, he said it made him a stronger Jew than ever, and gave him courage to go on fighting. It was a very stirring talk, and brought lumps to our throats and tears to our eyes all evening. He said in closing that he thought the war was fought for nothing, all those millions of Jews had died for nothing, as he feels that anti-Semitism is stronger today than ever in Germany, that all the old ~~Nazis~~ Nazis are back in power, and the purpose of his tour is to alert all of us to work and inform and educate the public, because only the ignorant and unformed have these prejudices. His name, if you care to remember, is Robert Bradford, and perhaps he may be speaking in NY at some small gathering where you could hear him. In appearance and manner he reminded me a great deal of our son Bob, tall, slender, soft spoken, and a very kindly young man, of the same age, I should judge.

*Mrs. Eli Katz - 4935 Penn Ave., South - Minneapolis 10, Minn.*

Our Hadassah group is in the midst of preparation for a gigantic carnival at the Mpls Armory on Feb 19th, when we hope to raise \$25,000 for use in working for the young children of Israel, and being chairman, you can realize how I dash madly each day from one com. meeting to another. This is how I picked up this cold, I believe. But it is such a desperate situation there that we all feel we must do our utmost.

Joyce was sorry not to be able to see you when you were here, but hopes we can all get together another time, when I hope it will not be so COLD.

If you have the time and feel inclined I should be happy to hear what you are doing and plays you are seeing, etc. You must be very lonesome with Ruth away but time does pass, and she will soon be back in NY.

You will really have to excuse me now, dear, for I must get back in bed, as I'm beginning to feel quite warm and feverish. Am thoroughly provoked with myself because I have been very careful to wear warm clothing in going out, and don't know how I picked this up, unless it is from sitting in drafty street cars for hours on end.

Have you talked with Rabbi (I cannot just now recall his name) but the one in the Village about books on information you were interested in? There are many books, attractively written and explaining the various holidays throughout the year,-- background for which you could find in your bible, as each commemorates a specific event in Jewish history recorded in the bible. When this Hadasaah carnival is out of the way and I have time to give it more thought, I will check with

our Temple librarian and send you titles of various volumes.

In the meantime, dear, I am thinking of you, and recalling our very pleasant evening together. Were your folks please to get my note? I hope so.

With real affection, your friend,

Echel Katz

#304

34 Ash Street

Cambridge, Mass.



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SAVE THE EASY WAY

BUY U.S. BONDS ON  
PAYROLL SAVINGS



Miss Laura Jane Musser

~~30 West 54th~~

Linden Hill  
Little Falls,  
N.Y.  
New York, New York

Northrup's apartment. He was  
fortunate to be able to stay  
here becoming her dear. fat.  
in the season & should like  
to have <sup>you</sup> come up for a  
week and to meet Rose &  
enjoy Boston with us.

Thank you again for your  
most cordial

Yours  
GIBSON CINTI, U.S.A.

at Garrison Lane

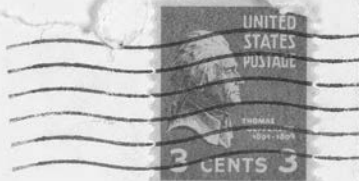
Thank You,

January 5

Laura Jane, for the delightful  
and very, very valuable gift!  
The Treasury of Reporting is  
a collection different from any  
other that I have and a  
most interesting addition to  
my library. Ruth is an

appealingly written version  
of the charming Bible  
Story. I am deeply grateful  
to you for your beautiful  
thoughtfulness.

My sister Rose came  
to Boston with me in the  
fall. We are living in Miss



Miss Laura Jane Musser  
Little Falls, Minnesota

*Thank You*



May 29, 1950

Dear Laura Jane,

Thank you very much  
for the lovely graduation  
gift.

Sincerely,  
Sally Nelson

1950  
Laura Jane



Dear Laura Jane,

many, many  
more happy

birthdays!

This is the



birthday wish  
of the Hultkrans  
family for you.

With love,

Ruth Hultkrans

June 4, 1950



Miss. Laura Jane Messer  
The Buckingham Hotel # 1104  
101 W. 57<sup>th</sup> Str.  
New York City N. Y.

Toom: Mrs. F. L. Hartman  
6 12 Highland Ave.  
Little Falls, Minn.

Feb. 22 - 1950

Dear Laura Jane -

I thought you would like to know that Mrs. Hinckley passed away last evening. She has been very weak, and sleeping most of the time for quite a while, and we all feel it is a blessing she could slip away so peacefully and without pain.

that the contents will  
please and agree with you.

We shall look forward  
to seeing you in March  
when you come back  
to "Small Falls".

Much love to you dear,  
from  
Your neighbor  
Berh

It must be a great relief  
to Grace and her father  
that she is at peace.

I know Grace will miss  
her terribly and so will  
Mr. Hinckley. She will  
be buried from the Congre-  
gational church on Friday  
at 2 P.M.

I hope the box I sent  
you last week will arrive  
in good condition and

Air Mail



MISS. LAURA JANE MUSSER  
The Hotel Buckingham, #1104  
101 W. 57<sup>th</sup> St  
New York City  
N.Y.

MRS. N. D. WOODWORTH  
RIVERVIEW  
LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

Air  
mail.

Dear Laura Jane: Thank you my dear for the  
beautiful valentine you sent me. It came  
exactly on the day and thrilled me to pieces.  
I got one from our oldest grandchild and  
he had made it. But the two were all  
I got this year unless one comes today!  
Margaret usually sends me one or a gift  
but she has been so ill I didn't expect  
it this year. They are afraid in spite of  
using the hormone, stilbestrone, that she  
will not be able to carry this baby thru.  
She has to be in bed day after day and  
then she will feel fine for awhile - She  
says if this one fails she will probably  
never have another and Johnny wants  
a little brother so much. He thinks  
they should name it Jesus! (influence  
of going to Sunday School) I'm afraid  
if they did it would be a queer  
combination with their last name Sogn!  
Margaret really hopes it will be a girl.

2 The month of January was one of the worst ones I ever put in. We had 18 days of below zero weather - loads of snow (It cost us \$6.00 to get "plowed out" of the last one) and there was so much sickness. Mrs. Hyland just got out of the hospital yesterday. She has been up there 10 days with lobar pneumonia - was very very ill. Her Mother came from N. D. for awhile to take care of the family. They all had terrible colds & flu -

My Mother has failed so in the last week and is now practically unconscious. The last two days when I gave her a bath she slept right thru it. When she is awake she seems to be in a world of vague dreams and begs to be taken home. It is so pitiful, so discouraging and so hopeless, but we

3 try to be thankful that she has no pain and are hoping the end will come for her soon. My Father is showing the strain of his constant watch at her bedside and some nights his rest is broken by her moans. It is hard to understand where she got so much vitality and a heart like an ox that beats so strongly.

Your sweet valentine was like an oasis in the desert! I also had another oasis Monday for I rode down to Mpls for the day with your Mother, Bert H and Pauline. I gave Mother's bath at 8 A.M. and went after that and it was a wonderful change for me. I went to Holtzgerman's with your Mother and I hadn't been there for 20 yrs. I bought a quilt to applique at Dayton's so I shall keep busy. Have a good time and don't work too hard. Much love and thanks again. Grace

JAMES MONROE TAYLOR  
THE CHOATE SCHOOL  
WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

October 22, 1950

Dear Lotsie:

I have delayed writing until I could present the opportunity of engaging Ruth Hobart to our faculty committee which handles our cultural entertainment. The present report is not so good as it seems that there is not a moment available. I am not going to call it closed, however, for a few weeks yet, as something could develop and I know that she would be eminently worthwhile. Actually, the chance of an opening is very slight; so don't consider it at all in your planning. If something comes up and it is not already too late by then to get her, I'll let you know.

Jane is just too cunning for words (I suppose that as a parent I shouldn't say such immodest things!) and gives us all kinds of delight daily. I know that you are going to love her. Her grandfather saw her for the first time, this last week. I wish you could have seen them together. It was really something! You know how Dad is about any babies, let alone his own grandchild! Well, he and Jane just had the grandest time together you ever saw, both of them enjoying themselves to the hilt. Jane cut her first tooth while Dad and Aunt Mary were here. We had the longest visit we've enjoyed yet from Dad. He and Auntie stayed from Monday to Friday. They are now at Wellesley with Marg, and tomorrow they go to NYC.

Your European trip sounds marvelous. I shall be interested to hear how life in general looked to you over there first-hand. It's so hard to tell much from newspaper accounts.

Give our love to all the family. We're looking forward to your meeting Jane.

Love,

Jim

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Miss Laura Jane Musser  
Linden Hill  
Little Falls  
Minnesota

JAMES MONROE TAYLOR  
THE CHOATE SCHOOL  
WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

Friday

"Dear" Sammie Jane -

It was so nice being with you last eve, dinner opera & all. Barbara & I came up together and she told me how lovely your home is in Minn. I had only seen her once or twice before but she seemed to have improved, probably due to some more of your good influence.

Guess we were all a little tired last eve and then my letting the door close on you.

2  
Someone had done it  
to me upstairs little  
before that, I don't know  
who, but I seemed to for-  
get it, until it happened  
again, anyway it was  
thoughtless of me & I'm  
sorry.

Can you meet me Tues-  
day eve and we'll go to  
Jane Davies for a leis-  
urely dinner & relax.  
I'll call around for  
you around 6 P.M.

Lots of love  
Zelda

apt 41  
501 West 111 St  
New York ny.



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STATION

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Air Mail

Miss Laura Jane Musser  
Linden Hill  
Little Falls  
Minnesota

there is a lull which is quite welcome. Mr. Lane too came over on such a lovely horse, and when I told him I had been all there their home & had neglected to ask Mrs. L. to come over, he said

"That's all right, we're coming over anyway." Mrs. L. told me too that the club has a good chef this year. Well it is pleasant to have such nice neighbors. Some day, maybe next year, we can have your folks over too. Lovingly Gerda

Monday  
Dear Laura Jane -  
I was agreeably surprised to get the fine newsy letter from you last Saturday.

Have been to Whitelock a few times. a week or so ago while in Northington was up at Lane's, you remember seeing her at the tea and meeting their daughter at the country club. Well, she was more than gracious, showed us the home from top to bottom and it is lovely, fine fine panelled walls etc, fine view too. I hear from my sister

for some of the North-  
western people some  
time when you are there  
and perhaps you might  
help out in the music  
department, probably  
next summer.

Don't suppose you could  
come back here a little  
earlier & go to White-  
rock with me July 1,  
returning to N.Y. July 4  
in the afternoon.

Well, so much for  
summer places, have  
been kept quite busy  
going out & momentarily

<sup>r</sup>  
Mrs. Regtweyer, in Hillsdale  
Ill., they are coming East  
in August for their vaca-  
tion, and she tells me  
this year they expect  
to buy a summer place  
in the East, Conn., N.Y.  
or Mass.

Ruth and Ron whom  
you also met at White-  
rock & picked blueberries  
with, are now at their  
summer place in Hills-  
dale N.Y.

Is it I have hopes  
of having a get together

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PHILIP E. GREGORY, MINISTER

726 GLENNEYRE STREET

Oct. 14-1950

Miss Laura Jane Musser,  
Little Falls, Minn.

My Dear Laura Jane -

Your letter came to us about two weeks ago & it has been on my desk reminding me of you, and awaiting the very elusive time I set aside for my private correspondence. Now this is Saturday evening and I am about ready for my work tomorrow - Sunday School lesson prepared, sermon notes complete, the Scripture Reading studied & thought given to the prayers & worship elements in the service. I am giving my High School Student Bible Class four lessons on The Parable of the Good Samaritan. The lesson tomorrow deals with the reasons for the hatred existing between the Samaritans & the Jews. Wherever there is race hatred there is always a reason for it.

Being so vitally interested in race relations I suppose you know why hatred existed between the Samaritans & the Jews. If you have any difficulty with this question, tell me, & I'll give you the little I know about the historical & social reasons for this particular racial tension. It was a bad condition for people who were neighbors, and Jesus never missed an opportunity to heal it, or to say a good word for the Samaritans to His people. The people of Judea and Galilee would not even set foot on the soil of Samaria and "Contaminate their feet in the soil of the Samaritan dogs".]

I notice your letter was sent to us from Des Moines, Iowa.

Did you have a nice visit there with your vocalist friend, Ruth Kobart? She has a most interesting, artistic & intelligent face & I'd like to hear her sing. We get so hungry for good music here & miss our

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Minneapolis musical opportunities.

I have now bought a player machine that is fitted into our Radio & bought the records of some of our favorite symphonies - Tchaikovsky - Concerto No. 1.

Artur Schnabel & Mitropoulos.

Brahms 'Variations on a Theme' - Haydn & The Liszt Preludes with Ormandy conducting the

Philadelphia Orchestra.

Brahms - Symphony No. 1 with Rodzinski conducting the New York Philharmonic.

Debussy - "Two Nocturnes" &

Respighi "The Pines of Rome" with Ormandy & The Philadelphia Orchestra.

Schubert's Unfinished Symphony, No. 8 with Bruno Walter & The Philadelphia Orch.

Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 (my favorite of all) - also with Walter & The Philadelphia Orch.

Then we have "Panis Angelicus" solo (Gigli) & Chorus.

then for our gayer moods we have the Russian Ballet music & the Gaite Parisienne Ballet. So when you come out to see us we'll give you a real concert. Our new Parish House is going up fast & we are busy getting the various furnishing committees to work. We hope to be in the new building by Christmas and have the Dedication services some time in January. The weather here has been like summer & quite warm. Although it never gets very hot here in Laguna Beach on account of the sea breezes. Our house is only one and a half blocks from the ocean & we go to sleep at night listening to the waves pound against the rocks. I planted my Sweet Peas last week & they are already up. They will be in bloom at Christmas time. Sweet Peas were my father's favorite flower & I plant them each year in his

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memory. I have also planted six dozen Stocks, four dozen Snap-Drummers & two dozen Petunias. Then I have some very choice Carnations that are already in bloom & some beautiful Easter Lilies. My English (fragrant) Violets will soon be blooming. Last winter I picked two bunches a week from my Violet bed. Mrs. Gregory - or I should say, Harriet, is pretty well - but has to be careful with her diet for awhile until she leaves to get along without a Gall Bladder. Bruce has been recalled by the Army - He has to report to Fort Lewis, Washington, by Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. He was in the Reserves. It seems too bad that he has to go again after having served 3 years in the last war. He graduated from the University

of Minnesota last June & was just getting started in some work that he liked. Pat will stay on in the house for awhile & have a girl roomer for company. It's going to be pretty lonesome for her. I can't see much hope of ever coming to peaceful terms with Russia & I am sure that the Soviet Union with its deceit, falsities & lies can never be permanently triumphant in our world. I agree with Herbert Hoover that we ought to have an United Nations Organisation without Russia & leave the door open to her if she ever wants to come in & cooperate for World Peace. Well, I must be going to another task before bed time. Thanks again for your letter. Come West & see us! Harriet joins me in sending our love to you all at Linden Hill. Sincerely yours

Philip Gregory

## Increase in Church Membership



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strife, the light of the church—the green light of evangelism—is shining brighter than ever,” declares Dr. Bader.

An unprecedented gain in church membership in the United States last year is credited to evangelism by Dr. Jesse M. Bader, secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches.

The total church membership in the U. S. is now 82,000,000, or 64.6 per cent of the total population—the highest mark in the country's history.

“In a world beset with

## Personal Testimony

“The early church was blessed with some great preachers. But the fact that Christianity spread over that hard Roman world like a forest fire was due, not so much to great preachers, as to the personal testimony of ordinary men and women who went out to tell their friends the amazing difference that knowing Jesus Christ had made in their own lives. To this day it is true that one of the most effective ways of winning men and women to Christ is through personal testimony.”

*Clovis G. Chappell*



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## Wanted: Christian Books

This “advertisement” has been issued as a summary of the program of the Foreign Missions Conference's Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature: “Wanted: Christian books for 150,000,000 new literates in seven continents. Must be written simply, fascinatingly, in one hundred languages on subjects of Christian home life, evangelism, prayer, farming, nutrition, cooking, health, first aid, child care. The world's destiny depends on these 150,000,000 readers.”

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“Church on the Hill,” organized in 1769, Lenox, Massachusetts.

## This Is My Church

This is my church. It is composed of people like me. We make it what it is.

I want it to be a church that is a lamp to the path of pilgrims, leading them to goodness, truth, and beauty. It will be, if I am.

It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help to fill them. It will do a great work, if I work. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith; and a church with a noble spirit—if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all of these things that I want my church to be.

*Author Unknown*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISCUSSION GROUP, studying "The Life and Records of Jesus," will meet today at 4:30 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Marjory Beach, 1007 Gaviota Drive. We are glad to announce that Dr. William S. Middlemass, the discussion leader of this group, is making a good recovery and will soon be able to resume his work in guiding the discussions. In the meantime, we are fortunate in having Mrs. William S. Foraker preside over the work of the class. You are cordially invited to attend.

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL meets on Sundays in the Girl Scout Little House, 764 Wilson Street at 9:30 and 10:30 A.M. The 10:30 A.M. session is for younger children. The pastor's Bible Class for High School students meets at 9:30 A.M. in the Laguna Beach Youth Center. This class is studying "The Parables of Jesus." All High School students are cordially invited.

THE WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 10th at 2:00 P.M. at the home of Miss Katherine B. Conover, 14 South Portola, Three Arch Bay. The assisting hostesses will be Mesdames H. Lee Burton, Fred Coombs and William Saunders. The devotions will be conducted by Mrs. Robert Myhrman. The speaker will be Dr. Henry Cord Meyer, Professor of History of Pomona College. His theme will be, "The Near East at the Present Time." Ladies are invited to bring guests if they care to. There will also be an important business meeting to discuss the kitchen equipment for the new Parish House. Mrs. Harry O. Mills will preside.

THE UNITED COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN is observing this week, Oct. 8-15, as nation-wide Ecumenical Register Week. The women of our congregation are a part of this great inter-denominational effort to register at least one million Protestant women who wish to dedicate themselves to work together "For the whole household of God in the whole world." Ecumenical registration envelopes are available today for all who have not yet enrolled. For information see Miss Elizabeth Crandall, who is chairman for our own church group.

THE NEW PARISH HOUSE will need many furnishings and we hope some of our people will want to place needed furniture in the Worship Hall, Ladies' Parlour, Youth Fellowship Room and Church School rooms. Some of our needs are: Five pianos, Altar, Pulpit, Lectern, Baptismal Font, Silken antependia for altar, pulpit and lectern, Dossal Hanging for the back of the Altar, Brass Cross, Candlebra and Flower holders, Movie equipment, Large King James Version Pulpit Bible, Pulpit chairs, Prayer desks, paintings for the various rooms, Guest-Book Stand, etc., etc. Those interested in providing any of these articles are asked to confer with the pastor, or with H. Lee Burton, Chairman of the Committee on Furnishing the Worship Hall.

BREVITIES: The Church Council meets on Wednesday, Oct. 11th at 8:00 P.M. at the Manse . . . Are you using your booklet of daily devotions? Remember that there are more copies available. Get yours today as you leave this service . . . The Laguna Beach Community Chest campaign is getting under way. We all want to help in every way we can. Those willing to work as collectors of subscriptions are asked to phone, No. 78 . . . Welcome to all who worship with us as visitors. We are all God's people and one in His family. We hope you will find our service helpful, and our fellowship warm and friendly. We are anxious to meet you. If you live in Laguna Beach we invite you to make your church home with us. New members will be received into our church at our Holy Communion service in December. Please confer with the minister if you desire to unite with the church . . . The pastor is always as near as your nearest telephone, and is anxious to be of service where there is need. Please phone him at 1444.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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SERVICE IN THE NEW MARINE DINING ROOM, HOTEL LAGUNA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1950, 10:30 A.M.

The Preparation, in Quietness and Music.

The Pastoral Call to Worship.

The Invocation, with Lord's Prayer and Three-fold Amen.

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The Responsive Reading, No. 629.

Hymn, No. 168 "For the Beauty of the Earth."

The Scripture Reading, Galatians 5, 22-26: 6, 1-10.

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Music.

The Period of Quietness and Silent Prayer.

The Pastoral Prayer, with Palestrina Response.

The Offertory.

Hymn, No. 143 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds."

The Sermon....."MENDING A BROKEN SOUL" (Galatians 6, 1)

The Minister

Hymn, No. 303 "When Thy Heart With Joy O'erflowing."

The Benediction, with Dresden Amen.

The Postlude.

\*\*Intervals for Ushering.

The host and hostess for our service today are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Whitney.

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## BUILDERS

"O keep us building, Master; may our hands  
Ne'er falter when the dream is in our hearts,  
When to our ears there come Divine commands,  
And all the pride of sinful will departs.  
We build with Thee, O grant enduring worth,  
Until the Heavenly Kingdom comes on earth."

*P.S.*  
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**LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA**



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

Thursday

Dear Laura Jane

I guess you wonder why I did not meet you last eve. It was raining, I had an errand to do and church to get to so I didn't see how I could do them all, but there is nothing I'd rather do than have dinner with Laura Jane - "an angel dropped from Heaven".

Have been thinking I might be able to meet you Sunday and go to Stitts' with you

Lovingly  
 Linda

but not sure yet. Will  
 'phone you Saturday  
 morning about 10  
 o'clock.

Expect to have the  
 hairdresser tonight  
 at home. Not too much  
 on hand for Friday  
 eve after 7 P.M. Satur-  
 day expect to clean the  
 kitchen cup boards.

Not sure whether I  
 have ever given you  
 the enclosed excerpts  
 but I think they are  
 good reading.

## THE PRACTICE OF SOLITUDE

Thousands of women, both young and middle-aged, remember countless things which President Neilson has said to them. But among them all one stands pre-eminent: the urging upon them of cultivating within themselves by definite practice the ability and the desire to be frequently alone - - - - Over and over again he has said these words or others like them:

"The person who can afford to be alone with himself often and long acquires a quality of personal dignity which is dissipated and lost in any other kind of life - - - - - The self-possession, self-restraint, patience, which come only through the practice of solitude - - - - these are essentials for the acquisition of a philosophy and a religion. And it makes all the difference in the world to your life whether you arrive at a philosophy and a religion or not. It makes the difference between living in a world which is merely a constantly changing mass of phenomena, and living in a significant, ordered universe." From "A Goodly Fellowship" by Mary Ellen Chase (New York: Macmillan.)

## ON BEING ATTRACTIVE

Who said you were not attractive? Truth is here to remind you that you are. The Great Architect who built you should be pleased with his handiwork and he is. He always refers to you as his beloved son. Therefore do not hesitate to put yourself in the way of opportunity. This is your part and you must play it, adroitly it may be. This is the adventure and a glorious one it is, open to every human being. Have faith, be expectant. Then you will go forth better equipped for victory.

Flexibility of mentality, confidence, friendliness, ease and poise build a sure foundation for soundness of body and attractiveness of individuality.

An exalted mood becomes a veritable magnet which draws opportunity, position, companionship, all the conditions essential to an abundant life. They are all here now.

Every individual who chooses to act and live his best possesses attractiveness. This must be so in view of the undeniable logic of perfect God and perfect man. He who has the courage and at the same time graciousness to rise to this height will find needful things flowing to him. His exalted mood becomes a veritable magnet which draws opportunity, position, companionship, all the conditions essential to an abundant life.

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HUNTINGTON TAYLOR

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HELENA, MONTANA

HUNTINGTON TAYLOR  
1410 PACIFIC TERRACE  
KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON

2/14-50.

Dear Laura Jane: - I thought I'd made note of your address but I don't find it so am sending this to Little Falls for forwarding.

I finally yesterday received your very nice Xmas gift which I shall use with much pleasure & appreciation.

The K. F.'s B. O. held it the legal time & I'm not sure but that they forwarded it to Pasadena from the Post Marks. Anyway they were dumb because since in the K. F.'s phone directory & Mrs. Stangelstein - who lives in the house - would have handled it for me. at any rate it got here finally.

I was more than glad to have caught you for a day in Little Falls & had a chance for a visit.

Your Father is one of the few real persons who improve with age. He's wonderful & seems to me to be stranger, more full of zest & humor & enjoying life more than he was several years ago.

Your mother, in spite of the set-back before you left, was much stronger & seemed greatly better than I'd been led to expect which delighted me. She is her old self in spirit -

They are a most outstanding, fine & lovable a couple as one would find in many thousands of miles of travel & I find myself wondering why I don't get to see them more often but I hadn't seen my sister since I saw them last so I guess I'd better check up on myself from several angles. I shall try & not let so much time elapse in future between visits to both. The same applied almost as long to Jim & Lynne. It must be. I'll have to go on & see my grandchild due sometime in April tho' I won't be around at that time.

The weather hasn't been bad here at all in spite of reports but I had to go to Spokane & Rathbun & they had more snow & comparatively colder weather & they aren't prepared for it.

Again many thanks & I'll get your address somewhere along the line.  
With much love - Uncle Hunt.



Miss Laura Jane Musser,  
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cf Mr. R. D. Musser.  
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HELENA, MONTANA

Air Mail



Miss Laura Jane Messer  
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~~El Cajero~~

~~Calif.~~

of work, I it would  
be very hard for me.  
It's very sweet of  
you, to think of me,  
that I would be the  
one who could give  
the child the good care  
I would, with out  
money If I had the  
time, and the right  
kind of yard. our  
place is not enclosed.  
Street in front and back  
*Love, Helen*

Nov. 10.

Dear Laura Jane:-

Excuse pencil, as  
I haven't a pen, John has  
it with him, and I  
want to get this in.

The mail this morning

Enjoyed your note  
but am sorry I can't  
help your friend, I  
can't even suggest  
any one in Los Angeles

If she lived near  
El Cajon I could  
suggest a place  
where she could board  
the Chile by day, But  
Los Angeles is over 100  
miles from her, Laura  
I would love to  
help you if I could  
But myself I have  
my hands so full

Dec. 14, 1950

Dear Laura Jane,

I believe by now you have returned to New York but I'm sure this will be forwarded to you.

It was a very pleasant surprise receiving a package from the East & guessing who it might be from. Both gifts were lovely & very practical. The shopping bag is just what I needed for carrying Pamellas "changes" food etc. When we go visiting & also so wonderful for shopping. The little dog Pam is crazy about it, she plays with it each day & has one ear slightly out of line from chewing or just tugging it. She loves to nuzzle it with her nose so its not handled too carefully. Thank you again Laura it was sweet of you to remember us & both very useful.

I imagine you still are studying music or have you started to teach in N. Y.? You probably a very busy person in every way. Are you still an ardent fan of Marion Anderson's. Heard her not too long ago over the radio & she still has a very excellent voice. Mother is with us now & she & I

and take mother <sup>3</sup> about & see all  
what there is of interest to see.

Would love hearing from you  
& all that you have been doing so  
if you do have some spare  
moments write us.

Thank you again,

Best wishes from  
us & mother

Dolores & Bert Mohs

manage to keep very busy & even  
a little behind with our work due  
to our demanding daughter Pam.  
We've both have been sewing for  
her & also have been making a  
few things for Richards future  
addition. Pam is very fond of  
mother but she certainly can tire  
her as she is so active & such a  
sleepless like during the day. She  
is now 5 1/2 months old & weighs  
17 lbs. We're very proud of her!

Bert has been unusually busy  
at the golf club this last year &  
will be more so it seems this  
coming year. I have a huge yard  
reg. garden flowers & such so  
we both manage to be busy all  
day long. Our recreation is very  
limited. We sometimes go nite  
dubbing but proves to be too ex-  
pensive so it doesn't happen  
too often. Have dinner out several  
times, Bob is on a bowling team  
& I am his "cheering section". He  
also plays a game of golf when  
he gets time off. We just got a fairly  
new car 1941 (new to us) & we  
love to go riding so now we'll  
really be able to enjoy our rides

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LITTLE FALLS CONCERT ASSOCIATION  
LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dear Member:

Each year we have asked and received your support, which has enabled us to bring to our community attractions which would not otherwise be available. This year we have an unusually fine list of attractions from which to choose, and again invite you to take part in this community enterprise. As a previous subscriber, you have the opportunity of reserving your membership by mail, before the opening of the regular membership drive.

We are proud to announce that the opening program of our series is to be a concert on October 13th by the Metropolitan Opera contralto, Blanche Thebom. Miss Thebom will appear here under the joint sponsorship of Miss Laura Jane Musser and the Little Falls Concert Association. Her concert is certain to get our series off to an excellent start.

Another special announcement is that this year members of the association have the opportunity of choosing programs themselves. At the bottom of the enclosed application blank you will find a brief description of available attractions with spaces for your vote. List those which appeal to you most, in order of preference, from 1 to 4. The votes of all members will be tabulated, and the other programs on the series will be those which the members have said they most want to see and hear.

By returning your subscription by mail, you will insure the availability of your membership. We suggest a prompt renewal, as mail reservations may not be accepted after Monday, September 21st.

Looking forward to seeing you at the most enjoyable series we have ever presented.

Cordially

The Little Falls Concert Association  
Richard Rosewall, President

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Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for memberships in the Little Falls Concert Association.

\_\_\_\_\_ Students @\$1.50

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults @ \$4.50

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Name

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Address

### MY CHOICE OF PROGRAMS

(Number in order of preference, 1 through 4)

\_\_\_\_\_ THE NORTHWEST SINFONIETTA (Oct)

By popular demand, once again Henry Dencke's famous orchestra will be available in the Upper Midwest.

\_\_\_\_\_ ISBELL AND LORAINE (Oct-Nov)

Baritone and Soprano duo. A repertoire of old and new favorites from opera to musical comedy. Isbell is a Fred Waring soloist. Lorraine is a star of Broadway, radio and TV.

\_\_\_\_\_ LESLIE BELL SINGERS (Nov)

Thirty attractive girls with beautifully blended voices. Canadian radio, TV, and recording artists.

\_\_\_\_\_ DAVID BAR-ILLAN (Nov-Dec)

A brilliant young pianist. One of the most outstanding and inspiring young artists, according to New York critics.

\_\_\_\_\_ ROBERT MC FERRIN (Jan-Feb)

This personable young baritone is the 1953 winner of the coveted Metropolitan Auditions of the Air.

\_\_\_\_\_ CATHERINE BUNN (Jan-Feb)

Beautiful young dramatic soprano. One of the leading soloists of the New York City Center Opera Company.

\_\_\_\_\_ TOURING THEATRE (Jan-Feb-March)

"Our Town," Pulitzer Prize play by Thornton Wilder, or "Cinderella Cottage," a brilliant comedy by William Davidson. Here are two delightful plays chosen to please the whole family.

\_\_\_\_\_ THE CHANTICLEERS (Jan-Feb-March)

A magnificent male quartet singing songs from Bach to Berlin. All are Robert Shaw Chorale soloists.

\_\_\_\_\_ ANCIENT MUSIC ENSEMBLE (Feb)

A charming glimpse into the music of yesteryear, played on original instruments dating back to the 13th Century.

\_\_\_\_\_ THE GOTHAM PLAYERS (March)

Melodic quartets, trios, duos and solos, played by four outstanding soloists on piano, violin, cello and clarinet.

\_\_\_\_\_ THE U. of M. CONCERT BAND (March)

This great organization will tour Southwestern Minnesota. Those who have heard it remember it as a thrilling experience.

\_\_\_\_\_ OPERA IN ENGLISH (April-May)

Your choice of "The Chocolate Soldier" or "La Boheme," beautifully costumed and staged, sung by a seasoned professional cast.